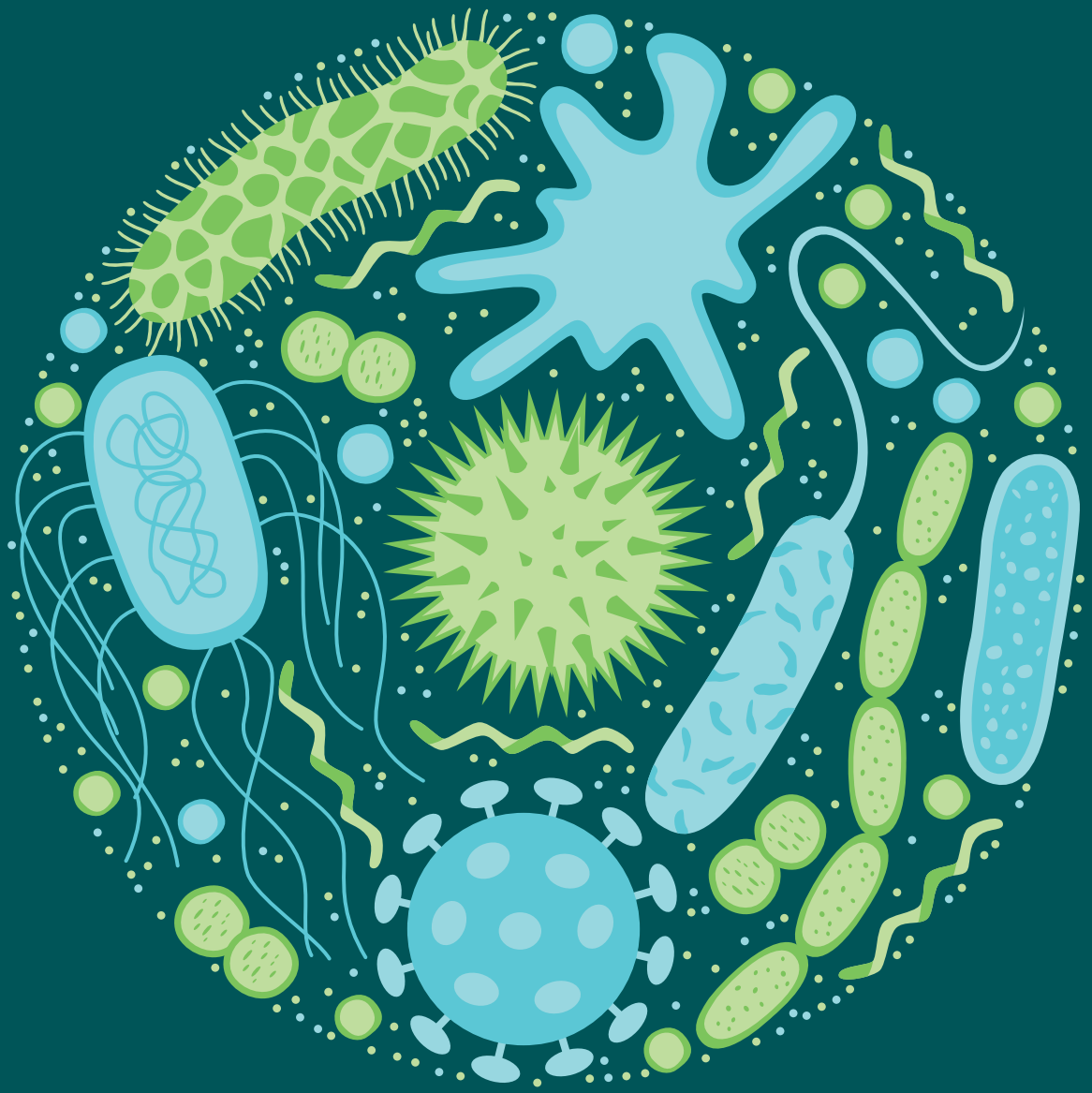
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WELCOME
2025 ACIPC GALA DINNER

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 key 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 reduce the burden of infection.

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 healthcare-associated 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 Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and are endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

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

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



President's Report



Dr Sally Havers
President
Chair, Executive Management Committee

It is my great pleasure to present the ACIPC President's Report for 2026, my first as President of the College. This has been another year that has tested our specialty. Aged care faced a difficult winter of COVID-19 outbreaks, measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases re-emerged across our region, and threats such as Nipah virus and hantavirus reminded us how quickly new risks can arise. Despite ongoing workforce pressures, infection prevention and control professionals have continued to protect consumers, colleagues and communities. On behalf of the College, thank you.

Advocacy and Representation

The Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) commenced operations on 1 January 2026. ACIPC supports its intent, and throughout the year we campaigned for IPC expertise to be embedded within its structure. More than 350 members wrote to their local MPs, and the College made a submission to the Senate inquiry recommending amendments to the proposed legislation. Our position remains clear: IPC must be recognised as a specialty within the CDC.

A significant milestone was ACIPC's formal representation on the Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA). This ensures the IPC perspective is part of national preparedness and response, and in May it allowed the College to contribute to discussions on the hantavirus outbreak. CDNA subsequently released three hantavirus guidance documents, which we shared with members.

We also advocated on issues raised by members, including writing to WorkSafe Victoria about Improvement Notices relating to alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) dispensing systems. WorkSafe Victoria has since responded, and the College is now pushing for a sector-wide ABHR risk framework. Indoor air quality remained a focus, with the College co-chairing a symposium in August 2025 with the Australian Academy of Science, the Burnet Institute, the University of Melbourne and the Victorian Healthcare Association.

In May 2026, ACIPC joined the Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA), so that IPC is represented in national work on the health impacts of climate change. Amid rising misinformation, we continued to advocate for vaccination as one of our most effective tools against serious disease.

ACIPC Oz Mega Workforce Survey

A highlight of the year was the launch of the ACIPC Oz Mega Workforce Survey, the first comprehensive survey of the Australian IPC workforce. More than 400 members took part, and the findings will inform our advocacy and our input to policy.

Credentialling Framework

The independent review of the ACIPC Credentialling Framework by Nous Group was presented to members in October 2025. Implementation planning is now complete and actions are underway.

Special Interest Groups

Our Special Interest Groups grew this year, with four new SIGs meeting for the first time: Vascular Access in December 2025, Veterinary and Rural, Remote and Regional in February 2026, and Acute Pre-Hospital in April 2026. This brings the College to nine SIGs, and a One Health SIG launches in October 2026.

One of the most significant developments of the year was the decision by the Australian Vascular Access Society (AVAS) to dissolve and bring its members and activities into ACIPC through the Vascular Access SIG in June–July 2026. I warmly welcome AVAS members to the College, and I thank the AVAS Board for entrusting its members and work to the College.

Education

ACIPC delivered 32 courses to 1,295 students this year, and strong interest in our new course, IPC During Construction, Renovation and Maintenance in Healthcare Facilities, reflects the growing role of IPC in infrastructure projects. I thank Jackie Miley for her efforts in delivering our education program this year. The Board is currently reviewing its plan to strengthen our education offering and ensure it continues to meet the needs of members.

Professional Development

In 2026, ACIPC has delivered 42 events across its Lunch and Learn webinars, Aged Care Community of Practice and Special Interest Groups, with over 8,000 registered and more than 5,000 attending the sessions live.

The 2026 GAMA & ACIPC IPC Tour attracted 636 attendees, a 22% increase on the previous year. We also delivered webinars and resources including a joint sustainability webinar with the Infection Prevention Society (IPS), UK, ultrasound reprocessing guidelines with ASUM, and IPC Week resources with ASID.

In addition, we launched the Aged Care IPC Training Hub and, following the record-breaking 2025 influenza season, released influenza vaccination resources to support members across health and aged care.

I was honoured to speak at the close-out of the 2025 Mentoring Program, and I thank Erica Beukers and the Membership Engagement Committee for delivering it so well. The new mentoring program is underway.

President's Report

Annual Conference

The ACIPC International Conference in Hobart in November 2025 was again the highlight of our calendar, and I congratulate Conference Committee Chair Fiona Wilson and her committee on an outstanding program.

I thank International Conference Planning Committee Co-convenors Jessica Schults and Ursula Howarth and their committee for their work on this year's Gold Coast conference program, From Knowledge to Action: Delivering Impact in Infection Prevention and Control.

I am delighted that Associate Professor Andrew Stewardson has accepted the Board's invitation to present the 2026 ACIPC Lecture, Evidence for Action: Vision for an Australasian Infection Prevention Clinical Trials Network, and I look forward to hearing him at our conference on the Gold Coast.

Practice Guidance

This year we reviewed the College's position statements and rescinded those on measles, mpox and influenza, and we published new guidelines on animals in healthcare, the IPC role in antimicrobial stewardship, single-use devices and tattooing. More than 80 members volunteered across three working groups, Aged Care, AS 5369 and Sustainability, and I thank them for generously sharing their expertise.

Member Survey

The College recently surveyed members to understand how they use ACIPC and what they need from us over the next three years. The survey received 182 responses. The results will guide the development of our professional development and education offering, with key themes including leadership development and career pathways; flexible online and on-demand learning; practical tools such as risk assessment templates, implementation guides and audit tools; and learning and events that are accessible to all members. I thank the Membership Engagement Committee for developing and running the survey.

National Survey on Healthcare-Associated Infection Surveillance Priorities

The National Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Surveillance Research Project, run with the University of Queensland, is now in Round 2 and continues to build the evidence base for consistent national HAI surveillance. The survey gathers perspectives from Australian healthcare professionals on priorities for HAI surveillance criteria. The findings will contribute to broader discussions about the future direction of HAI surveillance in Australia and help keep surveillance relevant and useful across clinical specialties and healthcare settings.

HAI surveillance affects many clinical specialties, not only infection prevention and control, and surveillance priorities can shape quality improvement, patient safety and service monitoring. That is why input from across the clinical workforce matters, so that future surveillance reflects how healthcare is delivered today. I encourage members and colleagues in other specialties to take part.

Regional and International Collaboration

In February 2026, ACIPC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pacific Community (SPC) to strengthen IPC capacity across the Pacific.

A/Prof Bouchoucha represented ACIPC at the IPS conference in Brighton, UK, on 29–30 September 2025.

In 2026, I attended the International IPC Alliance meeting in Munich, the IPAC Canada conference in Toronto and the APIC conference in Nashville. Colleagues around the world face the same pressures we do, and it was valuable to compare notes and share ideas.

Supporting Members through Grants and Scholarships

Our research grants continue to support member-led IPC research. In the 2025 round, the College awarded four grants totalling $55,976: a Seed Research Grant to Margaret Leong (The Pacific Community, Fiji), an Early Career Research Grant to Dr Josephine Lovegrove (Griffith University), and Sustainability Grants to Anie Edward (Footscray and Sunshine Hospitals) and Yvette Samisoni (Aspen Medical, Fiji). Since 2024, with the support of our funding partners, ACIPC has provided $70,000 for Sustainability Grants.

