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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we reach the end of 2024, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a happy and restful holiday season. The holiday period provides a moment for reflection, and I am truly grateful for the support and dedication shown by our members throughout this year. It's been a year of growth, learning, and success, and I am proud of all that we have achieved together.

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest thanks to all our members and committee members for your hard work and commitment. Without your invaluable contributions, our progress and achievements would not have been possible. I'd also like to extend a special thank you to our trade partners for their continued support, and to the delegates who attended our various events this year.

One of the key highlights of 2024 was our annual conference, held in March in Coffs Harbour. It was another very successful event that showcased the strength and dedication of our industry. The conference provided a platform for professional development, networking, and sharing knowledge. I am so grateful to all who attended and contributed, and we are already planning for another great conference in 2025.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to announce that the 2025 NSW SRACA Conference will be held in Wollongong from the 12th to 14th of November. We are currently putting together an exciting

program, and I'm confident that it will be another fantastic event. I encourage you all to mark your calendars and join us for what promises to be an enriching experience.

In addition to the conference, we also held a highly successful workshop in December in Campbelltown. This workshop provided valuable hands-on experience and fostered the kind of collaborative learning that is at the heart of our association. The participation and enthusiasm shown by those who attended is a testament to the commitment to professional development within our members, and I look forward to more events like this in the future.

As we look ahead to 2025, I would like to share some exciting international news. The 26th WFHSS Congress will take place in Hong Kong in December 2025. This congress is a significant opportunity for professionals in our field to come together, exchange knowledge, and engage with industry leaders from around the globe. I encourage all delegates to consider applying for the Federation Scholarship, which offers financial assistance to those looking to attend. For more information, please visit www.fsraca.org.au. Furthermore, I would love to see many of you submitting abstracts for speaking opportunities or poster presentations, which will be displayed at the WFHSS Congress. It's an incredible platform to showcase your work and make your mark on the international stage.

Reflecting on 2024, I am reminded of the incredible strength of our industry. Together, we've accomplished a fair amount this year—whether through the knowledge shared at our events, the support offered to one another, or the ongoing development of our industry. I look forward to building on this foundation in the year ahead.

On behalf of the committee, I wish you all an enjoyable and well-deserved break. May you return in 2025 with renewed energy and enthusiasm for all that lies ahead. I hope the coming year brings you health, happiness, and continued success. Together, we will continue to drive our profession forward and make 2025 another year to remember.

Kind Regards,

David Bellamy

President of NSW SRACA



Certificate III in Sterilisation Services

Course structure and units

This course includes 14 units. Use the links below to go to your online learning resources for each unit.

BSBFLM312	Contribute to team effectiveness
BSBINM301	Organise workplace information
CHCCOM005	Communicate and work in health or community services
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
BSBADM311	Maintain business resources
HLTINF001	Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures
HLTSTE001	Clean and disinfect reusable medical devices
HLTSTE002	Inspect and pack reusable medical devices
HLTSTE003	Sterilise loads HLTSTE004 - Manage sterile stock
HLTSTE005	Care for reusable medical devices
HLTSTE006	Chemically disinfect reusable medical devices
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety
HLTWHS005	Conduct manual tasks safely

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2024 SRACA NSW WORKSHOP BACK TO BASICS: STEAM & LOW TEMPERATURE STERILISATION

BY MILLIE TRUONG



On December 4th, 2024, the SRACA NSW Workshop was held at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, drawing an engaging group of approximately 60 participants. The attendees included SRACA members, non-members, tradespeople, and non-trade professionals, all eager to deepen their knowledge of sterilisation practices. The event focused on the essential principles of steam and low-temperature sterilisation, with a particular emphasis on patient safety and effective sterilisation processes. The session was led by Julianne Schipelliti, Director of Proline Medical Pty Ltd, whose expertise provided a comprehensive understanding of these complex topics.

The workshop commenced at 9:00 am with a warm welcome from SRACA NSW President David Bellamy, who expressed gratitude to all attendees and trade representatives. Julianne Schipelliti then began her presentation on "Back to Basics - Steam & Low-Temperature Sterilisation," guiding participants through the core aspects of sterilisation, including steam sterilisation, low-temperature sterilisation (specifically using vaporised hydrogen peroxide or VH₂O₂), and the critical role of Reverse Osmosis (RO) water in the sterilisation process.



