

Dr Matthew Mason



Biography

Dr Matthew Mason is a Senior Lecturer in Nursing, and program coordinator at the University of the Sunshine Coast's School of Health, and a researcher with the Australian Centre for Pacific Islands Research. Matt has extensive experience including 20 years working in IPC, with clinical nursing experience in Trauma Intensive Care, Emergency, Hyperbaric Medicine, Community Nursing including men's and youth health, and Remote Area Nursing.

Matt has a growing teaching and research agenda across infection prevention and control in resource-challenged areas. His research is grounded in the provision of accessible and safe services for communities and the health staff that serve them. Matt has a professional network across the Western Pacific Region and works collaboratively to improve health care outcomes through sustained mentorship and support.

Matt's interests are in infection prevention, infectious diseases, emergency management and clinical governance. Matt is credentialed at expert level with ACIPC (since 2016), is a Technical Adviser to the WHO Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, an Executive Member (IPC lead) of the Pacific Region Infectious Disease Association and is Co-Director of the Collaborative for the Advancement of Infection Prevention and Control that supports IPC activities across the Western Pacific.

An active member of ACIPC since the inception of the College, Matt is currently a Director and chair of the Advocacy and Representation committee, and has participated in several ACIPC committees and conferences over many years including the Credentialling and Professional Standards committee (2010–2015), Education committee (2012–2015), Member Services committee (2013–2015) and the Research, Grants and Scholarships committee.

Matt is a member of the Low- and Middle-Income Special Interest Group, deputy GOARN focal point, and represented ACIPC on the Australian College of Nursing's COVID-19 Training Course Advisory Expert Group.

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Why I am seeking re-election

ACIPC has shaped my career, and over the past three years on the Board I have worked to give back. As Chair of the Advocacy and Representation Committee, I have strengthened our partnership with the Infection Prevention & Control Nurses College in New Zealand and advocated for stronger collaboration across the Pacific, so that ACIPC members and their colleagues in the region can learn from and support each other.

With 20 years in IPC across Australia and the Western Pacific, I understand how IPC works in well-resourced systems and in resource-challenged ones, and how to connect the two. Through my roles with the WHO Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, and my regional IPC work through the University of the Sunshine Coast, I can keep ACIPC visible and influential nationally and internationally.

I have also contributed to the Board's governance, strategy and finance reviews, and I understand the strategies and paths the College needs to keep growing sustainably. I believe I have the oversight and skills to keep progressing this important work for the College. I will also continue to represent and advocate for the College, our members and IPC more broadly, both nationally and internationally.

If re-elected, I will focus on three priorities:

Members outside traditional settings: Advocating for ACIPC education and resources tailored to community, remote, non-hospital settings, and consumers.

Members outside Australia: Build on our current strategies to improve member experiences for those outside of Australia.

Advocacy: continuing to represent members and the IPC profession to government, regulators and international bodies, and to position ACIPC as a trusted and preferred partner to governments and organisations regionally with a view to a more global presence.

As an educator and researcher, I am committed to helping every member reach their goals as an IPC professional.