



# Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

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<b>Summary:</b>	An overview of the changes which have been made to access the PSAR35 training manual and associated cost.

## Introduction

The SLSA Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue (PSAR) training manual reflects SLSA's commitment to continuous improvement in surf lifesaving training techniques, based on best practice in public safety and the prevention of drowning.

The current 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the manual known as PSAR35 was released in May 2020 and continues to be the foundation of lifesaving and lifeguard training across all SLS activities. It is also being utilised by several other SLS organisations internationally as their benchmark.

The PSAR35 was the first training manual SLSA released in an electronic format. This allowed for greater integration of resources and provided a more robust user experience, while also allowing for timely changes to content as industry changes occurred. Members were charged \$10 for the electronic manual which they purchased from the SLSA shop as an individual or using a provided voucher code. On logging into the Publications App, members were then able to access their purchased PSAR35, as well as access the free Surf Sports Manual.

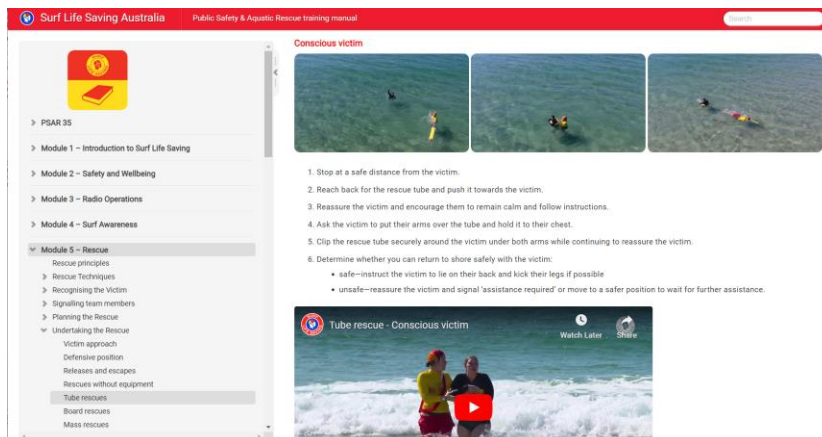
## Issues identified

Feedback from the membership was positive in terms of experience using the digital format, however, there have been ongoing difficulties with access. These include:

- Some members, particularly SRC candidates, were not permitted to own or did not have access to a digital device like a smartphone or tablet.
- Some members with access to a digital device had problems reading the manual on the smaller screen size of a mobile phone.
- Inability to access the PSAR35 on a desktop or laptop computer. This also meant that it was not possible to easily present sections of the manual on a projector or large screen during training.

## Solution

For these reasons, we have decided to move away from the use of the Publications App and will instead provide the PSAR35 and other training manuals via a web-based program called Manula. This system is currently used to provide our ICT manuals and *help* documents which allows us to leverage existing investment in this program

