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IPC **News**

September 26

President's report

Dr Sally Havers

Hi everyone and welcome to the September edition of IPC News.



I'm writing to you from Leeds in the UK, where I've been at the Infection Prevention Society 2026 Conference. It's been a fantastic few days of hearing the latest research and catching up with colleagues from this part of the world. For me, the standout session was Professor Jennie Wilson's Ayliffe Lecture, The art and science of infection prevention and control. Professor Wilson is the first nurse in its history to deliver this lecture, and it felt like a real moment for those attending. It recognised something we all know – that IPC is a specialist field, and nurses are at the heart of both its science and its practice. Jennie challenged us to critically consider both the science and the practices, reminding us that turning evidence into guidance that clinicians understand and use at the bedside is a specialist skill in its own right.

That idea of turning evidence into everyday practice is exactly what our own ACIPC 2026 International Conference is all about. This year's theme is From Knowledge to Action: Delivering Impact in Infection Prevention and Control, and we'll be on the Gold Coast and online from 8 to 11 November. Across Australasia, IPC nurses do this work every day. You interpret the science, adapt it to your setting, and help clinicians make it part of fundamental care. The conference is our chance to celebrate that expertise and keep building the evidence behind it. I'm also delighted that Associate Professor Andrew Stewardson will deliver this year's ACIPC Lecture, Evidence for Action: A Vision for an Australasian Infection Prevention Clinical Trials Network. I have no doubt it will be a highlight. If you haven't registered yet, early bird rates close on 9 October, so don't leave it too late! You'll find everything you need about the lecture, the program and registration on pages 5 to 11.

Please also consider nominating a deserving colleague, or yourself, for a conference award. Details are at <https://www.acipc.org.au/awards-scholarship/conference-awards/>

Back home, the National HAI Surveillance Research Project has moved into Round 2, and we'd love your input on Survey 2: National HAI Prioritisation, Definitions and Minimum Dataset. You'll be asked to rate each candidate healthcare-associated infection (HAI) against the five priority criteria identified in Survey 1. You'll then tell us which surveillance definition you currently use for each HAI, how well it works for you, and what you'd change. Your answers will directly shape a national definition and the future of HAI surveillance in Australia, so please take part and encourage your colleagues to do the same. You'll find all the details on page 13.

And finally, IPC Week is just around the corner! This year's theme is Generation of Infection Prevention, with the tagline Past. Present. Protected. It's a lovely chance to look back on how far our profession has come and look ahead to where we're going next. We've put together a collection of games, puzzles and resources for you to print and use with your teams, so have fun with it, spread the word, and enjoy connecting with your networks throughout the week.

As always, thank you for all you do and the difference you make to our patients and our profession every day!

Warm regards,

Sally Havers

President, ACIPC



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Credentiailling

The ACIPC Board of Directors would like to congratulate the following members who have received credentialling this month:

Credentiailled: Ann Borg

Re-Credentiailled: Petra Bookall

Advanced Credentialling: Jemma Shirra -Gibb

Advanced Credentialling: Monina Hernandez

Advanced Re-Credentialling: Susan Oliver

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2026 International Conference

From Knowledge to Action

DELIVERING IMPACT IN INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

8 - 11 November 2026

Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre
Queensland & Online

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OCTOBER**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Organising Committee, it gives us great pleasure to invite you to attend the 2026 ACIPC International Conference. Sunday 8 - Wednesday 11 November 2026, Gold Coast, Queensland and Online.

The 2026 conference theme, From Knowledge to Action: Delivering Impact in Infection Prevention and Control, will explore how evidence and expertise can be translated into meaningful outcomes across healthcare settings.

By attending the conference, you will learn from national and international experts, network with like-minded professionals, and meet with Australasia's largest collection of IPC industry suppliers.

We encourage delegates travelling to the Gold Coast to extend their trip either side of the conference, so you can visit the many wonderful sights and attractions the city and Queensland have to offer.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Sally Havers

President, Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control

Jessica Schults & Ursula Howarth

Co-Chairs, Scientific Conference Organising Committee

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The 2026 Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) International Conference program is now live. Four days of connection, learning, and innovation will take place at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre and online from 8 to 11 November 2026.

This year's theme, From Knowledge to Action: Delivering Impact in Infection Prevention & Control, will explore how evidence and expertise can be translated into meaningful outcomes across healthcare settings.

Featuring a line-up of leading national and international speakers, the program will bring together the latest research, practical insights, and emerging innovations shaping the future of infection prevention and control.

Discover a program featuring:

- Inspiring presentations from infection prevention and control leaders and experts.
- Cutting-edge research and evidence-based practice.
- Practical strategies you can apply in your workplace.
- Workshops, networking opportunities, and an extensive industry exhibition.

Workshop and breakfast session tickets can be added when registering for the conference.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr Zhao Li

Technical Officer, World Health Organization

Dr Zhao Li is the Technical Officer and Regional Focal Point for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO), within the Division of Health Systems and Services (DHS), leading regional initiatives on IPC and healthcare-associated infection (HAI) surveillance across 38 Member States and Areas.

