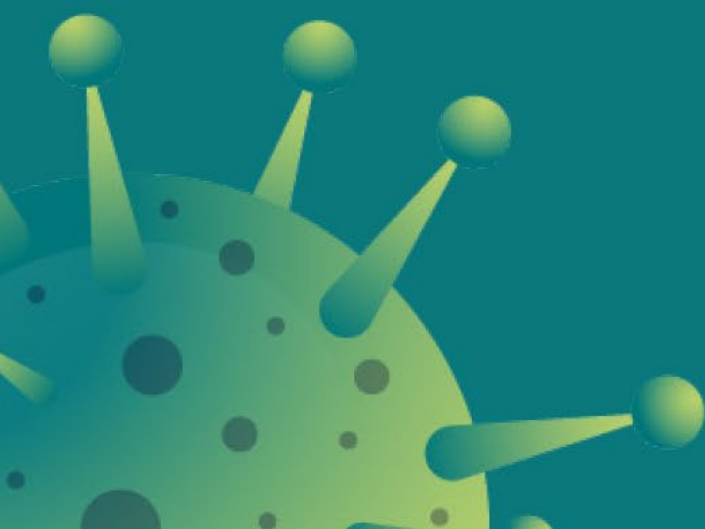
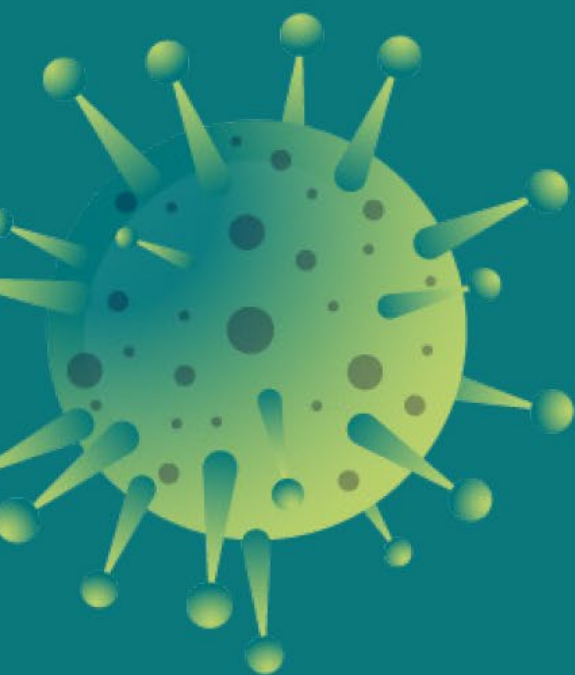


# Annual Report 2021



ACIPC

Australasian College  
for Infection Prevention and Control



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# About ACIPC

**The Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control is the peak body for infection prevention and control professionals (IPCPs) in the region. Our members are practitioners and decision makers in the field of infection prevention and control and include nurses, aged care workers, industry professionals, scientists, academics, educators, and policy makers.**

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

ACIPC seeks to be the voice for infection prevention and control professionals, focused on providing leadership, education, and evidenced-based practice for a healthy community. Whilst the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of IPC in health and aged care settings, and the broader community, our members continue to address challenges such as hospital acquired infections (HAIs) and antibiotic resistance.

The College supports our members and IPC in the broader community through our activities, including:

- Education for members and non-members
- Advocacy on the importance of IPC to government and the community
- Collaboration with other health associations and international IPC organisations

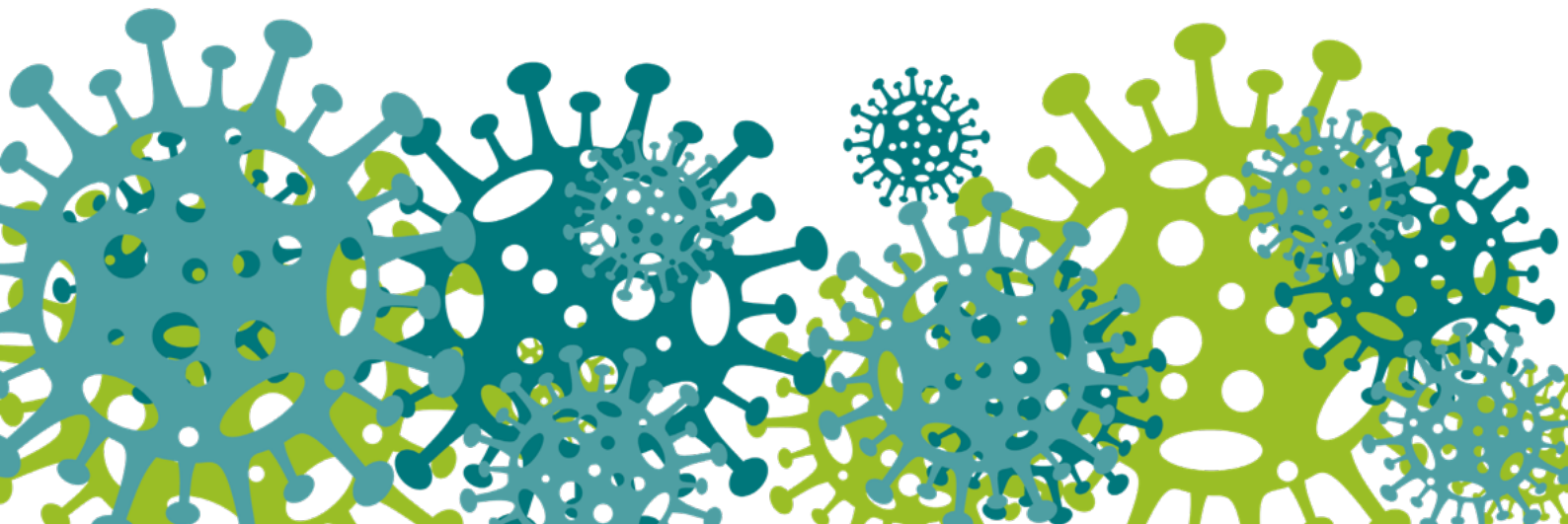
- Publishing original research in our journal *Infection Disease & Health*
- Communication to our members and stakeholders, including our newsletter IPC News
- Representation on national and international panels, committees and working groups
- Our credentialling pathway to strengthen the roles of IPCPs

The College commenced in January 2012 bringing together the various State and Territory infection control associations to support and encourage collaboration across Australasia.

The College is a company, limited by guarantee and incorporated under the Corporations Act. We are a registered charity with the Australian Charity and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) and are endorsed as a Deductible Gifts Recipient (DGR).

Overall responsibility for the College is vested in the Board of Directors, chaired by the President. An Executive Management Team (EMT) of the President, President-Elect and Past-President, provide day-to-day oversight of the College's operation, which are managed by an Executive Manager and office staff.

Our head office is located at Level 6, 152 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.