UNDERSTANDING STERILISATION OF REUSABLE MEDICAL DEVICES (RMDs)

Before diving into the technicalities of sterilisation, Julianne helped the group appreciate the crucial distinction between decontamination and sterilisation. She highlighted the fundamental concept: "If it's not clean, it can't be sterile!" This foundational principle emphasized the importance of effective decontamination as a prerequisite for successful sterilisation



EXPLORING STEAM STERILISATION

The first major topic covered was steam sterilisation. Participants learned about various types of steam sterilisers, such as gravity displacement and pre-vacuum models. Julianne provided a detailed explanation of the anatomy of a steam steriliser, covering essential components like the jacket, door gaskets, and control indicators. She then guided the group through the three critical phases of a steam sterilisation cycle—conditioning, exposure, and drying—using five distinct graphs to illustrate each phase and help participants interpret steam steriliser printouts accurately.



A particularly engaging segment involved categorising reusable medical devices (RMDs) for steam sterilisation using a product families table. This hands-on activity required participants to collaborate, gather information from various tables, and classify different RMDs based on key factors like material composition, intended use, and design features. This interactive exercise fostered valuable discussions on the importance of grouping devices with similar steam penetration resistance to ensure optimal sterilisation. The

group learned that instruments with heavy mass or complex designs, such as silicone components or lumens, may require longer sterilisation cycles to avoid wet loads.

OPTIMISING LOAD CONFIGURATION & TECHNIQUE

The next session focused on the correct load configuration within a steam steriliser. Julianne highlighted research findings on the best placement for various items on the steriliser racks, emphasizing that general instrument trays should be placed on the top level, heavy orthopaedic items

in the middle, and other items like laminates, singles, and Biological Indicators on the bottom. Special attention was given to the placement of Bowie-Dick tests and Biological Indicators, which should be positioned near the drain. Julianne also discussed essential morning test programs, such as warm-up, leak rate tests, and Bowie-Dick tests, stressing that if a steriliser fails the Bowie-Dick test, it should not be used.

CHEMICAL & BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS

Julianne provided an in-depth review of the various classes of chemical indicators (Class 1, 4, 5, and 6), highlighting their appropriate usage in sterilisation processes. While Class 1 external indicators are mandatory on all items, the use of internal chemical indicators is optional, though highly recommended. Participants discussed the risks associated with the absence of internal indicators, reinforcing the importance of these tools in ensuring the effectiveness of the sterilisation process. Julianne also reviewed the correct placement of Biological Indicators within the steriliser load, emphasizing the need for strategic placement in areas where sterilising conditions are most challenging to achieve.

LOW-TEMPERATURE STERILISATION (VH2O2)

After a break for lunch, Julianne resumed the workshop with an engaging session on low-temperature sterilisation using vaporised hydrogen peroxide (VH2O2). She explained how VH2O2 effectively eliminates a broad range of microorganisms, including bacteria, viruses, and fungi, in a sealed chamber. The group learned about the differences between VH2O2 sterilisation with and without plasma, as well as how to interpret correct cycle printouts. Julianne stressed the importance of adhering to manufacturer guidelines and using Biological Indicators regularly, as well as the need for personal protective equipment (PPE) when handling hydrogen peroxide canisters during loading and unloading.

STERILISATION PACKAGING: LAMINATES VS. WRAPS

Julianne then covered sterilisation packaging, comparing laminates with sterilisation wraps. Through video demonstrations, participants gained insights into the proper use of sterilisation laminates, including the importance of leaving room for pouches to expand and contract during the sterilisation cycle. The group also learned about the multilayer structure of sterilisation wraps (SSMMS), which provide strength, flexibility, and effective filtration. The presentation was followed by a hands-on demonstration where participants practiced the envelope and parallel fold techniques for wrapping. The session ended with an exciting wrapping competition, where SRACA committee member Amy Lochhead emerged as the winner.



REVERSE OSMOSIS (RO) WATER

The final topic of the day focused on the use of Reverse Osmosis (RO) water in steam sterilisation. Julianne explained why RO water is essential for steam supply, citing key specifications such as iron content (less than 0.2 mg/L) and chloride levels (less than 0.5 mg/L), as outlined in AS5369:2023. The group also learned about the frequency of RO water testing, ensuring that the water used in sterilisation processes meets the necessary standards for optimal steriliser performance.

