



Annual Report 2020



ACIPC

Australasian College
for Infection Prevention and Control

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Members

571 increase over 12 months

About ACIPC

The Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC or the college) is the peak body for Infection Prevention and Control professionals in the Australasian region. ACIPC seeks to be the voice for infection prevention and control professionals, focused on providing leadership and promoting education and evidence-based practice outcomes for a healthy community.



ACIPC is a company, limited by guarantee and incorporated under the Corporations Act. It is a not-for-profit association that is also a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission

(ACNC) and is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) from 12 January 2012.

The importance of infection prevention and control in all healthcare facilities cannot be overstated. In an era when antibiotic resistance is increasing, antimicrobial stewardship becomes the responsibility of all infection prevention and control professionals.

Hospital acquired infections (HAIs) cause unnecessary burden to the physical and emotional health of patients, their families and healthcare workers. And this also means that the entire healthcare system incurs significant time and monetary costs. Increased research, education, and consistent application of evidence-based infection prevention and control practices all play key roles in reducing the incidences of HAIs.

ACIPC is proud to be continuing to:

- Provide education to members and the broader IPC community;
- Advocate on behalf of the IPC community at all levels of government; and
- Collaborate with other health related bodies and international IPC organisations to help bring infection prevention and control, the latest research, updated education and improved practices to all IPC professionals and other healthcare workers.

Our vision is to empower our members to be leaders in infection prevention and control.

ACIPC Strategic Priorities:

- Strengthen our profile as the peak body for IPC through effective communication and relationships with members, industry and partners.
- Establish an agile and sustainable structure that will optimise College resources to meet member and stakeholder needs.
- Strengthen the profile of infection prevention and control as a profession.

ACIPC Fellows

Dr Stephane Bouchoucha

Professor Marilyn Cruickshank

Sandra Roodt

Professor Ramon Shaban

Belinda Henderson

Associate Professor Thea van de Mortel

Sally Havers

Professor Brett Mitchell

Associate Professor Philip Russo



College Patron



Professor Peter Collignon

Professor Collignon AM, M.B, B.S(Hons), B.Sc.(Med), PhD, FASM, FRACP, FRCPA

Infectious Diseases Physician and Clinical Microbiologist at ACT Pathology and Canberra Hospital

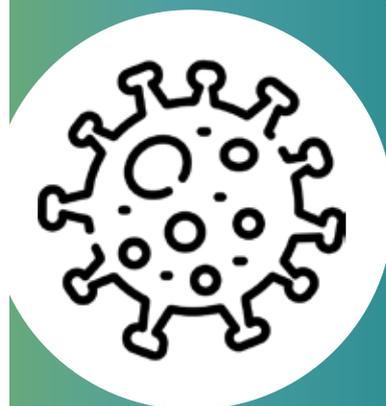
Professor in the Medical School of the Australian National University

Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to Medicine in Infectious Diseases, Microbiology and Infection Control

Active in many public health advocacy issues, Peter's particular interests are antibiotic resistance, infection control and hospital acquired infections. His research is widely published and referenced in many Australian and international journals.

He is member of numerous national and international committees, including the World Health Organization (WHO) where since 2000, he serviced as an expert on the issue of antibiotic resistance and the use of antibiotics in food animals.

In October 2017 he was awarded a PhD by thesis, examination, and defence in Amsterdam (Vrije Universiteit – VU) on the topic of antibiotic resistance and One Health.



President's report

It is my great pleasure to provide you with the ACIPC Presidents report for 2020. From the outset, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all ACIPC members for their efforts in what has truly been an extraordinary year. I congratulate you all for responding to this pandemic. Your dedication and tireless persistence has resulted in a lull of cases in Australia, even though we must acknowledge it may be just the trough before the next wave.

I am sure you will agree with me when I say that as somebody who works in infection prevention and control, COVID-19 entered our country accompanied by a bright and rather large spotlight on infection prevention. There is a sense of shallow irony that it has taken a devastating pandemic to highlight the important issues we have been aware of for decades. But like many things, occasionally bad things need to happen before good things can.

In February this year, not long after the first cases of COVID-19 were identified in Australia, the ACIPC Board met face to face over two days for orientation of new members and strategic planning. It was a proud moment to see the new board assembled around the table. At that time, we had much discussion about ensuring the College was serving its members well, and we established 3 major Strategic Priorities for 2020-21.

- Strengthen our profile as the peak body for IPC through effective communication and relationships with members, industry, and partners
- Establish an agile and sustainable structure that will optimise College resources to meet member and stakeholder needs
- Strengthen the profile of infection prevention and control as a profession

Whilst the year didn't quite pan out as we had thought in February, the Colleges' profile has certainly strengthened, the importance of infection prevention has never been so prominent, and our agility has meant we have been able to respond to the increased demands, particularly in education.

I would now like to highlight some of the Colleges achievements during this challenging year.

In March 2020, the College strengthened engagement with Conference Design and Ben Thiessen, who has had an association with the college for many years, took up the role of Executive Manager. We also tightened the relationship between our Education Officer Jackie Miley and our Secretariat. These new arrangements reduced the administrative burden and cost on the College and provided a more robust infrastructure.

Our Education Manager, Jackie Miley has overseen a significant increase in student numbers across our education portfolio. During the year, our Foundations students increased from approximately 100 in 2019 to over 440 in 2020 already. We also saw the introduction of two new educational offerings in infection prevention in aged care, an online short course as well as a masterclass.

The impact of COVID-19 in aged care has highlighted many gaps, not the least, infection control expertise in these areas. Through many representations with the Commonwealth Department of Health, our Foundations course has been recognised as a core education requirement of the IPC clinical lead in aged care facilities across Australia, as recommended by the Royal Commission. It was also noted the

President's report continued ...

Commission recommended that aged care facilities appoint credentialled experts in infection control. To that end, we are investing further to increase our educational resources to meet the needs of healthcare workers in these areas, and we are establishing a new Aged Care Committee to assist and advise on these issues. We currently have 64 credentialled members across all three levels, Primary, Advanced and Expert, and we anticipate a significant increase in these numbers too.

As with most events in 2020, the College took the difficult decision to cancel our annual Conference. As many members would agree the Conference is a highlight of our IPC calendar and an excellent chance to come together with colleagues and friends. A star-studded line up of international speakers was planned, as well as several new conference innovations which we now hope to display in Adelaide next year. On behalf of the college I would like to thank the work of the Conference Scientific Committee chaired by Brett Mitchell who had assembled an excellent program.

In lieu of the Conference, the College has developed the ACIPC Conference Community for members and our stakeholders. I would particularly like to acknowledge the support of our corporate partners in 2020, and I strongly encourage all members to participate in the Conference Community events. The willingness of our industry partners to support the College and our educational activities can not be underestimated. I especially thank the following: GAMA HealthCare, 3M, SC Johnson, Tristel, Ecolab, ITL Biomedial, Reynard Perrigo and One Passport

The College appointed 4 more Fellows this year; Dr Stephane Bouchoucha, Professor Marilyn Cruickshank, Ms Sandra Roodt and Professor Ramon Shaban. Fellowship of the College recognises significant professional achievement and contribution to the ACIPC and the IPC profession. Congratulations to our newest Fellows.

Infexion Connexion continues to be well subscribed and utilised this year. Thank you to Michael Wishart for moderating the members forum which, with the growth in membership has in turn experienced an increase in posts. Members constantly tell us how much they value this information sharing platform.

Our journal, Infection Disease and Health continues to go from strength to strength. Submissions to the journal have increased year on year for the past 5 years, with a significant increase this year. During this time, the journal has continued to provide a speedy editorial process, compared to like journals. This is in large part to the reviewers who support the journal.

Thank you to everyone who has undertaken a peer review this year. Special thank you for those who assisted with a rapid review panel for COVID-19. The ranking for our journal or cite score is also rapidly increase and we expect the journal to be in the top quartile of journals within the next 12 months. This brings with this recognition to the College and its members. I would like to congratulate the Editor in Chief, and Senior Editors Stephanie Dancer and Ramon Shaban for their excellent work.

President's report continued ...

The Colleges three main streams of income are membership, education, and the annual conference. Clearly, the decision to cancel the conference was not taken lightly given its importance to our income stream. However, it is pleasing to note that the College has finished the current financial year in a very strong position.

We have recorded an audited surplus of \$67,000. The surplus can largely be attributed to a growth in our education offerings in response to the needs of members and the wider IPC community. Our membership has also been steadily increasing from last year, from 1142 in 2019 to 1714 in 2020.

Whilst I do not wish to highlight this, I would like to note that given the uncertainty of our income with the cancellation of the conference, I invited all Board Directors (except for our Consumer Representative and Special Advisor) to consider suspending their fees in 2020. All Directors agreed, and I thank them for that.

With all attention on COVID-19, naturally we have of course seen a huge demand for the time and expertise of our elected officers and members of ACIPC. In many high-level representations, and committees the College participated in many such representations and collaborations, some of which are listed in this report. To give members an indication of how the College has been officially represented, we have included some of the committees, organisations and media interviews.

Throughout the calendar year the College has spoken in support on a number of issues, often in partnership with other affiliated organisations. Most recently the College has expressed support for the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality's call for more

expertise in aged care, and for a national centre for the management of this and future pandemic threats.