With over 15 years of combined clinical and public health experience in IPC, maternal and child health, data and surveillance, she has demonstrated expertise in translating evidence into practice through implementation science and health systems strengthening tailored to country contexts and needs. She leads the development and implementation of the Regional Action Plan for IPC in the Western Pacific Region (2025-2030), aligned with the WHO Global IPC Strategy (2024-2030), supporting countries through policy development, regional capacity building, data-informed decision-making, and technical partnerships with Ministries of Health, academic institutions, and WHO Collaborating Centres.

She holds a medical degree and has undertaken professional training in IPC through IPAC Canada and Queen's University. She also holds the Associate – Infection Prevention and Control (a-IPC™) credential from the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC). She is currently a DrPH Candidate in Implementation Science at Johns Hopkins University, with doctoral research focused on the implementation and improvement of HAI surveillance systems in low- and middle-income countries.



Professor Niccolò Buetti

Infectious Diseases Physician, Infection Control Program and WHO Collaborating Centre, Geneva University Hospitals

Professor Niccolò Buetti is an infectious diseases physician specialising in infection prevention and clinical epidemiology. He trained at the University of Zurich and holds an MSc and PhD in clinical epidemiology from Paris. He currently works at the Infection Control Programme and WHO Collaborating Centre at Geneva University Hospitals. His research focuses on the epidemiology, prevention, surveillance, and management of bloodstream and intravascular catheter-related infections. Since 2021, he has led Switzerland's national catheter infection surveillance programme. He received the 2020 ESCMID Young Investigator Award and contributed to SHEA/IDSA practice recommendations and WHO guidelines on preventing intravascular catheter-associated infections.

INVITED SPEAKERS



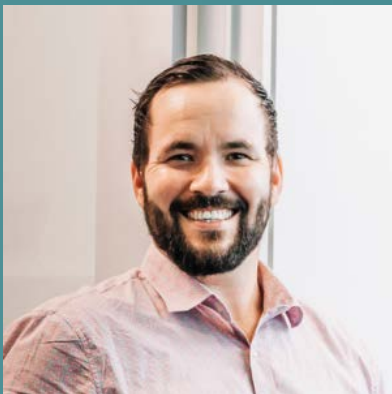
Yana Albrey

Senior Nurse Advisor, Infection Prevention, NT Health

Yana Albrey has over 13 years of nursing expertise and is a credentialled infection control practitioner. As the Senior Nurse Advisor Infection Prevention, she provides strategic leadership and guidance in the development, implementation, and evaluation of infection prevention programs across NT Health.

With a career that has traversed multiple states, her journey includes pivotal infection control roles at Fiona Stanley and Fremantle Hospitals and most recently as the Nurse Manager of the Infection Prevention Unit at Royal Darwin and Palmerston Hospitals.

During the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, her leadership proved indispensable. In her role, Yana not only led with resilience but also ensured the provision of ongoing operational support to infection control staff spread across the NT. She is dedicated to providing a culturally sensitive infection control service, catering to the diverse healthcare consumers of the Territory.



Dr Andrew Goodman

Research Scientist, CSIRO

Dr Andrew Goodman is a Research Scientist at CSIRO's digital health program, leading digital health initiatives establishing an evidence base for technology in healthcare specific to the interests and needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. He is leading a program of work at CSIRO building an evidence base to catalyse a more inclusive AI development and governance ecosystem, providing the first evidence base of how AI could be responsibly used to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

ACIPC LECTURE

Each year, the ACIPC Board invites an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of infection prevention and control to present the ACIPC Lecture at our ACIPC International Conference.



On behalf of the Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to announce Associate Professor Andrew Stewardson will present the ACIPC Lecture at our 2026 conference on the Gold Coast. The ACIPC Lecture is scheduled from 1:40 pm to 2:10 pm AEST on Tuesday 10 November 2026 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensland.

Dr Sally Havers – President

Evidence for Action: Vision for an Australasian Infection Prevention Clinical Trials Network

The twin threats of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) place an enormous burden on the health- and aged-care systems in our region and globally. According to WHO, infection prevention is a ‘best buy’ approach to tackle these patient safety threats. But long-standing underinvestment in infection prevention research means that the evidence available to inform HAI and AMR prevention guidelines is of low certainty. In other clinical domains, clinical trials networks have been highly successful in generating evidence to influence clinical guidelines and change practice. What if we worked together to establish a multidisciplinary infection prevention clinical trials network? Such a network could bring together clinicians, researchers, consumers, and policy makers to perform multicentre clinical trials that answer key infection prevention questions, and to advocate for rapid translation of this evidence to policy and practice, to keep hospital patients, aged-care residents, and healthcare workers safe from preventable HAIs.

Associate Professor Stewardson is an Infectious Diseases Physician clinician-researcher, with joint appointment at Monash University and Bayside Health (Alfred Care Group) as Associate Professor and Director, Infection Prevention and Healthcare Epidemiology. He is co-lead for ‘Transmission and Control of AMR in Healthcare’ at the Monash University Centre to Impact AMR. His research focuses on the impact, transmission, and control of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance in both high-income and resource-limited settings. Associate Professor Stewardson’s past roles include National Project Manager at Hand Hygiene Australia (2014–2017), Chair of the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases Healthcare Infection Control Special Interest Group (2017–2022) and Editor-in-Chief of *Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control* (2023–2026).

CONFERENCE AWARDS NOW OPEN

The ACIPC 2026 Conference Awards are now open. These awards recognise the outstanding contributions of ACIPC members across a range of areas.

