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# President's Report

Welcome to the second issue of Sterilization in Australia for 2016.

Half the year has already passed.

Our second workshop ("what are we in business of? Creating Certainty Creating Value") of the year was another positive event with good numbers of members attending. I would like to thank 3M for presentation in particular Manu Sinha for the presenting.

Our 3rd workshop will be held at Nepean again on the 30th of this month there is more info on the upcoming workshop in this issue of the journal & on our website.

On behalf of SRACA NSW we would like to thank Nepean TAFE and Sheryl Dismorr for providing the venue for us to carry out the workshop & have our AGM.

All nominations from the AGM were unopposed and congratulations to all that have been elected. Myself and the SRACA committee would like to give a big thank you to Raza Saric & Wilson Biason for all of the work they have done for SRACA NSW during their years of service this was greatly appreciated and all the best in future endeavours.

Congratulation to the 3 scholarship winners on the night, they were Jamie Shaw, Sharon Woods and Angelie Abinguna.

The World Conference will be on this year in Brisbane Cynthia Shaw, (Federal Secretary) Lynne Norring (Federal President) & the Federal Committee will be extremely busy with this World event. This is a positive step for Sterilisation in Australia & I do urge all to attend.

Please also check out the website [www.sracansw.org.au](http://www.sracansw.org.au) for information, downloads and copies of the journal. Us as the committee would like to know what our members would like to see, know or add to the site from within the industry that would benefit our members. So please contact us with ideas.

Just a little reminder that memberships are due for 2016

*Regards*

**George Papadopoulos**

President NSW SRACA



## Tracey Worthington - Committee Member



Tracey Worthington

# Q & A

**Q** Your role within the industry.

**A** I am SSD Manager at Campbelltown Hospital.

**Q** Biggest changes you have seen in the world of Sterilising?

**A** Biggest Industry changes; more education for Technicians through TAFE & OTEN, more complex instrumentation, more accountability for the SSD, development of policy & procedures (for everything), improved processes, revolving structure changes.

**Q** The one special thing that you are passionate about in the industry?

**A** Contributing to patient safety.

**Q** What do you see being the biggest challenges in the future?

**A** Standards as in the Good Manufacturing Practices.

**Q** Best aspect of your job?

**A** Supporting professional development of a grade 1 Technician to a grade 2 and beyond.

**Q** Who or what would you want with you if were stranded on a deserted island?

**A** My 7 year old Granddaughter – she is funny, resourceful, energetic, optimistic and better than any medicine on a bad day.

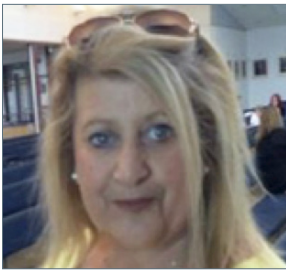
**Q** Favorite song of all time?

**A** I love many songs – mostly old ones and a sucker for Disney songs.

**Q** Hobbies outside of sterilizing?

**A** I've just taken up fitness training and enjoying the benefits of more energy and a little bit of weight loss.

## Lynne Noring - Committee Member



Lynne Noring

# Q & A

**Q** Your role within the industry.

**A** CSSD Manager RPAH, I have been in Sterilising for over 30 years.

**Q** Biggest changes you have seen in the world of Sterilising?

**A** Gloves for cleaning, laparoscopic surgery, robotic surgery, single use items being treated as single use. Introduction of code of practice then AS/NZS4187 and sterilising certificate going to TAFE.

**Q** The one special thing that you are passionate about in the industry?

**A** Education , accountability and patient care.

**Q** What do you see being the biggest challenges in the future?

**A** Instrument design for cleaning and sterilising, raising CSSD profile and motivating members to attend meetings and conferences to help raise our profile.

**Q** Best aspect of your job?

**A** Knowing our industry care enough to follow standards and procedures to ensure we deliver a quality sterile product worthy of patient care.

