Orienteering NSW (ONSW) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Lampe and Adrienne Kirby as its' Member Protection Information Officers.

Members might ask, "What is a Member Protection Information Officer"?

A Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) is responsible for providing confidential information about a person's rights, responsibilities and options to an individual making a complaint or raising a concern, and is the first point of contact in a sporting organisation. An MPIO can also provide information and advice to the State Sport Organisation administrators and complaint handlers with regard to the Member Protection Policy of that sport. MPIOs are generally impartial and do not mediate or investigate complaints.

and, "what is the value of an MPIO to Orienteering NSW"?

The MPIO can play a key role in ensuring orienteering in NSW is safe, fair and inclusive. MPIOs do this through ensuring club people and administrators know their rights and responsibilities and ensuring policies that focus on member protection are being implemented. Such policies may include but are not limited to the complaints policy and procedures, child protection policies, harassment and discrimination policies. See http://www.onsw.asn.au/images/stories/admin/107.pdf for ONSW's Member Protection Policy.

To become ONSW's MPIOs, Lisa and Adrienne completed the ASC approved courses and were assessed on their competency to undertake the role.

Should any ONSW member wish to contact Lisa or Adrienne, they can be contacted via:

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