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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SRACA NSW | December Edition

As we bring the year to a close, it is an appropriate time to pause and reflect on what has been a significant and productive year for SRACA NSW, and for the sterilization and reprocessing profession more broadly. Across NSW and nationally, we continue to see increasing recognition of the critical role that reprocessing professionals play in patient safety, clinical outcomes, and organisational risk management. This growing awareness brings both opportunity and responsibility, and it has been encouraging to see our members actively engaging in education, discussion, and continuous improvement throughout the year.

A standout highlight of 2025 was the NSW State Conference held in Wollongong in November. The conference was extremely successful, not only in terms of attendance, but in the quality of content, discussion, and professional connection. The program reflected the real-world challenges faced by departments, with presentations that were practical, relevant, and grounded in current standards and best practice. Just as importantly, the conference provided a space for open dialogue, peer learning, and networking across all levels of experience. Seeing technicians, educators, managers, and industry partners learning from one another reinforced the strength and depth of our professional community.



Supporting professional development remains a key priority for SRACA NSW, and I am pleased to congratulate Catherine Murphy, Qiong Chen, Abey Stephen, and Chelsea Ward, who were each awarded \$500 scholarships to assist with attendance at either a FSRACA National Conference or a future NSW State Conference. These scholarships recognise a commitment to learning and growth, and we look forward to seeing the continued contributions these individuals will make within their workplaces and the broader profession.

As the year draws to a close, I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy a meaningful and restorative break over the holiday season. Whether this time is spent celebrating, reflecting, travelling, or simply resting, it is important to acknowledge the diverse cultural backgrounds and traditions that exist within our membership. The end of the year provides a valuable opportunity to step back, recognise achievements, and reset for the year ahead.

Looking forward to 2026, SRACA NSW is committed to fostering collaboration, further education, and personal and professional growth. The demands placed on sterilization and reprocessing services continue to evolve, with increasing complexity, heightened regulatory expectations, and greater emphasis on traceability, accountability, and risk management. Addressing these challenges requires more than technical skill alone. It requires strong leadership, shared learning, and a willingness to engage in honest and constructive conversations across departments and organisations.

To support this, SRACA NSW has planned two targeted workshops for 2026, designed to provide practical learning and real-world insight.

- The first workshop, scheduled for May, will focus on Loan Set Management, Implant Caddies Management, and the importance of robust recall procedures. Participants will hear from managers and industry professionals who will share real-world experiences, lessons learned, and strategies that can be applied directly within departments.
- The second workshop in December will build on the May session, with a stronger emphasis on the risk management aspects associated with these topics. This workshop will explore governance, accountability, and the organisational impact of managing loan sets, implants, and recalls, reinforcing the critical connection between reprocessing practices and patient safety.

Beyond NSW, there are also exciting opportunities for members to engage at a national and international level. The FSRACA National Conference 2026 will be held on the Gold Coast from 30 September to 2 October 2026, providing an important forum to connect with colleagues from across Australia and to engage with contemporary issues shaping our profession. Further information

can be found at: <https://nectarcc.eventsair.com/fsraca2026-national-conference/>

On the international stage, the WFHSS Congress will take place in Serbia in October 2026, offering a global perspective on sterilization and reprocessing practices. Members are also reminded of the Teresa Normington National Scholarship, available through the FSRACA website, which provides support for attendance at a WFHSS Congress. Opportunities like these not only broaden professional knowledge, but also strengthen international collaboration. And looking a little further ahead, perhaps Thailand in 2027 may also be something to aspire to.

I would like to thank the SRACA NSW committee, our members, speakers, educators, and industry partners for their ongoing support and engagement throughout the year. Your willingness to share knowledge, challenge practice, and support one another continues to strengthen our profession.

I look forward to working with you all in 2026 as we continue to build capability, encourage learning, and support the growth of sterilization and reprocessing professionals across NSW and beyond.

Warm regards,



David Bellamy

SRACA NSW President



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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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The SRACA Conference held at Novotel Wollongong was a well-organised and highly engaging event. The venue provided excellent accommodation, and the catering was well planned, with food served efficiently and ample breaks that allowed sufficient time to engage with trade exhibitors and network with colleagues.

The conference theme, Stars of the Show, was reflected strongly in the quality of presentations delivered. The sessions were informative, relevant, and presented by knowledgeable speakers who shared practical insights applicable to real-world practice.