The workshop concluded at 2:00 PM with a raffle draw and the collection of evaluation forms. It was a resounding success, providing attendees with a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of sterilisation procedures, exchange ideas, and enhance their practices to ensure patient safety. The workshop not only covered theoretical concepts but also provided practical insights that participants could immediately apply in their daily work.

Special thanks were extended to the SRACA NSW committee, Julianne Schipelliti, and the team of Proline Medical Pty Ltd for their dedication and expertise in delivering an informative and engaging workshop.



Expression of interest for The Sterilizing Industry

APPLYING FOR A RESEARCH GRANT

Federation Sterilizing Research Advisory Council of Australia invite all financial members of SRACA to apply for a research grant of up to \$1400.00

This package includes

- Information
- Guidelines
- Application form

You can request your package from your State Secretary, or download from your State or Federal website.

Information

Purpose

To provide financial assistance, to promote research and develop skills to ensure the sterilizing industry is contributing to quality patient care.

Value

Maximum \$1,400.00

Guideline

1. Selection criteria

Financial assistance will be considered for projects which would be relevant and beneficial to both the applicant and those involved in the field of sterilization.

2. Eligibility

- Highly developed written and oral skills
- State SRACA membership number and proof you are a current active member.

2. Eligibility (con.)

- Be a full member of a state SRACA and have been a member of a state SRACA for a minimum of two years immediately prior to submitting an application.
- Be currently employed in the field of sterilization and have been employed in the field of sterilization for a minimum of two years immediately prior to submitting an application
- Has attended SRACA meetings and educational activities during the two years immediately prior to submitting an application.
- Be actively involved in his/her state SRACA. Active involvement is considered to include but is not limited to:
 - Willingness to serve on SRACA committee or sub-committee
 - Promotion of SRACA activities
- Applicants shall submit information about any application for funding from an alternative source/s for the same purpose.
- Only one research grant will be awarded annually.

3. Application Guidelines

- Application forms are available from both FSRACA and SRACA State secretaries
- Applicants should submit a completed type written application form
- Comprehensive Curriculum Vitae, which show details of work and education qualifications.
- Full details of the project, including the objectives, the methodology of the research, the outcome and how the research can enhance sterilization and the estimated or actual budget.
- The proposed project must have commenced within 12 months from receipt of the research grant.
- Within four weeks of completing the research project the recipient will need to submit a type written report outlining the project
- The recipient of a FSRACA grant shall: Be prepared to speak on the funded project at FSRACA and/or SRACA meetings, conferences or workshops
- The report may be published in the "Sterilization in Australia" Journal or in an appropriate national professional Journal at the discretion of the editor.
- The recipient will submit progress reports to FSRACA if requested to do so.
- Papers and reports shall not be returned to the grant recipient by FSRACA committee.
- Projects involving human bioethics shall show proof of permission by the people and/or organization's concerned.
- The grant may fund all or part of the project
- The grant will be available only once to any individual.

4. Selection

- Completed application forms together with all supporting documentation shall be submitted to the Secretary of the state SRACA of which the applicant is a member, by 31 December each year.
- The state SRACA committee will determine whether eligibility requirements (as set out in this document) have been met.
- All applications will be forwarded by SRACA to the FSRACA Secretary together with a State committee recommendation.
- The applications shall be assessed at a meeting of the FSRACA committee.
- The decision of FSRACA committee shall be final and binding on all matters.
- Confidentiality of the selection process shall be upheld by all those involved.
- The names of successful applicants, together with an outline of project and funds granted, will be published in the minutes of FSRACA meeting.

5. Publication

Grant recipients shall retain copyright of all papers /reports submitted to FSRACA

6. Financial Considerations

- Applicant shall submit a statement of proposed expenditure for the proposed project.
- FSRACA committee reserves the right to cancel the grant and request return of any monies granted should the recipient fail to pursue the purpose for which the grant was awarded.

7. Alternative Funding

- FSRACA financial grants are conditioned upon the applicant informing FSRACA at any time should funding received exceed the total cost of the project.
- FSRACA committee reserves the right to request the return of monies over and above full funding.