In 2026, 20 members received ACIPC International Conference Scholarships across three categories: Australia and New Zealand, Pacific Region, and Rural and Remote.

The Dr Joan Faoagali Award also funds one member each year to complete the Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control course.

During 2025-2026, we also issued 13 letters of support for IPC-related research projects.

Board and Governance

The Board continues to strengthen our governance and leadership pathways, with a transparent approach to Director appointments that balances representation, skills and experience. Three Director terms conclude at this year's AGM, and two positions will be filled, reducing the Board to 12 Directors as part of a longer-term move towards a Board of around 10.

Margaret Leong has been endorsed for reappointment, recognising the importance of Pacific representation, and a member ballot was held for the remaining position.

I congratulate Dr Matt Mason on his re-election and thank Kylie Robb for standing.

I also sincerely thank Catherine McGovern, who did not stand for re-election, for her contribution to the Board over the past three years.

Dr Kathy Dempsey AM

I warmly congratulate Board Director Dr Kathy Dempsey AM on her appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia in the King's Birthday 2026 Honours.

Closing Reflections

I extend my sincere thanks to our members, Board Directors, Committee Chairs, facilitators, our staff, our Executive Manager and the ACIPC office team. Your time, expertise and commitment are what make this College strong.

Much of what IPC professionals achieve goes unseen, because success often means nothing happens at all. Having represented ACIPC at CDNA and internationally this year, I can say with confidence that your work is highly regarded across the system. Thank you for everything you do to keep patients, colleagues and communities safe.

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's Executive Management Committee.

2026 ASID-ASM Conference
Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

2026 IPAC Canada National Conference, 24-27 May 2026, Toronto, Ontario
Dr Sally Havers

A-PRECISE Stakeholder Advisory Group
Carrie Spinks

ACHS Clinical Indicator Report
Maureen Canning

APIC26 Annual Conference, 15-17 June, Nashville
Dr Sally Havers

Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control (APSIC) Representative Committee
Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) IPC Advisory Committee
Dr Sally Havers

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care IPC Guidance in Aged Care Reference Group
Carrie Spinks

Australian Health and Aged Care Resource Guide – Safer care, stronger standards: The new infection prevention and control (IPC) roadmap for aged care article
Carrie Spinks

Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA)
Dr Sally Havers

CoNNMO Council
Nicola Isles

GAMA & ACIPC IPC Tour 2026
Dr Sally Havers, Nicola Isles, Dr Kathy Dempsey, Carrie Spinks (Aged Care Representative)

Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) Partnership
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman

HAPPEN Study – Hospital Acquired Pneumonia PrEveNtion Partner Advisory Group Update
Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

Healthcare-Associated Infection Priority Setting Partnership Steering Group
Dr Sally Havers

Health College Working Group on Climate Change

Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

Health New Zealand IPC National Committee Member

Ann Whitfield

HICSIG

Dr Sally Havers

International Dementia Conference 2026 – Integrating Dementia Care Principles with Infection Prevention and Control Practices in Residential Care Homes

Carrie Spinks

International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) Board Member

Professor Marilyn Cruickshank

James Cook University Graduate Certificate of Infection Control

Carrie Spinks

Monash University – Optimised infection prevention and control study in residential aged care homes – OPTICS

Carrie Spinks

National University of Science & Technology (NU), Oman NU 1st International Higher Education Conference on Health Professions Education

Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

NHMRC Research Preparedness for the next pandemic: A Strategic Workshop

Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

Parliamentary Friends of Clean Air Quality Meeting

Dr Matt Mason

Partnering with Residents, Families, and Carers for Person-Centred Infection Prevention and Control in Residential Aged Care: Developing Strategies that are Compassionate, Appropriate and Safe – Expert Advisory Group

Carrie Spinks

Rentokil RIA Aged Care Initiative

Carrie Spinks

Secretary of the SNA Infection Control Chapter

Ismail Bin Sazali

Singapore Nursing Association – Infection Control Chapter ACIPC Credentialling and Update Presentation

Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

Standards Australia – review of HE-013, Surgical Apparel

Carrie Spinks

The Pacific Community – IPC Technical Working Group

Dr Matt Mason

Representation & Advocacy

The Pacific Community – Memorandum of Understanding

The Safer Air Project – Making the Invisible Visible

Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

Uniting AgeWell – IPC Lead Study Day

Carrie Spinks

University of Melbourne – IMMERSE-2 – IMpleMenting Effective Infection Prevention and Control in Residential Aged Care: Communities of Practice for IPC Leads

Carrie Spinks

University of Melbourne – 'Safe at Home': A Novel Infection and Antimicrobial use Surveillance Program for Vulnerable Australians Using in-home Aged Care Services

Carrie Spinks

University of Technology Sydney – Partnering for Person-Centred IPC in Residential Aged Care Homes (RACH-IPC)

Carrie Spinks

Victoria Leaders Forum

Dr Sally Havers

Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha

Karen McKenna

ACIPC has:

1163 FULL MEMBERS

1326 EDUCATION MEMBERS

15 FELLOWS

11 LIFE MEMBERS

18 RETIRED MEMBERS

74 STUDENT MEMBERS

44 INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Board of Directors



Dr Sally Havers

CICP-E, FACIPC — President & Chair

Dr Sally Havers is an experienced Infection Control Professional working as a Clinical Nurse Consultant and Conjoint Nurse Researcher for Qld Health and UQ School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work. Dr Havers has extensive experience and postgraduate qualifications in healthcare management and policy implementation, and an in-depth understanding of the current challenges for clinical practice.

Dr Havers is President of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control, a credentialled Infection Control Professional (Level Expert) and a Fellow of the College.

Dr Havers has experience managing both metropolitan and regional large, multisite infection prevention and control services and extensive experience in the development and roll out of a large national infection prevention program. She has coordinated multidisciplinary projects in Infection Control and Infectious Diseases research, both nationally and internationally.



Nicola Isles

CICP-E, FACIPC, MAICD — President-Elect & Chair

Nicola is a Board Director, Chair of the Credentialling and Fellowship Assessment Panel, and member of the Executive Management Committee, ACIPC representative on Standards Australia, a current accredited assessor for the NSQHS and Clinical Trials Standards, and a current Board Director of the Australian Vascular Access Society (AVAS).

Nicola is an expert level credentialled infection control (IPC) practitioner with ACIPC (CICP-E), holds a Master's in Infection Prevention and Control, a postgraduate qualification in Intensive Care, and is a Registered Nurse Immuniser and Hand Hygiene Auditor.

Nicola has over 35 years' experience as a Registered Nurse, with a background in intensive and critical care and more than 20 years specialising in infection prevention and control across public and private healthcare facilities. She has a keen interest in promoting best practice in infection prevention and control and vascular access. Her current role is Healthscope's National Infection Prevention and Radiation Safety Manager, providing a strong governance framework and strategic direction nationally across 38 hospitals and all healthcare disciplines and IPC professionals. She has a keen interest in quality, governance and patient safety, with a strong focus on consumer engagement, improving patient experience and outcomes, and implementing research and evidence-based best practice to drive effective change in infection prevention and control.

Board of Directors



A/Prof Stéphane Bouchoucha

CICP-A, FACIPC — Past-President

Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha is an Associate Professor and Associate Head of School (International) in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Deakin University. He is also a researcher based in Deakin's Institute for Health Transformation and the Centre for Innovation in Infectious Disease and Immunology Research.

With nearly 30 years' experience as a registered nurse and an academic, Stéphane has worked in a variety of clinical (critical care, infection prevention, and leadership and management) and community settings. Stéphane's involvement in infection prevention and control dates from the late 1990s when he was a volunteer with AIDES (the main French NGO dedicated to HIV) before being employed there in the access to care department, advocating for marginalised populations. He subsequently led the French involvement into Eurosupport 1, a Europe-wide study investigating HIV/AIDS patient access to care in European countries.

Stéphane is a member of the Executive Management Committee and the International Conference Planning Committee.



Erica Beukers

CICP-E, FACIPC — Director & Chair

Erica is a dedicated and dynamic leader with a wealth of expertise in infection prevention and control. With extensive clinical experience spanning multiple states in Australia, Erica has honed her skills and developed a distinctive leadership style that integrates evidence-based practices with practical application. Her approach to infection prevention and control underscores her belief that it is a shared responsibility vital to ensuring patient-centred care.

In her current role as Operations Manager, IPAC, Northern Sydney Local Health District, NSW, Erica brings her extensive knowledge and passion to the forefront of her work. She holds a Master's degree in Infection Prevention and Control as well as a postgraduate certificate in Leadership in Health and Human Services.

Erica is a current Board Director, member of the Credentialling and Fellowship Assessment Panel and chairs the Membership Engagement Committee, where she continues to contribute to the advancement of infection prevention and control practices. Her unique blend of clinical experience, educational background, and leadership roles positions her as a prominent advocate for safe, effective, and patient-centred healthcare.



Janine Carrucan

CICP-E, FACIPC — Director & Chair

Janine Carrucan is the Nursing Director for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at Townsville Hospital and Health Service, where she oversees a team of infection control practitioners responsible for implementing the IPC program across Townsville University Hospital, seven rural hospitals, and two large aged-care facilities. With more than 30 years of experience as a registered nurse, Janine has developed a profound expertise in infection prevention, patient safety, and healthcare management.

She is a strong advocate for patient-focused care, ensuring that patient well-being is at the core of all IPC initiatives.

In addition to her role as Nursing Director, Janine serves as a Board Director and Chair of the Advancing IPC Practice and Standards Committee and is the lead for NSQHS Standard 3 within the health service. A staunch advocate for the advancement of IPC in regional, rural, and remote settings, she also leads the Hot North IPC group across North Queensland. She has an active role across Queensland as a member of the Queensland Infection Clinical Network Steering Committee.

Janine holds a Master's degree in Infection Prevention and Control, a Master's in Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a range of other specialised IPC qualifications. Her extensive career spans surgical nursing, primary care, and nursing education. Janine is an active member of the Credentialling and Fellowship Assessment Panel, contributing to the strategic direction of IPC practices.



Dr Kathy Dempsey AM

CICP-E, FACIPC, MACN — Director & Chair

Kathy Dempsey is the NSW Chief Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Practitioner and Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Advisor at the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC), the lead agency for IPC across NSW Health. A registered nurse for nearly 40 years, Kathy has 29 years' experience in IPC, including seven years leading the NSW IPC and HAI program.

