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# President's Report

## Welcome to Issue No.2 2021 of the NSW SRACA Journal.

### I hope everyone is well & safe.

Are we ever going to get back to normality? With lockdowns and staycations life has been a little boring. However looking on the bright side we are very fortunate to have employment, I feel for those people having lost jobs due to the nature of their business.

I have been catching up on some reading and saw an article around water quality in endoscopy by Gudrun Westermann. Studies have found that water of impeccable microbiological quality must be used for the final rinse when cleaning and disinfecting endoscopes in the endoscope washer disinfectant as well as manual cleaning and disinfection. It has been found that reprocessing mistakes could lead to infection of the next patient in particular for a combination of cleaning/drying and storage. Beilenhoff demonstrated this by citing a case report involving clusters of infection after ERCP – infection was observed in the first patients undergoing endoscopy in the morning. The use of demineralized water is recommended. In addition if endoscopes are to be stored, they should be dry once reprocessed otherwise there is a risk of bacterial growth. It was a very interesting article found in Zentral sterilization this is only a very short summary of the article.

We are very happy to announce our inaugural Values and Recognition Award. We in sterilising know and understand how great it feels to be recognised for an exceptional contribution in our field. Our members work and actions have made a significant difference to our industry and patient safety. Our members do fabulous work using innovation in providing high quality volumes of workload. We believe your efforts at times often goes unnoticed and we at NSW SRACA would like to reward those efforts by given you a break and providing you with an all-expenses paid educational experience to attend the Federation Sterilising Research Councils of Australia National Conference. You will also receive a beautiful glass trophy keepsake and a feature article in the NSW SRACA Journal. You will find the award criteria and application form in the journal, website, or member jungle. I really hope you all take this opportunity to nominate a fellow team member or yourself for your greatest achievement.

### Continue to stay well and safe.

Yours sincerely

*Lynne Noring*

Lynne Noring  
President of NSW SRACA





# NSW SRACA STATE CONFERENCE

On March 10th, NSW SRACA took a leap of faith and held their annual conference in the midst of Covid-19.

Our Covid Safe Plan supported by the Campbelltown Catholic Club & the SRACA NSW Committee ensured we all stayed safe for the duration.

Wow, what a great time we had – reconnecting with delegates and trade alike, we have not seen for such a long time.

As usual, there was a great program of industry support and general well-being.

The conference was opened with Key Note Speaker – Angry Anderson, some may remember from his Rose Tattoo days but now he provides an inspirational recollection of his childhood and youth. Angry delivered a message of his success being born from strength, courage and perseverance.



**Joe-Anne Bendall** from the Clinical Excellence Commission spoke about our experience through the Covid-19 crisis and explained the enormous amount of work being done by the Ministry of Health and CEC to keep NSW safe.

**Maria Crilley**, also from the CEC spoke about Human Factors and how they impact on us at work. We learnt about the 'Dirty Dozen' which are elements that can act as precursors to accidents or incidents, or can also influence people to make mistakes. The take home message from this session was that we are all human, but errors may be avoided if we address the 'Dirty Dozen'.

We had a Master Class demonstration of Endoscope microbial testing – kindly shown by **Telesia Telai** – Sterilisation Technician from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Telesia demonstrated how flexible endoscopes undergo mandatory microbial testing on mandated regular frequencies to ensure patient safety.

**Joseph Davies** from Tri-Dental Implants Australia explained how far Dentistry has evolved with the assistance of digital implantology. Digital technology paired with highly skilled and experienced dentists has eliminated much of the risk associated with placing dental implants.

**Dr. Martin Koch** also spoke from Germany about dentistry and the risk of aerosols at the chairside. The information provided certainly gave us a lot to think about in regards to aerosol generation that could be applied to cleaning processes in the SSD.

**Dr. Paul Stalley** – Clinical Associate Professor and Orthopaedic Specialist from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, shared a very interesting presentation on removing bone tumors from particular hip and pelvic region. Dr. Stalley is a pioneer for replacing diseased bone/joints with 3D laser printed titanium implants, and provides patients with a restored quality of life. 3D laser printed implants allows best fit for joint replacement.

**Benoit Kergrohen** – EcoLab Australia, spoke about the evolution of cleaning cannulated medical devices. Why is cleaning cannulated medical devices so difficult, what do we need to do to validate this process and provide a cleaned medical device suitable for sterilization and patient safety?? Benoit shared some useful solutions for this ongoing challenge.