Several presentations were particularly engaging and relevant to my interests, including “The Need for Speed” presented by Anna Linsedell, which highlighted the importance of efficiency and timely processes, and “Quantitative Protein Testing” presented by Antonela Sdrigotti, which provided valuable insights into advancing testing accuracy and outcomes. The presentation on delivering a service across a district was also highly relevant, offering practical strategies for managing services across diverse and geographically dispersed areas.

Overall, the conference delivered exceptional content, fostered meaningful professional discussions, and provided an excellent balance between education, networking, and trade engagement. It was a valuable and rewarding experience

- **Anu Chennamattam**

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I recently had the opportunity to attend the Sterilising Conference held at the beautiful Novotel North Wollongong, a fantastic venue for two days of learning and connection.

One standout presentation for me was from Heather Crofts, who shared the realities and challenges of delivering a service across vast geographical distances. What resonated most was that the challenges aren't just about kilometres travelled, but also the diverse environments and cultures within the towns she supports. As managers, recruitment is challenging everywhere but even more so across such a large district. I truly take my hat off to Heather and her team.

Another highlight was Lucas Bitcher's presentation on writing an effective business case. It was practical, informative, and provided clear principles that I will absolutely take back and apply in my role.

Across the two days, there were many insightful presentations and ideas that we can all take back to our facilities to discuss, adapt, and implement.

A huge thank you to the SRACA committee for the work that went into delivering such a well organised and valuable conference. I'm really looking forward to being even more involved in the next one.

- **Cindy Jedrzejczyk**

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At the SRACA NSW Conference, *we were privileged to hear from a diverse range of speakers who delivered highly informative and thought-provoking presentations.* Their insights explored key themes that will shape and enhance our practice across the sterilising industry, inspiring us to continue improving the care and services we provide within our facilities. Some of my favourite presentations that resonated with me highlighted the importance of best practice, innovation, compliance, and teamwork, reinforcing the vital role sterile services professionals play in patient safety and quality outcomes. The knowledge shared will undoubtedly influence how we approach continuous improvement and professional development moving forward. A big thank you to the trade representatives who attended the 2025 conference. One of the highlights the event was the strong trade engagement, showcasing current equipment, the latest technologies and innovative products. Their support and collaboration added significant value to the conference and provided attendees with valuable insights into improvements shaping our industry

- *Kim Beard*

"I attended the SRACA NSW Conference 2025 at Novotel Wollongong North beach from 12–14 November 2025. The talks focused on sterilisation practice under AS5369:2023, staff training, and specialty areas such as endoscopy and dental reprocessing.

There was enough time to visit vendor stands and ask detailed questions about devices and support options. Vendor demos were useful as suppliers were able to show new products with clear explanations of design, validation, and service models because the program allowed enough time to talk through the products rather than rushing.

I also met other CSSD managers and shared practical examples of how they are applying AS5369, setting risk controls, updating procedures, and choosing equipment.

A *key learning* for me was **UV C disinfection:** UV C (around 254 nm) inactivates microorganisms by damaging DNA/RNA and can be used for air and surface treatment, but it should be used with ventilation and cleaning, not on its own. Its effect depends on dose, exposure time, and line of sight.

Overall, the conference was clear, practical, and well organised."

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Well, the SRACA State Conference held at Wollongong on the 12-14th November did not disappoint.

The location was amazing with views across the beach and ocean, easy access to go for a quick walk, great coffee shops and restaurants. The conference theme, Stars of the Show, was reflected strongly in the quality of presentations delivered. The sessions were informative, relevant, and presented by knowledgeable speakers who shared practical insights applicable to real-world practice.



The three days packed in so much, from the first evening with drinks and canapes, mingling and a quick game of celebrity heads got everyone in the mood to get the conference off to a good start, the drinks helped!

The way the conference had been set out was easy to get around and clear, loved the way the committee had organised the enrolment desk.

Thursday started off bright and early with the first day of the speakers, I was first up this was daunting followed by many more and I felt the interaction from all the delegates was amazing, I have been to a few of the conferences now along with the education sessions that SRACA put on each year, Its good to see so many familiar faces and new ones !

But what I have gained from the events is that the people that you meet are happy to help you if you need some help or guidance along the way, not just when we all get together.

Big shout out to all the sponsors for the event and the trade stands for your help and generosity throughout the days.