Passionate about advancing IPC, Kathy combines extensive clinical expertise with lived experience. She is a Credentialled Expert ICP (CICP-E), Fellow of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC), and holds a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), Master's degree, Diploma in Leadership and Management, and multiple international certifications.

Kathy is a returning member of the ACIPC Board, sits on the Credentialling and Fellowship Assessment Panel, chairs the IPC Research and Science Committee, and serves on the editorial board for Infection, Disease & Health. Kathy led NSW's IPC response to COVID-19.

Her experience spans clinical, community and industrial IPC, critical care, aged care, mental health, primary care, outbreak management, biocontainment and translational IPC. She brings strong analytical and research skills to governance, policy and program development and has authored numerous publications. Her leadership has been recognised through ACIPC's Claire Boardman Medal for Leadership in IPC (2022) and appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia in the King's Birthday Honours 2026 for her contribution to infection prevention and control, patient safety and clinical governance.

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Margaret Leong

CICP-A — Director

Director Margaret Leong is the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Advisor for the Pacific Community (SPC) and is based in Suva, Fiji. Her main role is to strengthen national capacity in IPC to better respond to public health disease outbreaks and disease threats by providing in-country capacity development and improvement in IPC programs.

Margaret is credentialled (advanced level) of ACIPC and has extensive experience in IPC and has contributed to the development, implementation, and advancement of IPC practices in the Pacific region. She has a deep understanding of regional challenges and a commitment to adapting and implementing global standards in ways that resonate with local contexts. She is a graduate of WHO Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) courses Tier 1.5, Tier 2 and Tier 3 training and is a new member of the GOARN faculty.

Margaret is Deputy Chair of the Representation and Advocacy Committee.



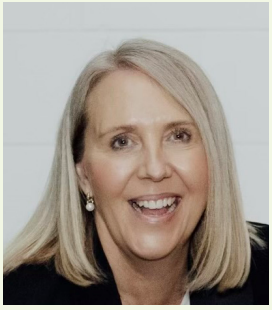
Dr Matt Mason

CICP-E — Director & Chair

Dr Matt Mason is a Senior Lecturer in Nursing in the University of the Sunshine Coast's School of Health, and a researcher with the Australian Centre for Pacific Islands Research. He has over 20 years' experience working in infection prevention and control (IPC), with clinical nursing experience spanning trauma intensive care, emergency, and remote area nursing. His teaching and research agenda centres on IPC in resource-challenged settings, grounded in providing accessible, safe services for communities and the health staff who serve them.

Matt has an extensive professional network across the Western Pacific Region and works collaboratively to improve health outcomes through sustained mentorship and support. He is a Technical Adviser to the WHO Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), an Executive Member (IPC Lead) of the Pacific Region Infectious Disease Association (PRIDA), and Co-Director of the Collaborative for the Advancement of Infection Prevention and Control, which supports IPC activities across the Western Pacific.

Matt currently chairs ACIPC's Representation and Advocacy Committee, previously chaired the Education and Professional Development Committee, and served on the Research, Grants and Scholarships Committee.



Catherine McGovern

CICP-P — Director

Catherine is the Executive Manager Quality and Clinical Governance at Bene Aged Care, responsible for implementing evidence-based, best practice clinical care across the organisation's aged care services. Her role includes chairing the IPC Committee, developing IPC policy and procedures, providing specialist IPC advice and education, and mentoring IPC lead nurses to support clinical governance.

A registered nurse with 35 years' experience across acute and aged care, Catherine has a strong focus on IPC and client safety. Her career in Aged & Community Care spans innovation and strategy, clinical governance, risk management and quality improvement.

In November 2020, she served as IPC Outbreak Coordinator during the successful containment of one of South Australia's earliest COVID-19 outbreaks in Residential Aged Care, achieving zero transmission to residents. She presented at SA Health's COVID-19 outbreak preparedness workshops and contributed to the Independent Review of COVID-19 Outbreaks in Australian Residential Aged Care (2021).

Catherine joined the ACIPC Board in November 2023, having previously served on its Practice Guidance, Education and Scientific Conference Committees. She co-chaired the ACIPC International Conference Aged Care workshops (2024–25), is a member of the Membership Engagement Committee, and represented ACIPC on Monash University's Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the A-PRECISE model for aged care IPC.

She holds a Graduate Certificate in Nursing Science (Infection Control Nursing).



Dianne Smith

Director & Consumer Representative

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

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

Dianne is a member of the Representation and Advocacy Committee.

Board of Directors



Nicole Vause

CICP-E — Director

Nicole Vause is the Nursing Clinical Practice Director for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at SA Health, with more than two decades of experience in infection prevention, governance, education, and clinical leadership. Following a Master of Advanced Practice (Infection Control & Prevention) in 2011, Nicole achieved Expert-Level credentialling with the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) in 2012 and has remained an Expert-Credentialled member since. Her professional contributions include serving on the ACIPC Education Committee (2014–2020), supporting development of the ACIPC Foundations Course, mentoring emerging IPC professionals, contributing to national standards, and serving on the Advancing IPC Practice and Standards Committee. She has also been co-convenor of the ACIPC SA Special Interest Group since 2024.

Nicole's career spans rural and metropolitan healthcare, including IPC leadership across South Australia's regional health services from 2009–2019. During COVID-19, she led South Australia's Medi-Hotel IPC Program, providing quality assurance for quarantine operations and supporting outbreak responses across aged care and acute care. She subsequently became inaugural Nursing Director of the High-Risk Virtual Care Hub, a multidisciplinary virtual care service. Nicole now leads IPC within the SA Health Safety and Quality Unit, strengthening IPC programs, building clinician capacity, mentoring future leaders, and advancing continuous improvement across the health system.



Ann Whitfield

CICP-E, FACIPC — Director & Chair

Ann Whitfield is the Infection Prevention & Control (IP&C) lead at Waikato Hospital. Ann is a credentialled expert and obtained her fellowship in 2025 with the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC). She is also the Chair of the Developing the Profession Committee. Ann has been a registered nurse for 30 years and has a diverse background in nursing including a Nursing Officer (cruise ships) and Senior Nursing Roles Acute Settings for medical/surgical directorates. She has also held nursing roles within Aged Care for the Commonwealth and in the Communicable Disease Control Directorate, as well as specialising in IPC for the last 20 years.

Ann has humanitarian experience, developing and implementing IPC courses in Tanzania and in West Timor. She has also been deployed with the World Health Organization in West Africa as part of the Ebola response team. Ann was a lead coordinator for COVID response where she specialised in advising and assisting aged care sites, smaller hospitals, and remote settings alongside her tertiary sites.

Ann loves travelling and believes in nurses sharing knowledge and best practice, not only in healthcare but the community as well, and is an IPC Mentor for IPC Foundations Courses.



Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman

CICP-E, FACIPC — Director

Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman is an internationally respected clinician, educator, and researcher in infection prevention and control (IPC). Dr Zimmerman's experience in IPC spans nearly 25 years and her domestic clinical experience, research, and expertise has led her to work extensively in China, Southeast Asia and the South Pacific, on outbreak response, the development of comprehensive infection prevention and control programs, 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 Gold Coast Health.

Peta-Anne received the Claire Boardman Medal for Leadership in IPC in 2020, is a Fellow of ACIPC and holds the award of Credentialled Infection Control Professional – Expert. She is a member of the Representation and Advocacy Committee, and ACIPC Focal Point and senior teaching faculty for the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN).

Attendance at Meetings

ACIPC Board of Directors	Number of board meetings eligible to attend	Board meetings attended
Dr Sally Havers	9	9
Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha	9	9
Nicola Isles	9	8
Erica Beukers	9	9
Janine Carrucan	9	8
Dr Kathy Dempsey AM	5	4
Margaret Leong	9	8
Dr Matt Mason	9	6
Catherine McGovern	9	7
Kristie Popkiss	4	4
Dianne Smith	9	6
Nicole Vause	5	5
Ann Whitfield	9	8
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman	9	6

ACIPC Office



Ben Thiessen
Executive Manager



Trish Yeomans
Finance Manager



Caroline Woolley
Office Manager



Jackie Miley
Education Manager



Selina Spowart
Communications Manager



Carrie Spinks
IPC Consultant



Karen McKenna
IPC Consultant



Tracy Noble
Coordinator



Sasha Misrachi
Coordinator

Executive Manager Report



Ben Thiessen
Executive Manager

The 2025/26 year has been one of strong financial management for the College, ensuring our expenses correlate to our income and the resources needed to deliver on our strategic priorities. That stability allowed us to keep delivering education, professional development, and member engagement across the College's national and international programs.

The College recorded a net profit of $56,159.61 for the year ended 30 June 2026, up from $7,649.92 in the prior year. Net assets stood at $8,845,051.42 at 30 June 2026 (2025: $8,788,891.81), with $9,460,511.17 held in cash and term deposits.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the ACIPC office team — Caroline Woolley, Trish Yeomans, Tracy Noble, Sasha Misrachi, Jackie Miley, Carrie Spinks, Karen McKenna, and Selina Spowart — for their professionalism, commitment, and teamwork throughout the year.

Jackie Miley, Education Manager, has overseen 32 courses, including 26 Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control (FIPC) courses. Jackie was supported by our very dedicated facilitators — Belinda Andrews, Christine Cook, Jacqueline Richmond, Kylie Taylor, Meredith Southon, Perri Waddell, Ruth Foulkes, Sandra Roodt, Vicki Ibbotson, Carrie Spinks and Angela Willemsen — and we thank them for their support of the College and IPC education. Education income remained the College's primary revenue source, driven by the FIPC course. We continue to monitor course registrations closely and will be working on developing new education courses in 2027. We also thank members for their input on the recent member survey.

The Aged Care Community of Practice continues to provide invaluable support to the aged care sector beyond the FIPC and Aged Care Short Courses. Carrie Spinks has overseen 10 live webinars, attracting 5,142 registrations, while Aged Care Connexion continues to provide a platform for questions and answers. Resources have expanded, including a new Training Hub in 2026. Members have been instrumental in supporting this initiative through the Aged Care Working Group.

The office supported 22 SIG events during the year with more than 900 participants. The SIG events are a key opportunity to engage with other members throughout the year. We look forward to continuing to support these key events.

Selina and the office continue to strengthen our member and sector communication, with 152 direct emails sent during the year, twelve editions of IPC News published, and 290 posts published on social media. Thanks also to Sasha and Tracy for their work supporting ACIPC education.

The office continues to support the board and committees with governance, representation, IPC resources, and advocacy for IPC and IPCPs; we are increasingly seeing the College asked to participate in high-level IPC and health committees and working groups. Our advocacy will continue to be a priority during the coming 12 months, ensuring the office can support the board and committees to respond to emerging issues in a timely manner. I encourage all members to contact the office with any issues where you think the College can support IPCPs through advocacy.

