



Peak body speaking with one voice

The College has identified seven focus areas for attention over the next triennium:

1

Member Service and Engagement

Secure the engagement of members in the activities of the College, including Special Interest Groups and Committees.

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Networking

Provide opportunities for collaboration, interaction and support for members across the health sector.

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Communication

Communicate with members in a timely and effective manner using a wide variety of media for members to access.

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Profile and Reputation

Build on achievements to date in raising the College profile and infection control professionals in practice. The increase in profile will secure its standing and credibility as an Australasian presence with individual relevance.

5

Education and Research

Enable members to undertake education and identify areas for research that will lead to improved knowledge, evidence-based education and practice, and improved patient outcomes.

6

Policy and Publication

Be an advocate at all levels of policy-making and lead discussion on evidence-based infection prevention and health policy.

7

Sustainability and Governance

Work to ensure a stable and sustainable College with efficient governance and transparent processes.

Scholarships

A number of **scholarships are awarded annually** for members wishing to attend or present at conferences, undertake further education or for research.

International scholarships for those working in infection prevention in developing countries throughout Australasia are also available.

In addition, the **Elaine Graham Robertson Award** is presented at the Annual Conference; having commenced in the ACT Branch of AICA. The award is the result of a gift from Elaine Graham Robertson – a pioneer infection control professional in the ACT – and with funds that were previously provided from the ACT Infection Control Association.

Governance

The College is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated under the Corporations Act with its head office in Brisbane. It is also a registered charity and as such is subject to the provisions of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC). Overall management of the College is vested in the Executive Council supported by the Operations Manager and Secretariat. Executive Council meetings are chaired by the President and are attended by all councillors, the Operations Manager and Secretariat.

Infection Connexion

Infection Connexion is a moderated email discussion list for discussion of professional infection control issues. No commercial or non-professional discussions are allowed. For more details please contact the moderator at the generic address: AICALIST-request@AICALIST.ORG.AU

More information about the College and joining can be found on our website:

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About ACIPC...

Our Vision is to be
**the peak body
and voice**

for **infection prevention
and control** professionals

focused on providing leadership and
promoting **education** and evidence-
based **practice outcomes**

for a **healthy
community**

The College commenced in January 2012, bringing together the various State and Territory infection control associations formerly in AICA (The Australian Infection Control Association) to support and encourage collaboration across Australasia, using a corporate model.

Members

Infection Control Professionals (ICPs) practice in a wide variety of professional settings including public and private hospitals, residential care facilities, ambulatory care centres, office-based practices, community care, education, industry, rural and remote locations and private consulting practice.

Membership of the College is open to any ICPs no matter where they practice. This diversity of members enables the College to speak with a global view on matters of infection prevention and control as well as participating in policy-making at all levels.

SIGs – Special Interest Groups

All members are encouraged to **join one of the Special Interest Groups** which provide an opportunity to share information and network on topics of interest.

In addition to those that are state-based SIGs there are also groups for Mental Health, Surveillance and Applied Epidemiology, Cleaning Disinfection and Sterilisation, Residential Care and Office-Based Practice.

Membership of two SIGs is complimentary and a nominal charge is made for additional memberships to cover administration costs etc.

Healthcare Infection

Healthcare Infection – the peer reviewed journal of the College is published quarterly and **included in the annual membership subscription**.

The journal includes original articles, commentaries and research findings all related to the field of infection prevention and control. **Members are encouraged to publish** with workshops, author mentoring and support provided to assist members who are keen to publish and **share their knowledge in a wider community**.

The Journal's editorial panel is comprised of experts from a wide variety of fields of expertise.

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference is **the major event of the College's educational activities**. It generally comprises two to three days of proceedings including poster displays, plenary sessions and a keynote speaker. A one-day **workshop** is also scheduled, focusing on specific practice-related themes including writing for the journal and research. In addition to the conference, the development and delivery of educational programs to meet the needs of members is a key priority.

Credentiailling

Members who have achieved a **level of expertise and qualification** are invited to apply to be Credentiailled members of the College. The credentialling process involves peer review of members' practice, reflective learning and academic attainment as applied to the development of practice. Credentiailled members are invited to **represent the College** where expert opinion is sought, to **assist in the development of position papers** and in **mentoring newly qualified Infection Control Professionals**.

Standing Committees

Five standing committees have been established to support the operation of the college; and the services it provides for the membership.

- **Policy and Publication:** to provide a consultative forum to establish Policy and Publication in infection prevention and control on behalf of the College.
- **Education and Research:** to establish and facilitate education and research opportunities for members.
- **Credentiailling and Professional Standards:** to promulgate professional standards for the practice of infection prevention and control, and credential members with recognised expertise and qualification.
- **Special Interest Advisory:** to establish and support the formation of Special Interest Groups covering a range of areas related to practice on behalf of the College.
- **Governance:** the Governance Committee oversee the college's governance and risk management processes.