Let us hope that 2026 we can all once again get together to share our knowledge with one another in an ever-changing industry.

Thanks to all who attended without you none of it would be possible.

-Heather Crofts

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FROM INSPIRATION TO PURPOSE:

My Three Days at SRACA NSW 2025 Conference

by Millie Truong

Stars of the Show

The 2025 SRACA NSW State Conference, themed “Stars of the Show,” was held from 12–14 November at the Novotel Wollongong, bringing together around 200 attendees and 34 trade partners. The event was proudly supported by our Gold Sponsors, Precision Medical – Tracking You Can Trust and InVitro Technologies – Serving Science and Medicine. We were also joined by our Silver Sponsors: Emery Industries – Crafted for Care, Atheron – Empowering Healthcare, Proline Medical, and Nanosonics – Infection Prevention for Life. Our Bronze Sponsors included Mermed Australia (since 1990), ECOLAB – Protecting What’s Vital, and ASP – Advanced Sterilisation.

Day 1 – Wednesday, 12 November 2025

Walking into the Novotel Wollongong for the first day of the conference, I immediately felt the buzz of excitement in the air. Registration opened at 4:30 pm, and I spent some time visiting the trade exhibition, chatting with suppliers, and catching up with colleagues



At 5:00 pm, Kim Beard, SRACA Secretary, gave a warm welcome that really set the tone for the conference. The highlight for me was the Celebrity Heads – Sterilising Industry Edition game hosted by Andrew Bailey. It was such a fun, light-hearted way to break the ice, and I found myself laughing alongside delegates I hadn’t met before. It was clear from the start that this conference would be both educational and enjoyable.



Day 2 – Thursday, 13 November 2025

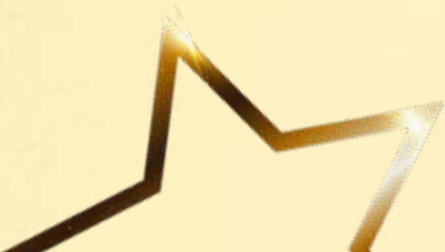
The official opening began at 9:00 am with David Bellamy, SRACA NSW President, introducing the committee and upcoming events, including the 2026 FSRACA National Conference. David also highlighted the Teresa Normington Scholarship, which left me inspired. Hearing about Teresa’s decades of dedication to CSSD education reminded me of the importance of mentorship and giving back to our profession

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At 10:00am **Julianne Schipelliti**, Director of Proline Medical Pty Ltd, highlighted the evolving sterile services and validation landscape in her presentation, “Independent but United: Elevating Standards through Performance Qualification and Industry Collaboration.” She spoke on collaboration in sterile services. I really connected with her message about balancing independence and unity in the industry. Her talk reminded me that patient safety isn’t just about following protocols. It’s about building relationships and trust across teams and suppliers.

At 11:30am, **Carolina Mazzucchelli**, a pharmacist and Sterilization Specialist from Proline Medical Pty Ltd and Terragene, presented “Quantitative Protein Testing: A Safer, Standardized Approach for Hygiene Monitoring in CSSDs.” She clarified with an informative session on quantitative protein testing. I hadn’t fully appreciated how critical precise hygiene monitoring is for patient safety, particularly regarding prion risk. Her explanation was practical, yet eye opening.





At 12.00pm, **Professor Karen Vickery** from *Macquarie University* presented “Validating Sporicidal Efficacy of Ultrasound Probe High-Level Disinfection Devices in Clinical Settings.” Her study, supported by Nanosonics Limited, compared automated and manual processing, noting that automation reduces chemical exposure and human error. She highlighted that UV-C effectiveness depends on direct exposure, yet microscopic crevices on ultrasound probes create low-irradiance “shadowing,” potentially shielding microorganisms. Her findings about UV-C limitations made me reconsider assumptions I’d previously held

about automated disinfection devices. I left the morning session with a renewed focus on the importance of in-field validation and evidence-based practice

The NSW SRACA Annual General Meeting commenced at 12.30pm. During the meeting, all members present voted Kim Beard as Vice President, Anu Chennamatteam as Secretary, and Kim Beard and Anu Chennamatteam, who all accepted their roles.