**Q** Who or what would you want with you if were stranded on a deserted island?

**A** My friends, music, a supermarket and an endless supply of cocktails. (Party time).

**Q** Favourite song of all time?

**A** That's a hard one , I like so many – I'm a believer, American pie, RESPECT, I feel the earth move , sorry I have so many favorites.

**Q** Hobbies outside of sterilizing?

**A**

# SRACA - AGM - Minutes



STERILISING RESEARCH & ADVISORY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

## MINUTES OF SRACA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Start Time:** 1900

**Venue:** HEALTH AND STUDENT SERVICE CENTRE TAFE WSI KINGSWOOD CAMPUS.  
BUILDING U, 2 O'CONNELL ST  
KINGSWOOD NSW 2747

**1. Present:**

As per sign on sheet

**2. Apologies:**

NIL

**3. Previous Minutes:**

Lynne Noring

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION/DECISION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION BY	COMPLETE
<b>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>		
<b>5. CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING TO AGM</b>			
	<p><b>Correspondence In</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election nomination for George Papadopoulos for President</li> <li>Election nomination for Leanne Burns for Treasurer</li> <li>Election nomination for Tracey Worthington for committee member</li> <li>Election nomination for David Bellamy for committee member</li> <li>Invoice for Payment from TaxFix Pty Ltd – Audit report</li> <li>Financial Report for year ending 31st December 2015</li> </ul>	Cindy Shaw	

## SRACA - AGM - Minutes ... continued

	<b>Correspondence Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email notification of the June Annual General meeting and election nomination form, to members of NSW SRACA</li> <li>Email sent with the flyer for the presentation at the AGM to members and trade</li> </ul>		
<b>6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>		
<b>7. NEW BUSINESS</b>			
Presidents report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We had a successful conference at the Hunter Valley in November 2015, was well attended by delegates and supported by trade. Thank you to all in attendance. Thank you to the conference organizing committee Tracey, Raza and Wilson you did a great job and thank you to the committee for your support.</li> <li>As you all may be aware the World Forum will be held this year in Brisbane. Due to this we will not be having a conference this year in NSW. We will be having workshops. The first was in Ballina which was a great success.</li> <li>Next year we will be holding more workshops and not having a conference, this is because in 2018 we will be having the National Conference in Sydney.</li> <li>The journal will now be available on the website, there is a letter going out to members with the login information. This letter will explain how to access the journal. It will also give members the option of having the journal sent out in the mail.</li> <li>Thank you to the NSW SRACA committee for all their hard work over the past year.</li> <li>Thank you to everyone who has attended tonight.</li> </ul>	George Papadopoulos	
Secretary's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you everyone for your support over the past year. It has been a very busy year.</li> <li>We had a very successful conference in the Hunter Valley</li> <li>We also had a joint workshop with STIG that was held at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in September 2015. NSW SRACA felt</li> </ul>	Cindy Shaw	

## SRACA - AGM - Minutes ... continued

	<p>this was a very successful workshop which was a positive step forward that was very well attended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation for the world forum is going very well and we hope to have the program on the website soon. We hope to see as many as you in Brisbane as possible as this is the first time the world forum has ever been held in Australia.</li> </ul>		
Treasurers report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Auditors report has been tabled and read out by Leanne and available for members to review.</li> <li>Leanne also tabled current SRACA NSW financials for members to review.</li> <li>There was a surplus of funds from the conference that has been transferred to education. These funds will be used to fund Member subsidized workshops and education scholarships.</li> <li>Account for payment pertaining to the AGM, the Auditors fee for \$187.00</li> </ul>	Leanne Burns Motion to accept the Audit report	Accepted by Yvonne Second by Lynne Noring
<b>8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2014-2015</b>			
	<p>George Papadopoulos Vacated the Chair and handed the chair to Lynne Noring for election of office bearers.</p> <p>Nominations for Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President - George Papadopoulos</li> <li>Treasurer – Leanne Burns</li> <li>Committee Member – Tracey Worthington</li> <li>Committee Member – David Bellamy</li> <li>Committee Member – Vacant</li> <li>Committee Member - Vacant</li> </ul> <p>All unopposed</p> <p>Floor was open for nominations for the vacant positions, no one nominated. Positions remain vacant.</p> <p>Lynne Noring stated that any member was interested in joining the committee but was unsure, they could attend the executive meetings as an observer to see if they would like to nominate for the committee in the future. If anyone is interested they can contact a member of the committee.</p>	Congratulation everyone on their appointment	