Application Form (Applicant)

Title Ms, Miss, Mrs, Mr., Dr (Please circle your title)	Surname	Given Name
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address		
<input type="text"/>		
<input type="text"/>		
Email	Phone	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Current Occupation	Years of experience	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Amount of Funding requested		
\$ <input type="text"/>		
I have/have not made application to alternative sources for funding YES / NO		
If YES from whom and what support has been requested/granted		
<input type="text"/>		
If funding is granted, I <input type="text"/>		
agree to abide by the terms and Conditions of FSRACA "Guidelines for Financial Grants"		
Signature	Date	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Application Form (Office use only)

Received by	State SRACA Secretary on (Date)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
State SRACA comments regarding eligibility (as per financial grant guidelines)		
<input type="text"/>		
<input type="text"/>		
Signed	Position	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Received by FSRACA Secretary on	Date	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Presented to FSRACA meeting on	Date	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
FSRACA Action:		
<input type="text"/>		
<input type="text"/>		
Signed	Position	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current SRACA Membership• 2 x Professional Referees• Budget Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curriculum Vitae• Proposed Project
Applicant	<input type="text"/>	1= Criteria not met 5= Criteria fully met

Application Form (Criteria Rating Comment)

1. Documentary evidence. (Circle correct answer)

- Current membership and active member State group YES / NO
- Two relevant references supplied YES / NO
- Curriculum Vitae supplied YES / NO
- Project details YES / NO
- Budget Plan YES / NO

2. Essential Qualifications supplied YES / NO

3. Communication skills

- Written 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Oral 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Summary

Approved / not approved (Circle the correct answer)

Amount granted

\$

Signature

Date

26TH WORLD STERILIZATION CONGRESS

3RD TO 6TH DECEMBER 2025 | **HONG KONG**
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BRING THE STERILIZATION SCIENCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL
將滅菌科學提升到新水平

25TH WORLD STERILIZATION CONGRESS

SANTIAGO, CHILE 2024

WRITTEN BY: DAVID BELLAMY

WFHSS VICE PRESIDENT 2024-2028 FSRACA PRESIDENT

The 25th World Sterilization Congress took place from 20th to 23rd November 2024 in the vibrant city of Santiago, Chile, also known as the "Southern Star of the world." This landmark event brought together industry leaders, healthcare professionals, and key stakeholders to discuss advancements, challenges, and opportunities in sterilization services worldwide. The venue was the Metropolitan Santiago Convention and Event Centre, which provided an exceptional space for the exchange of knowledge, networking, and learning.

With an impressive turnout of 1,336 visitors, 28 speakers, 12 symposiums, and representation from 58 industry partners. Delegates were encouraged to engage further by sharing their innovative ideas, as we did something new at this congress. There were two sessions where moderators went to the audience to have discussions and interactions, so that pressing questions could be asked and answered, and was a remarkable success.

As you registered in delegates received a welcome gift bag, containing practical items such as reusable bags, reusable water bottle, highlighters, and a few other items. This is to keep with the "Green Theme" to becoming more sustainable. It was a meaningful gesture to make participants feel valued and welcomed.

The congress opened with a vibrant cultural performance featuring traditional Chilean dances, reflecting the beauty and diversity of Chile's heritage. The dancers told stories of the land, animals, and people through mesmerizing performances, leaving the audience deeply engaged and appreciative of the local culture.

SO, TIME FOR THE CONGRESS!!

Registration opened, and delegates had the first opportunity to explore and interact with exhibitors showcasing cutting-edge innovations and solutions in sterilization services.

It was an honour to open the congress with a welcoming message, providing an overview of the exciting events taking place. One of the highlights included the "Green Tree" initiative, where delegates contributed their green ideas by writing them down and attaching them to two trees, which will be planted in Santiago as a lasting reminder of the conference's success. Additionally, we had over 120 e-posters on display, showcasing cutting-edge research, and numerous industry partner symposiums offering valuable insights. I also emphasized the crucial role of collaboration, innovation, and sterilization practices in advancing global healthcare standards.