ACIPC Impact Award

The ACIPC Impact Award is given to an individual or team that has demonstrated significant impact in the field of IPC that contributes to measurably preventing infections or reducing the risk of infection in the community.

ACIPC Facilitator Award

The ACIPC Facilitator Award is given to an ACIPC education facilitator who has demonstrated student engagement, impact, and leadership in education. This award also acknowledges the recipient's contribution to the design and delivery of innovative IPC curricula, which are inclusive and meet the needs of diverse learners.

ACIPC Novice ICP of the Year Award

The Novice ICP of the Year award aims to identify ICPs who are commencing their Infection Prevention and Control journey and encourage them to be the future leaders of the profession.

ACIPC Mentor of the Year Award

The ACIPC Mentoring program aims to contribute to the future of IPC professionals by pairing mentees with suitable mentors across all fields in a professional relationship of growth and development.

The Mentor of the Year Award is open to members of the College who participated in the 2025 Mentoring Program.

ACIPC Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a member of ACIPC who has demonstrated consistent outstanding commitment to the college and the profession of Infection Prevention and Control.

[For more information about the awards and to submit a nomination, click here.](#)

Closing date: 9:00 am AEDT on Monday, 12 October 2026

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Notice of 2026 Annual General Meeting

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd
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Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 2026, commencing at 5:15 pm (AEST) at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. The meeting will be streamed on Zoom, and Members will be sent registration details prior to the meeting.

On the website you can read:

- the agenda
- the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- the proxy appointment form

Link to the website: <https://www.acipc.org.au/agm/>

At the AGM, members will have the opportunity to:

- find out about the College's operations and finances
- ask questions about the College's operations and finances
- speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed

At the meeting members will be asked to vote on resolutions to:

- accept the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- accept the annual report
- accept the auditor's report and annual financial statements
- appoint an auditor
- appoint Directors

Appointment of Directors

Eligible members are invited to nominate by 9:00 am AEDT on Monday, 12 October 2026.

Regards,

Sally Havers

President, ACIPC



— HAVE YOUR SAY

National HAI Surveillance Consensus Study

Survey 2: National HAI Prioritisation, Definitions and Minimum Dataset

Survey 2 asks participants to rate each candidate healthcare-associated infection (HAI) against the five priority criteria identified in Survey 1 to determine its overall priority for national surveillance. We then seek to identify the surveillance definition currently used in practice for each HAI, assessing the acceptability of this definition and recommend amendments to inform a national definition.

WHY PARTICIPATE

- Contribute to national discussions on HAI surveillance
- HAI surveillance affects many clinical specialties
- Surveillance priorities influence quality improvement and patient safety
- Broad clinical input ensures approaches reflect contemporary practice
- Specialty-specific perspectives must be represented nationally

We are seeking submissions from healthcare professionals working across diverse specialties and healthcare settings in Australia.



SURVEY

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Scan the QR code or click the link to complete the survey.

Generations of Infection Prevention.

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL WEEK

18-24 October 2026



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IPC Week in 2026 will be celebrated from 18-24 October and aims to shine a light on infection prevention and control, and the crucial role IPC professionals play in keeping the public safe and healthy.

This year's theme is 'Generations of Infection Prevention.'

Throughout IPC Week we will be focusing on the main themes: Past, Present, and Protected. We have some great resources planned to help you and your team celebrate IPC Week, including:

- IPC Week posters for you to print out and display
- A fun IPC-themed word find and crossword puzzle to challenge your IPC knowledge
- 'Pin the PPE on the Infection' game
- Colouring pages to print out and share
- An IPC Fact Sheet with some background on IPC past and present
- Cupcake flags to print out and add to your team's morning or afternoon tea offerings
- Email signature banner, and Zoom/Teams background
- A 'Wordle a Day' with an IPC theme

We'll be running a photo competition again this year, with the lucky winner receiving a custom-engraved trophy and an ACIPC show bag.

[Take a look at our IPC Week webpage here](#)



Learn & dine with



Dr. John Hines

Beyond Compliance: What Really Drives Effective Hand Hygiene Programmes?

Balancing efficacy, human factors, workflow and organisational outcomes in hand hygiene decision-making.

Join fellow IPC professionals for an evening of practical insights, peer discussion and networking.



8th November
2026



6:30 pm –
10:00 pm



Kurrawa Surf Club,
Broadbeach
QLD 4218



Dinner
Included

Click or Scan to RSVP



Places are limited.
Registration essential.

What We'll Explore



Compliance vs effectiveness



Human behaviour & product acceptance



Workflow realities in healthcare



Practical decision-making frameworks



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Supporting evidence-based discussions on
hand hygiene programme effectiveness.

Learn. Share. Connect.

Together, we drive better
infection prevention outcomes.

MEMBER PROFILE

Biny Mathews

This month we spoke with Biny Mathews, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney.



Tell us a bit about yourself – what led you to a career in IPC?

I have been a nurse for over 22 years, with much of my career spent caring for highly vulnerable patients in renal transplantation, haematology, and bone marrow transplantation. Early in my career, I worked in the Renal and Pancreas Transplant Unit at Beaumont Hospital in Dublin before moving to Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney, where I spent over a decade as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Clinical Nurse Educator in Haematology and Bone Marrow Transplant.