# 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**

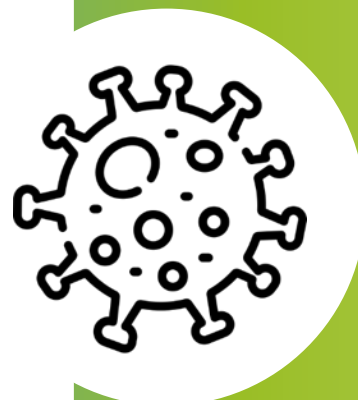
**Member of the Order of Australia  
(AM) for services to Medicine in  
Infectious Diseases, Microbiology and  
Infection Control**

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 has been and continues to be an active member of many national and international committees, including those of the Australian Quality and Safety Commission. He has been appointed to many of the expert committees of the World Health Organization (WHO) 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 present the ACIPC Presidents Report for 2021. My term as President ends at this year's Annual General Meeting and I would like to express my appreciation to our Board members, committee members and College members who have supported me over my term.**

## Achievements

I would like to highlight some of the College's achievements during this challenging year.

Of note, is the delivery of our Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control (FIPC) course for over 3500 IPC Leads in residential aged care facilities. This project represents a major achievement for both the College and our new aged care members who undertook and graduated from FIPC. We all recognise their study during exceptional circumstances was a significant personal achievement. The project has contributed to the College's purpose by directly improving the IPC knowledge of over 3000 frontline personnel in aged care at a critical time. In addition, we expect graduates will be able contextualise their IPC knowledge to their own workplaces to implement IPC practices and policies, which is a key aim of the Foundations course.

Our dedicated Education Manager, Jackie Miley, oversaw the delivery of each course, supporting the facilitators, assisting many of the students, and coordinating moderation and grading. I wish to also thank the 35 facilitators who assisted with the delivery of courses. In total, we had over 50 people contribute to the success of the aged care project, including staff, facilitators and the project team.

I would like to thank Jackie for her work on this project.

Whilst delivering the aged care project, the College continued to deliver our regular FIPC courses and other education courses, all catering to significantly increased demand.

Over the last 12 months, we have continued to consolidate the operations of the College. As well supporting our activities over the last year, we have been mindful of preparing the College for when the immediate impact of the pandemic abates. The office has been reviewing our processes and systems to prepare the College for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We have updated our IT systems, which included moving the website to a new format. The website will be critical in connecting with new and larger audiences, such as consumers and aged care.

We currently have 79 credentialled members across all three levels, Primary, Advanced and Expert. We continue to encourage all members to be credentialled and look to increase the number of credentialled ICPs over the next 12 months. Encouragingly, almost 20% of graduates in the aged care IPC lead project indicated they wish to pursue Primary credentialling.

It was unfortunate to cancel the face-to-face component of our annual conference for a second year. I am, however, pleased to have over 650 participants in the online conference. It has been a challenging time for all involved in the planning, and our thanks go to the Scientific Conference Committee chaired by Annie Wells. I wish to acknowledge the support we have



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received for the online conference from our sponsors and corporate partners: our platinum sponsor GAMA; gold sponsors Reynard Health Supplies and SC Johnson; silvers sponsors ECOLAB and Full Support Healthcare; and bronze sponsors Cepheid, Haines and Schulke.

The College appointed one Fellow this year; Kylie Robb. Fellowship of the College recognises significant professional achievement and contribution to the College and profession. Congratulations to Kylie.

Infexion Connexion continues to be well subscribed and utilised this year. Thank you again to Michael Wishart for moderating this valued members forum. We will look at options for further developing Infexion Connexion in 2022, and will value Michael's experience and guidance.

Under the direction of Editor-in-Chief, Professor Brett Mitchell, our journal, *Infection, Disease & Health*, continues to develop and gain recognition. In early 2021, the College appointed three Associate Editors to assist Brett. We welcome Dr Oyebola Fasugba, Dr Jason Kwong and Dr Gillian Ray-Barruel to the editorial team. From 2019 to 2020, submissions tripled (692 submitted articles and 52 accepted), review speed halved, and a rejection rate of 95% is accompanied by increasing citation scores and rankings.

## Financial Performance

As many would expect, the College experienced a surge in revenue attributed to the aged care project, increased membership, and increases in education courses. We are fortunate to report a surplus of \$4.2M for the financial year. Of course, our revenue will return to more typical levels this financial year. During the financial year, our operating expenses

were reviewed, and I believe we now have our resources better allocated to meet the needs of the College, now and in the future. We have a business model that is scalable to meet IPC opportunities and challenges, as they arise.

## Looking Ahead

As we move into 2022, the College will be seeking input from members to review the needs of our members and how we are supporting them. Despite not being able to meet face-to-face, the Board has identified many areas for the College to address over the coming years:

- We need to continue to strengthen our representation and advocacy to ensure the College remains the peak body for infection prevention and control in the Australasian region.
- With an increased reliance on IPC practices and processes in all settings, it will be increasingly important to ensure key IPC roles are filled with people who have the required qualifications and experience. Our credentialing program which recognises IPC professionals and our advocacy of IPCPs will be important in ensuring this is achieved.
- The College is looking to strengthen our communication both in terms of our reach and content. The College is recognised as a trusted, independent, non-politicised, expert voice in IPC, and we will look to strengthen our messaging to all stakeholders.
- Education will continue to be a core tool in delivering our IPC mission and developing IPC capacity. We have started to review FIPC to ensure it remains one of the regions primary IPC courses and we are looking at new courses to complement FIPC. We have seen the importance of the College's earlier investment in FIPC and of having a program ready to roll-out at scale.



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- With an increased awareness of IPC across the community, the College will be investigating how we assist new audiences in both clinical settings, such as aged care, and non-clinical settings, such as offices and retail. We need to assess how we promote education and participation to new audiences who are outside our traditional member base.
- The College also has the opportunity to support our colleagues in the Pacific to develop IPC capacity through membership and education. The Board has provided membership scholarships for IPC personnel across a number of Pacific countries with an aim of supporting their IPC practice, and we have commenced a review of FIPC for delivery in the Pacific.

## Retiring Directors

I wish to acknowledge members retiring from the Board at our AGM; their dedication to the College has contributed to our success and helped position us to address the next phase of our mission.

- Professor Marilyn Cruickshank has served on the College Board as a director, President-Elect, President and Past-President over the past 6 years.
- Dr Sally Havers has been a director for 6 years, in addition to chairing the Scientific Conference Committee and participating in the Practice Guidance Committee and the Education & Professional Development Committee.
- Mr Michael Wishart has been a director for 8 years. Over that time Michael has been a member of the Education and Professional Development Committee and moderated Infection Connexion.

Two months after I took on the President's role, the pandemic was declared, and it quickly became apparent that my well-intended plans would need to be put aside. There is no need for me to share my experiences with COVID as much of it will be a familiar to many of you, and we all have had our own stories and challenges. I am extremely proud of the work of all our members in keeping our community safe.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to those who have supported me during the past two years. Thank you to the Board members for their work. The Board has not been able to meet face to face, but their collective effort has allowed the College to be well placed for the challenges that lie ahead. Thank you to Ben Thiessen, Sara Kirby and Jackie Miley and the team at Association Design. They have been able to take on much of the work that myself and other Board members have not had capacity to undertake, and their ongoing engagement will be greatly beneficial in the years ahead.

And of course, my sincere appreciation to all ACIPC members for your tireless work over the past two years. As a result of much of your work, infection prevention and control is now part of our common day language. Challenges will continue to present, and with a more literate community, opportunities for the College will abound.