ALL POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS, PHOTOS AND CONGRESS VIDEO IS AVAILABLE VIA WWW.FSRACA.ORG.AU

Session 1: Validation

moderated by Christine Delebeque and Sandra Riveros

Conference 1: Economic Comparison of Steam Sterilization Quality Assurance Policies in German and Chilean Hospitals Speaker: Markus Auly (Switzerland)

Conference 2: Importance of Process Validation According to ISO Speaker: Matias Pilasi Pendas (Chile)

Conference 3: Process Validation in Real Practice: A Case Study from a German Hospital Speaker: Bianca Winkler (Germany)

Session 2: Improvement of Practices: What are the Obstacles?

moderated by Harry Oussoren and Cinthia Vera Fuentes

Conference 4: 10 Years of World Experience: So What? Speaker: Christine Delebeque (France)

Conference 5: What is Our Strategy to Move into the Future? Speakers: Damien Berge (USA), Sandra Riveros (Chile), and Christine Delebeque (France)

Session 3: Innovation and Green Practices

moderated by Carolina Chiodini and Matias Pilasi Pendas

Conference 6: Increasing CSSD Reprocessing Capacity to Support Sustainability Outcomes Speaker: Sulisti Holmes (UK)

Conference 7: AI for Developing Countries' CSSDs: Threat or Opportunity? Speaker: Hamid Zare Shah Mers (Iran)

Conference 8: Green Interactive Session with Experts and Audience Speakers: Harry Oussoren (Netherlands) and Patricia Jara Concha (Chile)

Session 5: Cleaning and Disinfection

moderated by Damien Berg and Silvia Araneda

Speaker: Patricia Guterrez (Chile)

Conference 13: Identification and prevention of surface alterations on surgical instruments caused by waterborne minerals

Speaker: Matthias Tschoerner (Germany)

Conference 14: Influence factors on instrument cleaning results- How to achieve a good result and what is good enough

Speaker: Gerhard Kirmse (Germany)

Conference 15: Basics of safe endoscopic reprocessing

Speaker: Eric Smith (USA)

Session 4: Flexible Endoscopy

moderated by Herve Ney and Patricia Jara Concha

Conference 9: Establishing Preconditions for Effective Duodenoscope Reprocessing Speaker: Diana Bulkman (Netherlands)

Conference 10: Determination of Residual Endotoxins in Endoscopic Devices Speaker: Troys Ejsmentewicz (Chile)

Conference 11: Importance of Dry Storage to Prevent Biofilm Formation Speaker: Michelle Alfa (Canada)

Session 6: Education

moderated by David Bellamy and Patricia Guterrez

Conference 16: A Well-Structured Sterile Services Department Training System for Sustainable Development in a Volatile Environment

Speaker: Teddy Lee Chun Kin (Hong Kong)

Conference 17: Educating CSSD: The self-regulating student

Speaker: Martijin Gerritsen-Ter Brugge (The Netherlands)

Poster award session: Hosted by David Bellamy

1st Toshihiko Okazaki: New Development of an Air-Tight Bag-Type Humidifying Container Using Nanofiber Sheet Membrane to Prevent Microbial Contamination.

2nd Daniela Schneider: Processable Optical Heating System: Sustainability and Patient Safety.

3rd Sergio Jesus: Simulation-Based Training for Material Packaging in the Material and Sterilisation Center.

Session 7: Packaging and Sterilisation

moderated by Tillo Miorini and Andrea Leisewitz Velasco

Conference 19: Practical experience in implanting the validation of sterile barrier system according to ISO 11607 at CSSD in Germany

Speaker: Rainer Stens (France)

Conference 20: Exploring differences between steam penetration in a B&D test pack and in a channelled instrument

Speaker: Fancesco Tessarolo (Italy)

Conference 21: Influence of the load positioning during a steam sterilisation cycle: an experimental and numerical study

Speaker: Simon Pletzer (Austria)

The Congress dinner was held at SKY COSTANERA, with the theme "Reaching for the Sky." Attendees arrived in stunning, sky-inspired attire, adorned with glitter, reflecting the beauty of the night sky. The WFHSS executive committee warmly welcomed delegates, standing together with joined hands to create an atmosphere of prestige and celebration. The evening exuded an air of exclusivity, making every guest feel like a VIP. Guests were treated to an exquisite selection of food and drinks, accompanied by outstanding entertainment, including captivating vocal performances, an energetic DJ, and a mesmerizing aerial trapeze show.