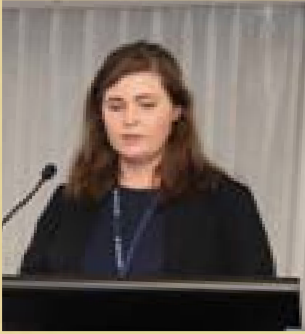
Additionally, Heather Crofts and Amy Lochhead were confirmed as committee members. The committee also welcomed 2 new members Cynthia Jedrzejczyk and Tania Vargas.



After the lunch break, **Gus Vargas** delivered an insightful presentation titled “The Borescope: A Complement in Sterile Processing Department Quality Assurance.” He introduced a new approach to borescope inspections. His main objectives emphasised reducing equipment fragility, minimising downtime, prioritising effectiveness over speed, and empowering Borescopes through improved training and guidance. I appreciated the practical, hands-on perspective he shared. It made me think about ways our department could improve quality assurance processes without adding unnecessary stress to staff

At 2:30 pm, **Ashish Bhatia**, *Atherton State Account Manager*, presented “HealthCare Steam Sterilizers vs LifeScience Autoclaves.” He clarified differences between healthcare steam sterilizers and laboratory autoclaves. This was a session that made me realise how easy it is to assume equipment functions the same in all settings, and how critical it is to understand design, compliance, and operational nuances.





Following afternoon tea, at 4:00 pm, **Anna Lindsell** from *Getinge* presented “The Need for Speed: Sacrificing Quality for Quantity,” highlighting that rushing washer-disinfector cycles can cause skipped steps, poor load configurations, wet loads, and rework. She emphasised balancing efficacy, effectiveness, and efficiency, using the Sinner’s Circle (time, temperature, chemistry, mechanical action) to maintain cleaning performance. Anna also stressed site-optimised cycles, water quality, chemistry requirements, and reviewing washer printouts. Her key message that prioritising process quality over speed improves

safety, reduces costs, and enhances long-term efficiency. It made me reflect on times when rushing cycles created more work. My clear takeaway: quality always comes before speed.

At 4:30 pm, **Professional Jaya Seneviratne** from the *School of Dentistry at The University of Queensland* presented on the “Efficacy of ultrasonic cleaning products for dental instruments contaminated with bioburden.” The study highlighted that saliva, blood, and oral tissues rapidly deposit proteins, lipids, and biofilm-forming bacteria onto instruments, and inadequate cleaning compromises sterilisation, increasing infection risk. Ultrasonic cleaners rely on product chemistry, temperature, concentration, and exposure time, yet comparative data under real-world conditions are limited. The data comparing different detergents was eye-opening and reinforced the importance of adherence to IFUs and staff training.



The dinner party started at 6:30pm with everyone dressed up like Hollywood Stars. The evening gala dinner was an absolute highlight. The Hollywood-themed event was lively and fun, with dancing, food, photo booths, and costume competitions. It was a wonderful reminder that conferences aren’t just about learning, they’re about connection and community.



Day 3 – Friday, 14 November 2025

The final day opened with Roel Castillo, District Manager of Sterilising Services Southern NSW, on “The Future of the Reprocessing Professional: How Environmental Health Intersects with Human Health.” Roel emphasised environmental sustainability in CSSD practice. His talk made me think deeply about the broader impact of our work and the responsibility we have to protect both patient health and the environment



At 9:30am, Dr. Ivan Salgo, Chief Medical & Scientific Officer at Advanced Sterilization Products, delivered a presentation titled “Low Temperature Sterilization: Plasma Technology Enhances Margin of Safety.”. He highlighted the safety challenges Sterile Processing faces in a fast-paced, error-prone environment. He explained how STERRAD™ plasma systems reduce hydrogen peroxide exposure, improve material compatibility, and enhance both sterilization efficacy and staff safety. I found it fascinating how technology can protect patients and staff, and it inspired me to consider implementing similar solutions in our workplace.

The third presentation, titled “Care and Maintenance of Surgical Instruments”, was delivered by Georgia Langham Sales Specialist from B|Braun Sharing Expertise. She highlighted that up to 58% of instruments in sets are often unsuitable for use, leading to avoidable costs. She explained how corrosion and damage occur and shared practical tips for proper cleaning, drying, and maintenance to extend instrument lifespan and improve patient safety. Her insights reminded me that small, everyday practices can have big impact on both safety and cost savings.