**Kerrie Legg** from The Chatswood Private Hospital presented Toxic Anterior Segment Syndrome (TASS) in cataract surgery. There are normally minimal risks associated with cataract surgery but TASS is a rare and devastating complication that usually develops shortly after anterior segment surgery. One of the contributing factors to TASS is residual chemicals ie. insufficient final rinsing of medical devices after the cleaning process.

**Wendy Hird** – Sustainability Manager for SWSLHD spoke about her passion of saving waste in Health. Wendy had good knowledge of disposable clinical and non-clinical products used throughout health. She is working hard to engage recycling programs and shared some key components of the SWSLHD Sustainability Action Plan to reduce overall waste.



**Kerrie Crossie** provided a workshop environment for open discussion on risk and control measures, monitoring and record keeping, policies and procedures. As always, Kerrie interacted with the audience and allowed constructive feedback to the trials and tribulations we all face in our endeavor to provide a quality Sterilising Service.

**Overall, the conference was supported by 3 Gold Sponsors, 3 Silver Sponsors & 28 Trade Stands. The HSU was present with a representative to answer any industrial questions.**

The centralised venue allowed for delegates to attend as much or as little of the program. Daily registrations are popular for delegates with busy work rosters.

The cocktail meet and greet on day 1, was an opportunity to catch up with many we've not seen for a long while. Dinner was a fun & fantastic trivia night hosted by Andrew Bailey and the beautiful Lauren from GKE. An average daily attendance across the 3 day event was 133 participants.

The AGM was held at the conference and financial reports made available. Delegates were invited to attend the AGM, meet the Committee and provide feedback for future education. Some Committee positions were vacated after the 2 year term and nominations were announced. All nominations were unchallenged therefore remain for a further term.

**Congratulations** to our scholarship winners, who will have the National FSRACA conference registrations paid by NSW SRACA.

**A special thankyou to Andrew Bailey** – our conference Master of Ceremony, who did a great job as always – what would we do without Andrew?

**Thank you** also to the Campbelltown Catholic Club for their support and service.

# THANK YOU

**to all the delegates and trade who attended and made the conference a huge success. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.**



## Certificate III in Sterilisation Services

TAFE NSW Course No: HLT37015-01V01  
National Course Code: HLT37015  
Nominal Hours: 455

### 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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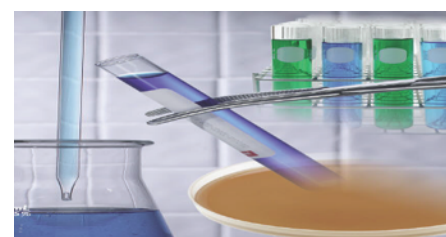
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Expression of interest for The Sterilizing Industry

# 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.

## 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

## 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.

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**Applying for a Research Grant**

## 2. Eligibility

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

## Expression of interest for The Sterilizing Industry Applying for a Research Grant

- 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.

## Expression of interest for The Sterilizing Industry Applying for a Research Grant

### 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.

Expression of interest for The Sterilizing Industry  
**Applying for a Research Grant**

### Application form

Title Ms, Miss, Mrs, Mr., Dr (Please circle your title)

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Given Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number. \_\_\_\_\_

Current occupation and years of experience \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Funding requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have/have not made application to alternative sources for funding YES/NO

If YES from whom and what support has been requested/granted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If funding is granted I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by the terms and Conditions of  
 FSRACA “Guidelines for Financial Grants”

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ State SRACA Secretary on \_\_\_\_\_

State SRACA comments regarding eligibility (as per financial grant guidelines)

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Expression of interest for The Sterilizing Industry  
**Applying for a Research Grant**

Received by FSRACA Secretary on \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Presented to FSRACA meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FSRACA Action: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attachments

- Current SRACA Membership
- Curriculum Vitae
- 2 x Professional Referees
- Proposed Project
- Budget Plan

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

1= Criteria not met

5= Criteria fully met

### 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



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**Applying for a Research Grant**

3. Communication skills

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

Summary

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Approved/not approved (Circle the correct answer)

Amount granted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION**  
**ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE**