In conclusion, as President, I wish to also express my sincere gratitude to the Board Directors, Jackie Miley, Sara Kirby, Andrew Watts and Ben Thiessen and the Conference Design team for their work and support this year. Their outstanding efforts all year has afforded me the opportunity to present a very positive and strong outlook for the future of the College.

Again, I am thankful for our members work. Many of us, if not all, had to relinquish our "normal" work in order to respond to the urgent demands of COVID-19 which have consumed us every day, every week, every month, all year. And its not just our work life, many of us have been affected personally in different ways, and the various degrees of lockdown we have experienced across the country has indeed been very challenging.

Nevertheless, it is with much optimism and hope that I look forward to 2021, and I will cautiously suggest I will see you all in Adelaide next November.

Yours in infection prevention and control,



Associate Professor Philip Russo
ACIPC President





ACIPC has

1,562	Full Members
10	Fellows
17	Life Members
21	Australasian Retired Members
35	Australasian Postgraduate Members
2	Australasian Undergraduate Members
54	LMI International Members
13	Corporate Members

Representation & advocacy

ACIPC represents members, provides a voice for infection prevention and control and contributes to a wider health agenda through various committees, including the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC), Australian Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance (ASTAG), the Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality on Health Care, National Hand Hygiene Advisory Committee, Confederation of Nursing and Midwives Organisations, Global Health Alliance Australia, AMS Jurisdictional Advisory Committee and is a committed partner to the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)

Other representations in 2020 include:

National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce

NCCET National Guidelines Leadership Group

Infection Control Expert Group (ICEG) advising the Chief Medical Officer on COVID-19

ACHS Australasian Clinical Indicator Report

Australian Hotels Association review of exit from COVID-19 strategy

Hong Kong aged care COVID-19 response / Aged Community Services Webinar

2020/21 Post Budget Briefing

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety – preliminary briefing

GLHAM submission into the Senate Select Inquiry into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Standards Australia Working Group SF-006 eye and face protection

ACSQHC Peripheral Venous Access Clinical Care Standard Working Group

Gastroenterological Society of Australia Infection Control Expert Group

Consumers Health Forum of Australia – World Patient Safety Day

Webinars and Online Conferences

The college has participated in a number of webinars and online conferences throughout the year and these include:

FIS/HIS Conference

HICSIG ACIPC Webinar

Day Hospitals Australia Webinar

Hong Kong COVID-19 preparation for aged care webinar

Hall & Wilcox - What to do about the COVID-19 – navigating our way back

GAMA Healthcare and ACIPC COVID-19 webinar series

[IPS Autumn Webinar](#) series

From the frontline: [Using nursing's diverse expertise during COVID-19](#) a public webinar - Monash University

Representation & advocacy continued...

Position Statements

Please click links below to view full Position Statements

[ACCCN and ACIPC Position Statement on Facilitating Next-of-Kin Presence for Patients Dying From COVID-19 in the ICU \(2020\)](#)

[ACIPC letter to ACSQHC requesting indefinite postponement of hand hygiene audits to ensure IPC resources are available to meet ongoing COVID-19 challenges](#)

[ASID ACIPC Joint Statement COVID-19 and detainees – recommendation for action](#)

Research Supported

The college was a partner with NHMRC on Effectiveness and cost effectiveness of a prevention care bundle on the incidence of healthcare associated pneumonia



Media

Throughout the year, the college has been regularly represented in the media.

Here is a list of recent interviews and articles from our Presidents:

ACIPC President, Associate Professor Philip Russo

14/04/2020	Sydney Morning Herald	'Hard to keep across': front-line workers need transparency over PPE supplies, experts say
15/04/2020	News.com.au	Coronavirus Australia: Risk you're taking with takeaway coffee
21/04/2020	Daily Mail	Pubs, clubs and bars won't open until at least July – but owners are warning you shouldn't expect a night out to be anything like it was before they closed down
22/04/2020	Daily Mail	Why you won't be going back to the gym until SEPTEMBER – and they'll be nothing like what you remember them
28/04/2020	News.com.au	Coronavirus social distancing: Why distance differs around the world
20/05/2020	Croakey.org	What can the rest of Australia learn from Burnie and other local outbreaks
25/05/2020	News.com.au	Public urinals could be phased out in wake of coronavirus pandemic
26/05/2020	Mammamia.com.au	"I can't see the logic": The reopening process isn't making sense to the fitness industry.
4/06/2020	The Conversation	Heading back to the gym? Here's how you can protect yourself and others from coronavirus infection
4/06/2020	Il Globo	Sport e allenamenti: guai ad abbassare la guardia
7/06/2020	The Conversation	Can you socially distance at a Black Lives Matter rally in Australia and New Zealand? How to protest in a corona virus pandemic
7/06/2020	Herald Sun/Daily Telegraph	Ask the expert – Coronavirus Q&A
7/06/2020	The Conversation	From spit to scrums. How can sports players minimise their coronavirus risk?
7/06/2020	News.com.au	Gym owners optimistic coronavirus restrictions will end soon
23/06/2020	The New Daily	Victoria's coronavirus spike could happen anywhere, experts warn
30/06/2020	The Conversation	These 10 postcodes are back in Stage 3 coronavirus lockdown. Here's what that means
5/07/2020	The Conversation	Nine Melbourne tower blocks put into 'hard lockdown' – what does it mean, and will it work?
6/07/2020	ABC 7.30 Report	Melbourne tower lockdown
7/07/2020	The Conversation	Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire return to lockdown: this is just how vigilant we have to be until a COVID-19 vaccine is found
10/07/2020	BBC radio	BBC Naked Scientist – COVID-19 Science
11/07/2020	The Age	How a Chinese restaurant explains Australia's mask riddle
20/07/2020	The Guardian	Australia's about face on masks and COVID-19: why our health advice was late to the party
22/07/2020	Newscorp	Face masks: Everything you need to know

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28/07/2020	ABC online	Coronavirus cases aren't coming down despite Victoria's lockdowns. Experts seek to explain why
28/07/2020	ABC Radio The World Today	Are lockdowns working?
30/07/2020	The Conversation	723 new COVID-19 cases in Victoria could reflect more testing – but behaviour probably has something to do with it too
4/08/2020	SBS News online	Stubbornly high levels of community transmission eventually forced the Victorian government's hand on Stage 4 restrictions.
4/08/2020	The Conversation	Takeaway coffee allowed, but no wandering through Bunnings: here's why Melbourne's new business restrictions will reduce cases
11/08/2020	ABC radio The World Today	Rhani Sadler – Masks
18/08/2020	The Age	COVID-19 danger may rise in dry weather, 'provocative' study shows
18/08/2020	The Herald Sun	Why staying at home, socially distancing and wearing a mask is driving down Victoria's coronavirus cases
21/08/2020	ABC radio AM	Concerns health care workers relax on PPE away from the bedside
25/08/2020	ABC Radio AM	Infection control college calls on aged care industry to back training
29/08/2020	ABC News online	Victorian coronavirus cases have hit double digits. What has to happen between 100 and 0?
28/08/2020	Yahoo news	Coronavirus: How Melbourne's road map out of lockdown could look
1/10/2020	The Conversation	How to reduce COVID-19 risk at the beach or the pool
1/10/2020	The Age	Reopen indoor dining? Industry says 'right now', science says 'go slow'
7/10/2020	The Conversation	Aged-care facilities need accredited infection control experts. Who are they, and what will they do?
12/10/2020	ABC radio AM	Annie Guest. Credentialed IPCs
22/10/2020	ABC radio - The Conversation Hour	Nurses at the frontline
23/10/2020	The Conversation	Set ground rules and keep it intimate: 10 tips for hosting a COVID-19-safe wedding

ACIPC Immediate Past President, Professor Marilyn Cruickshank

8/07/2020	Herald/Age	Liam Mannix -science reporter
29/07/2020	ABC Radio SA	Sonya Feldhoff
16/08/2020	ABC AM	Annie Guest

ACIPC President Elect, Kristie Popkiss

26/02/2020	ABC Radio Interview	COVID-19 Pandemic
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Board of Directors



Associate Professor Philip Russo CICP-E, FACIPC

President

Phil has worked in infection prevention and control for over 25 years in a number of different positions including: several roles in infection prevention in major Victorian hospitals, inaugural Operational Director of the VICNISS Coordinating Centre and National Manager of Hand Hygiene Australia. Phil has a Masters in Clinical Epidemiology and completed his PhD on HAI Surveillance in 2016. Phil was the Chair of the National Consultative Steering Committee, which outlined the roadmap for the establishment of ACIPC, and has been a board member of the college since 2014, previously chairing the research committee. He is also a member of the HAI Advisory Committee for the Australian Safety and Quality in Health Care Commission, and the National Health and Medical Research Council Infection Control Guidelines Advisory Committee. His current role is Director, Cabrini Monash University Department of Nursing Research.

Phil strongly supports national initiatives in healthcare prevention that are fostered by the college and is proud of the college's achievements in representing its members at both national and international forums since it commenced. He believes that continuing to build on ACIPC's broad membership in the Australasian region, ongoing educational opportunities for its members, a strong new journal, and the delivery of a high quality annual international conference, is the key to the ongoing success of the college.



Kristie Popkiss CICP-E

President-Elect & Chair Governance, Finance and Risk Committee

Kristie Popkiss is motivated, passionate, and committed to the field of Infection Prevention and Control because of the significant impact that it has on patients, visitors, and staff in our health services across Australasia. She believes that Infection Prevention and Control requires more visibility, transparency, and a higher profile, to improve the level of safety in healthcare facilities.