## SRACA - AGM - Minutes ... continued

	Lynne Noring vacated the Chair and handed back to George Papadopoulos		
9. NOTICES OF MOTION			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>		
10. GENERAL BUSINESS			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The floor was open for suggestions for anything the members would like to see, any education they would like or anything they think the Committee could do better. The Committee is very open for suggestions.</li> <li>Joyce Kenyon suggested that the Multigate factory at Villawood is open and there are possibilities that a workshop could be held at their facility. This could include a tour of the factory; Joyce has recently had a tour of the facility and said it was fabulous.</li> <li>Thank you Raza for all your years on the Committee, Raza has resigned her position on the Committee. We thank you for all your time and effort over the many years on the Committee and look forward to your ongoing support.</li> <li>Scholarship winners for early bird registration to the 2016 world forum in Brisbane are Jaime Shaw, Sharon Woods and Angelie Abinguna. Congratulations.</li> </ul>		
Meeting closed 1925 Minutes Taken by Cynthia Shaw			

# HAI Reprocessing Advisory Group

<b>HAI REPROCESSING ADVISORY GROUP</b>	
<b>Summary report 22 June 2016 meeting</b>	
<b>Water quality testing</b>	
<p>Section 7.2.3.1 of AS/NZS 4187:2014 contains guidance on water quality.</p> <p>Members were advised that annual water testing should suffice, unless test results are outside of pre-set parameters.</p> <p>Members noted that the UK <i>Choice Framework for Local Policy and Procedures 01-06 – Decontamination of flexible endoscopes: Testing methods</i> at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/530427/HTM0106_PartE.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/530427/HTM0106_PartE.pdf</a> provides useful information.</p>	
<b>Development of resources to support implementation of AS/NZS 4187:2014</b>	
<p>It was noted that with its acceptance of the ACSQHC advisory A16/03, NSW health had implicitly accepted AS 4187's requirements; and that facilities have now five years to fully implement AS 4187.</p> <p>Members discussed the suite of resources to support implementation of AS 4187, developed by Kerrie Crossie. These resources aim to support development of the evidence base that SSDs need to demonstrate to auditors and accreditors that they meet the requirements of AS 4187.</p> <p>The resources may be adapted according to local need; users should take what they need and leave out what they don't need.</p>	
<b>Sterilization audit tool</b>	
<p>Members reviewed the RIGPRAC Sterilization Compliance Audit tool and agreed that its use is not recommended for NSW facilities.</p> <p>Members agreed that the 2003 Sterilization Risk Assessment Tool at <a href="http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/programs/hai/sterilization-of-medical-equipment#srat">http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/programs/hai/sterilization-of-medical-equipment#srat</a> could remain on the webpage for use by NSW facilities, provided a statement is added to the effect that the audit tool does not meet all requirements of AS/NZS 4187:2014 and is under review.</p>	
<b>Guideline for the Management of RMDs on loan</b>	
<p>Members noted the ACI Surgical Services Taskforce's in principle support for the draft Guideline, and agreed that the draft Guideline now should be circulated widely, including to industry partners (suppliers), for consultation.</p>	
<b>Onelink Warehouse (OLW) handling of sterile stock</b>	
<p>Members noted that Onelink Warehouse (OLW) had been awarded a ten-year contract to provide the centralised warehouse of medical supplies for all LHDs.</p> <p>Members agreed that OLW would be expected to meet current standards for warehousing.</p> <p>Members recommended that the draft Guidelines for Storage, Handling and Distribution of Sterile Consumables should be revised to ensure they provide their target audience with correct and accessible information.</p>	
<b>Disposable sterile covers to protect non-sterile equipment</b>	
<p>It was noted that some intraoperative ultrasound probes cannot be sterilized, but that covering these is not an acceptable solution; and if a probe cannot be sterilized, sites should use alternative probes that can be sterilized. It was noted that there are probes that cannot be sterilized and for which there are no alternatives.</p> <p>Members agreed that these probes and sheaths should be sterilized and, if this is not possible, they should be subjected to a risk assessment to weigh risks against benefits of their continued use. If such assessment supports their continued use, patients should be informed to obtain their consent.</p>	
<b>Next meeting: Friday 14 October 2016, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>	