I wish to acknowledge the contribution and support of our office manager, Caroline Woolley, across all aspects of the College, including the board, staff, committee and members.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Board, Committees, and members as we advance the College's mission and strategic aims.

Scholarships & Awards

Our vision is to reduce the burden of infection. 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

The Dr Joan Faoagali Award recognises the significant and valuable contribution Joan made to infection prevention and control professionals and especially to members of ACIPC.

The Dr Joan Faoagali Award allows an infection prevention and control practitioner to engage in ongoing learning through participation in the Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control course. One scholarship is awarded to a member of the College each year.

Winner – Anna Kolpak



The Elaine Graham Robertson Award

The Elaine Graham Robertson Award is presented at the annual conference – having commenced in the ACT Branch of AICA. The award is the result of a gift from Elaine Graham Robertson, a pioneer infection control professional in the ACT.

Winner – Dr Sarah Lewis

ACIPC Seed Research Grant

Hand hygiene knowledge, attitude, and practices in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs)

Winner – Margaret Leong

ACIPC Early Career Research Grant

Barriers and facilitators to implementing standards for peripheral intravenous catheter care: A descriptive qualitative study of hospital clinicians and policymakers across Australia

Winner – Dr Josephine Lovegrove

ACIPC Sustainability in IPC Research Grant

Winner – Anie Edward

Feeding equipment for enteral delivery systems (FEEDS): a prospective observational cohort study

Winner – Yvette Samisoni

Glove Smart: Reducing Inappropriate Glove Use to Enhance IPC and Sustainability at Lautoka Hospital, Fiji

ACIPC International Conference Scholarship — Pacific Region

ACIPC recognises that colleagues from countries and territories throughout Australasia are sometimes unable to attend scientific conferences due to funding restrictions. The ACIPC International Conference Scholarship – Pacific Region provides financial support for two infection prevention and control (IPC) professionals working in a low-middle income country or territory throughout the Australasian region to travel to attend the annual ACIPC International Conference. Attending the annual ACIPC Conference will allow the winners to acquire, develop and maintain knowledge and skills in infection prevention and control. Attending the conference also provides an opportunity for networking with colleagues working in IPC.

Winners – Betty Mundua and Muni Nadan

ACIPC International Conference Scholarship – Australia and New Zealand

ACIPC awards scholarships each year to financial members to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses associated with attending the ACIPC International Conference. The ACIPC International Conference Scholarship – Australia and New Zealand provides a registration for a number of ACIPC members to attend the conference. Attendance at the conference will enable members with infection prevention and control responsibilities to acquire, develop and maintain knowledge and skills. It also provides the opportunity for members to network with colleagues working in infection prevention and control.

Winners – Carmel Couch, Jacky Meyer, Leanne Muir, Narelle Briggs, Suzanne Alexander, Chris Russell, Susan Whyte, Magdalena Di Giacomo, Patricia Knight, Katerina Perkovic, Carla De Marco, Luis Mata Mendez, Nicole Sarader, Amanda Birkin, Kaye Bellis

ACIPC International Conference Scholarship — Rural and Remote

This scholarship provides the opportunity for those working in geographically rural or remote areas of Australia or New Zealand to reduce out-of-pocket expenses associated with attending the ACIPC International Conference.

Winners – Kasia Benson, Anita Tyrell, Arishma Devi

ACIPC International Conference Award winners:

ACIPC Impact Award – **The Rural Infection Control Practice Group (RICPRAC)**

ACIPC Facilitator of the Year Award – **Belinda Andrews**

ACIPC Novice IPCP of the Year Award – **Kristie Nicholls**

ACIPC Lifetime Achievement Award – **Kaye Bellis**

ACIPC Mentor of the Year Award – **Nicole Vause**

Committees

ACIPC Committees are integral to the operation of the College. Most are chaired by a board director, and each member is a volunteer who brings their IPC knowledge and experience to their committee. Meeting between four and eleven times a year, the Committees work with the office and report to the Board of Directors.

7 COMMITTEES

36 IDH EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS

68 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11 FACILITATORS

3 IPC IN AGED CARE COURSES

26 FIPC COURSES

1 INTERNATIONAL FIPC COURSE

1 VETERINARY FIPC COURSE

1 BLOOD BORNE VIRUS COURSE

1295 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COURSES

Representation & Advocacy Committee

Chair

Dr Matt Mason (Director)

Members

Margaret Leong (Deputy Chair, Director)
Dianne Smith (Director)
Anne Hutley
Sophia Butcher
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman (Director)
Yvette Samisoni

Since its formation in 2025, the Committee has continued to strengthen ACIPC's regional voice and advocacy efforts across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Achievements

- Finalised and signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Pacific Community.
- Progressed the New Zealand MOU through review, with finalisation anticipated around the New Zealand IPC Conference in August.
- Continued support for Pacific IPC credentialling pathways.
- Advanced development of an IPC orientation package for Pacific healthcare colleagues.
- Commenced scoping of a Pacific-specific IPC readiness resource for mass gathering events in partnership with Griffith University's Mass Gatherings Collaboration.
- Drafted community-focused fact sheets for schools, tattooing services and local government settings to support public education.
- Finalised and implemented a social media policy to strengthen ACIPC's communications and media presence.
- Delivered a national influenza vaccination advocacy campaign to the College's database of more than 17,000 contacts.
- Progressed a measles advocacy position paper for Board consideration.
- Commenced development of a broader vaccine misinformation awareness campaign.
- Continued active engagement with the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), including delivery of Tier 1.5 and Tier 2 training programs.
- Supported planning for future GOARN training activities in Fiji and Australia.
- Secured ACIPC representation at the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) Partners Meeting in Korea.
- Pursued stronger engagement with the Global Infection Prevention and Control Network (GIPCN) to enhance One Health and antimicrobial stewardship representation.

Opportunities Ahead

- Finalise the New Zealand MOU and explore joint professional development opportunities.
- Progress the Pacific mass gathering IPC readiness guidance.
- Launch the measles and vaccine misinformation campaigns.
- Strengthen GIPCN membership and One Health representation.
- Continue supporting Pacific credentialling and mentoring pathways.

International Conference Planning Committee

Co-convenors

Jessica Schults and Ursula Howarth

Members

Kellie Kenaway

Kate Manserra

Emily Larsen

Lisa Nicolaou

Sandra Roodt

Associate Professor Stéphane Bouchoucha (ACIPC Past-President)

The 2026 ACIPC Conference will be held from 8-11 November 2026 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, with the option to attend online. Under the theme "From knowledge to action: delivering impact in infection prevention and control," this year's conference will bring together leading experts, researchers and practitioners from across Australia and overseas.

The program will open with five workshops on Sunday, followed by the main conference featuring nine session topics and 30 invited national speakers talking across topics that include outbreaks and emerging threats, aged care, IPC basics, acute prehospital care and more.

Interest in this year's conference has been exceptionally strong, with 183 abstract submissions received across two streams: research and project/policy. From these, 158 abstracts have been accepted, including 47 oral presentations and 21 lightning talks and 90 posters.

Confirmed international speakers include Professor Monika Pogorzelska-Maziarz, Dr Zhao Li and Professor Niccolò Buetti.

Key sessions include:

- Professor Brett Mitchell presenting the main results of the HAPPEN trial
- A HICSIG session (speaker to be confirmed)
- Professor Claire Rickard on trials in infection prevention and control
- An expert panel discussion on "Hospital admissions don't have to be HARI: multimodal prevention of healthcare-associated respiratory infections"
- A debate with IPC colleagues on the provocative topic "We have sorted infectious diseases: we don't need vaccination anymore."

183 abstracts, 158 accepted and a strong program of national and international expertise will shape the 2026 ACIPC Conference.

Credentialling & Fellowship Assessment Panel

Chair

Nicola Isles (ACIPC President-Elect)

Members

Amelia McGuire
Belinda Henderson
Deborough Macbeth
Erica Beukers (Director)
Jane Barnett
Janine Carrucan (Director)
Dr Kathy Dempsey AM (Director)
Nicole Tolhurst
Professor Ramon Shaban
Sarah Thomas

There are currently a total of 98 credentialled ACIPC members:

Primary – 26

Advanced – 30

Expert – 42

In the 2025-2026 financial year ACIPC has processed 40 new applications in the below categories:

Primary – 5

Primary Re-Credentialling – 9

Advanced – 7

Advanced Re-Credentialling – 4

Expert – 3

Expert Re-Credentialling – 12

This number represents a 42% increase in IPCPs applying for and being awarded credentialling, compared with the 2024-2025 financial year.

A list of members who have been awarded Credentialling and Fellowship is published on the ACIPC website.

Weekly correspondence and updates continue to be sent from the ACIPC office, ensuring applications are processed in a timely manner and that panel members have time to provide feedback to each applicant throughout their credentialling journey.

The panel continues to meet virtually every second month. New members to the panel have been supported and are 'buddied up' with experienced members. A review of ACIPC's credentialling process has been completed by an external consultancy company in 2025.

Credentialling continues to grow, with a 42% increase in IPC professionals applying for and achieving ACIPC credentialling this year.

Developing the Profession Committee

Chair

Ann Whitfield (Director)

Members

Dr Vanessa Sparke (Co-chair)
Jackie Miley (Education Manager)
Belinda Andrews
Belinda Henderson
Dr Cristina Sotomayor-Castillo
Jessie Haeusler
Kim Comensoli
Yana Albrey
Sandra Roodt

Achievements

The education portfolio delivered five course types during 2025-26. Student numbers remain strong and facilitators continue to support student learning. Our Moodle 4.5 platform delivers a suite of courses which use a relevant and distinct pedagogical approach using self-paced content and iterative assessments, which encourage the application of IPC theory to practice.

Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- 26 courses delivered
- 11 facilitators
- 1149 participants

Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control – International

- 1 course delivered
- 2 facilitators
- 30 participants

Veterinary Foundations of IPC

- 1 course delivered
- 1 facilitator
- 13 participants

Blood Borne Virus Testing Course

- 1 course delivered
- 1 facilitator
- 51 participants

Short Courses for Aged Care IPC

- 3 courses delivered
- 52 participants

Ten Lunch and Learn Webinars have been held throughout 2025-2026, covering a diverse range of topics, and have been well attended. Members are reminded that recordings of these sessions are available on the ACIPC website for members unable to attend or wishing to revisit topics.

Credentialling and Fellowship Assessment Panel

The Credentialling and Fellowship Panel continues to see strong growth in IPCPs seeking and being awarded credentialling, with a significant increase in applications processed this financial year. The panel is supported by experienced IPCPs who provide timely feedback to applicants throughout their credentialling journey and mentor new panel members. Findings from an external review of ACIPC's credentialling processes, completed in 2025, will help inform the panel's ongoing work.

