

Editorial Standards Policy

Star Observer (SO Media) and its associated entities are committed to producing quality and reputable journalism for news, educations and /or entertainment since 1979.

This Editorial Standards Policy applies to all contributors and advertisers regardless of whether they are employees, contractors, volunteers or advertisers, across all print, digital and/or social media publications.

1. Highest Standards of Journalism and Reporting

- 1.1. SO Media is committed to providing the highest and professional standards of journalism and reporting, covering ethically and factually correct information.
- 1.2. SO Media's editorial direction and decisions are independent and impartial, free from Board, political, community group and/or advertiser bias and/or influence.
- 1.3. SO Media will, especially when reporting on suicide and suicide prevention, respect privacy and sensibility of individuals and the readers including photographs and/or images that could be expected to cause offence and only seek information in the public interest.
- 1.4. SO Media will comply with all laws on defamation, slander and libel, either directly or indirectly, aimed at any person, group or business.
- 1.5. SO Media will act with decency and will not publish explicitly nude photographs or images of any individual or group.

2. Escalation and Review Process

- 2.1. The Editor will ensure that all articles, photographs and/or images will comply with this policy.
- 2.2. The Editor will escalate to the Publisher and/or the CEO all articles that the Editor considers are close to the boundaries of this policy prior to publishing article, photograph and/or image for review and agreement of compliance with this policy.

3. Changes to the Editorial Standards Policy

- 3.1. SO Media is entitled to amend or modify the Editorial Standards Policy at any time. Nothing contained in this policy is intended to create contractual rights or obligations between SO Media and any individual, community group or business.

Version	Date	Policy Change Reason	Approved By:
Current	27 March 2018	Documenting the policy	Sebastian Rice
Previous	-	-	-

This policy replaces the all previous policies on Editorial Standards, written or verbal.