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## 16th Annual WFHSS Congress Lille France 2015



I recently attended the 2015 World Congress in Lille France to help the FSRACA promote Australia to the World.

The Congress was held at the Lille Grand Palais Congress Centre in the City of Lille, which was a short train trip from Paris. This was the first time France has held the annual Congress so as you could imagine the French Association for Sterilization were very excited.

I arrived in Lille and registered on the 7th October 2015. The next 3 days were spent attending a number of presentations with very interesting content, as well as manning the Australia booth in the Trade Exhibition. I had the opportunity to meet and speak with many international delegates and Company Representatives that were very interesting in attending the 2016 World Forum in Brisbane. We handed out hundreds of flyers with little Koala Bears and vegemite; however I think I was the only one excited about seeing vegemite as I had been away from home for a number of weeks.

The congress was officially opened on Thursday 8th of October 2015 by the President of the World Federation for Hospital Sterilisation Sciences, Christine Denis. She welcomed the delegates, trade and special guest then explained what we were to expect over the next 3 days as well as how to vote on the E-Posters. Christine also explained how to enter a selfie competition



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which of course I had to be a part of.

**Thursday 8th October 2015**

## **An introduction of Lean Six Sigma in CSSD - Bart van Oost, Netherlands**

- Bart spoke about how he used the Lean Six Sigma to reduce the amount of errors in SSD. He explained the process to Define, Measure, Analyse, Improve and control error rates. He noted after a month of implementing some small changes, a large decrease in error rates and complaints from the end user. He was able to implement new policies and reward system for staff.  
Website reference [www.sixsigma.com](http://www.sixsigma.com)

## **Lean Management approach applied to CSSD – Sebastien Magnin, France**

- Sebastian's presentation was similar in nature to the previous presentation; however he used the formula Observe, Map, Measure, Analyse and Control. He used Lean Management to control breakdowns in procedures and to upskill this employees.

## **Critical parameters, parametric release and supervision of steam sterilization-Dominique Goulet, France**

- Dominique spoke about the importance of parametric release as well as the use of biological indicators and whether they should they still be used to monitor a steam steriliser.

## **Biological indicators role in CSSD equipment qualification and monitoring-Paulo Laranjeira, Brazil**

- Paulos presentation was on the use of Biological indicator for the validation process, Paulo showed the science behind their use as well as the mathematical results. He also demonstrated that most indicators will change, indicating a load is sterile before the hold time has started.

## **Impact assessment of residual moisture in surgical sets after sterilisation-Camille Fayard, France**

- Camille's presentation was on research she had conducted on residue moisture found in Instruments sets after sterilisation. Her study was to show that this residual moisture was not deemed to be contaminated. She explained her methodology and results. The results were surprising in that the sets were found to not be contaminated;

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however they were only tested up to 14 days.