Kristie is currently a Director for ACIPC and chairs the Education and Professional Development Committee. She is also the quality and risk manager at St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals, and Infection Prevention is one of the several services which reports to her.

Kristie's goals are to further contribute to the greater vision of improving the culture and implementing best practices for infection control for Australasia, whilst also improving the patient experience and outcomes.



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Professor Marilyn Cruickshank CICP-E

Immediate Past President

Professor Marilyn Cruickshank is a registered nurse and Professor of Nursing Research at the University of Technology Sydney. In this role, Marilyn provides leadership for nursing research within the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Prior to this, for a 10-year period, Marilyn was Director of the national HAI program at the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare where she led work on national HAI surveillance, the national hand hygiene program, antimicrobial stewardship, national infection control guidelines, and Standard 3 of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.

Marilyn developed a keen interest in infection prevention and control as a clinical nurse consultant for paediatric HIV, developing guidelines and policies for maternal transmission and children with HIV in hospitals and the community. Her PhD topic included the epidemiology of paediatric HIV in Australia. Marilyn is also a member of the Australian Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (ASTAG), and former chair of the AMR Standing Committee. Marilyn has co-edited a number of publications on national AMS and HAI surveillance and has represented Australia at international meetings, such as APEC and the Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organisation.

Marilyn was appointed as professor at School of Nursing and Midwifery, Griffith University in 2015.



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Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha **CICP-A**

Director & Chair Education Committee

Stéphane Bouchoucha is a senior lecturer and researcher at Deakin University. With over 20 years' experience as a registered nurse and an academic, Stéphane has worked in a variety of clinical (critical care, Infection Prevention and, Leadership and management) and community settings. Stéphane's involvement in Infection Prevention and Control dates from the late 1990s when he was a volunteer with AIDES (the main French NGO dedicated to HIV). He subsequently led the French involvement into Eurosupport 1, a Europe-wide study investigating HIV/AIDS patient access to care in European countries.

Stéphane has developed a program of research in infection prevention and control informed by his Master of Science (Public Health) and PhD where he investigated the psychosocial factors affecting adherence to Standard Precautions, and he developed and validated a scale: the Factors Influencing Adherence to Standard Precautions Scale (FIASPS).

As an early career researcher, in 2016, Stéphane was successful in receiving two early career grants, one of which was from the ACIPC, to consolidate infection prevention and control work.



Sally Havers **CICP-E, FACIPC**

Director & Chair Practice Guidance Committee

Sally is a committed infection control professional of ten years, with a passion for improving and ensuring safe patient care.

Sally's experience includes management and completion of large scale, multi-centre research projects (including ethical clearance and protocol development) as well as successfully project managing the development and roll out of a large national infection prevention program.

Sally has expertise in managing multidisciplinary research and project teams, with an active commitment to Infection Control and Infectious Diseases research, both nationally and internationally.

Sally has received Certification at the level "Expert" with the Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control (re-credentialled 2017).

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Michael Wishart **CICP-E**

Director & Deputy Chair Education & PD Committee **Infection Connexion Moderator**

Michael Wishart is an infection control specialist with over 20 years' experience managing infection control programs and consulting on infection control issues.

Michael established and maintains an ACIPC endorsed email discussion list for discussion of infection control related matters by Australian infection control professionals. He has worked as a consultant for hospitals, day procedure centres, and office practices through HICMR Pty Ltd.

Michael is an experienced educator and has provided infection control education sessions for residential aged care establishments through ACHA Health and RCNA, and yearly two-day infection control seminars for health professionals at Ashford Hospital. Michael has worked as a technical consultant to the CDNA national infection control guidelines review steering committee. He is registered with AHPRA as a registered nurse and is in the process of applying for credentialling (CIPC-E level) through ACIPC. He currently coordinates the infection prevention and control program at Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital in Brisbane.



Kylie Robb **CICP-P**

Director

Kylie has been instrumental in advocating for best practice in infection control standards while promoting the benefits of accreditation outcomes to hundreds of practice teams in Australia. She is a member of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control's Education and Professional Development Committee, has a Master of Health Services Management in Clinical Leadership from the University of Technology, Sydney among many achievements. Kylie is a popular speaker, routinely presenting Infection Control, and accreditation courses across Australia. Kylie is a 2019 member of the coveted Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America's International Ambassador Program.

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Ann Whitfield **CICP-E**

Director

Ann Whitfield is the Coordinator for Infection Prevention and Management (IP&M) at Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals Group in Western Australia (WA) and is a credentialled expert with the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC). Ann has been a registered nurse for 23 years and has a diverse background in nursing including with the British Territorial Army Medical core, as a Nursing Officer in the Merchant Navy (Cruise ships), and registered nurse positions around the world in areas such as trauma, Intensive care units, adults and paediatrics. She has also held senior nurse roles within South Metro Health Service and in the Communicable Disease Control Directorate WA, specialising in IP&M for the last 15 years.

Ann has humanitarian experience, developing and implementing IP&M courses in Tanzania with the Global Health Alliance Western Australia, and in West Timor for the Flinders Overseas Health Group. She has also been deployed with the World Health Organisation in West Africa as part of the Ebola response team.



Doctor Peta-Anne Zimmerman **CICP-E**

Director

Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman is an internationally respected clinician, educator, and researcher in infection prevention and control (IPC). Dr Zimmerman's experience in IPC spans over 20 years and her domestic clinical experience, research, and expertise has led her to work extensively in China, South East Asia and the South Pacific, on outbreak response, the development of comprehensive infection prevention and control programmes, and on the integration of public health and acute care response in infectious disease emergencies, in low and middle income country settings.

Peta-Anne is the program adviser for the Graduate Infection Prevention and Control Programs at Griffith University, which includes the only named Master of Infection Prevention and Control in the region, and she is proud to be the Visiting Research Fellow with the Infection Control Department of the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service.

Peta-Anne holds the award of Credentialled Infection Control Professional – Expert. She is the convenor of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) LMI Special Interest Group, ACIPC representative and senior teaching faculty for the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) and member of the ACIPC Credentialling and Professional Practices (CAPS) Committee. Peta-Anne has also recently received the award of Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

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Kathy Dempsey **CICP-E**

Director & Chair Credentialling and Professional Standards Committee

Kathy is a senior clinician and HAI Manager for NSW Clinical Excellence Commission, responsible for the strategic direction and support for Infection Prevention and Control and HAI (Healthcare Associated Infection) reduction across NSW Healthcare. She has 30 years' experience in health, with previous management responsibility and organisational accountability as the senior ICP/Program Manager for WSLHD for 21 years. Kathy is a credentialled expert infection control practitioner (CICP-E) with a master's degree, a diploma in leadership and management, and a range of internationally recognized certifications. She is considered a leader in the field of Infection Prevention and Control.

Kathy has extensive and broad expertise in Infection Prevention and Control Clinical Practice responsible for the timely, efficient and effective administration of the HAI program and Infection Prevention and Control with oversight for the planning, implementation, prioritisation and resource allocation of all matters relating to HAI and Infection Prevention and Control. She possesses high level analytical and research skills to inform policy and program development for Infection Prevention and Control and HAI.



Dianne Smith

Director & Consumer Representative

Dianne Smith is a business manager with 20 years' experience in the disability sector, marketing, and business management. Dianne has extensive experience in leadership roles, managing not-for-profit organisations and community advocacy.

Having had cancer twice in the last 5 years, Dianne is passionate about healthcare and consumer issues and is committed to contributing to better health outcomes for all consumers. Dianne supports and believes in patient centred care and empowering patients to become active participants in their own health care. Dianne has been appointed to ACIPC as director and consumer representative.





Mark Metherell

Special Advisor to the Board

Mark Metherell is the communications director of the Consumers Health Forum of Australia and has been appointed as a non-voting board member to advise on communications issues. Before taking his current position with CHF in 2013, Mark worked as a newspaper journalist in a variety of roles in three countries over 42 years. He was the Canberra-based health correspondent for the Sydney Morning Herald from 1999 to 2012 and in the 1980s was medical reporter for The Age in Melbourne. Mark has no formal health qualifications, however he had the opportunity to learn a little about infection, prevention and control in writing about the emergence of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in the early 1980s and later about the spread of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus in several Melbourne hospitals.

This century he has reported on the more prosaic but vitally important national efforts to promote hand hygiene in hospitals.



Professor Brett Mitchell CIPC-E, FACIPC

Editor-in-Chief Infection, Disease and Health

Professor Brett Mitchell is Editor-in-Chief of Infection, Disease in Health. He is a professor of nursing at the University of Newcastle and has over 150 peer reviewed publications and conference presentations. Professor Mitchell is a Fellow of ACIPC and the Australian College of Nursing.

Brett has worked in the area of infection control for many years, including leading infection control programs in hospitals and at a State level. His research interests in the area of infection control include environmental cleaning, pneumonia, surveillance, and urinary tract infections.