Following morning tea, Lucas Butcher from Precision Medical Australia presented “How to Get What You Need: Writing a Business Case.” He showed how to turn ideas into clear, evidence-based proposals that decision makers can easily understand. He demonstrated comparing options, outlining benefits and risks, and calculating savings. I found this session empowering, giving me practical tools to advocate for improvements in our department. Do, C. Ego num inaribus bontericae quam manum fue non

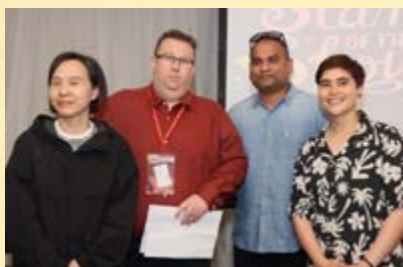
At 12:00pm, Chris Matutini from In Vitro Technologies presented “The Evolution of Endoscope Reprocessing: From Manual Cleaning to Automated Processes,” outlining how practice has advanced over time. He traced the shift from manual workflows to semi-automated and fully automated systems that improve consistency, reduce cross-contamination, and meet international standards. He highlighted future trends such as sustainability, enhanced inspection, single-use options, and low-temperature sterilisation. This session left me feeling optimistic about how technology can enhance patient safety and drive innovation in our profession.



Following the lunch break and an additional trade-raiding, at 2:00pm, Professor Mark Willcox from the University of Sydney delivered “Ultrasound Probe Disinfection: Achieving Best Clinical Practice Through Evidence-Based Insights.” He highlighted evidence supporting UV-C as an effective, efficient, and safe high-level disinfection method, comparable to chemical disinfectants and aligned with Australian standards. The session reinforced for me the value of evidence-based practice in improving patient outcomes and modernising reprocessing.

The latest presentation at 2.30pm, Carolina Mazzucchelli, a pharmacist and Sterilization Specialist from Proline Medical Pty Ltd and Terragene, returned and presented “BI: Beyond Regulatory Compliance.” She explained that true sterility requires an SAL of 10^{-6} and that routine monitoring, especially using biological indicators (BIs), is essential because BIs directly confirm microbial death. She explained that true sterility requires routine biological indicator (BI) monitoring, not just meeting minimum standards, and introduced instant fluorescence BI technology for rapid, accurate results. Her key message was that compliance is the baseline, but routine BI monitoring reflects real commitment to patient safety.

The conference concluded around 3:00 pm with the collection of evaluation forms, scholarship announcements, and raffle draws. Abey Stephen, Chelsae Ward, and Qiang Chen were awarded SRACA scholarships, and Catherine Murphy won the passport completion prize.



Looking back over the three days, I was amazed at how much I had learned, not just from the presentations, but from the stories, experiences, and dedication of so many passionate colleagues and industry experts. It reminded me that growth in our profession comes not just from technical knowledge, but from connecting, sharing, and learning together. I left feeling inspired, motivated to try new strategies in my own work, and truly grateful to the NSW SRACA committee, trade partners, MC Andrew Bailey, and all delegates for creating such a welcoming, engaging, and memorable experience.



WFHSS CONGRESS 2025

AIPRILLE TORRES AND SUKH BRAR STERILIZATION TECHNIANS

The 26th Annual World Sterilisation Congress was held this year in Hong Kong at the AsiaWorld-Expo from December 3 to December 6 2025. My colleague and I had the honour of recently attending this exciting multi-day congress, featuring several informative sessions tailored to the congress' main aim to "Bring the Sterilisation Science to the Next Level". A warm welcome reception officially launched the start of the congress with a captivating Bian Lian performance (an ancient Chinese dramatic art of face changing) and a traditional musical performance.

Several sterilisation experts and leaders delivered 26 lectures and 14 symposiums to over 1,000 visitors from around the world. These presentations investigated various aspects of the sterilisation workflow with key foci on sterile packaging integrity, disinfection processes, sterilisation challenges, flexible endoscope reprocessing challenges, AI automation, sustainable work practices, education programs, and human resource management. We were able to learn from these experts directly, with an invaluable opportunity to participate in Q&A sessions at the conclusion of these presentations.