Working with immunocompromised patients gave me an appreciation of how critical infection prevention is to patient outcomes. During my time in haematology, I became a resource nurse for infection prevention and developed a strong interest in evidence-based practice, education, and quality improvement.

In 2021, I joined Infection Prevention and Control as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. Since then, I have worked across the entire hospital, leading infection prevention initiatives, outbreak responses, surveillance programs, education, governance activities, construction reviews, and environmental risk assessments. Now, I lead the IPC service as CNC3, providing strategic leadership aligned with NSQHS Standard 3.

What do you love about IPC?

What I love most about IPC is that it combines science, patient safety, education, leadership, and problem-solving. Every day brings something different, whether it is investigating an outbreak, reviewing a refurbishment project, improving hand hygiene compliance, or helping teams reduce healthcare-associated infections.

I am particularly passionate about protecting vulnerable patients. My background in transplant and haematology has shaped my understanding of the impact infections can have on those with compromised immune systems, and that influences my approach to IPC today.

I also enjoy the collaborative nature of the specialty. Effective infection prevention requires partnership with clinicians, microbiologists, engineers, environmental services, executives, and public health teams. One of the most rewarding aspects of my role is bringing people together to find practical solutions that improve patient care and safety.

What would you say to someone considering a career in IPC?

I would encourage them to take the opportunity.

IPC is a fascinating specialty that offers tremendous variety and lifelong learning. It combines clinical nursing knowledge with epidemiology, microbiology, quality improvement, education, leadership, and data analysis. No two days are ever the same.

My advice would be to stay curious and never stop learning. IPC is not just about policies and audits; it is about understanding clinical practice, building relationships, influencing change, and helping people make safer decisions. Strong communication and collaboration skills are just as important as technical knowledge.

I have also found the IPC community to be incredibly supportive. Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to learn from experienced colleagues and mentors who have generously shared their knowledge and expertise.

What do you think are the biggest challenges IPC currently faces?

One of the biggest challenges is balancing emerging infectious threats with ongoing priorities such as healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance. Healthcare is becoming increasingly complex, and IPC teams must remain agile and responsive while maintaining focus on core patient safety activities.

Another is the expanding scope of the specialty. IPC professionals are now involved in construction and redevelopment, water safety, environmental management, sustainability initiatives, and healthcare design. These responsibilities require collaboration across many different disciplines and stakeholder groups.

Finally, translating evidence into sustainable practice change remains an ongoing challenge. Success depends on engaging staff, building trust, and creating a culture where infection prevention is everyone's responsibility.

How do you like to relax after a busy week?

Outside of work, I enjoy maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle. You will often find me at the gym or exploring new ways to stay active. I am also interested in fashion and makeup, which gives me an opportunity to express my creative side.

I am a strong believer in healthy eating and most importantly, I love spending time with family and friends. After a busy week, there is nothing better than socialising with good company, sharing great food, and enjoying a cocktail or two while catching up and having a laugh!



**APSIC
ENVIRONMENT HYGIENE
EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Be Recognised. Save Lives.

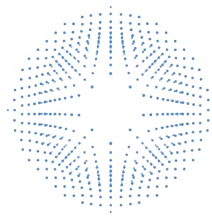
The Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control (APSIC) Environment Hygiene Excellence Award has been established as a regional platform to identify, recognise, honour, and celebrate hospitals and healthcare teams that demonstrate excellence in advancing environmental hygiene and patient safety.

Environment Hygiene Excellence Award acknowledges institutions for their meaningful contributions through:



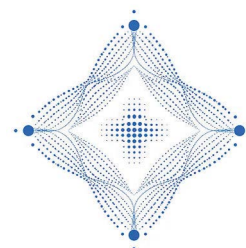
Commitment to IPC

Demonstrate unwavering dedication to infection prevention and control practices.



Innovative Practices

Develop and implement novel approaches to environmental hygiene that improve patient outcomes.



Quality of Care

Excellence in environmental hygiene directly translates to measurable improvements.

Register Your Interest

Registration deadline – 31 October 2026



Lunch and Learn Webinar



with Alissia Reid

The Evolution of Infection Prevention: Past. Present. Protected.

14 OCTOBER 2026

12PM AEDT



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Description:

Infection prevention has changed dramatically over the generations — but has our purpose really changed?

This presentation will take attendees on a journey from the early pioneers of infection prevention and the emergence of the first Infection Control Practitioners, through the development of the evidence, systems and practices that underpin our profession today.

Moving into the present, the presentation will explore the increasingly diverse and often unseen work of modern Infection Prevention and Control Practitioners. Beyond hand hygiene, PPE and outbreak management, IPC now influences areas including environmental safety, vaccine cold chain management, water and air safety, healthcare design and construction, furniture and equipment selection, occupational exposures, auditing and workforce protection.

Looking to the future, the presentation will consider the challenges facing the next generation of ICPs, including emerging infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, vaccine hesitancy, sustainability, changing healthcare environments and increasing financial pressures. It will also explore an equally important challenge: how we protect and strengthen the infection prevention profession itself.

Attendees will be encouraged to consider the importance of continuing education, credentialing, mentoring and succession planning, as well as the interpersonal skills and credible relationships that enable ICPs to influence practice in an increasingly mobile healthcare workforce.