Education Manager Summary



Jackie Miley
Education Manager

The College education team continues to deliver a wide range of courses to meet member demand. The Foundations of IPC International and the Veterinary Foundations of IPC attracted both Australian and international participants. All courses are reviewed and updated as relevant evidence, standards and guidelines become available or are amended.

End-of-course evaluations confirm a strongly positive experience for participants in all courses and facilitators are noted to be responsive, knowledgeable and supportive.

A new course – IPC during Construction, Renovation and Maintenance in Healthcare Facilities' has been developed by an expert panel in readiness for commencement in September 2026.

ACIPC Lunch and Learn Webinar series 2025-26

Month	Webinar details	Number registered
July 2025	JEV: Activist maps and mozzie traps	189
August 2025	Team Competition boosts Regional and Rural Hand Hygiene and Awareness of appropriate Glove Use	206
September 2025	Filling in the gaps - IPC in dentistry	157
October 2025	Implementation of a C-section surveillance program	145
December 2025	Tis the Season for Surveillance: Understanding the Syphilis Outbreak	176
January 2026	Sustainability in IPC (with IPS UK)	448
February 2026	Applied Digital Technologies in IPC Education: Practical Training Solutions	277
April 2026	Clean Kitchens, Clean Hands, Safe Meals: Infection Control Essentials	402
May 2026	A BEACON for Novel Disease Threats: Leveraging AI for Informal Event-Based Outbreak Surveillance	173
June 2026	The Mysterious Cases of Achromobacter Xylosoxidans	175

Membership Engagement Committee

Chair

Erica Beukers (Director)

Members

Nicola Herbert (Deputy Chair)
Darren Martin
Amanda Ayres
Danielle Engelbrecht
Kristie Popkiss
Priscilla Singh
Catherine McGovern (Director)
Alissia Reid
Karen McKenna (ACIPC IPC Consultant)
Dr Cristina Sotomayor-Castillo
Marcus Kusiak

The Membership Engagement Committee (MEC) continued to strengthen member connection and engagement across ACIPC throughout 2025-2026. The Committee farewelled two members and welcomed five new contributors, ensuring ongoing representation across the profession. The Committee met 11 times, maintaining strong momentum across its diverse portfolio of work.

Membership growth remained steady, with 337 new members joining ACIPC this year. Total membership now stands at 2,651 across voting, non-voting, and non-member categories.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) expanded, reflecting the evolving needs of the infection prevention and control community. Four new SIGs were established—Rural, Remote and Regional; Veterinary; Acute Pre-Hospital; and Vascular Access, bringing the total to nine SIGs.

The 2026 Mentoring program, delivered for the third consecutive year by Art of Mentoring, achieved 44 matches of mentees and mentors.

The MEC oversaw the annual Member Awards program, recognising excellence across five categories: IPC Impact, Facilitator of the Year, Novice IPCP of the Year, Mentor of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement. Award recipients will be celebrated during conference week in November. A dedicated conference working group collaborated to create engaging opportunities for members to connect with the College and others during the 2026 conference.

Resource development remained a core function, with the Committee producing contemporary materials to support key IPC awareness events including World Hand Hygiene Day, International IPC Week, and World AMR Awareness Week. The Committee also contributed to the monthly ACIPC newsletter by sourcing relevant content.

The Lunch and Learn program formally transitioned to MEC oversight this year to support the delivery of relevant and appealing online seminars for members throughout the year. Additionally, a dedicated working group progressed the development of the planned Needs Analysis Member Survey, ensuring an appropriate and meaningful question set.

Overall, the MEC continues to play a vital role in strengthening member experience, professional connection, and engagement across ACIPC.

Advancing IPC Practice & Standards Committee

Chair

Janine Carrucan (Director)

Members

Maureen Canning
Sacha McMillan
Dr Heidi Munchenberg
Sharon Kenny
Michelle Kennedy
Dr Gillian Ray-Barruel
Emily Chapple
Carrie Spinks (ACIPC IPC Consultant)
Karen McKenna (ACIPC IPC Consultant)

Achievements

The Committee has progressed several strategic priorities, including completing a comprehensive review of Position Statements which were assessed for relevance, currency and practical application, with documents rescinded or transitioned into guidelines, toolkits and audit resources where appropriate.

Collaboration continues with key professional and national organisations, including RACS, ACORN, ANZCA, CDNA, ACSQHC, Standards Australia, ACHS, ASID and FSRACA.

Three working groups are progressing priority areas:

- Aged Care, focusing on resource and Learning Hub development
- AS 5369, supporting resource development
- Sustainability Working Group - (newly established)

Opportunities

The Committee's current achievements and work program provide several opportunities to further strengthen its role, reach and value to members and the broader infection prevention and control community.

There is an opportunity to continue expanding the development of practical, evidence-based resources that translate standards and contemporary IPC guidance into tools that can be readily applied across different healthcare and community settings.

The planned review of resources such as the Aseptic Technique materials and Construction and Renovation Toolkit will also provide an opportunity to ensure existing guidance remains current, accessible and responsive to emerging practice needs.

A proposed Foundations of Reprocessing course represents an important opportunity to address an identified education gap for IPC professionals who have responsibilities for reprocessing but do not hold a formal sterilisation qualification.

The review of website resources also presents an opportunity to clearly define the value offered to financial members while maintaining appropriate publicly available IPC information. Developing a structured approach to public and member-only resources may support both broader community education and membership value.

Finally, existing relationships with professional organisations and national bodies provide opportunities for greater collaboration, joint resource development and multidisciplinary consultation. Strengthening these partnerships may reduce duplication of effort, increase consistency across professional guidance and enhance the College's influence in the development of national IPC standards, resources and initiatives.

IPC Research & Science Committee

Chair

Dr Kathy Dempsey AM (Director)

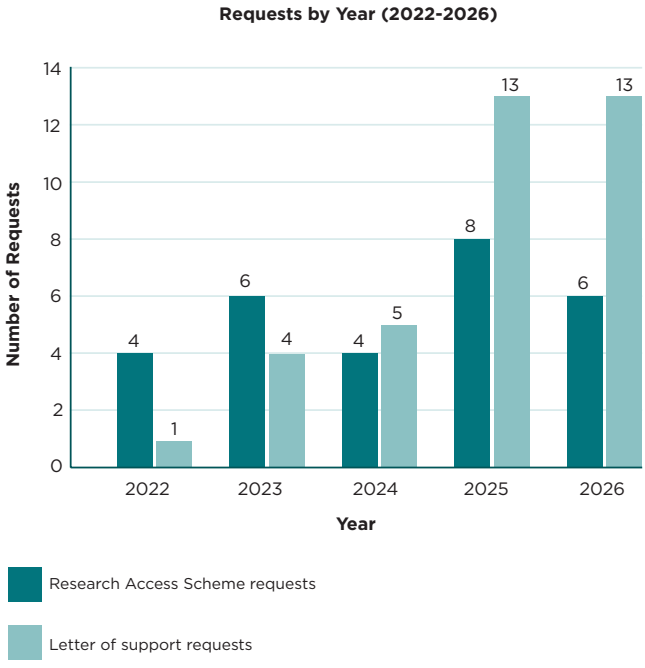
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Dr Susan Jain
Professor Brett Mitchell AM
Winni Wong
Nahid Choudury
Sophia Butcher
Monina Hernandez
Karen McKenna (ACIPC IPC Consultant)

The IPC Research and Science Committee has continued to advance the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control's (ACIPC) mission to strengthen the evidence base underpinning infection prevention and control (IPC) practice. In 2025–26, the Committee built on the previous year's three strategic priorities: (1) increasing research capacity, particularly in low- and middle-income (LMI) settings, Indigenous health and aged care; (2) building the research capability of IPC professionals; and (3) improving the responsiveness and accessibility of IPC research across Australasia.

ACIPC remains committed to fostering research that addresses equity, improves patient outcomes and meets the needs of diverse healthcare environments. A steady flow of requests for letters of support, along with sustained engagement through ACIPC's Research Access Scheme, reflects the College's standing as a valued research partner. These activities strengthen the research infrastructure available to members and support high-quality IPC evidence.

Supporting IPCs' professional growth in research remains central to the Committee's work. Conference scholarship applications reached their highest level since the program began, reflecting growing enthusiasm for showcasing work and advancing evidence-based practice. Research opportunities continue to expand, positioning ACIPC and IPCs as key partners in building IPC-relevant evidence.[1]



[1] Data reflects the financial year (July–June).

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Achievements

- Negotiated and signed a publisher contract with Elsevier (2026–2030).
- The impact factor declined slightly but remains strong, with strategies in place to consolidate it. Rejection rates remain high.
- CiteScore of 3.4 in 2025, ranking 10th of 51 journals in a nursing category (82nd percentile).
- Appointed a new Associate Editor.
- Fast time from submission to publication compared with other journals.
- New Editorial Manager submission processes to save authors time.
- Introduced integrity screening to help identify breaches of research integrity and publishing ethics.
- Updated authorship policy and explored a new submission type for quality improvement papers.

Opportunities

- Members can peer review articles. It's a great way to hear about emerging research first and build skills.
- Members receive discounts on Elsevier products and a 12-month complimentary ClinicalKey AI subscription.

Thank you to ACIPC members, the IDH Editorial Board, Senior and Associate Editors, authors and peer reviewers.

Global Outbreak Alert & Response Network Report (GOARN)



Representative / Focal Point
Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman

During the past year, ACIPC continued its partnership with the World Health Organization's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), contributing infection prevention and control expertise to outbreak preparedness, response, workforce development and regional health security.

ACIPC reviewed 92 requests for assistance relating to nine unique global operations or emergencies. Two expressions of interest were submitted, resulting in one appointment.

ACIPC strengthened regional training capability through GOARN workforce development activities. Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman contributed as senior faculty and IPC lead to the Outbreak Response Scenario Training in Fiji. Dr Susan Jain participated as IPC co-faculty, supporting ACIPC's faculty succession and capability development, and Board Director Margaret Leong also served as faculty.

In September 2026, Dr Zimmerman was invited by the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency to co-facilitate the full-day Orientation to International Outbreak Response in the Republic of Korea. She also represented ACIPC at the GOARN Regional Partners Meeting for the WHO Western Pacific Region in Seoul, facilitating a workshop session and co-presenting with colleagues from the Robert Koch Institute, Germany.

Dr Zimmerman also represents ACIPC on GOARN's Operational Research Working Group, contributing to operational research definitions and guidance supporting GOARN activities and ongoing operations.

These activities strengthened ACIPC's regional partnerships, profile and contribution to GOARN workforce development, while creating further opportunities for members to engage in training, faculty development and international outbreak preparedness and response.