### **How do you ensure your loan kit is clean and sterile – Jane Butler, Australia**

- Jane's presentation talked about the importance of following the reprocessing instructions from the manufacture, as well as the importance of training and validation. Jane was also able to work with loan set companies and surgeons to reducing the amount of instrument in loan kits. By doing this she was able to reduce the amount of waste in resources and therefore money.

### **Relevance of using a recomposition support tool for loan instruments into the sterilisation process in a large hospital- Anne-Cecile Duployez, France**

- Anne-Cecile spoke about the implantation of a computer program in France that is able to track loan sets to allow greater accuracy and safety for patients.

**Fridayday 9th October 2015**

### **Activity and costs of French sterilization: a new approach- Annette Cubertafond & Jacqueline Rongeot**

- This presentation looked at the cost to reprocess reusable medical devices. They then developed a tool to be used across France in all Hospitals to measure their operational costs and quality. This was an initiative of the France Association of France.

### **The supply chain of sterile medical devices in your hospital: improving patient safety and gaining efficiency on stock control – Tom Pereboom, Netherlands**

- This presentation centred around on automated system for recording to patient electronic records the implants and reusable medical devices used on a patient and the potential to recall if necessary.
- The presenter spoke about issues and challenges they had experienced due to a global recall of Breast and Hip implants.
- The new system is able to identify a patient within 1 minute of a recall as well as being able to identify if an items they may be expired. It is able to identify if implants or single use items needs to be ordered, reducing the amount of cancelations due to stock not being available.

### **Custom 3D printing spinal implant – Richard Assaker, France**

- Richard spoke about how 3D printing come into the medical field and the benefits this is having for patients.
- Implants are made to custom fit a patient, this decreases the surgery time as the surgeon doesn't have to manually manipulate an implant to fit them. The example given was a spinal rod. A surgeon would have to use a rod bender to manipulate the rod to the shape needed for a patient. This can take time and a number of times before the correct shape is made. With the 3D implant it is pre made using an MRI of the patient.

### **Orientation of Phaco hand pieces in steam sterilization processes – Hildebrand W.J.M Van Doornmalen, Netherlands**

- This presentation was a case study on the orientation of phaco hand pieces in the steam steriliser chamber. The case study was to find the best possible angle of the hand piece to be placed while in the steriliser.
- The hand pieces where tested at 30, 45 and 60 degrees, vertically and horizontal.
- The tests were performed a number of times using thermocouples.

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- The tests were inconclusive.

## **Peracetic acid gas plasma sterilisation - Hiroyoshi Kobayashi, Japan**

- This presentation talked about new technology being developed for a low temperature steriliser using peracetic acid. This steriliser is still in the testing phase. It will work on the same principle as a hydrogen peroxide low temperature steriliser.

**Saturday 10th October 2015**

## **Life cycle assessment of single use and reusable surgical instruments – Kristian Hemstrom, Sweden**

- Kristian spoke about the global impact single use surgical instruments are having on the environment.
- He spoke about the carbon footprint and how mining for materials to make the single use items is mainly to blame for this. His study did find that single use was a cheaper option, however not the best option for the environment.

## **Validation of the cleaning processes of robotic instruments – Tillo Miorini, Austria**

- Tillo spoke about the challenges in clean robotic instrument.
- He spoke about the guideline that have been introduced in Austria for reprocessing robotic instruments
- He pointed out how crucial it is to keep instruments moist until the cleaning process can begin, due to the complexity of the instruments.
- The Austrian Society for Sterile Supply made the decision that the amount of protein residual has to be evaluated after the manual cleaning process and before going into an automated cleaner. It was also tested again after the automated cleaning process.

After the completion of the formal presentations the winners of the E-poster were announced. The winners were given the opportunity to present their work. This was then followed by the winners of the selfie competition which sadly I didn't win, but I must admit did go to a worthy winner.