Attendance at Board of Directors meetings

Board Member	Number of 2020 Board meetings eligible to attend	Board meetings attended	Apologies received
Associate Professor Philip Russo	10	10	n/a
Ms Kristie Popkiss	10	10	n/a
Professor Marilyn Cruikshank	10	10	1
Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha	10	9	1
Mr Michael Wishart	10	9	1
Dr Sally Havers	10	9	1
Ms Kylie Robb	10	10	n/a
Ann Whitfield	10	9	1
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman	10	9	1
Kathy Dempsey	10	8	2
Dianne Smith	10	9	1
Mark Metherell	10	10	n/a

Ex-Officio	Number of 2019 Board meetings eligible to attend	Board meetings attended	Apologies received
Sara Kirby, Australasian Office Manager	10	10	n/a
Ben Thiessen, Executive Manager	6	6	n/a
Sue Loucks, Executive Manager	3	3	n/a

ACIPC staff



Sara Kirby

Australasian Office Manager

Sara has been with ACIPC since April 2017 and is based in Hobart, working alongside the team at Conference Design who have produced the ACIPC Conference since 2016.

Prior to ACIPC Sara was a training officer for the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). She has worked with the Restorative Justice Unit at the NSW Department of Justice and has served as a consultant to various government agencies regarding workplace conflict management and staff training. In her spare time, she is a bird nerd.



Jackie Miley

Education Manager

Jackie Miley, MSC, Cert IC, PG Cert PH, RN, has worked as a Senior Infection Control Practitioner, Nurse Manager, and Operating Room nurse in Ireland, UK and Australia. Her career spans clinical practice, leadership, management and education.

While in the role of senior lecturer at Brookes University in Oxford UK, Jackie was appointed as course coordinator of a master's degree course in Infection Prevention and Control and conducted this course in face to face and online modes. She also taught post graduate modules in microbiology, immunology, infection prevention and control, communicable diseases, health promotion, finance for nurse managers and executives in Hong Kong and in the UK.

More recently she worked in Infection Prevention and Control in various hospitals in Melbourne. Infection Prevention and Control and education are Jackie's passions.



From the Executive Manager

Since taking on the Executive Manager role in April we have faced a number of challenges and opportunities. As the year progressed, we saw a surge in demand for our education courses, particularly the Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control and the Online Short Course in IPC in Aged Care Settings. The team in the national office, Sara and Charlie, were able to support our education manager, Jackie, in meeting this demand. Sara, Jackie and Charlie responded without hesitation to the increased workload and as a result the College has been able to support our members and healthcare workers across Australia.

Over 2020 we have reviewed our staff, IT systems and processes to ensure we meet our immediate needs and to ensure we are able respond quickly when new projects and opportunities arise. We have started an upgrade of the College's website, which will allow us to better communicate with members and our increasingly broad base of stakeholders. We anticipate the new website will be live in early 2021. We have also started planning how we might serve a broader membership, most notably with new members coming from the aged care sector.

With the Commonwealth Government's recognition of Foundations as a core educational requirement for the IPC Clinical Leads now required in all aged care facilities, the College has undertaken a major project to ensure Foundations is available for all such staff across Australia.

The annual conference plays a central role in bringing members together and it was disappointing to have to cancel the 2021 conference. The collegiality of our members is a hallmark of ACIPC. We quickly launched the online ACIPC Conference Community. Andrew Watts, our Conference Manager, has supported Sally Havers and Annie Wells to bring together a virtual platform, which will continue to grow over early 2021.

We must acknowledge our industry partners who have very generously supported the College and the 2021 virtual conference: GAMA Healthcare (Platinum Sponsor), 3M (Platinum Sponsor), SC Johnson (Gold Sponsor), Tristel (Gold Sponsor), Perrigo (Gold Sponsor), Ecolab (Bronze Sponsor), ITL BioMedical (Bronze Sponsor), One Passport (Supporter).

Over 2020 we have consolidated the efforts of the past eight years. I am confident in the outlook for the College and our ability to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Ben Thiessen
Executive Manager

Company & organisational structure

ACIPC is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Corporations Act). This means that our board of directors have all of the same legal and financial duties and responsibilities as directors of large companies and institutions.

ACIPC is a not-for-profit organisation, which means we do not pay dividends to shareholders. While it is commonly believed that holding not-for-profit status means an organisation should not generate a surplus, financial sustainability is a cornerstone of any successful organisation, so it is in fact essential that ACIPC remains profitable, to ensure that we remain solvent.

The College is a registered charity reporting to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) and is registered as a deductible gift recipient (DGR). DGR status means that any donations made to ACIPC receive a tax receipt for use as a tax deduction by the donor.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, the college is a member association; meaning it is your association – run by members, for members.

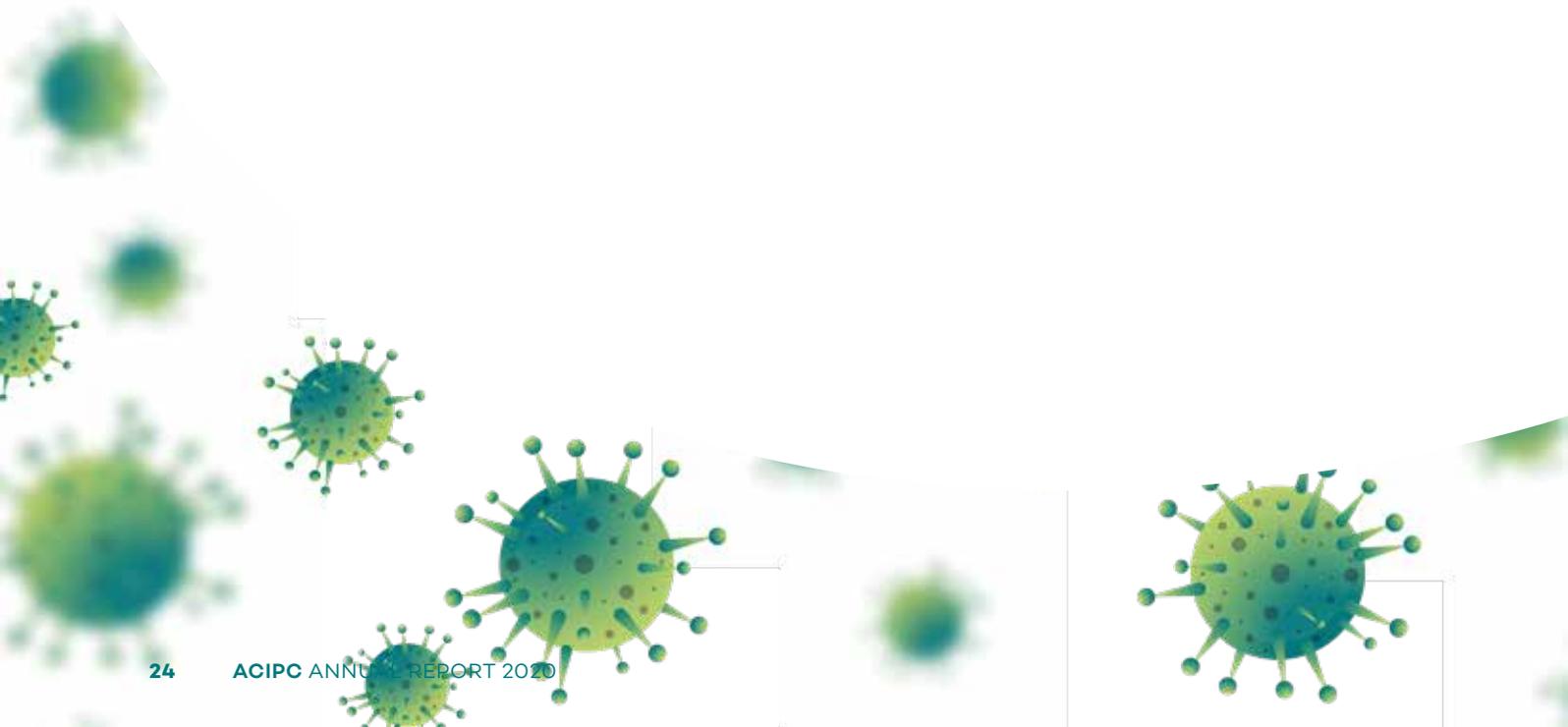
College funds are raised through:

- the provision of educational opportunities,
- the annual conference (through delegate registrations and corporate sponsorship), and
- individual and corporate membership payments.