# ADVISORY

TITLE	Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations
Advisory number	AS18/07
Version number	8.0
TRIM number	D21-13942
Publication date	26 July 2021
Replaces	AS18/07 version 7.0 published March 2021
Compliance with this advisory	It is mandatory for approved accrediting agencies to implement the Advisory
Information in this advisory applies to	All approved accrediting agencies All health service organisations
Key relationship	NSQHS Standards Preventing and Controlling Infections Standards
Attachment	n/a
Notes	Following release of the amended 2021 NSQHS Standards - Preventing and Controlling Infections Standards, changes to this advisory are related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated number formatting of the actions throughout the NSQHS Standards</li> <li>• Update of the name and numbering of Preventing and Controlling Infections Standards actions</li> </ul>
Responsible officer	Margaret Banks Director, National Standards Phone: 1800 304 056 Email: <a href="mailto:AdviceCentre@safetyandquality.gov.au">AdviceCentre@safetyandquality.gov.au</a>
To be reviewed	December 2022



# AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE



## ADVISORY

### AS18/07: Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations

#### PURPOSE:

To describe the minimum requirements for health service organisations' compliance with Action 3.17 (formerly Action 3.14 in the 2017 NSQHS Standards) to relevant national or international standards for reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations.

#### ISSUE:

Action 3.17 of the 2021 amended National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards states:

Where reusable equipment, instruments and devices are used, the health service organisation has:

- a. Processes for reprocessing that are consistent with relevant national and international standards, in conjunction with manufacturers' guidelines
- b. A traceability process for critical and semi-critical equipment, instruments and devices that is capable of identifying
  - the patient
  - the procedure
  - the reusable equipment, instruments and devices that were used for the procedure.

The Australian Standard AS/NZS 4187 is the national standard most commonly used by hospitals and day procedure services to meet the requirements in Action 3.17. Standards Australia released *AS/NZS 4187:2014: Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations* in 2014 and it became operational in December 2016.

Standards Australia's *AS/NZS 4815:2006 - Office-based health care facilities—Reprocessing of reusable medical and surgical instruments and equipment, and maintenance of the associated environment* is commonly used in office-based practice. This standard is still operational and is not covered by this Advisory.

In response to concerns raised by health service organisations and state and territory health departments the Commission has reviewed the implementation of *AS/NZS 4187:2014* and revised the compliance timeframe requirements. This revised Advisory specifies the minimum requirements needed to comply with Action 3.17 in the NSQHS Standards.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

To comply with the requirements of Action 3.17 health service organisations should:

- a. By June 2021, complete a gap analysis to determine its current level of compliance with the relevant national or international standards for reprocessing reusable medical devices in use by the health service organisation
- b. By December 2021, develop and document a plan to address identified gaps in compliance with the national or international standards in use by the organisation, specifying timeframes, milestones and deliverables to support implementation

Compliance gaps may be addressed in a standalone plan or may be addressed as part of the organisation's capital works and/or asset management and procurement planning cycles and may form part of a jurisdictional or private sector health services group capital works or asset management plan.

The plan should include:

- A strategy to identify and manage any current and emerging risks associated with the compliance gap(s)
- The timeframes and actions required to address the compliance gap(s)
- Executive endorsement

- c. Demonstrate progress toward implementing the plan, noting the following:

#### 1. Segregation of clean and dirty activities

By 31 December 2022, the Commission expects organisations to comply with relevant national or international standards for effective segregation of clean and dirty activities.

Prior to 31 December 2022 to be assessed as meeting Action 3.17, organisations still working towards full compliance of national or international standards for the effective segregation of clean and dirty activities should:

- Implement strategies to ensure unidirectional work and airflow to reduce the risk of cross contamination
- Identify and manage the risks associated with the gaps between current status and compliance with relevant national or international standards
- Document a process map or flow diagram to indicate how risks of cross contamination are being identified and managed.

From 1 January 2023, Action 3.17 is to be rated met with recommendations in organisations that are still working towards full compliance for effective segregation of clean and dirty activities



From 1 January 2023, Action 3.17 is to be rated met in organisations that are fully compliant with the national or international standard in use by the organisation effective segregation of clean and dirty activities.

Segregation of clean and dirty activities does not automatically require separate clean and dirty rooms.

Whenever an organisation commences occupation of a new build, it must be compliant with relevant national or international standards for the segregation of clean and dirty activities.

Exceptions to these requirements can be sought from the Commission on a case-by-case basis for health service organisations moving into new facilities, redeveloping facilities or with planned and funded redevelopments.

## 2. Design of storage areas for sterile stock

By 31 December 2022, the Commission expects organisations to comply with requirements in relevant national or international standards for storage of sterile stock in compliant shelving.

Organisations must mitigate the risk of contamination of sterile stock in storage. This includes assessing and managing the risk of:

- Humidity and temperature on stored sterile stock
- The co-location of sterile and non-sterile stock in a storage area.

