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President's Report

Welcome to August 2022 issue of the NSW SRACA Journal.

I hope everyone is well & safe.

Just wanted to start my first report with **a massive thank you to Lynne Noring**, for the many years of service to SRACA NSW in many different roles and as the outgoing president whose leadership has contributed to the industry greatly.

Also, **Cynthia Jedrzejczyk** a massive thank you as well for the years of service to SRACA NSW, especially the last 9 years as secretary keeping the committee progressing ahead.

The dedication, knowledge and leadership to both NSW, Federal SRACA as well as the contributions to WFHSS has been an invaluable and will be greatly missed.

Tania Wilcox thank you also for your many years of service to the committee, sharing your knowledge and contributions.

On behalf of the members, executive committee and especially myself we wish all of you the best in all future endeavours.

As things are slowly getting back to normality we were able to have our first workshop post COVID. This was held in Katoomba with Kerrie Crossie sharing her wealth of knowledge to the group on Product Families and Quality Management.

Thank you to all that attended and making the workshop very successful.

We held our AGM at the Katoomba workshop and would like to welcome three new committee members Amy Lochhead, Bella Tong and Heather Crofts.

Congratulations to Kim Beard as the successful nomination for the position of Secretary.

Next workshop is in the planning for 30th November @ West HQ in Rooty Hill.

The topic has been confirmed- "Decontamination of RMD's in a CSSD" with specific focus on Washer Disinfectant purpose, Chemistry, the use of Reverse Osmosis water, Load Configuration and Soil Testing.

Registration can now be completed online through member jungle. There are links on www.srscansw.org.au website and also on the SRACA NSW Facebook page.

The National Conference that's has been postponed due to the pandemic is being planned for the 30th August until 1st September 2023 and will be held in Melbourne.

As soon as the information is received it will be shared.

Due to the National Conference being planned for 2023 the next SRACA NSW state conference will be early 2024.

[Watch out for more information as the planning stages progress.](#)

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.**

Yours sincerely

David Bellamy

President of NSW SRACA



A tribute to our dear friend Teressa Normington



It is with a heavy heart I share the news of Teressa Normington's passing last Thursday 01/09/22. Our deepest condolences to Teressa's husband Ric, their children and their family.

Teressa was the president for many years of the Western Australian SRACA and was elected to represent WA on the Federation Sterilising Research Advisory Council of Australia.

Teressa has represented our industry on Standards Australia and was the pioneer for Australia being elected on the committee of the World Federation Hospital Sterilising Sciences committee a major milestone for our country. Teressa served on the committee for many years and was elected secretary at one stage. Teressa was nominated to be part of many projects with WFHSS including education.

Teressa had many friends in the sterilising industry from all states and territories in Australia. In addition Teressa had many friends with our trade representatives and was always well respected.

I had the pleasure of working with Teressa on the FSRACA being the NSW representative. We all loved working with Teressa she was such a wealth of information & knowledge. I remember when I attended my first meeting and was informed I was the new FSRACA president the terror on my face must have been priceless. I remember the cheeky laugh Teressa gave me but I felt she would be a wonderful help and friend and I was correct she was a great mentor. The committee said I had nothing to worry about they would all help me and they did. We had a fantastic team and all worked in collaboration for many years we

all become very good friends. Together we even managed to have Australia's first World forum. I'm sure Teressa worked hard in the background to convince the WFHSS to venture to the land down under. I remember sitting in the meeting room with Teressa when they announced Brisbane Australia had won the bid for the 2016 world forum, we were so excited we couldn't wait to tell our committee members especially QLD as they had put in so much work on the bid. It was another Milestone.

Working with Teressa was always fun, we all travelled the world to experience different forums together and we even got to meet Ric her better half as Teressa would fondly say. We all loved Ric he was warm, cheeky and full of fun and adventure. I remember he even got to ride on tractor with Joyce to the City of Antalya in Turkey, I remember Teressa and I standing there watching them venture off and having a good laugh because we knew Ric was going to have an experience he would never forget shopping with Joyce.

We went to many different countries with Teressa and Ric and always had a great time.

On a personal level every one of us who knew Teressa and worked alongside her weather things were going well or badly will remember her with great affection. When all is said and done, however much you like your work, it's the people that you meet that really matter and colleagues like Teressa are something very special; you don't come across many of them and when you do, they leave a lasting impression.

From NSW SRACA Association, Lynne Noring and all your many friends in the sterilising Industry. Teressa we're really going to miss you, Rest in Peace our friend you will always be in our hearts.

Thank you to Lynne Noring for this beautifully written tribute on behalf of the FSRACA Executive Committee.



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

For full details on TAFE NSW fees and money matters please visit our website: wsi.tafensw.edu.au/fees



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

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.

- 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.

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
Address		
Email		
Current Occupation		Phone
Amount of Funding requested \$		Years of experience
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



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)

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:

Signed	Position	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

Applicant	<input type="text"/>	1= Criteria not met 5= Criteria fully met
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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
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



SRACA NSW WORKSHOP

Written by Tracey Worthington
SRACA NSW Education Officer

On July 28th, SRACA NSW was very happy to host a 'Christmas in July' work-shop in the picturesque & chilly Katoomba.

Facilitated by the ever-so-lovely and dedicated Kerrie Crossie – the program was 'Quality Management Systems' and 'Product Families'

We supported the local RSL for the event and they didn't disappoint.