By looking at where we have come from, what we do today and what lies ahead, this presentation celebrates the generations of Infection Prevention Practitioners who have shaped our profession — and challenges us to consider what we will leave for those who follow. Different times. Different threats. Same purpose. The practice has changed. The practice will continue to change. Our purpose won't.

About the presenter:

Alissia Reid is an Infection Control Clinical Nurse with Gold Coast Health, with more than 20 years of nursing experience and over 11 years working in infection prevention and control. She holds a Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention and Control and is an ACIPC Advanced Credentialed Infection Control Professional.

Throughout her career, Alissia has worked across a range of clinical, education and leadership roles, including acting Clinical Nurse Consultant and Clinical Facilitator. She has a particular passion for education, mentoring and supporting healthcare workers to translate infection prevention principles into everyday clinical practice.

Alissia is also an active member of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) and serves on its Membership and Engagement Committee. She is passionate about the evolution of infection prevention and the important role infection prevention professionals play in protecting patients, healthcare workers and the wider community.

Empower environmental services (EVS) staff

Make safer care possible



Why hygiene matters

A microbiologically safe healthcare environment is essential for preventing healthcare associated infections (HAIs).



10-30%

of multidrug resistant organisms are transmitted through the healthcare environment.

Effective environmental hygiene is therefore essential for infection prevention and high quality patient care.



EVS WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Yet they are often:



Underfunded and understaffed



Without adequate resources and support



Undertrained



Poorly compensated



Under recognised



Affected by high turnover and low job satisfaction



Working under high pressure

**EVS is not 'just housekeeping'.
EVS workers help make safe care possible.**



EMPOWERMENT MATTERS

Research across healthcare shows that empowerment can improve quality of work, job satisfaction, retention, performance, productivity, and patient care.



Structural Empowerment

Creating the conditions for success

- Information**
 - Proper environmental hygiene procedures
 - Access to documentation and workplace reminders
- Resources**
 - Proper products and equipment
 - Adequate staffing levels
 - Sufficient time to complete tasks
- Support**
 - Help from supervisors and team members
 - Constructive feedback
- Opportunities**
 - Access to training and education
 - Certification programmes
 - Opportunities for career advancement
- Formal and informal power**
 - Integration with the medical team
 - Ability to participate in decision making



Psychological Empowerment

Building confidence and purpose

- Meaning**
 - Personal identity as someone who contributes to patient safety
 - Belonging to the wider healthcare team
- Competence**
 - Confidence that knowledge is sufficient to perform well in routine and outbreak situations
- Self determination**
 - Trusted to work independently
 - Confidence to signal when issues arise and to alert managers when appropriate
- Impact**
 - Identity as part of the team that saves lives
 - Understanding that their work is crucial for patient safety and hospital operations

EMPOWERED
PEOPLE
CLEANER PLACES
SAFER PATIENTS



WHAT CAN HEALTHCARE LEADERS DO?



Provide appropriate training



Ensure adequate resources and materials



Provide information and support



Create opportunities for development



Recognise EVS as essential frontline healthcare workers



Involve EVS in infection prevention



Value their expertise and contribution

Celebrate Clean Hospitals Day on October 20th

The 2026 promotional toolkit includes seven posters in 22 languages.
Healthcare environmental hygiene is the foundation of safe care.



Aged Care IPC Webinar Series

Infection Prevention in Community Nursing

14 OCTOBER 2026
2PM AEDT



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with Carrie Spinks &
guest speakers Casey Cook
& Geraldine Freriks



Topic: Infection Prevention in Community Nursing: Practical Strategies for Safe Care in the Home Environment

Presenter: Carrie Spinks

Guest Speakers : Casey Cook and Geraldine Freriks

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Delivering healthcare in the home presents unique infection prevention and control (IPC) challenges that differ significantly from acute care settings.

This webinar will be a “write your own focus theme.” We will have case studies to discuss and show the complexities that community nurses must adapt evidence-based practices to environments with limited clinical infrastructure while ensuring compliance with the Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare (NHMRC), the Aged Care IPC Guide, the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, and relevant state EPA waste management regulations.

This webinar will explore practical IPC strategies for managing infectious risks in home settings, including respiratory, gastro and skin/wound and the care of immunocompromised clients. It will examine the application of standard and transmission-based precautions within domestic environments, highlighting risk assessment prior to visits, appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), environmental cleaning considerations, and management of reusable equipment.

The session will also address safe clinical waste management in accordance with EPA requirements, including sharps disposal, segregation of clinical waste, and education of clients and families regarding safe practices in the home. Staff safety will be a key focus, including occupational health surveillance, vaccination, exposure management, and preparedness for unexpected precaution requirements during home visits.

We will cover as many of these case studies as possible in the webinar with our focus being on what you want to hear.

Our speakers will be Casey Cook and Geraldine Freriks. Casey Cook is a Nurse Unit Manager with 20 years of nursing experience across community, acute, and complex care settings. She leads the District Nursing and Continuing & Complex Care teams, focusing on delivering safe, person-centred care and strengthening community care pathways in a regional setting. Casey is currently completing postgraduate studies in Nursing Leadership and Informatics, enhancing her skills in digital health and contemporary clinical leadership.