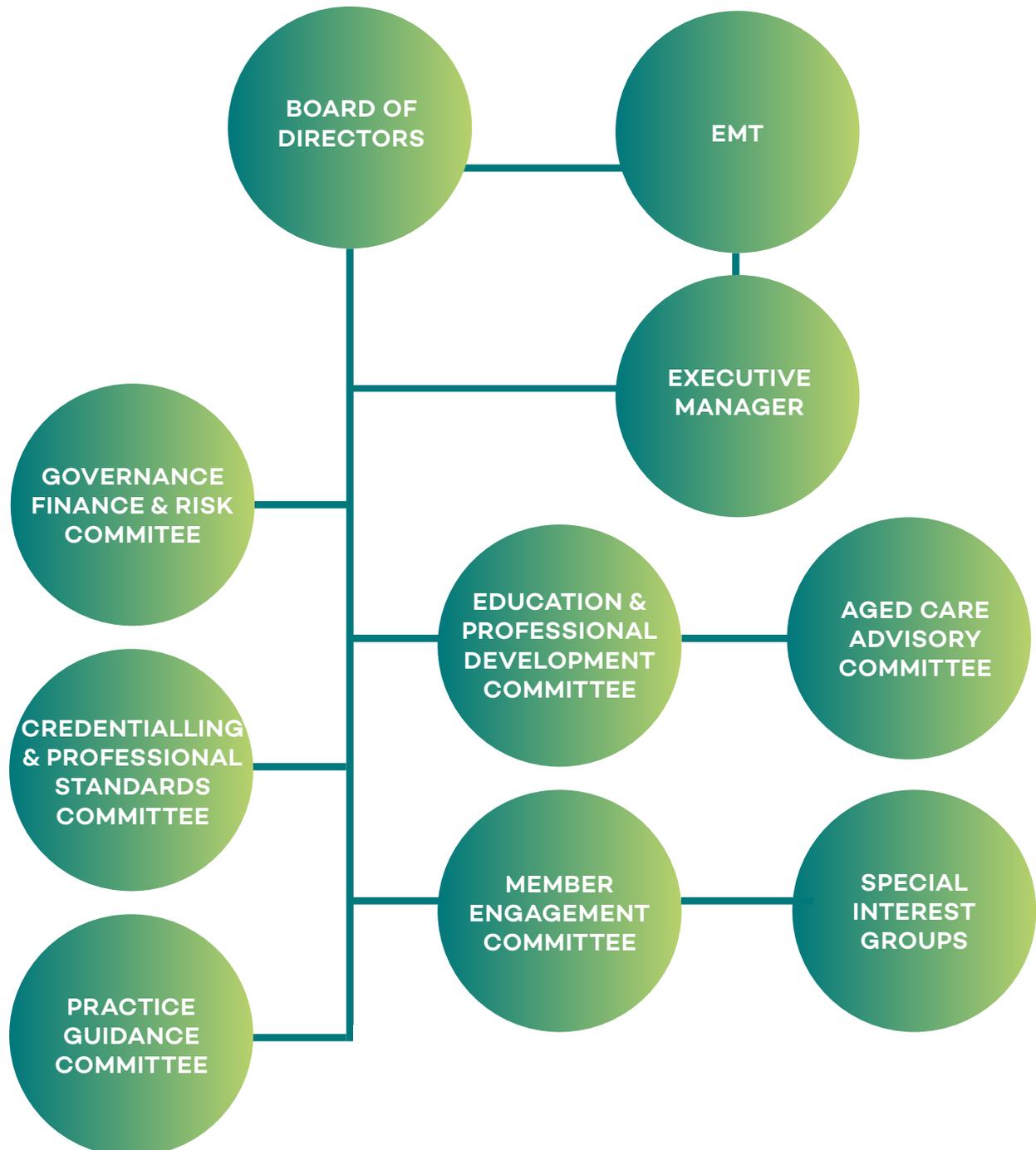
Funding is not received from any government sources. It is mandatory that all college funds are used for the benefit of members and for the ongoing management of the college.

The college is led by the board of directors. The presidential term is for a minimum 6-year period comprised of three 2-year terms, as president-elect, then president, and finally past president. Individuals in these three presidential positions form the executive management team.

There are six committees which report back to the board. Committee members are all volunteers who are choosing to 'give back' to the IPC profession.



Company & organisational structure continued ...





**Cardinal Health
scholarships provided
over \$500,000, which
funded 92 research &
education projects over
the last 12-years.**

Scholarships & awards

Our vision is to empower our members to be leaders in infection prevention and control.

A key to achieving our goal to promote education and evidence-based practice outcomes across the IPC profession is through the provision of a range of annual and biennial scholarships and awards. We gratefully acknowledge Cardinal Health for their generous scholarships and support of this program. The successful candidates during 2020 were:

Cardinal Health scholarships

The Cardinal Health 2020 Infection Control Scholarship has been designed to encourage Australian and New Zealand infection control practitioners to share their successes and innovations and to gain support for further work in these areas. The scholarship is to support critical infection control projects to enhance patient safety and assist best practice procedures and work place outcomes.

Winners	Projects
Caroline Marshall, <i>The Royal Melbourne Hospital</i>	Are intubation and extubation aerosol generating procedures?
Sally Havers, <i>Austin Health</i>	Development of a web based decision support tool to improve the interpretation of microbiological testing result of endoscopes
Helen Truscott, <i>Aboriginal Health Council</i>	Reducing the risk of streptococcal skin infections with scabies.
Jan de Groot, <i>Griffith University</i>	Master of Infection Prevention and Control
Carmel Maree Couch, <i>Woolongong Hospital</i>	Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention and Control
Kaye Bellis, <i>Alfred Health</i>	That old chestnut, to glove or not to glove
Rebecca Edgar, Kaye Bellis, Christine Sharp, <i>Alfred Health</i>	The 3 C's - Cleaning, COVID-19 & CPE
Rozina Kabani, <i>Griffith University</i>	Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention and Control
Natalie Graham, <i>Epworth Healthcare</i>	Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Infection Control) Adelaide University

Scholarships & awards continued ...

Dr Joan Faoagali Award

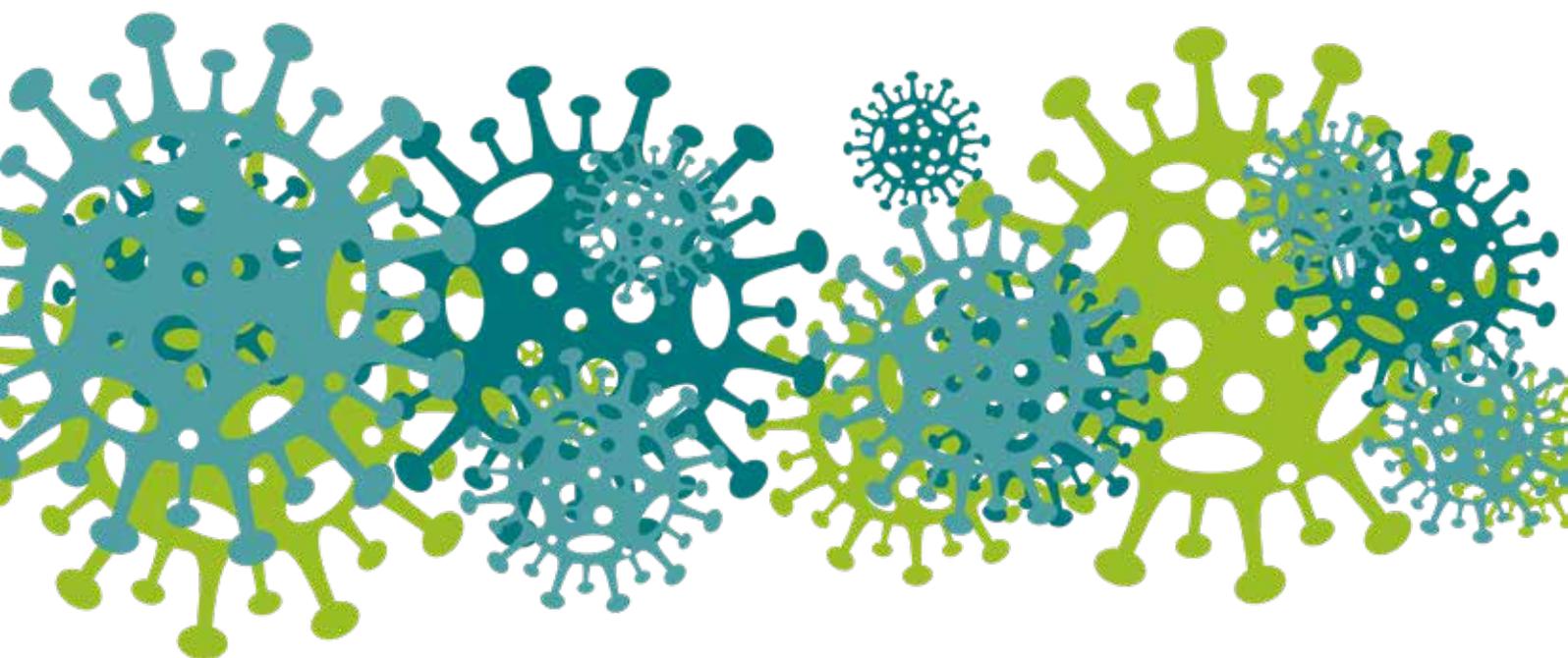
This award aims to encourage infection prevention and control practitioners to engage in ongoing learning through the ACIPC Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control course.

Winner - Maria Broumos

Claire Boardman CICP Medal for Leadership in Infection Prevention and Control

This award is bestowed upon a member of the college who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the leadership of the profession, the practice of infection prevention and control, and to the college.

Winner – TBA



Committee & other reports

ACIPC committees are integral to the operation of the college. Chaired by a board director, each member is a volunteer who brings their IPC professionalism and experience to their committee. Meeting by teleconference between 4 and 9 times a year, the committees work with the secretariat and inform the board of directors.