Prior to 31 December 2022 to be assessed as meeting Action 3.17, organisations still working towards full compliance of national or international standards for sterile stock should develop an implementation plan that:

- Identifies and manages the risks associated with the gaps between current status and compliance with national or international standards in use by the organisation
- Is endorsed by the organisation executive
- Details the strategies to achieve full compliance
- Includes realistic timeframes, costings and options for funding that are approved by the executive
- Includes regular review of the risks, implementation of mitigation strategies and progress with the implementation plan.
- Ensures review processes are documented.

From 1 January 2023, Action 3.17 is to be rated met with recommendations in organisations that:

- Are still working towards full compliance for sterile stock storage
- Have completed an executive-endorse implementation plan
- Can provide evidence of ongoing progress implementing the executive-endorsed plan.

From 1 January 2023, Action 3.17 is to be rated met in organisations that are fully compliant with the relevant national or international standards for sterile stock storage.

Exceptions to these requirements can be sought from the Commission. Submissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis for organisations moving into new facilities, redeveloping facilities or facilities with planned redevelopment.

## 3. Replacement of AS/NZS 4187:2014 non-compliant cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising equipment

By 31 December 2022, the Commission expects organisations to comply with relevant national or international standards for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising equipment.

All compliant equipment should be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements and the relevant national or international standard, including for water quality and water quality monitoring.

Organisations must develop and use operational procedures for this equipment that are compliant with the national or international standards in use by the organisation.

Prior to by 31 December 2022 to be assessed as meeting Action 3.17, organisations still working towards full compliance of national or international standards for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising equipment should develop an implementation plan that:

- Identifies and manages the risks associated with the gaps between current status and compliance with relevant national or international standards
- Is endorsed by the organisation executive
- Details the strategies to achieve full compliance
- Includes realistic timeframes, costings and options for funding that are approved by the executive
- Includes regular review of the risks, implementation of mitigation strategies and progress with the implementation plan.
- Ensures review processes are documented.

From 1 January 2023, Action 3.17 is to be rated met with recommendations in organisations that:

- Are still working towards full compliance for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising equipment
- Have completed an executive-endorse implementation plan
- Can provide evidence of ongoing progress implementing the executive-endorsed plan

From 1 January 2023, Action 3.17 is to be rated met in organisations that are fully compliant with the relevant national or international standards for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising equipment.

Whenever an organisation replaces cleaning, disinfecting and/or sterilising equipment, it must install equipment that is compliant with the relevant national or international standards for reprocessing reusable medical devices.

Equipment and design of all new builds, refurbishments and redevelopments of sterilising services units must comply with relevant national or international standards.

Exceptions to these requirements can be sought from the Commission. Submissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



#### 4. Monitoring requirements for water quality

By 31 December 2022, the Commission expects organisations to comply with requirements in relevant national or international standard for monitoring water quality.

By 31 December 2022 to be assessed as meeting Action 3.17, organisations still working towards full compliance of national or international standards for monitoring water quality must develop an implementation plan that:

- Identifies and manages the risks associated with the gaps between current status and compliance with national or international standards in use by the organisation
- Is endorsed by the organisation executive
- Details the strategies to achieve full compliance
- Includes realistic timeframes, costings and options for funding that are approved by the executive
- Includes regular review of the risks, implementation of mitigation strategies and progress with the implementation plan.
- Ensures review processes are documented.

From 1 January 2023, Action 3.17 is to be rated met with recommendations in organisations that:

- Are still working towards full compliance for monitoring water quality
- Have completed an executive-endorse implementation plan
- Can provide evidence of ongoing progress implementing the executive-endorsed plan

From 1 January 2023, Action 3.17 is to be rated met in organisations that are fully compliant with the relevant national or international standards for monitoring water quality.

When an organisation replaces equipment that is used in the cleaning, disinfecting or sterilisation process, water quality requirements should be included in the planning and risk assessment undertaken.

Exceptions to this requirement can be sought from the Commission. Submissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis for health service organisations moving into new facilities, redeveloping facilities or facilities with planned redevelopment.

Health service organisations that are newly established and undergo interim accreditation to the NSQHS Standards are expected to comply with requirements of relevant national or international standards.

Health service organisations that access reprocessing equipment from a third party provider are to ensure the provider supplies the organisation with evidence of full compliance with relevant national or international standards.