Many thanks and regards, sincerely



**Phil Russo**

President  
ACIPC Ltd

# Representation & Advocacy

The College provides a voice for infection prevention and control and contributes to a wider health agenda through representation on a number of external committees and working groups.

The process for representation is via formal appointment by the College Executive Management Team

- **National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce**  
Associate Professor Phil Russo
- **(IPC) Frontline Healthcare Workers' Consultation**  
Claire Nayda
- **Infection Control Expert Group (ICEG) advising the Chief Medical Officer on COVID-19**  
Associate Professor Phil Russo
- **COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy coalition**  
ACIPC Presidents – Signing of open letter
- **No fault vaccine injury compensation**  
ACIPC Presidents – Signing of letter to the Minister for Health
- **ACHS Australasian Clinical Indicator Report**  
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman, Dr Sally Havers, Dianne Smith
- **Dental Board of Australia Guidelines for infection control – feedback**  
Kylie Robb, ACIPC Practice Guidance Committee
- **Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM) Joint Review of Guidelines for Producing Ultrasound Transducers**  
Marija Juraja
- **HE-011 Sharps and Healthcare Related Wastes**  
Sue Aiktins
- **Review of Australasian Health Facility Guidelines**  
ACIPC Practice Guidance Committee
- **2021/22 Post Budget Briefing**  
Professor Marilyn Cruickshank
- **Standards Australia Working Group SF-006 Eye and face protection**  
Helen Truscott
- **Gastroenterological Society of Australia Infection Control Expert Group**  
Sue Grieg
- **Review of Gastroenterological Society of Australia Infection Prevention and Control in Endoscopy 2021**  
ACIPC Practice Guidance Committee
- **Global Health Alliance Australia**  
Professor Marilyn Cruickshank
- **The International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC)**  
Professor Marilyn Cruickshank
- **Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality on Health Care**  
Professor Marilyn Cruickshank
- **National Hand Hygiene Advisory Committee**  
Wendy Beckingham
- **Confederation of Nursing and Midwives Organisations, Global Health Alliance Australia (CoNNMO)**  
Professor Marilyn Cruickshank
- **Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)**  
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman
- **Australian Commission on Quality and Safety in Health Care review of Preventing and Controlling Infections Standard (2021)**  
Dr Stephane Bouchoucha
- **Australian Commission on Quality and Safety in Health Care working group for Peripheral Venous Access Clinical care standard (2019-2020)**  
Dr Stephane Bouchoucha

- **Review of Australian Commission on Quality and Safety in Health Care Environmental Cleaning Resources**  
ACIPC Practice Guidance Committee
- **Review of Sepsis Clinical Care Standard**  
ACIPC Practice Guidance Committee
- **Second WHO Western Pacific Region Partners' Forum**  
Ann Whitfield
- **Feedback on APSIC Dental Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Guidelines**  
ACIPC Practice Guidance Committee
- **Letter of support for the regulation of sonographers to Australian Sonographer Association**  
ACIPC President
- **Royal Australasian College of Surgeons – assistance with deployment of IPC staff to Fiji**  
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman

## ACIPC has

1421	Full Members
4550	Education Members
10	Fellows
16	Life Members
22	Australasian Retired Members
73	Australasian Postgraduate Members
8	Australasian Undergraduate Members
64	Corporate Members





# Board of Directors



## **Associate Professor Philip Russo** **CICP-E, FACIPC**

### **President**

Associate Professor Philip Russo 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.



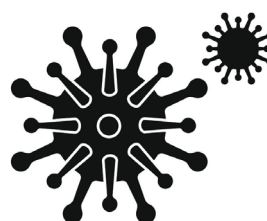
## **Kristie Popkiss** **CICP-E**

### **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 it has on the lives of patients, visitors and staff in all health services across Australasia. The pandemic has given more visibility, transparency and a higher profile to infection prevention and control, improving the safety in both the community and healthcare facilities. Kristie is committed to maintaining and raising the status and importance of infection prevention beyond the pandemic.

Kristie has been a Director of ACIPC for the past four years and is also the Director of COVID Operations at St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals with her substantive position being the Quality and Risk Manager.

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





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## **Professor Marilyn Cruickshank CICP-E**

### **Immediate Past-President, Scientific Conference Committee member**

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.

Marilyn's PhD topic included the epidemiology of paediatric HIV in Australia. Marilyn is the former chair of the AMR Standing Committee and co-edited a number of publications on national AMS and HAI surveillance. Marilyn has represented Australia at international meetings, such as APEC and the Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organization and is currently Treasurer and Board member of the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC).



## **Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha, RN, BSc (Hons), M Public Health, Grad Cert (IPC), PhD, CICP-A, FACIPC**

### **Director and Chair Education Committee**

Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha is the Associate Head of School (International), School of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Health at Deakin University.

Stéphane's passion for infection prevention and control started in the late 90s, when working as a nurse for an HIV/AIDS prevention and advocacy organisation (AIDES Fédération Nationale, Paris). Since that time, he had a successful career as a clinician working in settings from intensive care, emergency, health service leadership and management, and infection prevention and control and now as an academic.

Stéphane completed a PhD in 2015, where he investigated the predictors to adherence to Standard Precautions in healthcare workers. The tool he developed during his PhD has been translated in several languages and used to improve health care workers adherence to standard precautions in many clinical settings in Australia and overseas. Stéphane's research programme is dedicated to IPC, with a focus on antimicrobial stewardships and determinants of IPC adherence behaviours. Stéphane has been a member of the Australian Commission on Quality and Safety in Health Care Peripheral Venous Access Clinical Care Standard working group and a member of the group that undertook the review of the Preventing and Controlling Infections Standard (2021). Stéphane has published over 40 peer reviewed articles with a focus on infection prevention and control and Public Health. He has also presented his research at national and international conferences. Stéphane teaches undergraduate and postgraduate nursing, as well as supervising research students with IPC projects.

# Board of Directors



## **Dr Sally Havers** **CICP-E, FACIPC**

**Director & Chair Practice Guidance Committee**

**Scientific Conference Committee member**

Dr Sally Havers 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 credentialling at the level "Expert" with the Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control (recredentialled 2021).



## **Michael Wishart** **CICP-E**

**Director & Deputy Chair Education & PD Committee**

**Infexion 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 recredentialling (CICP-E level) through ACIPC. He currently coordinates the infection prevention and control program at Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital in Brisbane.

# Board of Directors



## Kylie Robb CICP-A

### Director & Chair Membership Engagement Committee

Kylie Robb is the Australian Dental Association NSW Branch Head of Practice Services based in Sydney and has been instrumental in advocating for best practice in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) standards for the oral health profession in Australia.

Kylie is a Fellow and Board Director of ACIPC with post graduate qualifications in IPC and Health Services Management. Kylie is an Advanced - Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP-A) and routinely presents on leadership on IPC, quality improvement, clinical governance and dental practice sustainability. Kylie has been recognised by the World Health Organization's Western Pacific Regional Office for her dental IPC expertise and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America through her appointment onto their International Ambassadors Program.



## Ann Whitfield CICP-E

### Director

### Membership Engagement Committee member

Ann Whitfield is currently an Associate Nurse Director Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) and Occupational Health. During her 18 years in this field she has worked in Australia, Liberia, Tanzania, West Timor and New Zealand. Ann has been a member of ACIPC since 2014, a Board Director since 2019 and is a credentialed Expert with ACIPC.