On conclusion of the congress Christine Denis formally closed the 2015 World Congress by handing the WFHSS flag over to the Federation Sterilization Research Advisory Council of Australia committee. I was very honoured to have been including in this very exciting time.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Tony Mercieca for helping on the Australian stand in the trade exhibition, he was a great help in promoting Australia and the 2016 Congress to be held in Brisbane. Without his help we may have missed many opportunities to sell Australia to the world.

Written by:  
**Cindy Shaw**  
NSW SRACA Secretary



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## 17th WORLD STERILIZATION CONGRESS

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### Welcome to Australia, or should I say 'G 'Day. '

For the first time ever the world of Sterilization will travel to the land down under, because in 2016 Brisbane, Australia will host the annual Congress of the World Federation for Hospital Sterilization Sciences (WFHSS). The Federation of Sterilizing Research & Advisory Councils of Australia (FSRACA) wish to warmly and formally invite you to participate in the WFHSS 17th World Sterilization Congress in Brisbane, Australia from 26th to 29th October 2016.

The focus of this event is to ensure that prominent professionals and Trade partners from all continents have the opportunity to exchange their knowledge and expertise globally. This is a wonderful occasion to share knowledge and technology that leads to evidence-based best practice, standardization and innovation of key concepts. To exchange ideas and discuss issues and standards that affect our profession. In addition, we all have a common goal: the reprocessing of Reusable Medical Devices (RMD) is performed efficiently and with patient safety as our priority.

It is beneficial to network and learn from people just like yourself from around the world. You will find that wherever you are in the universe we all have similar issues, and you will learn strategies to those issues by attending and participating at the Congress in Brisbane, Australia in 2016.

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FSRACA is excited and is looking forward to welcoming you at the WFHSS Congress in Brisbane 2016.

So please take this opportunity to see and experience our beautiful country.

**Lynne Noring**  
President FSRACA and Committee members

## SRACA NSW Free Members Workshop

### SRACA NSW FREE MEMBERS WORKSHOP



**DATE :** 30th August 2016  
**TIME :** 9.00am registration  
**FINISH:** 4.00pm  
**VENUE:** Western Sydney Institute of  
Tafe, Nepean College.  
12-44 O'Connell Street  
KINGSWOOD NSW  
Building T, Room TG9  
**COST:** Free for SRACA Members  
\$80.00 for non members  
**RSVP :** 22nd August 2016  
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Cynthia.Shaw@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

9.00am	Registration
9.15am	Website Presentation– presented by Cindy Shaw – SRACA NSW
9.30am	Approaching the challenge head on. What is Risk and how do you see it? Presented by Nicole Lapanaitis 3M
10:20am	Briefing & split up into groups
10.30am	Morning Tea
11.00	Group work on scenarios
11.45am	Report back from groups & discussion
12:30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Tour of the Sterilising Simulated Department– To be done in groups
1.30pm	Halyard Wrap Race
2.30pm	SRACA General Meeting

**\*Please note this workshop is interactive and some pre work may be required**

**New Members will be accepted on the day however will be subject to acceptance at the September 2016 executive committee meeting, as per the NSW SRACA Constitution**

# Halyard


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# SRACA NSW AGM Meeting and Presentation

## EDUCATION REPORT

15 June 2016 SRACA NSW had our AGM at The health & Student service centre TAFE WSI Kingswood, after the meeting was closed we then had an education session for our members and guests.

The education session was presented by Manu Sinha a representative from 3M.

The topic was; what are we in the Business of? Creating Certainty Creating Value. Manu had us look at ourselves and think about how we are viewed as a core part of the facilities key business - and that business is the safe treatment of patients. We investigated and work shopped the critically important role of an SSD and its people in the areas of;

- Patient safety
- SSI & HAI reductions
- Quality Management



The workshop also allowed us to think and to share our ideas about how to raise our profile in our facility and just how important our role is in the facility. It was a wonderful experience to network with our peers and share our ideas and information.

Thank you Manu for a wonderful presentation and thank you to everyone that attended it was great seeing you all there.