Priorities include faculty succession and stronger cooperation with regional IPC partners, particularly the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission and Queensland Infection Prevention and Control Unit. Partners will jointly deliver an Orientation to International Outbreak Response workshop at the ACIPC conference in November 2026 and continue collaborating on regional outbreak preparedness and response activities.

Strengthening regional partnerships and workforce capability to support global outbreak preparedness and response.

ACIPC Aged Care Infection Prevention & Control Community of Practice

The past year has been a defining one for aged care, with implementation of the Aged Care Act 2024 and the Strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards from November 2025. These reforms reinforced the importance of effective infection prevention and control (IPC), strong clinical governance and workforce capability. In response, ACIPC continued to strengthen sector support through the Aged Care IPC Community of Practice, providing freely accessible education, evidence-informed resources and opportunities for collaboration.

The Community of Practice continued to evolve as a central hub for IPC knowledge exchange, supporting residential aged care, home and community care across Australasia and internationally. Curated external IPC resources were expanded and updated to reflect contemporary evidence, national guidance and legislative reform.

The Community continued to provide timely, accessible education and opportunities for sector-wide engagement. The monthly Aged Care IPC Webinar Series delivered practical education on emerging IPC issues, aged care reforms and contemporary practice, attracting an average of more than 500 registrations per session. Webinar recordings continued to extend learning beyond each live session.

The Aged Care Connexion forum remained an active space for collaboration, peer support and professional discussion. The Aged Care in Focus presentation library expanded with additional presentations from industry experts in response to sector priorities, while News and Events updates kept readers informed of legislative changes, education opportunities, emerging research and sector developments. The IPC Tools and Templates collection, contributed by registered aged care providers, provided practical examples that organisations can readily adapt, encouraging collaboration and reducing duplication.

A new initiative during the year was the establishment of the ACIPC Aged Care IPC Training Hub, creating a central repository for aged care-specific education and implementation resources, including practical teaching materials, implementation guides, posters and workforce education resources.

Supporting this initiative, the ACIPC Aged Care Working Group was established, bringing together IPC professionals from diverse aged care settings across Australia and New Zealand. Meeting monthly under the oversight of the Advancing IPC Practice and Standards Committee, the multidisciplinary group identifies emerging priorities and develops practical, evidence-based resources.

Education remained a priority through continued delivery of the Aged Care IPC Short Course and the Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control Course. Both courses were updated to align with the Aged Care Act and the Strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards, ensuring participants received contemporary, evidence-informed education.

ACIPC strengthened engagement through collaboration with the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, aged care providers and industry partners. These collaborations supported the national promotion of ACIPC education and resources, while IPC capability was strengthened through IPC lead events, roadshows, live presentations, publications and conference poster presentations.

ACIPC also continued to influence national aged care IPC practice through participation in four nationally funded aged care IPC research projects, representation on the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Aged Care Reference Group, and involvement with Standards Australia Committee HE-013, contributing to the development of AS/NZS 10282 and AS/NZS 11193.1.

ACIPC's investment in a dedicated IPC Consultant continues to strengthen the sector through leadership of the Community of Practice, education, resource development, research, and collaboration with government, regulators, industry and aged care providers.

As the aged care sector continues to evolve, ACIPC remains committed to strengthening IPC capability through collaboration, education, innovation and leadership, supporting safer, high-quality, person-centred care for older people.

The Community of Practice continues to connect IPC professionals across Australasia and internationally, providing access to contemporary evidence, practical resources, education and opportunities to collaborate, share knowledge and strengthen infection prevention and control in aged care.

ACIPC Aged Care Webinar series 2025-26

With Carrie Spinks, ACIPC IPC Consultant

Month	Webinar details	Number registered
July 2025	Management of blood borne viruses in aged care	550
August 2025	In the life of an IPC Lead	690
September 2025	Home Care IPC and new quality standards	581
October 2025	Setting up for success, negotiating for resources and using resources	419
December 2025	Reprocessing of reusable medical devices and equipment in Aged Care	398
February 2026	Understanding asymptomatic bacteriuria vs UTI in the older person	158
March 2026	Diagnostic Stewardship - From Swab to Requisition	411
April 2026	Scabies in Residential Care: Identification, Management, and Outbreak Control	494
May 2026	Clinical Governance and Continuous Improvement - Supporting Infection Prevention and Control in Aged Care	957
June 2026	A feel for ventilation in residential aged care	484

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Acute pre-hospital SIG Special Interest Group



Building a connected community of IPC professionals to strengthen practice, support research and shape the future of infection prevention in acute pre-hospital care.

The ACIPC Acute Pre-Hospital Special Interest Group (AP-IPC SIG) was inaugurated in April 2026 and meets online, bringing together key IPC professionals primarily in the ambulance and acute retrieval sector, including services such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service, to address the unique IPC challenges faced in this space.

The group provides a formalised network for members to share information on common challenges and needs, reduce duplication of work to drive faster change across the industry, increase awareness of pre-hospital IPC work within the broader IPC community, and advocate for the acute pre-hospital sector.

We had one meeting this year, which was attended by 16 members. Our special guest was Associate Professor Nigel Barr from the University of the Sunshine Coast, who joined us to discuss research opportunities in the field of acute pre-hospital IPC.

Looking ahead, the leadership group will focus on expanding our networks, sharing information, advocating for industry-specific resources to be created at a national level, encouraging research partnerships, encouraging others to join our SIG to improve engagement and succession planning, and plan for future priorities so we continually strive to build capability in our systems.

Future guest speakers include Dr Angela Martin, presenting on the future of community paramedicine and what this may mean for IPC leaders in our industry, SIG members presenting on challenges, experiences and solutions such as experience with viral haemorrhagic fever planning and response, and engaging paramedics with IPC education.

We will be encouraging our acute out-of-hospital colleagues to attend so they have a voice in future planning and involve them in creation of resources and planning. We look forward to the future collaboration and progress of IPC in this space.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Paediatric SIG Special Interest Group



Connecting paediatric IPC professionals to share knowledge, strengthen capability and translate evidence into safer care for children and young people.

The ACIPC Paediatric Special Interest Group (P-SIG) continues to provide a collaborative forum for infection prevention and control (IPC) professionals with an interest in paediatric healthcare across Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific. The group supports networking, professional development, knowledge sharing, and advocacy for paediatric IPC priorities, with leadership representation from New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, and South Australia.

The P-SIG Leadership Group meets bimonthly to advance strategic priorities, facilitate knowledge exchange, and promote best practice across paediatric healthcare services. Through ongoing collaboration, the group supports shared learning, addresses emerging IPC challenges, and strengthens the paediatric IPC workforce.

In 2026, the P-SIG delivered a successful program of monthly virtual activities, alternating between Leadership Group meetings and educational webinars. Four webinar sessions attracted strong participation from across the region and covered a diverse range of contemporary topics including hand hygiene improvement, paediatric vascular access and bloodstream infection prevention, shared equipment safety, innovative IPC education, and One Health approaches to paediatric care. These sessions promoted discussion, collaboration, and translation of evidence into practice while also supporting presenter development and leadership opportunities.

A key achievement during the year has been the P-SIG's collaboration with Children's Healthcare Australasia (CHA) on the Children's Hospitals Learning Network project, Working Together to Prevent Bloodstream Infections. This initiative promotes cross-jurisdictional collaboration and sharing of expertise to improve patient outcomes.

The P-SIG is actively supporting the 2026 ACIPC International Conference, with a dedicated Paediatric IPC stream and a strategic roadmap workshop focused on shaping the future direction of paediatric IPC.

Looking ahead, the Leadership Group will finalise the P-SIG Roadmap and develop a comprehensive 2027 program informed by member feedback and emerging priorities. The group remains committed to strengthening collaboration, increasing visibility of paediatric IPC, and advancing safe, evidence-based care for children and young people.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Rural, Remote & Regional SIG Special Interest Group



A dedicated national network supporting IPC professionals to share knowledge, strengthen capability and address the unique challenges of RRR healthcare.

The ACIPC Rural, Remote and Regional (RRR) Special Interest Group (SIG) was established in February 2026 to provide a dedicated forum for infection prevention and control (IPC) professionals working in, or with an interest in, rural, regional and remote healthcare settings across Australia. The formation of the SIG reflects ACIPC's commitment to supporting IPC practitioners in all healthcare environments and recognising the unique challenges faced by those working outside metropolitan centres.

The SIG was created to promote equitable access to IPC education, training, resources and professional support for IPCPs in RRR areas. It aims to foster a connected and collaborative national network of IPC professionals, facilitating the sharing of knowledge, experiences and innovative approaches to the unique challenges of IPC in RRR settings.

Activities held 2025-2026:

- 19 September 2025 – RRR SIG Leadership Group Meeting - chaired by Maggie Di Giacomo
- 17 December 2025 – RRR SIG Leadership Group Meeting - chaired by Maggie Di Giacomo
- February 2026 – Inaugural RRR Special Interest Group Meeting, chaired by Maggie Di Giacomo
- May 2026 - Formation of RRR Microsoft Teams IPCP Collaboration Group - opt-in membership for registered SIG attendees

The inaugural RRR SIG meeting was held in February 2026 and attracted strong interest from members across Australia, with 37 participants attending. The meeting provided an opportunity to establish the group's direction and priorities, while highlighting the value of a dedicated network focused on collaborative support for IPC practice in RRR healthcare settings.

Looking ahead, the leadership group will focus on strengthening member engagement and fostering greater collaboration across the rural, regional and remote IPC community. Key priorities include expanding opportunities for networking, peer support and knowledge sharing through regular SIG meetings. The SIG aims to build a resilient, connected and empowered IPCP workforce across RRR settings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

South Australia SIG Special Interest Group



Creating opportunities for IPC professionals to learn, share ideas and explore emerging challenges across South Australia.

The ACIPC South Australian Special Interest Group (SA SIG) meets both online and in person, providing a valuable network for members with an interest in infection prevention and control. The group supports professional development, facilitates the exchange of knowledge and ideas, and encourages the growth of emerging infection prevention professionals. Its objectives are to engage with local members and non-members, provide opportunities to learn about current research and quality improvement initiatives, and showcase innovations relevant to the profession.

Six meetings were held during 2025-26, with an average attendance of 31 participants:

- July 2025: Culture Change and Emotional Intelligence, experiences of Mentorship (Mentor and Mentee perspectives) (Nicole Vause, Leanne Coulson)
- September 2025: Water Quality Testing and Legionella Requirements (Health Protection Programs, SA Health)
- December 2025: Congenital Syphilis Cases in South Australia and Australia, SA HIV Strategy Update (Tom Rees); Australian Commission National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey (NAPS) Data Update (Lisa Ryan)
- February 2026: Value, Vigilance and Vaccination: Using 2025 Insights to Drive a Smarter 2026 Flu Campaign (Maryanne Attard, Alison Schiller)
- April 2026: Sustainability, Climate Change and the Role of Infection Prevention and Control (Dr Kimberly Humphrey, Sarah Ripley)
- June 2026: Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC): Nationwide Surveillance and Priority Topics (Emma Denehy)

Participant feedback was collected following each session and continues to guide the selection of topics that reflect current and emerging priorities in infection prevention and control.