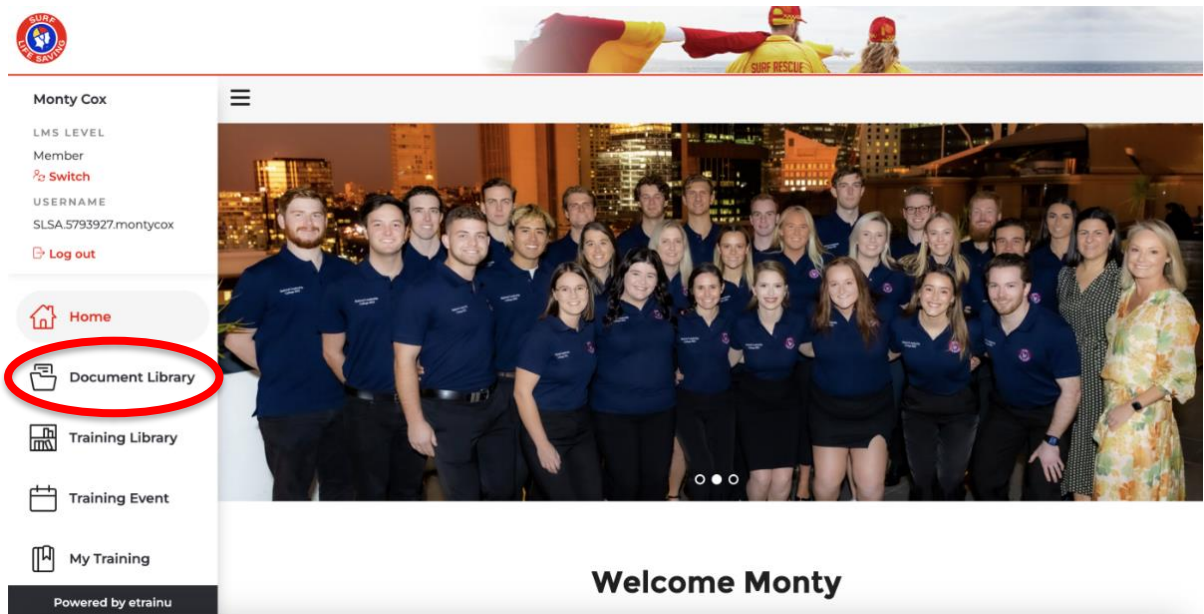


Example page from PSAR35 online

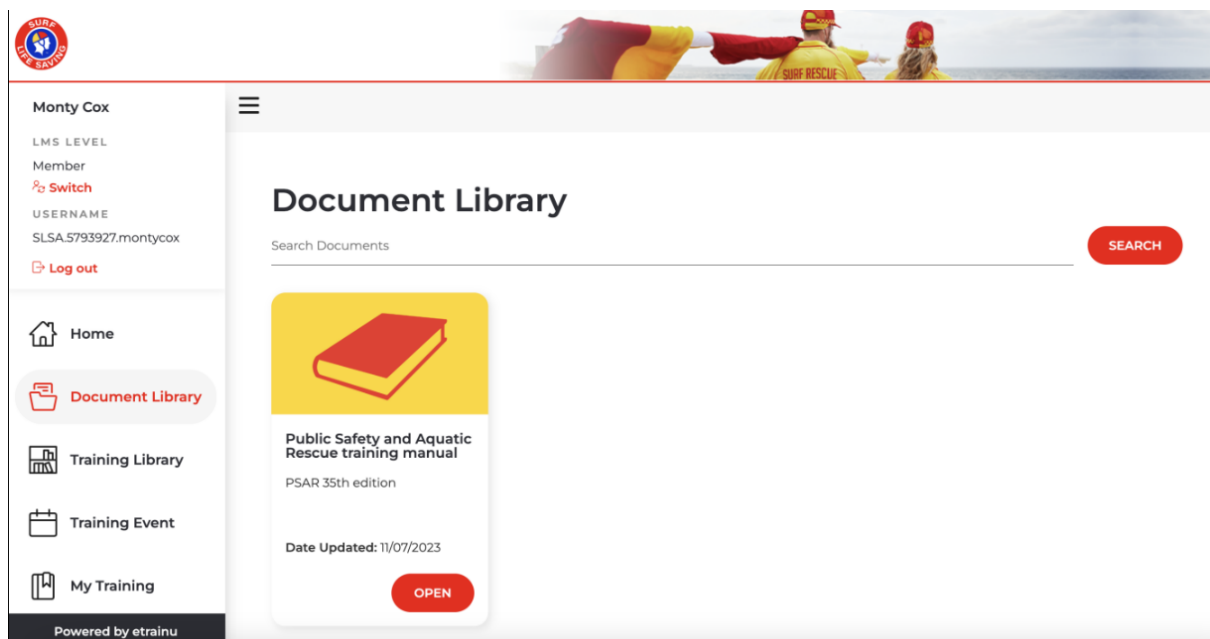


There are a number of ways in which you can access the PSAR35 manual:

1. Browse to <https://sls.com.au/psar35> and then bookmark or add a shortcut to this webpage to your home screen (on any device) to make accessibility easier.
2. Download a pdf of the PSAR35 onto your device. This will allow you to access the PSAR35 offline. This can be accessed through the Members Area Document Library
3. Access through the National eLearning Learning Management System Home Screen in the newly added 'Document Library' area (see below). Please note that you must be logged in at a member level to access the Document Library. This is not visible at an Administration level.
4. Log into the SLSA eLearning app and view the PSAR35 in the Document Library (as below) using the app.



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Other training manuals will be added into this area including the Surf Sports Manual 37<sup>th</sup> Edition and the new IRB Training Manual (once it is released next season), in addition to useful User Guides for the Assessing App, etc.

The Publications App will remain functional until the end of July 2023 for those members who have already made a purchase. After this time, the app will no longer be available to download or use and a message will appear redirecting the member to the new location. The PSAR35 has also been removed from the SLSA Shop.

### **Cost of the PSAR35**

The PSAR35 is now **free** for all members to access.

### **Updates to the PSAR35**

We will be making some slight changes to the layout of the PSAR35 over the coming weeks to make it more intuitive for members, and as we receive feedback from the membership. There will be no further change to the actual content.

### **Where can I find out more information and provide feedback?**

Please feel free to contact the SLSA Learning and Development team with your feedback or questions ([education@slsa.asn.au](mailto:education@slsa.asn.au)), or alternatively you can speak with your SLS state/territory education manager.