It was great to see so many members attend the first SRACA NSW event since March 2021. A special thank you to everyone who travelled from near and far – in particular, new members.

There was support from the trade, their input is always welcomed and their interest in the sterilization industry is greatly appreciated.

Kerrie demonstrated usage of the Product Family template from ISO/TS: 17665-3 with some examples of instruments/trays similar to those used in many facilities for clinical and surgical procedures. Essentially, the creation of product families is to ensure that steam sterilizers are programmed to effectively sterilize complex and cannulated medical devices with mass metal and non-metal

components. It is known that some devices are constructed in a manner that requires longer steam penetration time to reach the standard 134o. The template from 17665-3 is designed to assist placing medical devices into product families. Sterilizer parameters are based on the validated time factors for steam penetration and holding time of each product family.

Kerrie also shared some valuable examples of Quality Management Systems she has used in her past experience as a Sterilizing Services Manager. This information has been provided to members and will assist Sterilizing Services Departments to gather evidence required for routine quality monitoring, scheduled accreditation and measuring gap analysis for compliance to AS5369.

The new AS5369 will outline requirements for quality management within any organization, department or business that undertakes sterilization of devices used for medical, surgical, dental, cosmetic or artistic purposes – to ensure patient or client safety.



Lucky Winners





First round of Public Comments (of the draft AS5369) are currently being reviewed by Standards Australia.

The document is being prepared and expected to be ready for 2nd Public Comment by the end of 2022. It is hopeful that AS5369 will be published by mid-2023, however is dependent on final public comments and editorial requirements.

SRACA NSW will keep members informed on the progress and the release of AS5369 for the 2nd round of public comments.

A National Conference is planned to be hosted by Federal SRACA in 2023. Congratulations to Alan Shaughnessy-Westmead Private Hospital and Melanie Dodd-Grafton Base Hospital, who attended the Katoomba workshop, Scholarship winners to attend the National Conference in Victoria – very exciting. In addition to a Christmas workshop in November 2022, SRACA NSW also hopes to provide more opportunity for workshops through 2023 and a state conference in 2024. Members are encouraged to share their educational interests/needs with the committee, this will assist building a valuable and interesting program.

We look forward to hearing from you.

WESTS HQ ROOTY HILL RSL PROGRAM

SRACA NSW MEMBERS WORKSHOP

Wednesday
30th November 2022
8:30am registration

Wests HQ Rooty Hill RSL
33 Railway Street
Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Free for Financial Members
\$80.00 for Non Members

RSVP 25th November 2022 to [Leanne Burns](mailto:lburnsie0308@gmail.com) : lburnsie0308@gmail.com

Program

8:30am Registration - Coffee on arrival

9:00am Welcome

9:10am "DECONTAMINATION OF RMD'S IN CSSD"

For the ongoing education of sterilization technicians working in the Decontamination area of Central Sterilising Departments. To enhance existing understanding of Decontamination procedures and processes with specific focus on Washer Disinfectors purpose, Chemistry, the use of Reverse Osmosis water, Load Configuration and Soil Testing

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30am Lunch

15:00am Scholarships, Lucky Draw Prizes—Close

****Two scholarships for full members to attend the FSRACA National Conference, to be held in Melbourne will be awarded at this workshop.****

Scholarships are not transferable, winners must be financial members and in attendance at the time of the draw.

*New Members will be accepted on the day and are welcome to attend as free members, however full membership will be subject to acceptance at the next Executive Committee meeting, as per the NSW SRACA Constitution

RSVP

Name of Attendee

Facility

Phone Contact

Email

Dietary Requirements



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 this 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	<p>Following release of the amended 2021 NSQHS Standards - Preventing and Controlling Infections Standards, changes to this advisory are related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated number formatting of the actions throughout the NSQHS Standards Update of the name and numbering of Preventing and Controlling Infections Standards actions
Responsible officer	<p>Margaret Banks Director, National Standards Phone: 1800 304 056 Email: AdviceCentre@safetyandquality.gov.au</p>
To be reviewed	December 2022

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-endorse 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

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.

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Associate Member

REGISTER

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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 2022

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 2022 Event Calendar

- Important Date
- Meeting
- Conf Committee
- Workshop

Feb

Saturday 12th

- FSRACA (Zoom Meeting)

Tuesday 15th

- Executive Committee Meeting

Mar

- Conference Committee Meeting

Tuesday 15th

- Executive Committee Meeting

Apr

Journal 1 on the Website

- Conference Committee
- Member General Meeting

Tuesday 19th

- Executive Committee Meeting

May

- Conference Committee Meeting

Tuesday 15th

- Executive Committee Meeting

JUN

- Conference Committee Meeting

Tuesday 14th

- Executive Committee Meeting

JUL

- Conference Committee Meeting

Tuesday 12th

- Executive Committee Meeting

AUG

Journal 2 on the website

Tuesday 18th

- Executive Meeting

- Conference Committee Meeting

SEP

- Conference Committee Meeting

Tuesday 13th

- Executive Committee Meeting

OCT

- Conference Committee Meeting

Tuesday 12th

- Executive Committee Meeting

NOV

- Conference Committee Meeting

Tuesday 15th

- Executive Meeting

16th - 19th

- WHHSS Conference - Barcelona, Spain

Wednesday 30th

- Workshop - General Meeting & Christmas Gathering

- Executive Committee Meeting

DEC

Journal 3 on the website