We also drew 3 financial members names that attended the meeting & workshop out of the hat to win a scholarship to the 2016 World Forum to be held in Brisbane in October 2016 , to help pay for their early bird registration or to go towards travel cost or accommodation.

We are very happy to announce the winners were;

- |                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| ● Jaime Shaw       | Nepean Hospital            |
| ● Sharon Wood      | Royal North Shore Hospital |
| ● Angelie Abinguna | Student                    |

Congratulations to you all, I am sure you will enjoy the world forum 2016 in Brisbane.

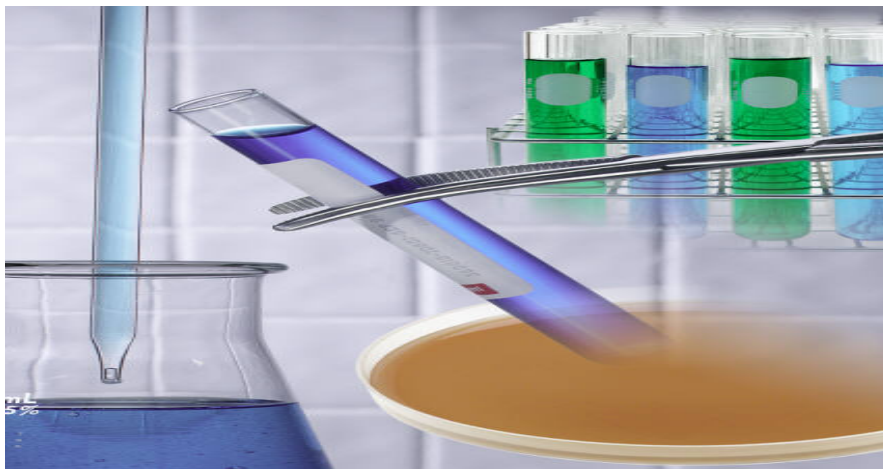
*Lynne Noring*



# Applying for a Research Grant



**Sterilizing Research Advisory  
Council of Australia**



## 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.

# Applying for a Research Grant ... continued

## **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.

## **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
- The recipient of a FSRACA grant shall:  
Be prepared to speak on the funded project at FSRACA and /or SRACA meetings, conferences or workshops

## Applying for a Research Grant ... continued

- 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.



# Applying for a Research Grant ... continued

## Application form

(Please circle your title)

Title Ms, Miss, Mrs, Mr., Dr

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

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

# Applying for a Research Grant ... continued

**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

3. Communication skills

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

Summary \_\_\_\_\_

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(Circle the correct answer)

Approved/not approved

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

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

# 2016 NSW SRACA Calendar of Events



## AGM

- 15th June 2016—TBA

## General Meeting

- 7th December 2016—TBA

## Seminars

- 16th April—Ballina RSL
- 15th June—TBA

## World Congress

- 26th-29th October—Brisbane

## Executive Committee Meetings

- 10th February—Norwest Private Hospital
- 2nd March—Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
- 6th April—Norwest Private Hospital
- 4th May—Northmead Bowling Club
- 15th June—TBA
- 6th July—Northmead Bowling Club
- 3rd August 2016—Northmead Bowling Club
- 7th September—Northmead Bowling Club
- 5th October—Northmead Bowling Club
- 2nd November—Northmead Bowling Club
- 7th December—TBA

## 2016

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Please note dates and venues may change due to availability



# S.R.A.C.A. (NSW) Inc.

## Membership Application/Renewal

Renewals Due December Annually- **NOW DUE**

Sterilizing Research & Advisory Council of Australia (NSW)

### NEW MEMBERSHIP/RENEWALS

MEMBERSHIP COMMENCES: 1<sup>st</sup> January each year and is valid till  
31<sup>st</sup> December of the same year

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HOSPITAL/COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tick Membership Type**

FULL Membership renewal includes Journal	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
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ASSOCIATE Membership includes Journal	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
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