Ann has humanitarian experience in developing and implementing IPC programmes for the Global Health Alliance Western Australia, Flinders Overseas Health Group, the World Health Organization for the Ebola response and for the Commonwealth as part of the COVID-19 response.

Ann has successfully coordinated respiratory protection programmes (fit testing), COVID-19 vaccination programmes and consulted in healthcare design and ventilation. Ann has presented the IPC role in Aged Care COVID-19 outbreak at international conferences and recently was successful with a grant leading a project for reducing harm by Invasive Devices.

During her career she has been humbled and proud to be a registered nurse from experiences in different health systems, cultures and communities. She is transparent and believes in being authentic, to improve patient outcomes and safety for staff.

Ann has enjoyed her Board Director role for ACIPC for the last two years, listening to member's needs, questions and using these as a voice of members in the ACIPC board meetings. Ann's goals are to create a better understanding of the IPC role, its depth and diversity not only within healthcare but other sectors. Ann also wishes to extend collaborations and connections across Australasian with ACIPC members sharing of knowledge to benefit IPC experts and the wider community.





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## **Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman CICP-E**

**Director & ACIPC Representative  
Global Outbreak Alert & Response  
Network (GOARN)**

**Credentialling & Professional  
Standards Committee member**

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 Credentialed Infection Control Professional – Expert.

Peta-Anne is the 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 Standards (CAPS) Committee. Peta-Anne has also recently received the award of Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.



## **Kathy Dempsey, RN, DippApSc, BSc (Nursing), MNSc (Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology)**

**SHEA/CDC Cert Infection Control, Cert  
Med Micro, DipLdrshp&Mgt.CICP-E; Future  
Leaders of Healthcare DrPH Candidate**

**Director & Chair Credentialling and  
Professional Standards Committee**

Kathy Dempsey is NSW Chief ICP and HAI Advisor for NSW Clinical Excellence Commission, NSW IPAC COVID-19 Response Clinical Lead responsible for the strategic direction and support for Infection Prevention and Control and HAI (Healthcare Associated Infection) reduction across NSW Healthcare. She has 37 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 credentialed expert infection control practitioner (CICP-E) with a master's degree, a diploma in leadership and management, and a range of internationally recognised certifications and is currently a Future Leaders of Healthcare DrPH candidate. Kathy is a member on the Australian HAI Steering committee, the National IPC Evidence taskforce and (Australian) ICEG (Infection Control Expert Group). She is considered a leader in the field of infection prevention and control.

Kathy has extensive and broad expertise and lived experience in infection prevention and control clinical practice, spanning across healthcare and non-healthcare environments, with particular experience in biocontainment and outbreak management, and is responsible for the timely, efficient and effective administration of the NSW HAI and IPAC program including planning, implementation, prioritisation and resource allocation of all matters relating to HAI and infection prevention and control. Kathy possesses high level analytical and research skills to inform policy and program development for infection prevention and control and HAI.



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## Dianne Smith

### Consumer Representative

#### Scientific Conference Committee member

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.



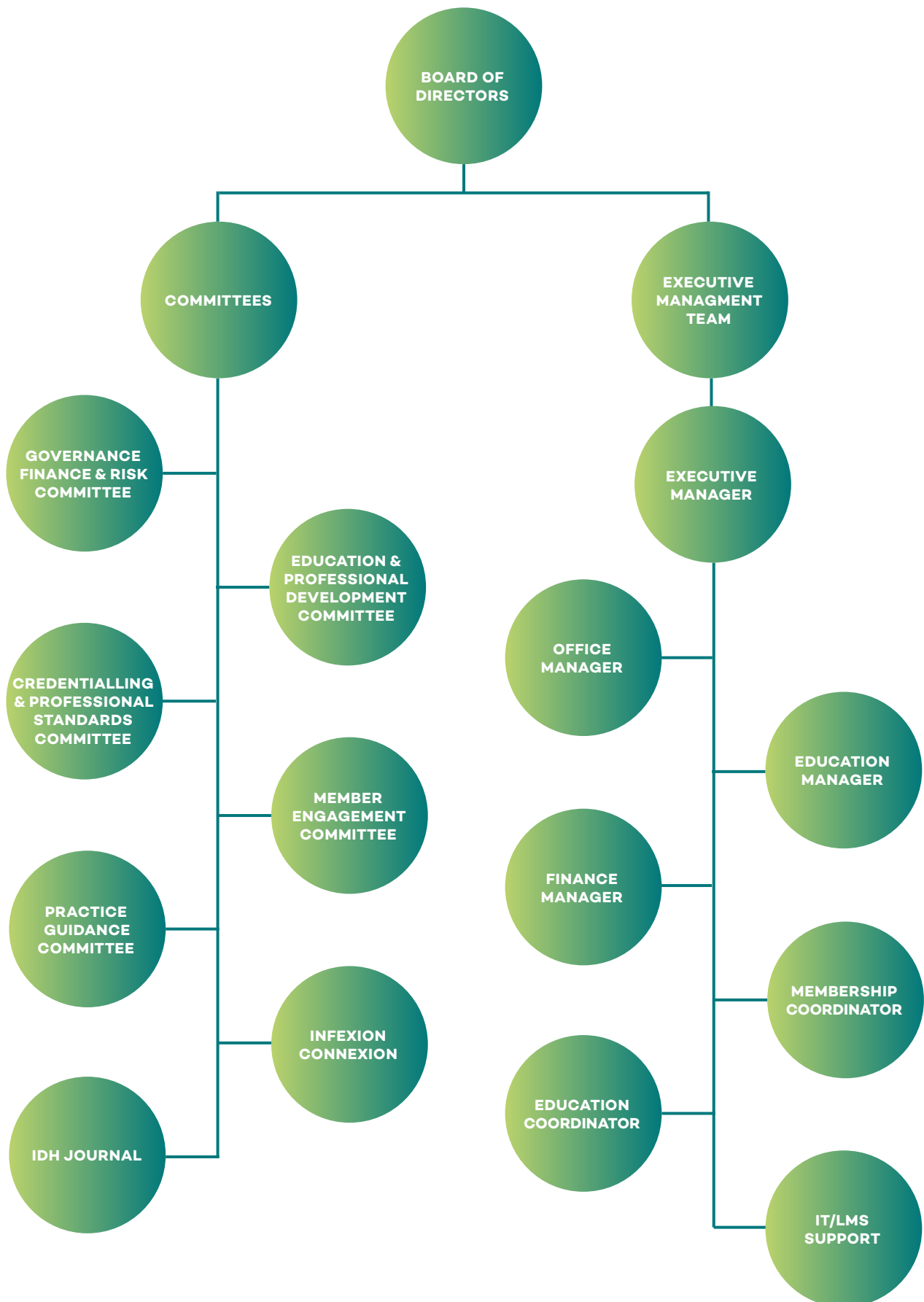
# Board of Directors

## Attendance at meetings

ACIPC Board of Directors	Number of Board meetings eligible to attend	Board meetings attended
Associate Professor Philip Russo	7	6
Kristie Popkiss	7	7
Professor Marilyn Cruikshank	7	5
Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha	7	7
Michael Wishart	7	7
Dr Sally Havers	7	6
Kylie Robb	7	7
Ann Whitfield	7	5
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman	7	7
Kathy Dempsey	7	5
Dianne Smith	7	7
Mark Metherell	7	6



# Organisational Structure



# ACIPC Office



**Ben Thiessen**  
Executive Manager



**Sara Kirby**  
Office Manager



**Jackie Miley**  
Education Manager



**Hannah Webb**  
Education Coordinator



**Kerri Pursell**  
Membership Coordinator



**Nikki Millard**  
LMS & IT Support



**Trish Yeomans**  
Finance Manager



## Executive Manager Report

As has been noted, the delivery of the aged care project has been the headline act for the past 12 months. This involved the contribution of over 50 individuals, and the success of the project is a testament to the capacity of the College to meet future IPC opportunities.