Looking ahead, the leadership group will focus on multi-resistant organisms, antimicrobial stewardship, and the role of genome sequencing in outbreak detection and management. A half-day workshop is planned for late 2026, with insights gained throughout the year informing program development and planning for 2027.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Sustainability

SIG Special Interest Group



Advancing sustainable healthcare by bringing IPC professionals together to share knowledge, champion innovation and turn ideas into action.

The ACIPC Sustainability Special Interest Group (SIG) meets online and offers members a platform to collaborate, share ideas and advance sustainable healthcare practices, helping to align infection prevention and control activities with broader sustainability goals.

Meetings were held throughout the year, attended by an average of 115 members:

- July 2025 – Sustainable Health: Aligning Infection Prevention with Net Zero Goals in NSW, Dr Susan Jain (NSW)
- September 2025 – Understanding Choices Through Climate Literacy, Nickey Ludkins and Gemma Freegard
- November 2025 – Driving Sustainability with Reusable Gowns & Drapes, Dr Ben Dunne (VIC)
- January 2026 – Joint sustainability webinar with IPS UK
- March 2026 – The NSW Net Zero Infection Prevention Hub, Kylie Taylor and Patricia Knight (NSW)

Looking ahead, the group will focus on identifying sustainability challenges, sharing evidence-based solutions, resources and ideas, and championing initiatives that contribute to a more sustainable healthcare system.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Connecting 50 members on average each meeting to advance research, education and infection prevention in vascular access care.

The ACIPC Vascular Access Special Interest Group (VASIG) meets online and provides a dedicated platform for ACIPC members with an interest in vascular access to share knowledge, collaborate on research, and contribute to the development of evidence-based guidelines that promote safe and effective vascular access care.

The formation and evolution of the VASIG is supported by vascular access experts and researchers from AVAS. Importantly, this collaboration aligns with NSQHS Standard 3: Preventing and Controlling Healthcare-Associated Infection, which explicitly connects vascular access to infection control. Vascular access devices are a common source of healthcare-associated infections, and as such, ACIPC members have a wealth of expertise to contribute to this space. The VASIG provides a timely and relevant opportunity to strengthen infection prevention strategies through interdisciplinary collaboration.

Two meetings were held throughout the year, attended by an average of 50 members each:

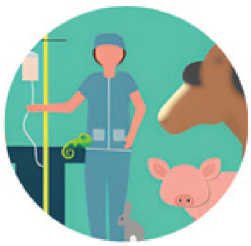
- 16 December 2025 – First VASIG meeting. Speaker: Professor Claire Rickard
- 18 March 2026 – Second meeting of the VASIG. Speakers: Professor Claire Rickard, Dr Josephine Lovegrove, Dr Gillian Ray-Barruel, Dr Evan Alexandrou and Clinical Nurse Leader Athreides Bayalan.

Looking ahead, the VASIG leadership group will focus on three key areas: supporting members to develop and conduct research; strengthening education and innovation by sharing the latest vascular access research, showcasing successful initiatives and developing national educational resources; and increasing advocacy and engagement by identifying issues for VASIG to champion, developing position statements and supporting the uptake of best practice.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Veterinary

SIG Special Interest Group



Taking a One Health approach to IPC, the VET SIG is developing practical resources and clinical solutions to strengthen infection prevention across veterinary healthcare.

The ACIPC Veterinary Special Interest Group (VET SIG) aims to promote and improve veterinary infection prevention and control (IPC) practices, underpinned by the use of a One Health framework. It aims to help develop and revise IPC resources, encourage research to inform stakeholders, and foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing between veterinary, human health and allied professionals. It also advocates for establishing and supporting dedicated IPC roles within the veterinary profession, strengthening IPC capacity across the sector.

Two meetings were held throughout the year, each drawing varying numbers of members:

- February 2026 – Inaugural Veterinary Special Interest Group (VET SIG) Meeting, Presentation on Reprocessing RMDs in Veterinary Healthcare - Speaker: Carol Bradley.
- April 2026 – Common FAQs for Reprocessing Veterinary Anaesthesia and Medical Devices in Veterinary Healthcare; Resource Development; Discussion and Feedback on Reprocessing Reusable Medical Devices in Veterinary Healthcare.

SIG Co-convenors Carol Bradley and Angela Willemsen recently discussed the Reprocessing Veterinary Anaesthesia and Medical Devices document with the ACIPC Advancing IPC Practice and Standards Committee. The document will be reformatted as a Guideline and will soon be available to the broader veterinary community. Looking ahead, the SIG will focus on developing practical clinical bundles for use in veterinary healthcare.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Victoria

SIG Special Interest Group



Creating a regular forum for Victorian IPC professionals to share experience, learn from local practice and build practical capability through ongoing education and collaboration.

The ACIPC Victorian Infection Control Special Interest Group (VICSIG) provides an ongoing forum for Victorian Infection Control Professionals to meet and discuss IPC-related topics. The group offers opportunities for professional development, particularly for less experienced IPCPs through activities such as journal article reviews or presentations on local IPC initiatives and incidents, alongside a forum for discussing state-based IPC issues and opportunities to network, share ideas and develop collaborative initiatives.

Two meetings have been held since the last report, attended by an average of 49 members each:

- October 2025 – Meet the incoming President of ACIPC, Dr Sally Havers (QLD) – 78
- February 2026 – The use of infographics to enhance reporting IPC data, Jane Tomlinson (VIC) – 21

Looking ahead, the leadership group will focus on supporting the health services who have kindly volunteered to host events as per the roster circulated in our last report.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Western Australia SIG Special Interest Group



Re-established to strengthen professional connection across Western Australia, the WA SIG is creating more opportunities for IPC professionals to come together, share knowledge and support best practice.

The ACIPC Western Australian Special Interest Group (WA SIG) meets online and in person, providing a valued forum for collaboration, networking and sharing of information on key areas of interest in infection prevention across health and aged care. Re-established in 2024 to support face-to-face networking and informal education opportunities, with a particular focus on giving IPCPs the chance to connect with colleagues.

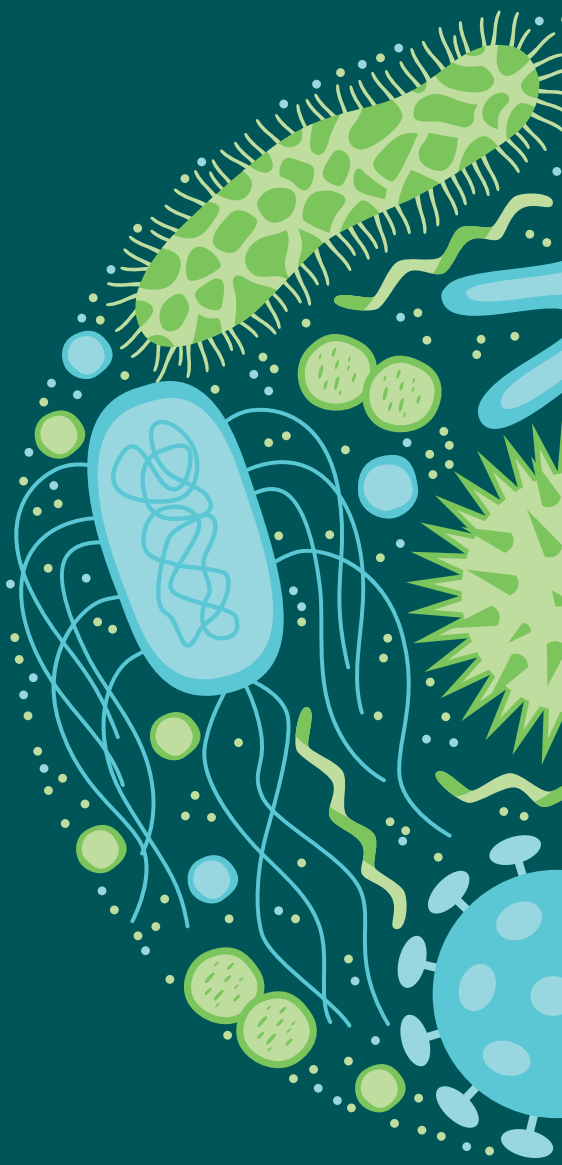
Two meetings were held throughout the financial year, attended by an average of 62 members each:

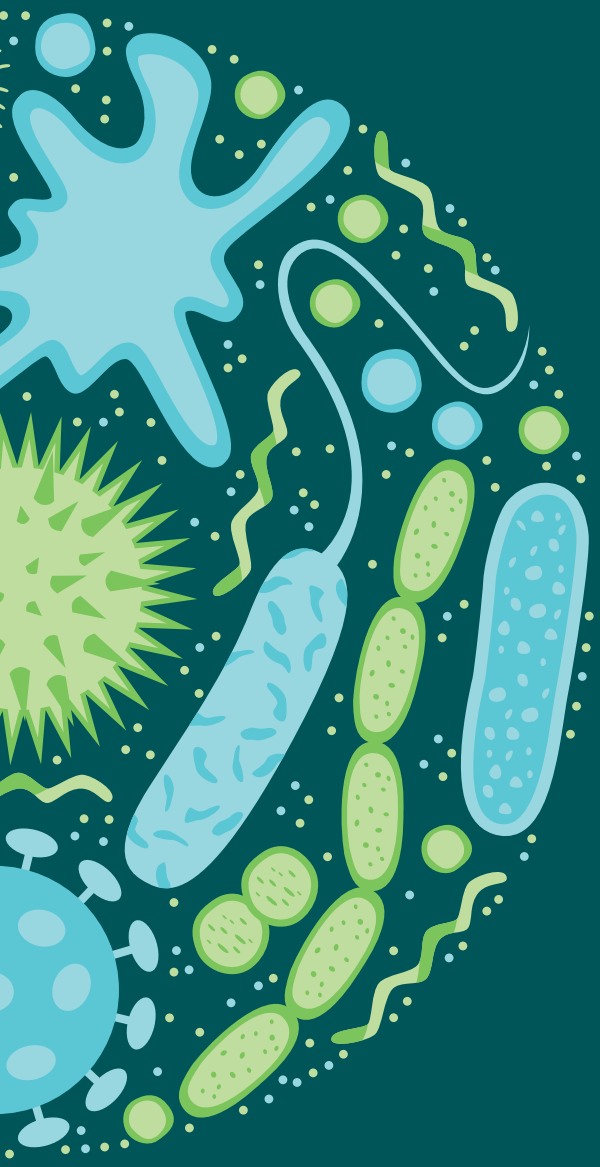
- October 2025 – Incoming ACIPC President & Legionella Management, Dr Sally Havers (QLD), Richard Theobald (WA)
- March 2026 – IPC Outside the Box, Stacey FitzGerald, Michelle Stirling, Claire Tinson, Lisa Nicolaou. While the meeting experienced significant technical challenges that affected the delivery of the full program, members benefited from two presentations and valuable discussion opportunities with colleagues. The event highlighted the resilience and adaptability of both presenters and attendees.