Session 8: Miscellaneous

moderated by David Bellamy and Millaray Fonseca Chadia

Conference 22: Precision in Practice: Instrument Management as a Key to Cost Control and Safety Improvement

Speaker: Juana Baez Hernandez (Spain)

Conference 23: Change management: a critical part of leadership success

Speaker: Roel Beltran Castillo (Australia)

Conference 24 (10:00am): Optimising CSSD Operations with QR Code Tracking Speaker: Nathkrittta Sookchum (Thailand)

Session 9: Quality and risk management

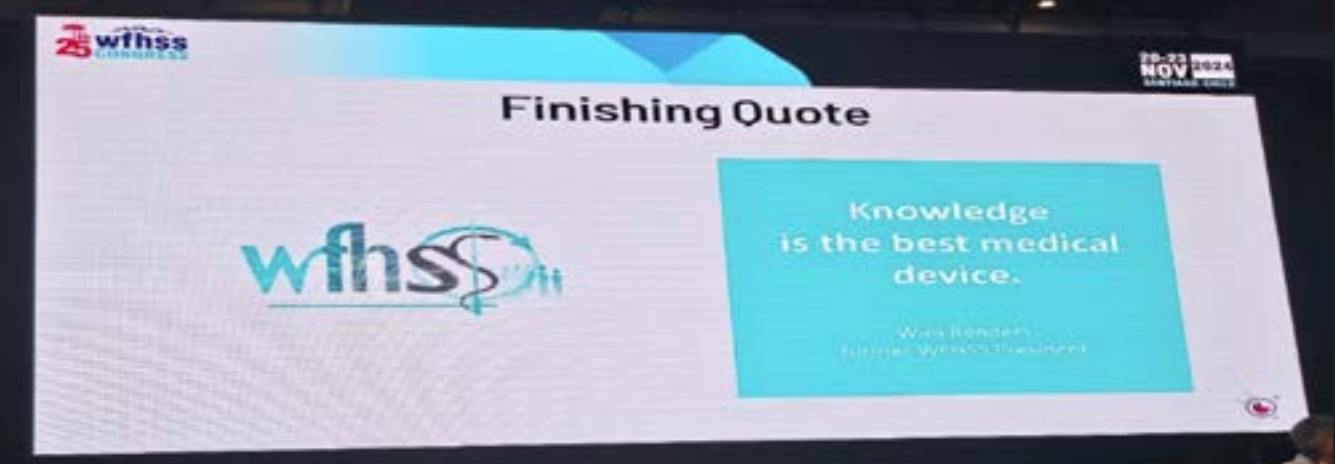
moderated by Harry Oussoren and Katherine Lopez Tirado

Conference 25: Nonconformity and risk management on product

Speaker: Norma Hermann (Switzerland)

• Conference 26 (11:30am): Transportation environment t of Contaminated instruments before reprocessing

Speaker: Karin Bundgaard (Denmark)



The 25th World Sterilization Congress in Santiago, Chile, was a tremendous success, promoting global collaboration and highlighting significant advancements in sterilization practices. Following the presentations, awards were presented for the Green CSSD initiatives, recognizing the top-voted ideas submitted on the Green Tree, alongside the closing speeches. The ceremony concluded with the official handover to Hong Kong, where the 2025 congress will take place from December 3rd to 6th.



JOIN NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL ONLINE

join or renewing
membership through the
member jungle website

<https://sraacan.memberjungle.com/membership>

Full Member

Meaning persons, excluding associate members, who accept the intent of the Constitution and the by-laws of the Council and are employed within the fields of sterilization and disinfection by any hospital, nursing home, medical, dental, or veterinary practice, university, government or semi-government organization, who are admitted by the Council and who have paid the Annual Subscription. These persons have full voting rights and shall be eligible to hold office.

Associate Member

Meaning any proprietors, members or employees of a business or advisory body who are engaged in the production or supply of goods and/or services, directly/ or indirectly associated with sterilization, disinfection, or infection control who are admitted by the Council and who have paid the Annual Subscription. These persons shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible to hold office.

Membership Fee

FULL Membership renewal includes Journal - \$50.00

NEW Membership includes Journal & Joining fee \$50.00 + \$5.00 Joining fee

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SUBSCRIPTION to Journal only (Overseas incl. postage) - \$60.00

Memberships are GST Exempt

Annual Subscription will be due for renewal each July

new to join?