Over the last year, the ACIPC office has also made significant progress in streamlining the systems and processes of the College. The office staff roles have been re-structured to give better support for the College's core functions – members, education, financial management, committees and the Board. A key goal of the office over the next 12 months will be to support our members in their various volunteer roles on the Board and committees. We have also updated the website to give us a platform for future growth, particularly in terms of developing content for our various stakeholders.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage members to contact the office to raise any queries or provide any

feedback. We have processes in place to ensure queries and feedback reach the Executive Management Team, the relevant committee and the Board.

I would like to acknowledge the ACIPC staff members – Sara, Jackie, Hannah, Kerri, Trish and Nikki. Over the past 12 months, all staff members have been personally committed and invested in the success the College and our activities. Thank you to our Board members, committee members, facilitators and members who have continued their commitment to the College despite the pressure on their time during the pandemic.

ACIPC can only achieve its IPC purpose and mission through the ongoing commitment of everyone involved with the College.

### **Ben Thiessen**

Executive Manager  
ACIPC Ltd





# Scholarships & Awards

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

Key to achieving our vision is to promote education and evidence-based practice outcomes across the IPC profession through the provision of a range of annual and biennial scholarships and awards.

## **Dr Joan Faoagali Award**

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

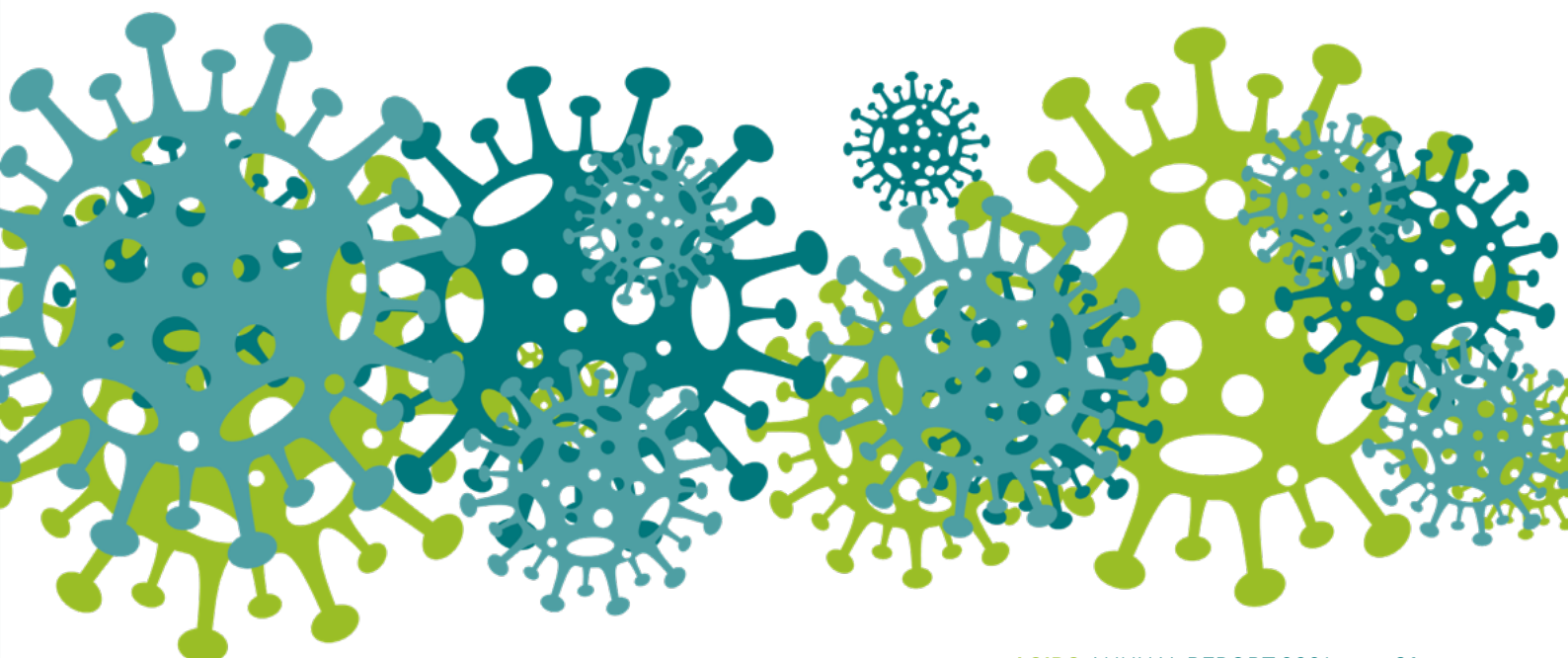
**Winner – Mi Gun Jeoung**



## **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 – Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman**









# Committee 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 knowledge and experience to their committee. Meeting between four and nine times a year, the committees work with the office and report to the Board of Directors.

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**IPC in Aged Care  
courses**

**50**

**Committee members**

**28**

**IDH Editorial Board  
members**

**35**

**Facilitators**



# Governance, Finance & Risk Committee

## Chair:

- Kristie Popkiss, President-Elect

## Members:

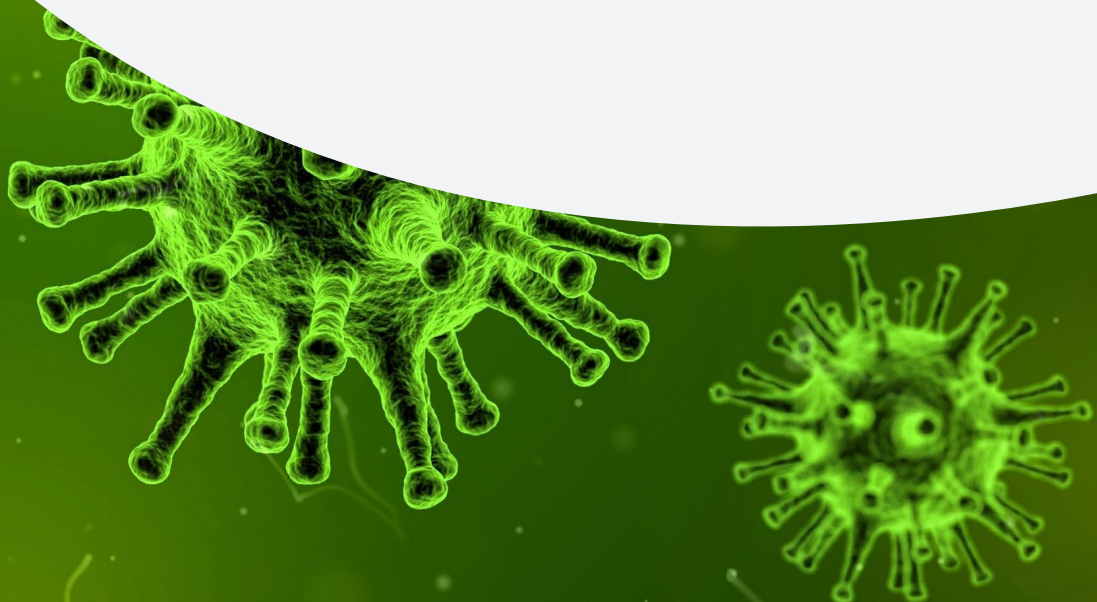
- Associate Professor Phil Russo
- Peter Martin
- Claire Boardman
- Ben Thiessen

## Achievements:

The Governance Finance and Risk Committee provides a mechanism for the review of the College's governance and financial processes. The committee provides an independent review of the College's annual budget, the risk register, the contract register and risks associated with major projects.