Where visiting health professionals supply their own sterile equipment or sterile loan equipment is used, organisations are required to assure and seek evidence that the equipment was reprocessed, transported and stored in compliance with relevant national or international standards.

**Accrediting agencies** are required to:

- Assess and rate health service organisations compliance with Action 3.17 in accordance with the requirements set out in this Advisory.

# JOIN NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL ONLINE

## 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

**ASSOCIATE Membership** includes Journal - \$50.00

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Associate Member

**REGISTER**

! **Fill out** Your Details,

Member Postal Address

Workplace / Organisation  
Name and Address

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



# SRACA NSW

## SURVEY QUESTIONS 2021

1. What are some of the challenges or issues that you face in the workplace when Reprocessing RMDs?

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2. How can SRACA NSW assist you in learning any aspects of Sterilization that can support you as a technician?

For example:

- Instrument demonstration
- Interpretation of new standard or any terminology
- Changes could be expected or introduced from the new standards
- Introducing a change or product

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3. What are your expectations as a member of SRACA NSW?

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4. Are you able to follow AS4187 Standards or you need further education on any of the topics in Standards?

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5. How can your facility based competency assessments be enhanced?

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6. What quality assurance methods are in practice at your work place in different aspects of the work?

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7. Do you find value in SRACA NSW?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Comment:

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8. Please add any suggestions or recommendations to improve the value of your SRACA NSW membership

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# Values and Recognition Award 2021

**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







Values and Recognition Nomination form

Values and Recognition  
Nomination form

Nominee details

First Name	Last Name
Nominee's postal address (include postcode):	
Nominee's phone number:	
Nominee's email address:	
Name of organisation:	
Nominee's SRACA NSW membership No. and expiry date:	

Award criteria

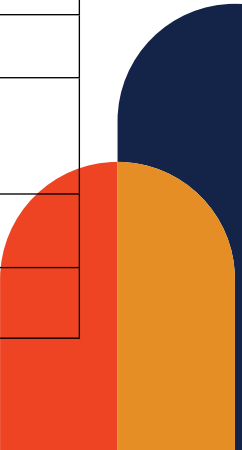
Please tell us in 500 words or less how the nominee demonstrates or promotes each of the values in the course of their/your work.

Nominators Details

Name:
Organisation:
Phone Number:
Email address:
Relationship to nominee:
Signature:
Date:

Endorsed By

Name of Endorser:
Relationship to nominee:
Address (include postcode):
Phone Number:
Email address:



# NSW SRACA 2021 Event Calendar

- Important Date
- Meeting
- Conf Committee
- AGM

**Jan**

- Membership Renewals Due
- Monday 18th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 2pm Campbelltown
  - Conference Committee Meeting
    - To follow Exec Meeting

**Feb**

- Tuesday 16th**
  - Conference Committee Meeting

**Mar**

- 10th to 12th**
  - NSW SRACA State Conference
    - The Cube, Campbelltown
- Thursday 11th**
  - SRACA Annual General Meeting
    - 2:30pm Campbelltown
- Friday 12th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 11am Campbelltown

**Apr**

- Journal 1 on the Website
- Saturday 10th**
  - World CSSD Open Day
- Monday 12th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 5pm Northmead Sports Club

**May**

- Monday 3rd**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 5pm Campbelltown Catholic Club
  - Conference Committee Meeting
    - To follow Exec Meeting

**Jun**

- Monday 7th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 5pm Northmead Sports Club
  - Conference Committee Meeting
    - To follow Exec Meeting
- Wednesday 30th**
  - End of Financial Year

**Jul**

- Monday 5th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 5pm Campbelltown Catholic Club
  - Conference Committee Meeting
    - To follow Exec Meeting

**Aug**

- Journal 2 on the website
- Monday 7th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 5pm Northmead Sports Club
  - Conference Committee Meeting
    - To follow Exec Meeting

**Sep**

- Monday 6th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 5pm Campbelltown Catholic Club
  - Conference Committee Meeting
    - To follow Exec Meeting

**Oct**

- Monday 11th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 5pm Northmead Sports Club
  - Conference Committee Meeting
    - To follow Exec Meeting

**Nov**

- Monday 15th**
  - Executive Meeting
    - 5pm Campbelltown Catholic Club
  - Conference Committee Meeting
    - To follow Exec Meeting
- 17th - 20th**
  - WHHSS Congress
    - Geneva, Switzerland

**Dec**

- Members General Meeting & Christmas Party
- Journal 3 on the website

**THANK YOU**  
and wishing everyone a Happy & Safe Holiday



