



AUGUST 2025

# PRE-SEASON BRIEFING MEMBER SERVICES



# SLSS MEMBERSHIP PRE-SEASON BRIEFING 2025-26

Member Services Team **Doug Hawkins - MS Director**

## **New Structure for 25 - 26 Season:**

**Tim Wright:** Member Engagement ( [clubdevelopment@sls.sydney](mailto:clubdevelopment@sls.sydney))

- Work with Clubs and assist them with Onboarding, Member Experience, Member Development etc
- Assist in the delivery of Surf Life Saving Sydney programs such as our 18-25 Development Program
- Work across all facets of Surf Life Saving and all age groups and delivery development opportunities through Surf Life Saving programs
- Work with the Advisory Groups

**Karon Lekeu:** Diversity and Inclusion: [diversity@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:diversity@surflifesavingsydney.com.au)

- Work with Clubs in the delivery of Diversity & Inclusion Programs such as Rainbow Beaches, Pink Patrol etc
- Work with Clubs to ensure there is a focus on making Surf Life Saving open to all and supporting programs and packages to achieve this
- Work with the Advisory Groups

**Dominic Winkle:** Recognition and Retention: [memberrecognition@sls.sydney](mailto:memberrecognition@sls.sydney)

- Work with Clubs to assist in ensuring our Members are recognised for their service both internally and externally
- Working with SLS and other external agencies to ensure our members are recognised across all areas of Volunteerism and Service
- Delivery of Programs that assist in the retention of our membership across all ages.
- Work with the Advisory Groups



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## 3 x Advisory Groups for 25 - 26 Season: (Still taking Nominations)

These advisory groups will address three key membership sectors within Surf Life Saving:

- 1. Women in Lifesaving**
- 2. 18-25 Leaders**
- 3. Long Service Members**

### Overview:

Each Advisory Group will address the following focus areas;

- Identifying options for attracting more people into SLSS
- Establishing networking options for existing members within SLSS
- Enhancing engagement for members within their Clubs and SLSS
- Developing a support plan for members where appropriate
- Engaging with Branch and Clubs in leadership, development and management roles
- Promoting roles and development opportunities within Club and SLSS and ensuring members have access to these.

Each Advisory Group will meet at least three times during the operational season. The Groups will develop a framework to achieve the identified focus areas.