6 Committees

57 Committee members

1 Journal

29 Editorial Board members

1 GOARN Report

1 Education Officer

9 Foundations courses

13 IPC in Aged Care courses

8 member webinars

2 Face to Face events



Governance, finance & risk committee

Chair:

- Kristie Popkiss, President Elect

Members:

- Associate Professor Phil Russo
- Mr Peter Martin
- Ms Claire Boardman
- Ben Thiessen

Number of meetings held:

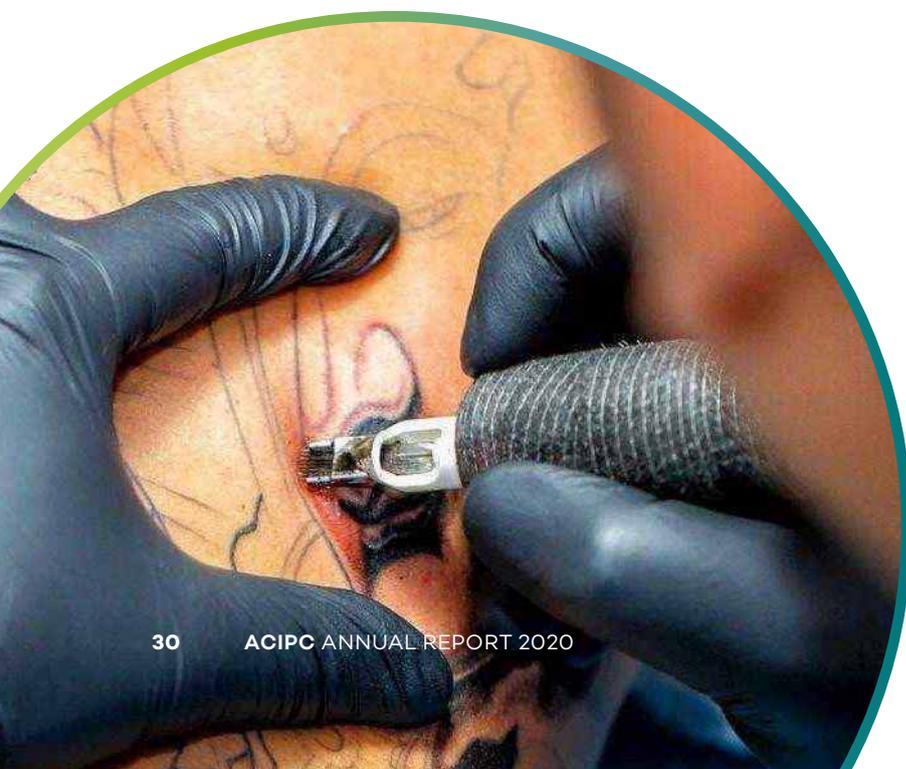
Four meetings in 2020

Achievements:

- Review and approve routine financial reports
- Review and approve budget for financial year 20/21, including new membership fee structure
- Advised on appointment of Company Secretary
- Advised on strategic direction of the college, with focus on increasing education revenue stream

Opportunities:

The GFR will continue to provide expert advice to the board on ACIPC governance processes, identify and manage risks, and scrutinise the routine financial reports and processes.



2020 ACIPC Conference Community

- Live and Pre-Recorded Invited Keynote Presentations
- Online Poster Presentations
- Online Free Paper Presentation Sessions
- Dedicated Educational Sessions delivered by ACIPC Partners
- Online Exhibition Area
- Online Discussion Forums



Presentation Themes

Antimicrobial stewardship	Individual based practice change: behaviour change and human factors
Clinical management of infectious diseases	Infection control measures and strategies
COVID-19	Invasive devices
Disease epidemiology	Outbreaks and outbreak management
Education and professional development	Reprocessing and sterilizing services
Hand hygiene	Specialised populations: patient needs
HAI Surveillance	Specialised settings: the environment and the resources available/permissible
Health services, economics, evaluating infection control	Systems-based practice change: innovation, improvement science and quality improvement

Credentiailling & professional standards committee

Chair:

- Kathy Dempsey

Number of meetings held:

Five meetings were held by videoconference from June 2020 – November 2020.

Meetings are scheduled on a monthly basis but only held if there are issues to be discussed or ratified.

Members:

- Deborah Macbeth
- Ramon Shaban
- Sandra Roodt
- Ruth Barratt
- Peta-Anne Zimmerman
- Erica Short
- Nicole Tolhurst (joined October 2020)
- Janine Carrucan (joined October 2020)
- Belinda Henderson (joined October 2020)
- Rosyln Franklin (joined October 2020)



64 credentiailled
ACIPC members

12 primary
9 advanced
43 expert

Previous members:

- Ruth Barratt (left end of 2019)
- Sue Grieg (left early 2020)

Achievements:

- A pop-up session on credentiailling was held at the ACIPC conference in Perth 2019.
- The committee continued to assess applications for credentiailling at primary, advanced and expert level and also applications for recredentiailling at expert level.
- 14 members have been credentiailled or recredentiailled at the time of publishing.
- 4 new members were appointed to the committee including the committee's first Fellow, Belinda Henderson.

Opportunities:

- The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's Aged Care and COVID-19 special report recommendation in the Australian Government should arrange for the deployment of accredited infection, prevention, and control experts into residential aged care homes.
- Marketing credentiailling to CEO's of healthcare facilities, with the aim of having them encourage their ICP to be credentiailled. This initiative has been discussed many times over a number of years and although it is considered both appropriate and worthwhile, the work has not been able to be allocated.

Education & professional development committee

Chair:

- Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha

Members:

- Michael Wishart
- Belinda Henderson
- Jan Forber
- Vanessa Sparke
- Janine Carrucan
- Matt Mason
- Jackie Miley

Achievements:

- A total of 990 people took advantage of ACIPC education opportunities
- Consolidation of processes and procedures for governance around educational events and courses
- Face to face events converted to online events
- Implementation of courses specific to the aged care sector
- Growth for all ACIPC courses to meet demand of the pandemic
- Organisation of 'Lunch and Learn' webinar in collaboration with member engagement committee
- Increased ACIPC revenue through increase in education offerings
- Foundation course offered in an accelerated format
- Successful "Trade Masterclass" held in Melbourne in February 2020
- Maintained high engagement in all courses and overwhelmingly positive evaluation of all educational offerings

Opportunities:

- Create online offering for AS/ NZS4187:2014 as the face to face delivery could not go ahead
- Further develop the educational offerings of ACIPC to make sure members' need are met
- Further explore educational offerings for aged care sector



Over 350 delegates registered for the COVID-19 Live Q&A Panel Session

Student Feedback:

FIPC

- 'The self-guided option is great, having Jackie available to ask questions is so helpful.'
- 'The information was informative and practical'
- 'I've really enjoyed the ACIPC Foundations course - really broad and very interactive'
- 'I'm extremely happy with my results. Thank you for your guidance throughout the Foundations course. Your delivery and motivation throughout were very inspiring. The course was well structured and an easy to follow format. What I've learnt from the course, I will use throughout my career in Infection Control, and I'm sure will cross over into all clinical aspects of healthcare.'
- 'I've thoroughly enjoyed this course and hope that my essay and work I've done to date is enough, I have skills for life after doing these activities and essay. And thank you for your support as well'
- 'I have enjoyed the extensive reading, videos and activities that have been provided throughout the course. 'Create online offering for AS/ NZS4187:2014 as the face to face delivery could not go ahead'
- Further develop the educational offerings of ACIPC to make sure members' needs are met
- Further explore educational offerings for aged care sector

Aged Care Course

- 'It has challenged my thinking'
- 'The course was easy to follow. Manageable workload learnt new information'
- 'This was a constructive and positive conversation that I would have been reluctant to have without this reading material to endorse information.' (in relation to the absence of gloves while cleaning contaminated areas)

Member engagement committee

Chair:

- Kylie Robb

Number of meetings held:

There were five meetings held over the year.

Members:

- Nikki Grae
- Fiona De Sousa
- Helen Truscott
- Associate Professor Thea van de Mortel
- Rebecca Jenkins
- Peta-Anne Zimmerman
- Darren Martin
- Ann Whitfield
- Rose Evans



Achievements:

- The new Member Code of Conduct is now on the ACIPC website.
- Direct debit payments will be implemented for foundations students opting for payment plans but not incremental membership payments.
- The formation and maintenance of new SIGS were discussed, with the aim of promoting to members that they can be formed for relevant interest groups
- Data on employment roles will be examined once the membership renewals have gone out
- A strong focus was on finding out who members are and what is their expectations for membership. Membership data was reviewed in order to gain a better understanding of the membership in order to retain and attract new members.
- ACIPC now has the most members we have ever had.

Opportunities:

- Ann Whitfield to present "How to find a Mentor" at a future Lunch and Learn webinar
- ACIPC branded posters on the following 3 topics: hand hygiene, PPE/community/masks, cleaning
- MEC to call and welcome new members to gain feedback which will assist in developing a strategic approach and provide direction in developing resources.
- ACIPC expert level credentialled members encouraged to apply for Fellowship

Practice guidance committee

Chair:

- Sally Havers
-

Members:

- Maureen Canning
 - Lisa Hall
 - Wendy Peacock
 - Gillian Ray-Barruel
 - Rita Roy
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Achievements:

- Review of the consultation paper for aged care worker regulation scheme for Department of Health (Federal)
- Review of SHPA Standard of Practice Infectious Diseases pharmacy services document
- Endorsement & approval of the distribution of the ACSQHC environmental cleaning resources

In the context of extremely challenging work environments for all PGC members, I am extremely appreciative of the time and expertise provided in the above reviews.

Opportunities:

There are ongoing opportunities for PGC guidance particularly in speciality areas or practices, in the context of COVID-19.

The ACIPC PGC will continue to provide guidance and advice on request, as well as working with other key stakeholder groups to guide practice.

With increased focus on infection prevention and control practices and the ongoing regulation and monitoring of these, PGC members offer an incredibly broad and extremely high level of expertise, specialised knowledge, and guidance on behalf of ACIPC.