The committee will continue to provide advice to the Board on governance processes, identifying and manage risks, and reviewing financial reports and processes.

Mr Peter Martin left the committee in October 2021. Peter is a former director of ACIPC and has worked on the GFR Committee for five years. Thank you to Peter for his invaluable advice and input over this period.



# Scientific Conference Committee

## Chair:

- Annie Wells
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## Members:

- Natalie Feeney
  - Dr Roslyn Franklin
  - Emily Larsen
  - Dr Holly Seale
  - Fiona Wilson
  - Dr Sally Havers
  - Dr Andrew Stewardson
  - Dr Jason Kwong
  - Kathy Dempsey
  - Marija Juraja
  - Prof Marilyn Cruickshank
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## Achievements:

- The Conference Community online platform held a number of events from January – June 2020:
  - Sponsor Webinar – GAMA Healthcare Australia – Top Papers of 2020
  - The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)
  - Sponsor Webinar – Introduction to the new 3M™ Attest™ Tri-Metric CI for monitoring VH2O2 sterilisation processes. Results from a clinical study
  - Health workers in Focus: drawing on social science to enhance the COVID-19 vaccination program
  - Sponsor Webinar – The 2021 Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice: An Introduction
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Webinar
  - May Free Paper Session
  - Championing IPC – Navigating the challenges and obstacles to raise the profile of IPC out of the hospital setting
  - Webinar – Infection Prevention Ensures Quality Health Outcomes When Using Ultrasound at Point of Care
- There was no face-to-face conference in 2020 however the committee was able to build on the program developed by the former committee chaired by Brett Mitchell
- In late 2020 the committee started to work towards a program for a conference at the Adelaide Convention Centre

# Scientific Conference Committee

- Covid-safe plans and hybrid options were incorporated into planning
- Maria Juraja joined the committee in early 2021 as the local (SA) representative
- In September 2021 the decision was made to move to a fully online conference
- Day 1 of the conference is focused on COVID including both invited and abstract presentations. Day 2 focuses on infection prevention and control business as usual with the final day a mixture of both COVID and non-COVID topics.
- The program includes both national and international speakers.
- Each day of the conference has a separate program that is themed including Infection Prevention and Control for IPC Leads in Residential and Aged Care Facilities, Infection Prevention and Control in Office Based Practice and Immunisation.
- An additional new feature of the conference is the inaugural ACIPC Lecture which will be delivered by Dr John Ferguson.
- The Scientific Conference Committee has worked collaboratively throughout 2021, all members have contributed and been highly engaged.
- The assistance and guidance of Andrew Watts and Sara Kirby has been outstanding throughout the year.
- A face-to-face conference is anticipated in Sydney in 2022.

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## Opportunities:

- Conference in Sydney – opportunity to attract Asia Pacific delegates / speakers
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# Credentialling & Professional Standards Committee

## Chair:

- Kathy Dempsey

## Number of meetings held

Seven meetings were held from February 2021 – November 2021.

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

## Members:

- Deborah Macbeth
- Professor Ramon Shaban
- Sandra Roodt
- Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman
- Erica Short
- Nicole Tolhurst
- Janine Carrucan
- Belinda Henderson
- Dr Roslyn Franklin



**79 Credentialed  
ACIPC Members**

**20 Primary  
17 Advanced  
42 Expert**

## Achievements:

- 17 members have been credentialled or recredentialled at the time of publishing
- New credentialling and recredentialling forms were created and uploaded to the ACIPC website
- The CAPs Committee moved over to Teams
- The committee continued to assess applications for credentialling at Primary, Advanced and Expert level and applications for recredentialling at Expert level.

## Opportunities:

- Market credentialling to the Education Members of the College
- CAPS would like the College to investigate an automated system for CAPS applications.

# Education & Professional Development Committee

## Chair:

- Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha

## Members:

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



**Over 3000  
Aged Care IPC  
Leads Graduated  
from the FIPC  
course**

## Foundations of Infection Prevention & Control – Aged Care IPC Leads

- As an outcome of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, the Government announced that all residential aged care facilities across Australia must have an ongoing dedicated infection prevention and control (IPC) lead on site.
- ACIPC's Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control course was recognised by the Australian Government Department of Health as one of the courses that adhered to the standards required to become an IPC Lead.
- Over 800 organisations contacted the college and enrolled their staff members into the FIPC course.
- 3800 individuals were enrolled, with varying levels of academic ability (enrolled nurses, registered nurses, and various other positions).
- To provide students with mentoring and support whilst undertaking the course, the College contracted over 30 facilitators to help assist with the growing number of students.
- An Academic Writing Resource section was created to assist students with academic writing relevant to an AQF Level 8 course.
- An external Academic Writing Consultant provided short lectures as well as written and web-based resources to ensure student were supported to develop academic writing skills relevant to an AQF Level 8 course. Group Q and A sessions were also held online, and one-to-one assistance was offered to students who required additional support as well as short lectures, written and web-based resources.
- Group Q and A sessions were held online, and one-to-one assistance was offered to students who required additional support.
- Over 3,000 students passed the course, and around 100 deferrals were issued to those students who couldn't complete the course due to extenuating circumstances.
- All students who completed the course were given complimentary access to the College's Online Aged Care Masterclass to provide graduates with resources which would assist them in their new role as an IPC Aged Care Lead.
- Graduate pins are currently being produced for those students who passed and will be awarded to those who pass the FIPC course in future cohorts.

# Education & Professional Development Committee

- The demand for FIPC courses has increased and the College is catering for the demand by offering up to four courses per month.

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## Online Aged Care Masterclass

- The College launched an online Masterclass which consisted of various recorded webinars addressing high-level issues in Aged Care Infection Prevention and Control Management, including but not restricted to COVID-19 management in aged care facilities.
- Over 300 individuals signed up to receive access to the Masterclass, with over 3000 FIPC graduates now granted access to this offering.

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## HIV and Hepatitis Pre and Post Testing Discussion Course

- ACIPC will be delivering the HIV and Hepatitis Pre and Post Testing Discussion Course. The course will commence in late 2021 or early 2022.
- This course was previously delivered by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS) at the La Trobe University.

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## Webinars

ACIPC hosted a range of webinars throughout the year to complement our education portfolio.