Geraldine Freriks is the Infection Prevention and Control Nurse Unit Manager at West Gippsland Healthcare Group. West Gippsland Healthcare Group has acute care, community care and two aged care facilities. A dedicated nurse since 1987, she has worked across various specialties, primarily Oncology, Haematology, and Palliative Care, holding coordinating roles at St Vincent's, Dandenong, Box Hill Hospital and West Gippsland Healthcare Group. In 2016, Geraldine transitioned into Infection Prevention and Control, contributing significantly to the sepsis project at West Gippsland Healthcare Group. Over recent years, she has played a key role in the Warragul COVID-19 response and worked at the Public Health Unit. Passionate about infection prevention, she is committed to education, reducing antimicrobial resistance and improving patient outcomes. Geraldine has completed studies in Oncology, Haematology, Palliative Care, Management, and Infection Control.

Missed an ACIPC Aged Care webinar?

[You can watch recordings of the entire series here.](#)

AGED CARE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

NEW AGED CARE IPC TRAINING HUB

The ACIPC Aged Care IPC Training Hub is a new addition to the Aged Care Community of Practice, offering ready-made, high-quality teaching content to streamline IPC education across the sector.

Our latest bundles are: Gloving Practices; and Reprocessing of Reusable Equipment.

**VISIT THE
TRAINING
HUB**

If you are after even more resources, you can visit our one-stop shop, IPC Resources for Australasian Aged Care to find a range of resources and links across a wide variety of aged care-related topics. We also have Aged Care IPC Templates and Tools for you to use in the workplace, generously donated by IPC experts from a range of aged care providers. And don't forget our aged care-specific online forum, Aged Care Connexion, where you can share ideas, seek advice from peers, and benefit from the experience of other peers. All of our aged care offerings are free and available for you to access right now.

Aged care – we have you covered!



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GOARN REGIONAL PARTNERS MEETING FOR THE WHO WESTERN PACIFIC REGION AND GOARN ORIENTATION



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ACIPC continued its active role in the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) this month, with Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman representing the College at two regional events hosted in Seoul by the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA).

As a GOARN partner, ACIPC helps ensure infection prevention and control remains part of emergency workforce planning alongside disciplines such as epidemiology, laboratory and risk communication.

On 8 September, Dr Zimmerman co-facilitated the full-day GOARN Orientation, which prepares potential deployees for international assistance. Topics included GOARN's principles and structure, deployee responsibilities, field-appropriate interventions and personal wellbeing.

The Western Pacific Regional Partners Meeting followed on 9-10 September, bringing together more than 100 health emergency experts from 56 institutions across 21 countries. Dr Zimmerman moderated the session Emergency Workforce Development Initiatives in the Region, with presentations from WHO WPRO, the PHOENIX programme, the Pacific Community and the University of Newcastle.

Discussion focused on moving beyond standalone training towards sustained workforce systems and readiness between emergencies.

She also co-presented with Dr Basel Karo of the Robert Koch Institute's WHO Collaborating Centre for GOARN on practical partner-to-partner pathways for regional readiness.

Participants mapped technical expertise across the region and identified priority gaps, including water, sanitation and hygiene, biological emergencies, nuclear and radiological emergencies, and critical infrastructure resilience.

The visit strengthened ACIPC's relationships with WHO WPRO, KDCA, the Robert Koch Institute and other regional partners, supporting opportunities for members in GOARN training, deployment preparation, operational research and regional working groups.

Members can benefit directly at the ACIPC International Conference in November, where the College will work with regional IPC partners to deliver an Orientation to International Outbreak Response pre-conference workshop.

[Further details are available in the conference program.](#)

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OCTOBER 2026 MEETING



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You are warmly invited to attend the first One Health Special Interest Group (OH SIG) meeting on Wednesday, 14 October 2026 at 2:00 pm AEDT.

This is a free event open to ACIPC members offered online via Microsoft Teams.

Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2026 at 2:00 pm AEDT

Location: Online, Teams

Event Description:

The One Health IPC SIG is committed to promoting collaboration and shared understanding between IPC professionals working across the healthcare continuum (i.e. public health, pre-hospital, community, dental and office-based care). Through exploring the diverse IPC challenges, experiences, and perspectives encountered across different sectors, the SIG seeks to foster stronger partnerships and advance a more connected, One Health approach to infection prevention and control.

This event will provide a collaborative platform for you to connect with colleagues from across sectors, establish meaningful professional networks, and contribute to discussions that will shape the future direction of the SIG. We kindly invite you to join us and help guide the direction of this emerging SIG.

As this is the first meeting – we are keen to hear from attendees what they are looking to gain from this SIG.

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RRR SIG

JULY 2026 SIG MEETING

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The ACIPC Rural, Regional and Remote (RRR) Special Interest Group (SIG) continues to foster collaboration, professional development, and networking opportunities for infection prevention and control professionals working across rural, regional, and remote healthcare settings.



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In July 2026, the RRR SIG was pleased to host Dr Tonia Marquardt, who delivered an insightful and highly informative presentation on the emerging risk of toxigenic diphtheria in Australia. The session highlighted the evolving epidemiology of the disease, with particular emphasis on the increasing public health challenges being experienced in rural and remote communities across the Northern Territory and Western Australia. Dr Marquardt provided valuable perspectives on disease prevention, early recognition, outbreak preparedness, and the important role of infection prevention and control practitioners in supporting local responses within resource-constrained settings.