A key highlight was gaining awareness of the promising potential of AI technology commercialisation and automation in hospital sterilisation processes. Utilising AI technology as an assistive tool can potentially reduce the strain on staff, enabling staff to focus on accuracy and quality. At the trade exhibition, we have seen first-hand, both current and upcoming

technology from different companies. This included a demonstration of autonomous mobile robots loading washer-disinfectors, which aims to reduce manual handling and improve workflow efficiency. Additionally, a lecture by Promedital, highlighted positive results in trialling their AI smart table in Italy to address staff turnover and training challenges. New staff were able to achieve efficiency rates comparable to experienced staff when reassembling surgical kits using the AI smart table.

"A Touch of Red" was this year's theme for the much-anticipated congress dinner at Hutong, in respect to Chinese culture as a symbol of good fortune, vitality, and prosperity. It was a culturally rich evening featuring live Chinese calligraphy, Chinese knotting, a music band, and a dance performance. It was such a delightful way to unwind with old friends and new connections, whilst enjoying delicious food in a lively environment.

Wrapping up the congress, the WFHSS flag was handed over in the closing ceremony, formally introducing Serbia as the host for next year's WFHSS congress in 2026! We are grateful for the opportunity to have attended such an informative event allowing us to network, meet sterilisation experts working on exciting projects, and exchange knowledge with others from around the world. We were able to take away valuable knowledge to help improve existing processes in our own department and to initiate discussions for potential changes.

A big thank you to the WFHSS committee, sponsors, and everyone involved in organising such an insightful event that facilitated valuable learning, innovation, networking, and encouragement to "bring the sterilisation science to the next level"!



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JOYCE KENYON

RETIRED TO LIVE HER DREAMS IN SUNNY QUEENSLAND

JULY 2025

Joyce began her career in the sterilising industry at Blacktown Hospital, she was trained under the guidance of Sister Nelli Burgess. At the time, initial training started in the 'wash' area where Joyce spent at least six months learning the foundations of the of the industry

Joyce obtained her Sterilising Certificate through then known NSW Department of Health, duration 12 months via assignments and a 3 week face-to-face practical block held at the Rozelle Mental Health Hospital. Students stayed on-site during their training. The program concluded with a 4 hour exam requiring an 85% pass. It was during this time that Joyce Kenyon and Lynne Noring met and forged a strong and unique friendship

Shortly after completing the Certificate in Sterilising, Joyce began working at Westmead Hospital. Her skills and leadership qualities were quickly recognised and she was promoted to the position of Leading Hand (now known as Team Leader). She completed a Management course at Westmead Hospital. After many years, Joyce successfully applied for the role of CSSD Manager at Liverpool Hospital where she continued to work for more than 30 years

Beryl Bentley was the SRACA President at the time, she used to visit hospitals recruiting for SRACA NSW memberships. Joyce soon joined the SRACA Committee and was actively involved – including Membership Secretary for many years. She contributed significantly to building a strong financial



foundation for ongoing education and also assisted the industrial case for grading of Sterilising Technicians. In recognition of her contribution to SRACA NSW & the industry, Joyce was awarded lifetime membership

Joyce also represented the sterilising industry on an international level by contributing to the Federal Sterilising Research Advisory Council of Australia (FSRACA) for many years. She won a competition scholarship to attend the very first World Congress in Hong Kong

When the sterilising course transitioned to TAFE delivery, Joyce began teaching the program, delivering face-to-face sessions at Blacktown and Ultimo TAFE

Joyce retired from the sterilising industry in July 2025 and now enjoys a well deserved retirement in Queensland



The SSD team at Liverpool Hospital provided Joyce a lovely farewell with warm wishes, congratulations and appreciation for her commitment, leadership and dedication over the years. The team believes that Joyce's vision shaped the success of the department. One team member commenting: 'I am truly grateful more than words can express'. Parting words were: 'Dare to live the life you've dreamed for yourself'

I'm sure that everyone who knows Joyce, wishes her a happy and healthy retirement





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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

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Information

Purpose

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

Value

Maximum \$1,400.00

Guideline

1. Selection criteria

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

2. Eligibility

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

2. Eligibility (con.)

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

3. Application Guidelines

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

4. Selection

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

5. Publication

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

6. Financial Considerations

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

7. Alternative Funding

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

Application Form (Applicant)

Title

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

Surname

Given Name

Address

Email

Phone

Current Occupation

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



Application Form (Office use only)

Received by

State SRACA Secretary on (Date)

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

Signed

Position

Date

Received by FSRACA Secretary on

Date

Presented to FSRACA meeting on

Date

FSRACA Action:

Signed

Position

Date

Attachments

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

Applicant

1= Criteria not met
5= Criteria fully met

Application Form (Criteria Rating Comment)

1. Documentary evidence. (Circle correct answer)

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

2. Essential Qualifications supplied YES / NO

3. Communication skills

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

Summary

Approved / not approved (Circle the correct answer)

Amount granted

\$

Signature

Date



27th

WFHSS

CONGRESS

- 2026 -

BELGRADE

21ST - 24TH
OCTOBER 2026





FSRACA
2026
National
Conference

Waves of Innovation, Anchored in AS5369

Gold Coast
Convention and Exhibition Centre
30 September – 2 October 2026



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Emery Industries acknowledge and pay respects to the traditional Aboriginal people of the Gold Coast and their descendants. We also acknowledge the many Aboriginal people from other regions as well as Torres Strait and South Sea Islander people who now live in the local area and have made an important contribution to the community.

A NEW GAP ANALYSIS TOOL 2025

A gap analysis tool is essential for health and non-health related facilities to assess their compliance with the new AS 5369:2023 – Reprocessing of reusable medical devices and other devices. This tool helps identify areas where current practices may not meet the updated requirements, supporting safe and effective reprocessing. It is particularly useful for planning improvements, preparing for audits, and maintaining high standards of infection prevention.

The updated gap analysis tool is available from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care at this link:

[REPROCESSING REUSABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT – GAP ANALYSIS TOOL](#)

ROOTY HILL WEST HQ SRACA NSW MEMBERS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 6th May 2026



33 Railway St,
Rooty Hill NSW 2766



We look
forward
to seeing
you there!

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 - \$60.00

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! **Fill out** Your Details,
Member Postal Address
Workplace / Organization
Name and Address

SUBMIT

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LOG IN

PAY MEMBERSHIP FEE

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



Values and Recognition Award

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

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

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

Adaptability

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

Collaboration

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

Engagement

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

Excellence

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

Innovation

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

Problem Solving

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

Conditions of Entry

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

Review Process

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

Each submission is reviewed by the committee against the above criteria

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

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Prize

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

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



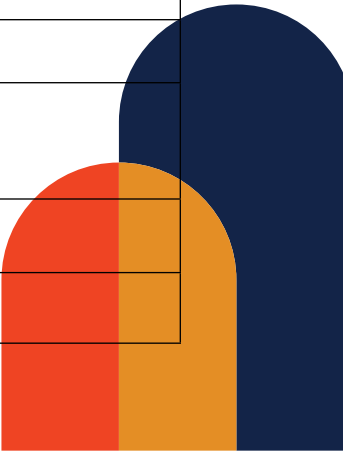
Values and Recognition Nomination form

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 2026

Event Calendar

- Important Date
- Meeting
- Workshop

JAN

Wednesday 31th

- Planning Day
10am Northmead Sports Club

FEB

Tuesday 10th

- Executive Meeting
10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams

MAR

Tuesday 10th

- Executive Meeting
5pm Northmead Sports Club

APR

World CSSD Day
Tuesday 10th April

Tuesday 10th

- Executive Meeting
10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams

MAY

Wednesday 6th

- **NSW SRACA Workshop**
Rooty Hill West HQ

Wednesday 5th

- Executive Meeting
5pm Northmead Sports Club

JUN

End of Financial Year
- Monday 30th

- Journal 1 on the website

JUL

Tuesday 14th

- Executive Meeting
5pm Northmead Sports Club

AUG

Tuesday 11th

- Executive Meeting
10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 8th

- Executive Meeting
5pm Northmead Sports Club

SEP

23rd-25th September
NZSSA Annual Conference
Christchurch

30th Sept- 2nd October
FSRACA National Conference
Gold Coast

Tuesday 13th

- Executive Meeting
10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams

OCT

21st-24th October-27th
WFHSS Congress
Belgrade Serbia

NOV

Tuesday 10th

- Executive Meeting
5pm Northmead Sports Club

DEC

Tuesday 1st

- 2027-Planning Day
Campbelltown Catholic Club

Wednesday 2nd

- **NSW SRACA Workshop**
Campbelltown Catholic Club
- **Annual General Meeting**
- Journal 2 on the website

Thank you, and wishing everyone a prosperous year ahead