We were pleased to once again partner with GAMA Healthcare who presented a series of 3 webinars for the aged care sector, *Complete Care for Aged Care*.

ACIPC has recorded a webinar with Clinical Psychologist Gemma Bettens which will focus on mental health and wellness for healthcare workers. This will be available on the ACIPC website in December 2021.

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## From the Education Manager Jackie Miley

ACIPC are delighted to have graduated 3000+ students from Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control over the last 12 months, and we have over 1170+ students currently enrolled.

The IPC Aged Care Clinical Leads Project commenced in November 2020 as a response to the Commonwealth Government requirement for aged care providers to appoint an IPC Lead for each residential aged care facility. This resulted in a sudden and significant increase in student numbers. The College appointed some 37 facilitators to guide the students through this AQF Level 8 course. A survey showed that the course resulted in significant knowledge gain, and students reported the ability to confidently apply IPC theory and principles to their healthcare settings.

ACIPC is very grateful for the response from the IPC community to assist us with this important project. Facilitators gave students significant infection control and academic support, resulting in 3000+ graduates. We appreciated the expertise, dedication, flexibility, genuine interest in the students and long hours that facilitators provided, while managing their other work and family commitments. Students voiced their appreciation of the personal attention, advice, guidance, insights and wisdom that facilitators shared on the learning journey.

Interest continues to be strong for FIPC and thanks to our experienced facilitators, ACIPC can add new courses to meet the demand. We are also in the process of reviewing our education courses and looking at new IPC courses.

# Member Engagement Committee

## Chair:

Kylie Robb

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## Members:

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

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## Achievements:

- 4450 new members joined the College in late 2020 and during 2021. This can be attributed to an increase in the profile of the College due to the pandemic and also new members from the aged care sector joining through their enrolment in the Foundations in Infection Prevention and Control (FIPC) course.
- We now have 6164 members of the College which is an increase of 4450 over 12 months. This is the highest number of members the College has ever had.
- The Committee called a number of new members to welcome them to the College and discuss how new members could be supported.
- The Board approved a new membership category; Education Member which grants free membership to all students undertaking FIPC. There are currently 4550 Education members of the College.
- ACIPC Expert level credentialled members were contacted and encouraged to apply for Fellowship.
- Committee member Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman presented a webinar on international deployment via the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN).
- Committee Member Ann Whitfield recorded a number of webinars offering support and encouraging Aged Care Leads studying the FIPC course.
- Committee Chair Kylie Robb recorded a webinar to contribute to the FIPC course.
- ACIPC FIPC Graduate pins have been designed and will be issued to Aged Care Leads and other graduates of the Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control course.

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## Opportunities:

- Looking at further opportunities to support the range of ACIPC members including the large number from aged care as well as long-standing members and members from other areas of IPC. This could be aided by expanding the membership and scope of the committee.
- ACIPC membership pin to be designed and issued to all members of the College.
- Pins to be designed and issued to all credentialled members of the College.



# Practice Guidance Committee

## Chair:

- Dr Sally Havers

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## Members:

- Maureen Canning
- Associate Prof. Lisa Hall
- Wendy Peacock
- Dr Gillian Ray-Barruel
- Rita Roy

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## Achievements:

This year has again been very challenging for all IPCs and practice guidance remains at the front of infection prevention and control work.

The Committee have reviewed the following documents:

- GESA GENCA Endoscopy guidelines
- Australasian Health Facility Guidelines
- APSIC Dental Guidelines
- ACSQHC Environmental Cleaning resources
- Standard Proposal - Biohazard Eye and Face Protection
- Sepsis Clinical Care Standard

PGC have also provided advice and guidance to members on clinical matters throughout the year.

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

In particular, the role of ACIPC as leaders and experts in preventing and controlling infection continues to be acknowledged by our colleagues in other professional organisations as well as government bodies and other key stakeholders. This ongoing engagement of these external groups and further requests for PGC review and contribution to guideline development demonstrates the depth knowledge and expertise that PGC members provide on behalf of ACIPC and the high regard the College is held.

As the Chair, I am extremely appreciative of the time and expertise provided by the Practice Guidance Committee members and their ongoing commitment to ACIPC and IPC practice.

# Infection Disease & Health Committee

## Editor-in-Chief and Chair Report



### Professor Brett Mitchell CIPC-E, FACIPC

#### Editor-in-Chief Infection, Disease and Health

Professor Brett Mitchell is Editor-in-Chief of *Infection, Disease & Health*. He is a Professor of Nursing at the University of Newcastle and is Executive Director IPC for Quarantine Victoria. Brett 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.

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#### Chair:

- Professor Brett Mitchell

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#### Number of meetings held:

- One Editorial Board Meeting

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#### 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

# Infection Disease & Health Committee

## Editor-in-Chief and Chair Report

- 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
- 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

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### Achievements:

- Introduction of three new Associate Editor positions
- Implementation of a new Publishing contract.
- Rejection rate >90%.
- Increase citations of publications:
- Fast time from submission to publication, compared to other journals.
- Redesign of the journal's website

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### Opportunities:

- Peer review, members 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 Associated Editors at the journal and those who have supported the journal as authors and peer reviewers.

# Global Outbreak Alert & Response Network Report (GOARN)

## Representative

- Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman

ACIPC is a longstanding member of the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, a World Health Organization 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 2021 ACIPC responded to five requests for assistance from the GOARN team:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Response – AFRO
- Measles Outbreak Preparedness – Global
- Ebola – Guinea
- COVID-19 x 2 – Global

ACIPC considered the requests and four applications for measles outbreak preparedness and response teams were submitted. To date these applications have not resulted in offers of deployment.

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).

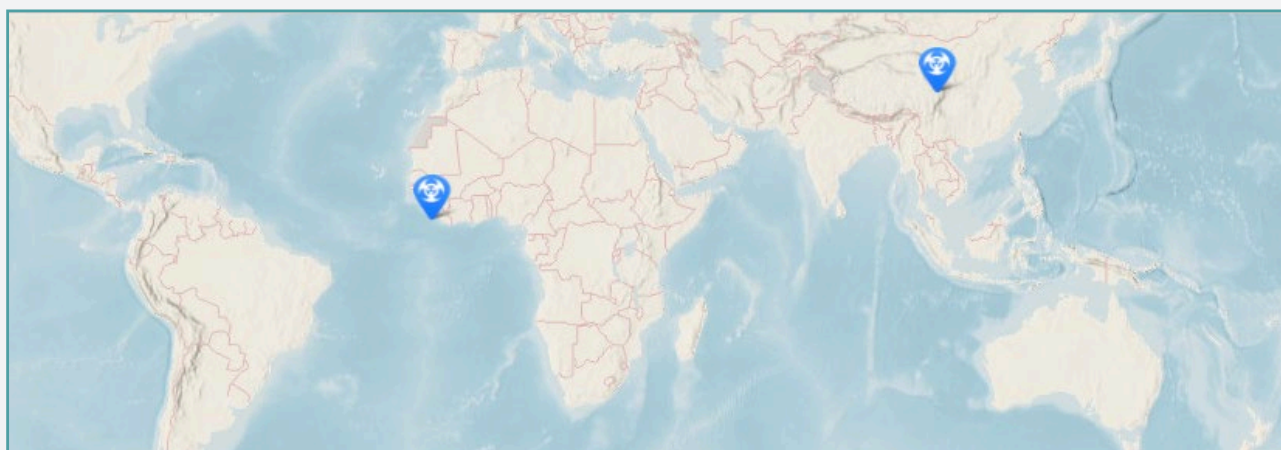


Figure 1: Ongoing GOARN Operations as at 6/10/2021



# Global Outbreak Alert & Response Network Report (GOARN)

ACIPC members were provided with opportunities to nominate themselves for training opportunities with GOARN in 2021, particularly the “Orientation to International Outbreak Response with GOARN and WHO Tier 1.5 Training Workshop” with ACIPC Board member and GOARN Representative Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman co-facilitating the next delivery in November. With international travel difficult, these training programmes are conducted virtually allowing greater access.