To further strengthen member engagement, the RRR SIG has recently established a dedicated Microsoft Teams collaboration page. This platform provides a space for members to connect, share resources, discuss emerging infection prevention and control issues, seek peer advice, and collaborate on initiatives relevant to rural and remote practice. We encourage members to make use of the platform by introducing themselves, sharing their experiences, and contributing to discussions. The diversity of practice environments represented within the SIG provides a unique opportunity for members to learn from one another and build valuable professional networks.

If you are interested in joining the RRR SIG or accessing the Teams collaboration page, please contact Maggie Di Giacomo, RRR SIG Convenor, or reach out to the ACIPC Office for further information.

The RRR SIG looks forward to continuing to support members through education, networking, and the sharing of practical solutions to the unique challenges faced across rural, regional, and remote Australia.

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BUG OF THE MONTH

Aspergillus

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What is Aspergillus?

Aspergillus is a group of filamentous fungi found in soil, dust, decaying plant matter, air, building materials and damp environments. ^(1,2) Most people inhale Aspergillus spores without developing disease. ⁽²⁾ Disease occurs mainly in people with weakened immune systems or underlying lung disease. ⁽¹⁾

Aspergillus fumigatus is the most common cause of human disease, but species within the A. flavus, A. niger and A. terreus complexes also cause infection. ^(1,3) The World Health Organization (WHO) classifies A. fumigatus as a critical-priority fungal pathogen because of severe invasive disease and emerging antifungal resistance. ⁽⁴⁾

National and international perspective

Modelled global estimates suggest about 6.5 million invasive fungal infections and 3.8 million deaths each year, of which about 2.5 million deaths are directly attributable to fungal disease. Over 2.1 million people are estimated to develop invasive aspergillosis annually in the context of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), intensive care, lung cancer or haematological malignancy. These estimates are imprecise because of gaps in country-level surveillance data. ⁽⁵⁾

In Australia and New Zealand, a 2017–2020 multicentre study of 221 adults with invasive aspergillosis reported 90-day all-cause mortality of 30.3%, and 6.5% of the A. fumigatus sensu stricto isolates tested were azole-resistant. ⁽³⁾ Azole resistance appears uncommon in Australia, but susceptibility testing

of clinical A. fumigatus complex isolates is recommended. ⁽⁶⁾ The Sixth Australian report on antimicrobial use and resistance in human health (AURA) identifies fungal resistance to antifungals as an emerging public health concern. ⁽⁷⁾

Epidemiology

Risk is greatest in people with prolonged neutropenia, haematological malignancy, haematopoietic stem-cell or solid-organ transplantation, and high-dose corticosteroid or other immunosuppressive therapy. (1) Chronic lung disease such as COPD, critical illness in intensive care, and severe viral infections including influenza and COVID-19 are also recognised risk settings. ^(3,5) Invasive aspergillosis without any recognised risk factor is uncommon. ⁽²⁾ However, about 12% of patients in the Australian and New Zealand study had mild or no immunosuppression. ⁽³⁾

Healthcare-associated infection is sporadic and is associated with dust exposure during building renovation or construction. ⁽¹⁾ Demolition, construction and maintenance activities, and mould in the built environment (including HVAC systems), can increase airborne spore counts. Moisture is a key driver of mould growth. ⁽²⁾ Current NSW guidance emphasises building inspection, moisture control, environmental cleaning, HVAC maintenance and construction risk management. ⁽²⁾



Aspergillus species and forms of disease

Disease ranges from allergic and chronic pulmonary conditions to invasive infection:

- Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA): mainly affects people with asthma, cystic fibrosis or other underlying lung disease. ^(1,8)
- Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis: may occur with underlying structural lung disease. ⁽⁸⁾
- Aspergilloma: a fungal ball developing within a pre-existing lung cavity. ^(1,8)
- Invasive aspergillosis (IA): occurs mainly in people who are significantly immunocompromised, most often affecting the lungs but potentially spreading to the brain, skin, bones and other organs. ⁽¹⁾ It is increasingly recognised in people with mild or no immunosuppression. ⁽³⁾

How is Aspergillus spread?

Aspergillus is acquired by inhaling airborne spores. Infection is not contagious and does not spread from person to person. ^(1,2)

In healthcare environments, airborne exposure increases during construction, demolition, renovation or maintenance, particularly where dust, damaged building materials, water intrusion, dampness or compromised HVAC systems are present. ^(1,2)

Signs and symptoms

Clinical presentation depends on the form of disease and underlying risk.