900+
participants in
ACIPC educational
events

ACIPC Education Manager's report

Physical ACIPC events were ceased in mid-March 2020 in line with chief health officer advice and travel restrictions. Prior to that time, two events were held; a trades masterclass in Melbourne in February and IPC in disability care in Sydney in March. Once it was clear that restrictions would be ongoing, a decision was made to transition the successful aged care face-to-face workshops to an online delivery format, to ensure continuing IPC education and support during this important time.

ACIPC offered a significantly increased volume of courses over the last 12 months.

For this period, the total number of individuals educated exceeded 990 participants.

The number of courses delivered and participants - both completed and currently in progress - since November 2019, is summarised in the following tables.

Course student evaluations are overwhelmingly positive. Flexibility in the delivery mode, feedback from the tutor, information being practical, quality of the resources delivered, balance of video presentations, reading, and activities were prevalent positive observations.

Courses are continually updated with recent evidence and expert opinion, guidance, and resources.

“There was good support and access to the tutor for advice”

May 2019 Student

Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control

FIPC	Graduates/Enrolled
May 2019	50
October 2019	32
May 2020	89
June 2020	4
DHHS 2020	74
September 2020	52
November 4 2020	51
November 18 2020	40
February 2021	9+

FIPC TOTAL

442+

Some FIPC students are taking an accelerated approach and with the support of the Education Officer are completing their studies well within the usual six months. Certificates and transcripts are issued on completion.

Short Online course IPC in Aged Care

IPC Aged Care	Graduates/Enrolled
IPC AC April 2020	7
IPC AC Anglicare 2020	54
IPC AC August 2020	45
IPC AC Jewish Care 2020	25
IPC AC September 2020	42
IPC AC RALAC 2020	17
November 2020	40
December 2 2020	1+
December 16 2020	
January 13 2021	8+
January 27 2021	
February 10 2021	
February 24 2021	

IPC AC TOTAL

239+

ACIPC Education Manager's report continued ...

Face to Face Events

Face to Face Events 2019/2020	Attendees
Trades Masterclass Melbourne Feb 2020	14
IPC in Disability Services Sydney March 2020	15

Webinars

ACIPC Member Webinars	Registered Members
September 2019	44
October 2019	122
November 2019	47
January 2020	69
February 2020	48
February 2020	36
March 2020	24
May 2020	8
April 2020	28

In April ACIPC ran a series of 4 co-badged webinars with GAMA Healthcare to assist health care colleagues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A COVID-19 Q&A for healthcare workers was run by the college as part of the launch of the online *ACIPC Conference Community* in October.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events will be an **Aged Care Masterclass** with 13 presentations on high level issues on aged care IPC, delivered by several learned, experienced practitioners and academics. This will be offered on our Moodle platform in October 2020.

We are fortunate to have also recorded three webinars '**Tales from the COVID-19 frontline with Ann Whitfield**' which will be launched as part of part of Conference Community.

AS/NZS 4187:2014 Online Symposium

ACIPC planned to build on and expand the very popular pre-conference workshop on AS/NZS 4198:2014 held just prior to the 2019 conference in Perth where it attracted a capacity crowd of 232 attendees.

Presenters were secured and an expanded program was organised and agreed upon before travel and public event restrictions came into force across Australia. It was then proposed that the event be translated onto an online symposium, but this was placed on hold due to COVID-19 related activities taking precedence. The symposium remains on hold, awaiting the opportunity to record the presentations and launch the event.

Technology

Turnitin – in use for a year now, has improved the academic integrity of the work submitted in assessments. Students reported an enhanced understanding of the academic writing process.

ACIPC has purchased licenses for: **Camtasia** (video editing program) and **Doodly** (short animated video tool).

These programs assist with recordings, shorten recording time, and improve 'rich learning' in our courses.

Poll Everywhere has also been made available to facilitate and assessment of knowledge gain, opinion, insight, and satisfaction with face to face events.

ACIPC Education Manager's report continued ...

Amongst other learning activities, ACIPC courses feature discussion forums for each topic, and students are active in demonstrating their knowledge, sharing experiences, perspectives, insights, and the odd frustration too!

I enjoy reading these knowledgeable, well supported, informative, heartening posts from students in all areas of healthcare.

There is such a lot of good IPC work going on out there. 'Rich learning' occurs as a result of sharing problems, issues, perspectives, and solutions based on the best available scientific evidence and supported by guidelines, in a safe and confidential learning environment.

Students report how much they like these moderated discussion forums and miss them after course!

The courses also form a support network for ACIPC students, who often remain in contact with each long after the course has finished.

'The course provided a comprehensive overview of the basics in infection, prevention and control'

'The structure was good and easy to work through the modules. Was great to have so many available resources listed to refer to if required'

May 2019 Students

'very detailed and informative'

'The Self-guided option is great, having Jackie available to ask questions is so helpful'

May 2020 Students



Infection Disease and Health Editor-in-Chief & Chair report

Chair:

- Professor Brett Mitchell

Number of meetings held:

One Editorial Board Meeting

Members:

- Brett Mitchell, Professor, University of Newcastle, Australia.
- Stephanie Dancer, Edinburgh Napier University, Consultant Microbiologist and Professor of Microbiology, School of Nursing, United Kingdom
- Ramon Z. Shaban, The University of Sydney, Australia
- Allen Cheng, Monash University, Australia
- Gwendolyn Gilbert, The University of Sydney, Australia
- Noleen Bennett, The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, Australia
- Michael Borg, Mater Dei Hospital, Malta
- Ann Bull, The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, Australia
- Emma Burnett, University of Dundee School of Nursing and Midwifery, United Kingdom
- Peter Collignon, Canberra Hospital, Australia
- Marilyn Cruickshank, Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare, Australia
- Evonne Curran, Glasgow Caledonian University, Infection Control Consultant, School of Nursing, United Kingdom
- John Ferguson, John Hunter Hospital, Australia
- Jenny Firman, Commonwealth Treasury, Australia
- Dale Fisher, National University Hospital, Singapore
- Joshua Freeman, Auckland City Hospital, New Zealand
- Anne Gardner, Australian Catholic University, Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, Midwifery & Paramedicine, Australia
- Nicholas Graves, Queensland University of Technology, Australia
- Bill Jarvis, Jason and Jarvis Associates, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Physician, Investigation and Prevention Branch, United States
- Moi Lin Ling, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore
- Deborah MacBeth, Queensland Health, Australia
- David Paterson, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Australia
- Thomas Riley, University of Western Australia, Professor of Microbiology, Australian Centre for Pathology & Medical Research, Australia

Infection Disease and Health Editor-in-Chief & Chair report continued ...

- Philip Russo, Monash University, Nursing and Midwifery, Australia
- Patricia W. Stone, Columbia University Center for Health Policy, United States
- Rhonda Stuart, Monash Health, Australia
- Paul Turner, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- David Weber, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, United States

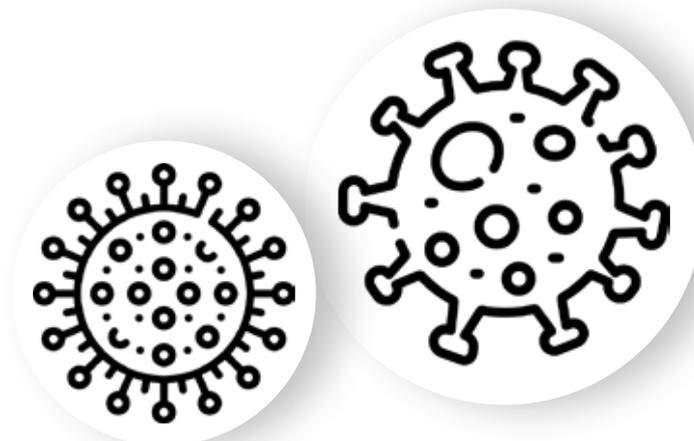
Achievements:

- Establishment of a rapid review panel for COVID-19 articles, during the first 6 months of the pandemic. This allows fast publication of suitable COVID-19 articles. A special thanks for all those involved in the rapid review panel.
- Increasing number of submissions, up approximately 150% compared to last year.
- Discussion and finalisation of a new Publishing contract.
- Increasing rejection rate, >90%.
- Increase downloads of publications:
24,000 in 2017 increasing to 112,000 in 2019. Downloads for 2020 are set to exceed 2019.
- Increasing citations of journal and increasing metrics in all these areas:
Year (Year to 7th September) the cite score for IDH is 2.1, up from 1.6 in 2019 and 1.3 in 2018.
- Fast time from submission to publication, compared to other journals.

Opportunities:

- Peer review, member can get involved in peer-reviewing articles. This is a great opportunity to hear about emerging research first, as well as develop skills.
- For members, remember that there are discounts available when purchasing Elsevier products. This discount forms part of the contract between ACIPC and Elsevier.

I would like to thank ACIPC members, the IDH Editorial Board and Senior and Section Editors at the journal and those who have supported the journal as authors and peer reviewers.



Global outbreak alert & response network report

Chair:

- Matt Mason

Achievements:

ACIPC is a longstanding member of the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, a WHO network of over 250 technical institutions and networks that respond to acute public health events with the deployment of staff and resources to affected countries.

ACIPC members deploy generally as IPC experts, however roles can include specialist epidemiology, microbiology, communications, or laboratory staff, amongst others with a view to providing comprehensive teams to reduce the impact of international emergencies.