Circular 7/25-26

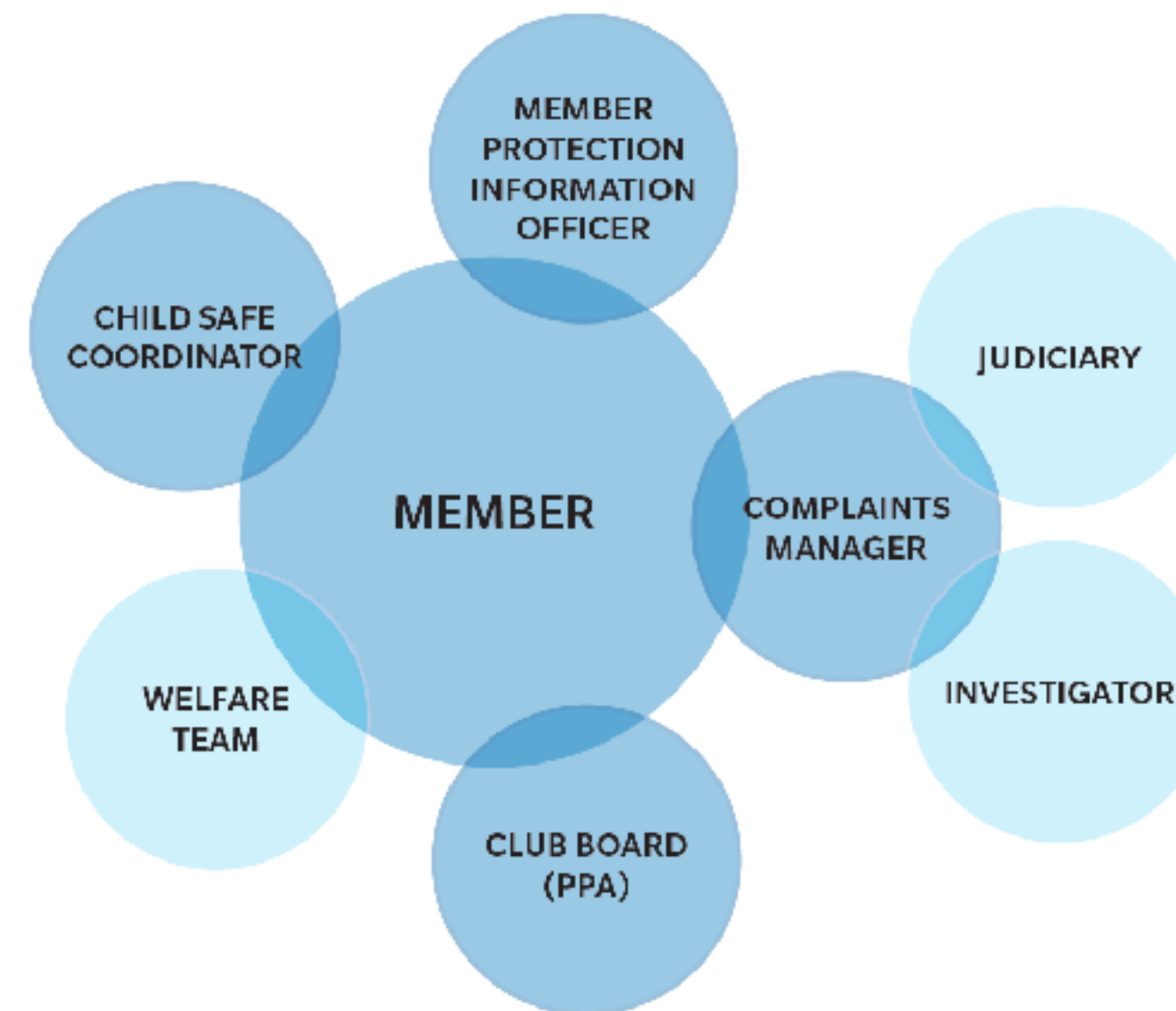


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## SLSNSW:

Each Club to have the following Officers within their Club structure

- 1. Member Protection Information Officer - hopefully (1M & 1F), and also representing Nippers**
- 2. Child Safe Officer**
- 3. Complaints Manager**
- 4. WH&S Officer**



### Overview:

Each of the above officers need to complete SLS Training as per SLS requirements of that Position:

Resources for each of these positions available on the SLSNSW Website



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## 2025-26

### SLSNSW: Working with Children Check WWCC

#### Who needs a WWCC

SLSNSW members who work directly with children under the age of 18 must complete a WWCC, unless their role falls within one of the scheme's defined exemptions. The exemptions which are most relevant to SLS include:

- Children (under the age of 18)
- Administrative, clerical or maintenance work
- Very short-term work (less than 5 working days in a calendar year) such as a visiting speaker, assessor or performer.
- Volunteering by a parent or close relative where the child participates\*.
- Co-workers and supervisors where a child works (e.g. Patrol Captains or patrolling members)
- Interstate visitors volunteering at a one-off event (e.g. State Championships) for up to 30 days a year if they hold the WWCC in their home jurisdiction.



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## Current Plans for Season 25-26

### Sept 10th - Tamarama SLSC - Club Development Session (MS Teams and AoE Noms)

- Bringing Clubs together to see what each Club is doing well, and how we can share these resources/plans  
Onboarding, Member Experience, Member Development etc
- Recognition and Retention Strategies that can be adopted by all Clubs and make a difference
- Diversity and Inclusion - Age - Culture - Gender - Skills - **"Everyone is a Surf Lifesaver"**
- Club Culture - How do you share your Club Culture with your Members

### October 18th: 18-25 Leadership Development Day: Maroubra SLSC

- Based on the success of our 24-25 18-25 Program this event will target those up and coming Leaders in our Clubs
- Looking for four diverse members from each club who would benefit from this session to enhance their skills and understanding within SLS and, beyond
- A range of specialist speakers to inspire and inform our young leaders and enhance their skills

### Mental Health Training: Face 2 face - East and Bate Bay - two sessions

- We are looking for a minimum of 12 candidates for each session
- Members who cover a range of operational areas : Nippers, Surf Sports, Lifesaving and Training
- Min age is 18



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## Q & A