▼ **Select a Membership Level**

Full Member

Associate Member

REGISTER

! **Fill out Your Details,**

Member Postal Address

**Workplace / Organization
Name and Address**

SUBMIT

**already a
member?**

LOG IN

PAY MEMBERSHIP FEE

Please note registrations are not complete until you have completed payment.



Values and Recognition Award

SRACA NSW knows how good it feels to recognise a member who has made an exceptional contribution. Their work or actions have made a significant difference in our industry. SRACA NSW are all aware of the fabulous work Sterilising personnel do that many times goes unappreciated. This annual recognition is an opportunity to share and appreciate some of the exceptional sterilising personnel we have in our state. SRACA NSW invites members to nominate a colleague or even yourself for this prestigious award, with the endorsement of the Manager, Staff Supervisor or Team Leader.

The winner of the Values and Recognition award will be announced at the annual NSW SRACA Conference.

Nominations are now open and all submissions to include the application as well as being able to demonstrate one or more of the following values:

Adaptability

Someone who demonstrates flexibility in the workplace and has the ability to respond effectively to work conditions even if when things don't go to plan. This is someone who is adaptable, continually learns and embraces change.

Collaboration

Collaborating with team members and stakeholders to build effective working relationships to achieve better work outcomes

Engagement

Someone who cares and respects the department goals and values. They actively participates in quality projects, team activities and meetings

Excellence

To foster a culture where pride and high performance in the work place is valued, nurtured and celebrated.

Innovation

The individual uses their skills at all levels to develop their knowledge, experience and creativity to its fullest extent to improve the service and processes on a continuous basis.

Problem Solving

Someone who has the ability to identify a problem and contribute to risk assessment, evaluation and solutions.

Conditions of Entry

1. Entry is now open and all nominations must be received by close of business 12th November 2021
2. Nominations to be sent to NSW SRACA secretary
3. Nomination to include an application form, that can be found on the NSW SRACA website <https://www.sracansw.org.au/>
4. Tell us in no more than 500 words how you or the nominee demonstrate or promotes each of the values in the course of your work.
5. Nominee must be a current financial member of NSW SRACA.
6. Nomination to be endorsed by the manager, direct supervisor or team leader.
7. Each member can only nominate the same member once in a calendar year.

Review Process

Each nomination will be de-identified by the secretary and president from the committee by a number system to prevent any bias.

Each submission is reviewed by the committee against the above criteria

Winner will be announced at the NSW SRACA yearly conference or in the event no conference it will be announced at end of year workshop

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Prize

The winner of the NSW SRACA Values and Recognition award will receive:

- A Glass Trophy
- All expenses paid to attend the Federation Sterilising Research Councils of Australia National Conference.
- Feature article in the NSW SRACA journal



NSW SRACA 2025 Event Calendar

- Important Date
- Meeting
- Workshop

FEB	<p>Wednesday 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 10am Northmead Sports Club <p>Planning Day 10am Northmead Sports Club</p>	JUN	<p>Wednesday 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 5pm Northmead Sports Club <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p> <p>Monday 30th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Journal 1 on the website 	OCT	<p>Wednesday 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 5pm Northmead Sports Club <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p>
MAR	<p>Tuesday 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 5pm Northmead Sports Club <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p>	JUL	<p>Tuesday 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 10am Microsoft Teams <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p>	NOV	<p>Tuesday 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 10am Microsoft Teams <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p> <p>12th - 14th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NSW SRACA State Conference Wollongong
<p>NSW SRACA Workshop Date TBA TOPIC TBA</p>					
APR	<p>Tuesday 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 5pm Northmead Sports Club <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p>	AUG	<p>Tuesday 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 5pm Northmead Sports Club <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p>	DEC	<p>3rd - 6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 26th WFHSS Congress Hong Kong <p>Tuesday 9th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 10am Microsoft Teams <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 30th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Journal on Website
MAY	<p>Tuesday 6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 10am Microsoft Teams <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p>	SEP	<p>Tuesday 2nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Meeting 10am Microsoft Teams <p>Conference Committee Meeting - To follow Exec Meeting</p>		

World CSSD Day
Tuesday 10th April

Thank you and wishing everyone a Happy & Safe Holidays