In 2020 ACIPC responded to nine requests for assistance from the GOARN team:

- 6 x COVID-19 – Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Indonesia, Sao Tome, Principe
- 1 x Ebola Virus Disease – Democratic Republic of Congo
- 1 x Measles – Pacific Island Countries
- 1 x Refugee Camp Fire Emergency Response – Greece

ACIPC considered the requests and five applications for COVID response teams were submitted.

To date two of these applications resulted in offers of deployment however deployment did not occur due to changes in circumstances occurring prior to receiving the offers.

ACIPC and GOARN acknowledge the difficulty faced by IPC staff in trying to be released from their substantive duties during an active pandemic. Requests for Assistance remain open as per GOARN ongoing operations (figure 1 & 2).

ACIPC nominated members for training opportunities with GOARN in 2020. With international travel difficult, these training programmes were being conducted virtually allowing greater access.

ACIPC nominated three members for the GOARN Outbreak Response Leadership Training - Virtual “Sense-making” Workshops with all three nominations being successful.

These workshops are ongoing at the time of this report. One member was nominated for GOARN ArcGIS Foundational Training and was successful.

It has been a busy year for GOARN with multiple teams active for extended periods globally. There are currently seven ongoing emergency operations within GOARN (fig 1 & 2).

Global outbreak alert & response network report continued ...



Figure 1: Ongoing GOARN Operations as at 16/10/20

Operation Name	Start date ▼	End date	Status
Greece, Moria Camp Emergency Response, 2020	2020-09-10	--	Ongoing
Ebola Virus Disease, Democratic Republic Of The Congo (Equateur), 2020	2020-07-15	--	Ongoing
Unknown Viral Hemorrhagic Fever, Angola, 2020	2020-06-29	--	Ongoing
Arboviral Disease Outbreaks, Republic Of Sudan, 2020	2020-01-14	--	Ongoing
COVID-19 Operations	2020-01-14	--	Ongoing
Rougeole, République Démocratique Du Congo, 2019	2019-08-30	--	Ongoing
Rohingya Crisis (Protracted Emergency), Bangladesh, 2017-2020	2017-12-15	--	Ongoing
Total Records : 7			

Figure 2: Details of ongoing GOARN operations.

Infexion Connexion report

Infexion Connexion is an ACIPC member only email discussion forum, where all members are automatically subscribed to the list, but can elect to unsubscribe from the list

No prizes for guessing what the most common topic on Infexion Connexion in has been in 2020! There have been over 1000 messages posted to the list since the beginning of this calendar year, and a great many of these were around COVID-19.

The wealth and depth of knowledge shared on Infexion Connexion sometimes still astounds me, and I have been using email discussion lists for a long time now.

We have also seen a marked increase in out-of-hospital setting questions in comparison to previous years.

ACIPC members have a valuable resource available to them through Infexion Connexion, and the ability to get answers to almost any question that you could think of concerning infection prevention and control. I encourage you use this resource to help guide and shape your practice.

Michael Wishart

Infexion Connexion Moderator

*Have a challenging issue
at work and you're not sure
how to handle it?*

**Post a query on Infexion
Connexion – there are over
1000 IPC Professionals
ready and willing to
give suggestions and
guidance.**

Audited Financial reports

1 JULY 2019 - 30 JUNE 2020

Prepared by Accru Rawsons

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

The names of the directors in office at anytime during or since the end of the year are:

Ann Whitfield	Sally Havers
Marilyn Cruickshank	Kylie Robb
Peta-Anne Zimmerman	Philip Russo
Stephane Bouchoucha	Kristie Popkiss
Kathy Dempsey	Michael Wishart
Dianne Smith	

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The net profit of the company for the financial year amounted to \$67,802.

A review of the operations of the company during the financial year and the results of those operations are as follows:

The company was established in January 2012 from the merger of the Australian Infection Control Association with the existing state based infection control associations across Australia. The company is engaged in a broad range of national and international programs representing the discipline of infection prevention and control including consultancy, policy development, education and professional development.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of the State.

The company is prohibited from paying dividends to members.

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is attached to this financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors:

Director

Philip Russo

Signature



Director

Kristie Popkiss

Signature



Dated:

15 September 2020

**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER
SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001**

**TO THE DIRECTORS OF
AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
LTD**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act

- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**Partner: Melissa McCrystal
Accru Rawsons
Chartered Accountant
Level 2
160 Wharf Street
Brisbane QLD 4001**

Date: 04 September 2020

AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LTD
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	694,655	670,031
Expenses from ordinary activities		(626,852)	(620,283)
		67,802	49,748
<u>Add</u> Funds transferred from state based infection control associations		-	-
		67,802	49,748
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN COMPANY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR			

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	902,867	782,778
Trade and other receivables	4	1,000	5,513
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>903,867</u>	<u>788,291</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Banner and Display	5	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>903,867</u>	<u>788,291</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	6	145,950	98,175
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>145,950</u>	<u>98,175</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>145,950</u>	<u>98,175</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>757,918</u>	<u>690,116</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		<u>757,918</u>	<u>690,116</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>757,918</u>	<u>690,116</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Retained Earnings \$
Balance at 1 July 2011	NIL
Australian Infection Control Association (AICA) equity transferred at restructure	340,066
Increase in company funds for the 11/12 year	<u>833,745</u>
Balance at 30 June 2012	<u><u>1,173,811</u></u>
Increase in company funds for the 12/13 year	<u>130,085</u>
Balance at 30 June 2013	<u><u>1,303,896</u></u>
Increase in company funds for the 13/14 year	<u>(176,369)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2014	<u><u>1,127,527</u></u>
Increase in company funds for the 14/15 year	<u>(187,921)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2015	<u><u>939,606</u></u>
Increase in company funds for the 15/16 year	<u>(88,423)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2016	<u><u>851,183</u></u>
Increase in company funds for the 16/17 year	<u>(154,623)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2017	<u><u>696,560</u></u>
Increase in company funds for the 17/18 year	<u>(56,191)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2018	<u><u>640,368</u></u>
Increase in company funds for the 18/19 year	<u>49,748</u>
Balance at 30 June 2019	<u><u>690,116</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Retained Earnings
	\$
Increase in company funds for the 19/20 year	67,802
Balance at 30 June 2020	<u><u>757,918</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from Operations		692,189	692,816
Interest Received		6,979	10,390
Payments to Suppliers		(579,079)	(628,115)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8(b)	<u>120,089</u>	<u>75,091</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for Property, Plant & Equipment		-	-
Proceeds from Property, Plant & Equipment		-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Transfer of funds from AICA at restructure		-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		120,089	75,091
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		<u>782,778</u>	<u>707,687</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	8(a)	<u><u>902,867</u></u>	<u><u>782,778</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

This financial report covers Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd as an individual entity.

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

(a) Income Tax

The entity is exempt from income tax under Section 50 of Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Accordingly no income tax is provided for in the accounts.

(b) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

At each reporting date, the company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
2. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME			
Interest received		6,979	10,390
Other Income		687,676	659,641
Total Revenue		<u>694,655</u>	<u>670,031</u>
3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash at bank		<u>902,867</u>	<u>782,778</u>
		<u>902,867</u>	<u>782,778</u>
4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES			
CURRENT			
Trade Debtors		1,000	-
Goods and Services Tax		-	5,513
		<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,513</u>
5. Plant & Equipment			
Banner and Display		-	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
6. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES			
CURRENT			
Trade Creditors		45,112	38,212
Membership Fees in Advance		58,613	59,111
Course Fees Paid in Advance		29,787	-
Accruals		1,567	852
GST		10,832	-
Westpac Credit Card - Sara		39	-
		<u>145,950</u>	<u>98,175</u>

7. COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:

Conference Design
228 Liverpool Street
Hobart TAS 7000

The principal place of business is:

Conference Design
228 Liverpool Street
Hobart TAS 7000

8. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash at Bank	<u>902,867</u>	<u>782,778</u>
	<u>902,867</u>	<u>782,778</u>

(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Increase (Decrease) in company funds for the year		67,802	49,748
Non-cash flows in profit:			
Depreciation		-	-
Charges to provisions		-	-
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:			
Decrease (Increase) in Current Receivables		4,513	24,047
Decrease (Increase) in Non-Current Assets		-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities		47,774	1,296
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>120,089</u>	<u>75,091</u>

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9. DIRECTORS REMUNERATION

The following directors received meeting attendance fees and other council professional fees during the year as disclosed:

	\$
R Shaban	6,000 *
P Russo	1,818
T Van De Mortel	0
M Cruickshank	10,000
P Martin	2,000
M Wishart	4,000 *
S Roodt	2,000
S Havers	2,000
D Smith	2,000
	<hr/> 29,818

* This amount covers monies due from previous years but not previously invoiced.

10. CONTINGENT ASSETS & LIABILITES

The directors are not aware of any contingent assets or contingent liabilities of the company.

11. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

There have been no material events occurring after balance date that would affect the financial position and performance of the company

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001; and:
 - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial positions as at 30 June 2020 and of the performance, as represented by the results of its operations for the year ended on that date; and

2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director Philip Russo _____

Signature  _____

Director Kristie Popkiss _____

Signature  _____

Date: 15 September

**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
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ABN 61 154 341 036**

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
LTD**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020 and the statement of profit or loss, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the director's declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101: 'Presentation of Financial Statements', that compliance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with IFRS.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
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Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

The financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd as of 30 June 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).



**Partner: Melissa McCrystal
Accru Rawsons
Chartered Accountant
160 Wharf Street
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Dated: _____

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