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

Operation Name	Start date ▼	End date	Status
AFRO COVID19 Vaccination Response, 2021	2021-09-29	—	Ongoing
Measles Outbreak Preparedness And Response, 2021	2021-03-17	—	Ongoing
Ebola Virus Disease, Guinea, 2021	2021-02-19	—	Ongoing
COVID-19 Response, 2020	2020-01-14	—	Ongoing
Total Records : 4			

Figure 2: Details of ongoing GOARN Operations as at 6/10/2021



# Infexion Connexion

Infexion Connexion is a moderated IPC email discussion forum for members of the College.

The forum offers a great way to discuss IPC issues within the wider ACIPC community which can be particularly useful when information is needed in real time. Infexion Connexion acts as a 'brains trust' for our members and throughout the pandemic, it has continued to offer members an opportunity to post and answer questions about infection prevention and control practice.

The College also uses the forum to promote job opportunities, provide College updates and distribute information from sponsors, industry partners and affiliated organisations.

I would personally like to thank our long-standing members for being so welcoming and helpful to our newer colleagues this year. It is great to see such willingness to share information and to help others.

**Michael Wishart**

Infexion Connexion Moderator





**1170+**

**students are currently  
enrolled in the  
FIPC course**

# Audited Financial Reports

**1 JULY 2020 - 30 JUNE 2021**

Prepared by Accru Rawsons



**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND  
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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**



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# **AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LTD**

**ABN 61 154 341 036**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

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 \$4,260,061.

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.

**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LTD**

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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

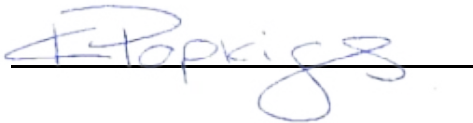
**Signature**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Russo', written over a horizontal line.

**Director**

Kristie Popkiss

**Signature**

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**Dated:**

29/9/2021



**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 2021:

- (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.



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

**Date: 28 September 2021**

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

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	7,480,369	694,655
Expenses from ordinary activities		(3,220,308)	(626,852)
<b>Profit (loss) for the year</b>		<b>4,260,061</b>	<b>67,802</b>
<u>Add</u> Funds transferred from state based infection control associations		-	-
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN COMPANY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>4,260,061</b>	<b>67,802</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LTD****ABN 61 154 341 036****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	5,735,920	902,867
Trade and other receivables	4	24,280	1,000
Deposit paid		31,460	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>5,791,660</u>	<u>903,867</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Banner and Display	5	-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>5,791,660</u>	<u>903,867</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	6	773,681	145,950
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>773,681</u>	<u>145,950</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>773,681</u>	<u>145,950</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>5,017,979</u>	<u>757,918</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		<u>5,017,979</u>	<u>757,918</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>5,017,979</u>	<u>757,918</u>

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**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LTD****ABN 61 154 341 036****STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY****AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

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

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**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LTD**

**ABN 61 154 341 036**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

	<b>Retained Earnings \$</b>
Increase in company funds for the 19/20 year	67,802
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>757,918</b>
Increase in company funds for the 20/21 year	4,260,061
<b>Balance at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>5,017,979</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LTD****ABN 61 154 341 036****STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from Operations		7,456,651	692,189
Interest Received		439	6,979
Payments to Suppliers		(2,624,037)	(579,079)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>8(b)</b>	<u>4,833,053</u>	<u>120,089</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payment for Property, Plant & Equipment		-	-
Proceeds from Property, Plant & Equipment		-	-
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Transfer of funds from AICA at restructure		-	-
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		4,833,053	120,089
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		<u>902,867</u>	<u>782,778</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<b>8(a)</b>	<u><u>5,735,920</u></u>	<u><u>902,867</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 2021

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 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>2. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME</b>			
Interest received		439	6,979
Other Income		7,479,931	687,676
Total Revenue		<u>7,480,369</u>	<u>694,655</u>
<b>3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
Cash at bank		<u>5,735,920</u>	<u>902,867</u>
		<u>5,735,920</u>	<u>902,867</u>
<b>4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Trade Debtors		1,500	1,000
Goods and Services Tax		22,780	-
		<u>24,280</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>5. Plant &amp; Equipment</b>			
Banner and Display		-	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



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	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>6. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Trade Creditors		420,934	45,112
Membership Fees in Advance		12,494	58,613
Course Fees Paid in Advance		340,051	29,787
Accruals		-	1,567
GST		-	10,832
Westpac Credit Card - Sara		202	39
		<u>773,681</u>	<u>145,950</u>
<b>7. COMPANY DETAILS</b>			
The registered office of the company is:			
Conference Design			
Level 6, 152 Macquarie Street			
Hobart TAS 7000			
The principal place of business is:			
Conference Design			
Level 6, 152 Macquarie Street			
Hobart TAS 7000			
<b>8. CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>			
<b>(a) Reconciliation of Cash</b>			
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>5,735,920</u>	<u>902,867</u>
		<u>5,735,920</u>	<u>902,867</u>
	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit</b>			
Increase (Decrease) in company funds for the year		4,260,061	67,802
Non-cash flows in profit:			
Depreciation		-	-
Charges to provisions		-	-
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:			
Decrease (Increase) in Current Receivables		(54,739)	4,513
Decrease (Increase) in Non-Current Assets		-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities		<u>627,731</u>	<u>47,774</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<u>4,833,053</u>	<u>120,089</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:

	\$
K Popkiss	6,000 *
D Smith	4,000
S Havers	6,000 *
K Dempsey	6,000 *
S Bouchoucha	8,000 *
K Robb	6,000 *
M Cruickshank	6,000 *
P Russo	30,000 *
M Wishart	6,000 *
M Metherell	4,000
P Zimmerman	6,000 *
A Whitfield	6,000 *
	<hr/> 94,000

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

### 10. CONTINGENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES

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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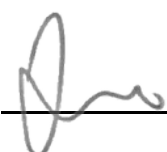
**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors of the company declare that:

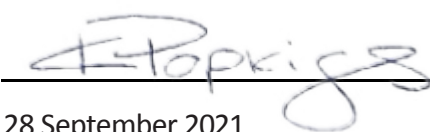
1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001; and:
  - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial positions as at 30 June 2021 and of the performance, as represented by the results of its operations 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:**          28 September 2021

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**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 2021 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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*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 2021, 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).



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

**Dated:** 28 September 2021





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