Looking ahead, the leadership planning group will focus on strengthening engagement across metropolitan and regional WA, expanding opportunities for networking and professional development, and supporting infection prevention practitioners. The WA SIG remains committed to providing a collaborative forum that fosters knowledge sharing, professional connection and best practice in infection prevention and control.

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Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Directors' Report

The directors present their report for the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

Directors

The following persons were directors in office at anytime during or since the end of the year:

Ann Whitfield

Janine Carrucan

Sally Havers

Matthew Mason

Peta-Anne Zimmerman

Stéphane Bouchoucha

Margaret Leong

Kathy Dempsey

Nicola Isles

Catherine McGovern

Erica Beukers

Dianne Smith

Nicole Vause

Kristie Popkiss

Review of operations

The operating profit / (loss) for the Company amounted to $56,160.

The prior years operating profit / (loss) for the Company amounted to $7,650.

Principal activities

During the financial year the principal continuing activities of the Company consisted of a broad range of National and International programs representing the discipline of infection prevention and control including consultancy, policy development, education and professional development.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the financial year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations, or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Going Concern

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The ability of the company to continue to operate as a going concern is dependent upon the ability of the company to generate sufficient cashflows from operations to meet its liabilities. The directors of the company believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Other Matters

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.

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.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors.



Director: _____
Sally Havers



Director: _____
Nicola Isles

Date: 29 September 2026

Auditor's Independence Declaration

Under section 307c of the corporations act 2001

Auditor 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 2026:

(i) There were no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001

(ii) There were no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Accru Rawsons

Partner: Melissa McCrystal

Accru Rawsons

Chartered Accountant

Level 2

160 Wharf Street

Brisbane Qld 4001

Date: 22 September 2026

Statement of Profit or Loss

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Income		
Advertising & Sponsorship	16,136.35	11,538.19
Annual Conference Proceeds	419.54	4,725.09
Credentialling Fees	6,150.00	4,503.64
Education - Foundations Course Income	1,825,657.37	1,855,221.13
Education - Other	45,563.69	66,630.97
Interest Earned	342,401.37	361,033.49
Journal Income - ID&H	105,734.15	72,420.82
Membership Income	222,118.13	245,215.06
Total Income	**2,564,180.60**	**2,621,288.39**
Total Income	**2,564,180.60**	**2,621,288.39**
Expenses		
Accounting & Audit Fees	6,900.00	6,370.00
Annual Conference	21,884.56	12,108.09
Bank - Fees & Charges	254.95	325.99
Bank - Merchant Facility Fees	11,860.95	12,515.68
Board Costs	170,917.70	161,045.66
Consultancy Fees	136,567.00	21,570.00
Depreciation	371.46	3,722.21
Education Costs	557,846.87	526,645.77
Gifts & Prizes	2,354.09	1,721.41
ICT Costs	91,083.08	114,167.89
Insurance	15,849.43	17,607.02
Journal	45,215.58	69,153.40
Legal Fees	2,444.91	-
Marketing, Promotion & Advertising	43,855.53	34,967.50
Meeting Costs	3,408.63	-
Memberships & Subscriptions	3,246.03	3,657.28
National Office	639,671.45	741,384.79
Postage, Courier & Freight	1,912.75	929.30
Printing & Photocopying	2,787.20	3,941.81
Projects	63,733.40	211,578.30
Research, Grants, Scholarships & Awards	34,292.88	29,648.32
Salaries & Wages	474,423.38	467,000.12
SIGs	4,449.54	2,473.07

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Profit or Loss

Stationery & Consumables	501.61	2,244.07
Superannuation SCG Contributions - Employees	56,930.84	53,704.83
Travel Costs	115,257.17	115,155.96
Total Expenses	**2,508,020.99**	**2,613,638.47**
Net Profit / (Loss)	**56,159.61**	**7,649.92**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd
As at 30 June 2026

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2026	30 JUNE 2025
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2	9,460,511.17	9,370,054.98
Other Current Assets	3	-	100,684.93
Trade & Other Receivables	4	7,254.23	-
Total Current Assets		**9,467,765.40**	**9,470,739.91**
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	191.36	562.82
Total Non-Current Assets		**191.36**	**562.82**
Total Assets		**9,467,956.76**	**9,471,302.73**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
BAS Liabilities	6	28,823.51	14,325.25
Trade & Other Payables	7	594,081.83	668,085.67
Total Current Liabilities		**622,905.34**	**682,410.92**
Total Liabilities		**622,905.34**	**682,410.92**
Net Assets		**8,845,051.42**	**8,788,891.81**
Equity			
Retained Profits / Accumulated Losses		8,845,051.42	8,788,891.81
Total Equity		**8,845,051.42**	**8,788,891.81**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement in Changes of Equity

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	RETAINED EARNINGS
Statement Of Changes In Equity	
Prior Year	
Total Equity Opening Balance	8,781,241.89
Net Profit For The Year	7,649.92
Total Equity Closing Balance Prior Year	**8,788,891.81**
Current Year	
Total Equity Opening Balance	8,788,891.81
Net Profit For The Year	56,159.61
Total Equity Closing Balance Current Year	**8,845,051.42**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	NOTES	2026	2025
Statement Of Cash Flows			
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Receipts From Customers		2,221,779.23	2,260,254.90
Payments To Suppliers & Employees		(2,473,724.41)	(2,682,102.49)
Interest Received		342,401.37	361,033.49
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities		**90,456.19**	**(60,814.10)**
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Payment For Property, Plant & Equipment		-	-
Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities		**-**	**-**
Net Change In Cash For The Period		90,456.19	(60,814.10)
Cash & Cash Equivalents			
Cash Balance At The Beginning Of The Period		9,370,054.98	9,430,869.08
Cash & Cash Equivalents At The End Of The Period		9,460,511.17	9,370,054.98

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2026

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have 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 financial statements 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 these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

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

Income Tax

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

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition or fair value less, if applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Plant and equipment that has been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, is valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired. The plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the directors to ensure that the carrying amount is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the utilisation of the assets and the subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in estimating recoverable amounts.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at their fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by independent external valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount of land and buildings arising on revaluation are credited in equity to a revaluation surplus. Decreases against previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves in equity. All other decreases are charged to profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is offset against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company that remain unpaid at 30 June 2026. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers. Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to customers. Revenue from commissions is recognised upon delivery of services to customers.
Revenue from interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method. Revenue from dividends is recognised when the entity has a right to receive the dividend. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Goods and Services Tax

Transactions are recognised net of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

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.

2. Cash & Cash Equivalents

	2026	2025
Bank Accounts		
Stripe AUD	76,143.32	31,389.61
Westpac Operating Account	1,384,367.85	1,338,665.37
Westpac Term Deposit	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
Westpac Term Deposit	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Westpac Term Deposit	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Westpac Term Deposit	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Total Bank Accounts	**9,460,511.17**	**9,370,054.98**
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	**9,460,511.17**	**9,370,054.98**

3. Other Current Assets

	2026	2025
Accrued Interest	-	100,684.93
Total Other Current Assets	**-**	**100,684.93**

4. Trade & Other Receivables

	2026	2025
Accounts Receivable	5,250.00	-
Payments to Credit Card	2,004.23	-
Total Trade & Other Receivables	**7,254.23**	**-**

	2026	2025
5. Property Plant & Equipment		
Plant & Equipment		
Office Equipment	7,616.36	7,616.36
Office Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(7,425.00)	(7,053.54)
Total Plant & Equipment	**191.36**	**562.82**
Total Property Plant & Equipment	**191.36**	**562.82**

	2026	2025
6. BAS Liabilities		
PAYG Withholding Payable	10,208.00	9,772.00
GST	18,615.51	4,553.25
Total BAS Liabilities	**28,823.51**	**14,325.25**

	2026	2025
7. Trade & Other Payables		
Accounts Payable	251,746.33	232,614.32
Westpac Credit Card	578.89	1,889.47
Westpac Credit Card	2,463.84	2,219.85
Westpac Credit Card	2,482.32	2,556.59
Course Fees Paid in Advance	242,177.50	307,645.45
Membership Fees Paid in Advance	57,482.50	76,614.54
Scholarships & Grants	37,150.45	44,545.45
Total Trade & Other Payables	**594,081.83**	**668,085.67**

8. Company Details

The registered office of the company is:
Level 6, 152 Macquarie Street
Hobart TAS 7000
The principal place of business is:
Level 6, 152 Macquarie Street
Hobart TAS 7000

9. Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	2026	2025
Cash at Bank		
Stripe AUD	76,143.32	31,389.61
Westpac Operating Account	1,384,367.85	1,338,665.37
Westpac Term Deposit	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00

	2026	2025
Westpac Term Deposit	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Westpac Term Deposit	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
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Total Cash at Bank	**9,460,511.17**	**9,370,054.98**

(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit

	2026	2025
Net cash provided by operating activities		
Increase (Decrease) in company funds for the year	56,159.61	7,649.92
Non-cash flows in profit:	-	-
Depreciation	371.46	3,722.21
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	-	-
Decrease (Increase) in Current Receivables	93,430.70	35,525.68
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities	(59,505.58)	(107,711.91)
Total Net cash provided by operating activities	**90,456.19**	**(60,814.10)**

10. Directors Remuneration

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

M Mason	$4,000
N Isles	$4,000
K Popkiss	$2,000
P Zimmerman	$4,000
S Havers	$12,000
D Smith	$4,000
J Carrucan	$4,000
S Bouchoucha	$12,000
E Beukers	$4,000
C McGovern	$4,000
A Whitfield	$4,000
M Leong	$4,000
K Dempsey	$2,000
N Vause	$2,000
Total	$66,000

11. Contingent Liabilities

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

12. 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.

Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors 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 2026 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.



Director: _____

Sally Havers



Director: _____

Nicola Isles

Date: 29 September 2026

Independent Auditors' Report

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Company

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 2026, income statement, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including 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 have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those 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 company'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 company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board, 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.

Independent Auditors' Report

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).

Auditor: M McCrystal

Partner: Melissa McCrystal

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Chartered Accountant

160 Wharf Street

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Date: 29 September 2026



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