- Invasive aspergillosis: fever, cough and chest pain, with shortness of breath and haemoptysis also occurring. Disseminated disease may involve the brain, skin or bones. ^(1,8)
- Chronic pulmonary disease/aspergilloma: chronic cough, fatigue, weight loss, breathlessness and haemoptysis. ⁽⁸⁾
- ABPA: wheeze, cough, breathlessness and worsening asthma or cystic fibrosis. ⁽⁸⁾

Diagnosis

Diagnosis requires assessment of clinical risk, symptoms, imaging and laboratory findings. Investigations include microscopy, histopathology, culture, galactomannan, β -D-glucan and molecular testing (PCR), alongside CT imaging and respiratory specimens. ^(1,6,8) Culture and histology remain central to diagnosis, and non-culture biomarker tests are most useful when combined. ⁽⁶⁾ High-risk patients with suspected invasive aspergillosis need early investigation because of the disease's high mortality. ^(2,6)

Australian guidelines recommend susceptibility testing of clinical *A. fumigatus* complex isolates. ⁽⁶⁾

European guidelines recommend identifying clinically relevant isolates to species-complex level, with susceptibility testing in invasive disease where surveillance has found resistance. ⁽⁸⁾

WHO has mapped commercially available and pipeline fungal diagnostics, including antifungal susceptibility testing, and identified gaps and research priorities. ⁽⁹⁾

Prevention

Prevention focuses on reducing environmental exposure and protecting people at greatest risk. Because aspergillosis is not spread from person to person, prevention relies on environmental control and protection of at-risk patients rather than isolation of infected patients. ⁽²⁾

- Inspect and maintain buildings, HVAC systems, filters and HEPA-filtered areas on an agreed schedule, following manufacturers' instructions. ⁽²⁾
- Promptly identify and remediate water leaks, dampness and visible mould, with escalation for mould in HVAC systems. ⁽²⁾
- Undertake an infection prevention and control risk assessment before construction, demolition or renovation. Include a review of air filtration and supply to high-risk areas, and control dust, stagnant water and damp areas. ⁽²⁾
- Where possible, provide HEPA-filtered, positive-pressure wards or beds for patients at highest risk. ⁽²⁾
- Assess risk and relocate high-risk patients where required. Where a patient at highest risk must be transported near construction, a mask or respirator may be used if tolerated. ⁽²⁾
- Identify patients who would benefit from antifungal prophylaxis, and educate patients and families about infection risk, including mould. ⁽²⁾
- Conduct at least passive surveillance for proven and probable invasive

aspergillosis in units caring for high-risk patients. ⁽²⁾

- Routine environmental air sampling is not generally useful. Targeted sampling, for example when an uncommon *Aspergillus* species is found in clinical specimens, should follow consultation with infection prevention and control, infectious diseases and microbiology. ⁽²⁾

Treatment and management

Treatment depends on the form and severity of disease.

Invasive aspergillosis requires prompt specialist management with systemic antifungal therapy, and reduction or reversal of immunosuppression where possible. ^(1,6) Voriconazole is the preferred first-line agent in Australian guidelines.

⁽⁶⁾ European guidelines list isavuconazole and voriconazole as preferred first-line options, with liposomal amphotericin B as an alternative. ⁽⁸⁾ The Infectious Diseases Society of America recommends voriconazole as primary therapy, with lipid amphotericin B formulations or isavuconazole as alternatives. ⁽¹⁰⁾ Because azole-resistant *A. fumigatus* is emerging, antifungal susceptibility testing is increasingly important. ^(1,3,6)

Allergic aspergillosis is usually treated with itraconazole or corticosteroids, and aspergilloma with surgery combined with antifungal medication. ⁽¹⁾ Chronic forms require specialist management. ⁽⁸⁾

Fungal Disease Awareness Week

The 10th annual Fungal Disease Awareness Week, run by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was held on 14–18 September 2026. Its daily themes included antifungal resistance and fungal diagnostics and therapeutics. ⁽¹¹⁾

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RCTs in Infection Prevention and Control – Are we getting the evidence that we need?

In this episode of Infection Control Matters, Martin Kiernan talks to Brett Mitchell about a new review of RCTs in IPC over the past two decades.

The review identified 239 trials, with a striking increase in recent years—but the research is concentrated in a relatively small number of areas. We also explore a much bigger issue: what happens to new evidence once it has been published? If guidelines remain unchanged while new RCTs accumulate, are we really translating research into practice?

We discuss what is driving this growth, where the important evidence gaps remain, and whether IPC guidelines are keeping pace with the emerging evidence. Could living guidelines be part of the answer?



Who Do You Listen To? The Hidden Influencers of Hand Hygiene

In this episode, Brett and Martin discuss a cluster RCT from the Journal of Hospital Infection that took a very different approach.

The researchers used social network analysis to identify the people operating room nurses naturally turned to for advice and support. Six of these informal influencers were then trained as peer champions—not as auditors or compliance police, but as positive role models who could encourage better practice through their existing relationships.

Over 12 months, hand hygiene compliance increased from 41.8% to 79.2% in the intervention group, compared with an increase from 42.6% to 59.3% with standard education. The study also reported improvements in knowledge and team climate.

But there is plenty to debate. Can we really attribute the reported reduction in surgical site infections to the intervention? And could we use the same idea to influence other IPC behaviours—perhaps getting the right people to model cleaning shared equipment, PPE use or other everyday safety behaviours?

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> **A Different Way to Kill Bacteria: Experimental Peptide Targets MDR Pathogens**

Danek M. A different way to kill bacteria: experimental peptide targets MDR pathogens [Internet]. *Infection Control Today*; 2026 Sep 1 [cited 2026 Sep 24].

> **Effectiveness of infection prevention and control interventions in reducing health-care-associated infections in long-term care facilities for older people: a systematic review**

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> **Controlling respiratory infections in long-term care facilities: A systematic review**

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> **Elements and governance of infection prevention and control programs in residential aged care homes: A scoping review**

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