



NZNO IPCNC August 2025

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Welcome to the mid-winter 2025 *Infection Controlla*. I hear that winter viruses are definitely having an impact and taking a toll. As well as caring for patients, I do hope everyone is also ensuring self-care during this busy period.

The next IPCNC Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for **Wednesday, 27 August 2025 from 13:30 - 14:30**, preceded by an educational webinar from **12:30 – 13:30** (see the included flyer for speakers). This will be a online so we hope that as many of you can attend as possible. The Teams link will be emailed to all members closer to the time.

We are, as always, looking for members to join the committee. If you are enthusiastic and dedicated to IPC in New Zealand (NZ), please think about putting your hand up. Feel free to reach out to any member of the committee and we'll all be happy to answer any questions that you have. Additionally, Regional Coordinators are also required for parts of the country.

All the best.

Michelle Taylor
Publications

Your College Committee



(L-R) Angie Foster, Angela Corn, Michelle Taylor (back), Chair – Lisa Gilbert, Amanda Wood (back) and Jane Barnett

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
WANTED
We Need You!**

Membership Report

Our membership continues to grow with 16 new members since the last report.

Work is underway on the development of the regional coordinator roles. There are still vacancies in the

- Southern
- Canterbury and
- Central (Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu) regions.

If you are interested in this role, please email membership@ipcnc.co.nz for more information.

Nga mihi

Angela Corn
Membership Coordinator

	Previous Report	Current report
Canterbury	182	185
Central	68	69
Greater Auckland	285	290
Greater Wellington	124	128
Midlands	174	175
Southern	110	113
Associate members	12	11
Life members	4	4
Honorary members	4	4
Total	963	979

Secretary's Report

Due to the resignation of our Treasurer Sue White who was been in the role since 2022, there has been a shift in some National Committee roles. We would like to thank and acknowledge Sue for her commitment and hard work during this time.

Amanda Wood has now moved to the Treasurer role, and I have taken up the Secretary role. We are still in discussions regarding who takes on the Webmaster role, which is currently maintained by Lisa, Chair and Angie Foster our Education Lead.

In the interim, Ruth Barratt (Honorary Member) has kindly agreed to step in and assist with our website. So far, she has made changes that will make more information available to all on the front end of the site.

Sadly, we will farewell Angela Corn, our Membership Coordinator at this year's AGM so we are seeking new members for the National Committee.

Jane Barnett
Secretary



Fundamentals of Infection Prevention and Control

This course introduces new and existing infection prevention and control practitioners to the key concepts of infection prevention and control (IPC) which underpin IPC practice in all healthcare settings.

The practitioner will complete nine learning modules through distance learning, supported by an experienced IPC practitioner and mentor. Learning will be enhanced through regular Zoom meetings with your mentor and other course participants.

This course is suitable for a healthcare worker who has a role or an interest in IPC and can commit to around 60 hours of study over four months. A certificate will be awarded to participants on completion of the course.

Participants can claim up to 60 hours professional development hours.

Modules

1. Hand hygiene
2. Standard and transmission-based precautions
(2 workbooks)
3. Microbiology
4. Surveillance and monitoring of infection
5. Outbreak management
6. Communicable diseases
7. Occupational health
8. Cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation
9. Construction and renovation



Cost

The programme is currently FREE for NZNO IPCNC members. Non-NZNO IPCNC members will be required to pay a levy of \$200.

Contact the Course Co-ordinator – Joanne Baigent glen-iti@xtra.co.nz for an Application Form.

IPCNC 2025 AGM


Wednesday, 27 August 2025, virtually on Teams

12:30 - 14:30 (includes education from 12:30 – 13:30)

(Look out for the Teams link which has been and will be emailed again to members this week)

The IPCNC Committee will hold its 2025 AGM, including an educational webinar as a virtual event.


We warmly invite all members to join us for the AGM and accompanying workshop, as we reflect on the past year and discuss the future direction of the college.




Join us
Pre-AGM
Two Education Sessions

OVERVIEW OF MASTERS FINDINGS

CLAIRE FULLER R/N, MIPC
Claire is a Clinical Nurse Specialist working in the elective surgical sector, with 16 years of experience in the field of Infection Prevention and Control. She completed her Masters of Applied Professional Studies (IPC) in 2023. Claire's research focused on the experience of IPCN's who were responsible for leading their hospitals response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

 **WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2025**
12:30pm–1:00pm



BUILDING AND REFURBISHMENT IN IPC

JULIE WHITE, CNS IPC CANTERBURY & WEST COAST
Julie is a Clinical Nurse Specialist with over eighteen years' experience in the field and holds the lead portfolios for IPC in Built Environment and Reprocessing of Reusable medical devices. She served as Health NZ IPC representative for the 2024 AushFG Review Part D Infection Prevention & Control Guidelines and is currently participating in other AushFG room design reviews.

 **WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2025**
1:00pm–1:30pm

MICROSOFT TEAMS
MEETING ID: 495 836 190 564 4
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JOIN CONVERSATION

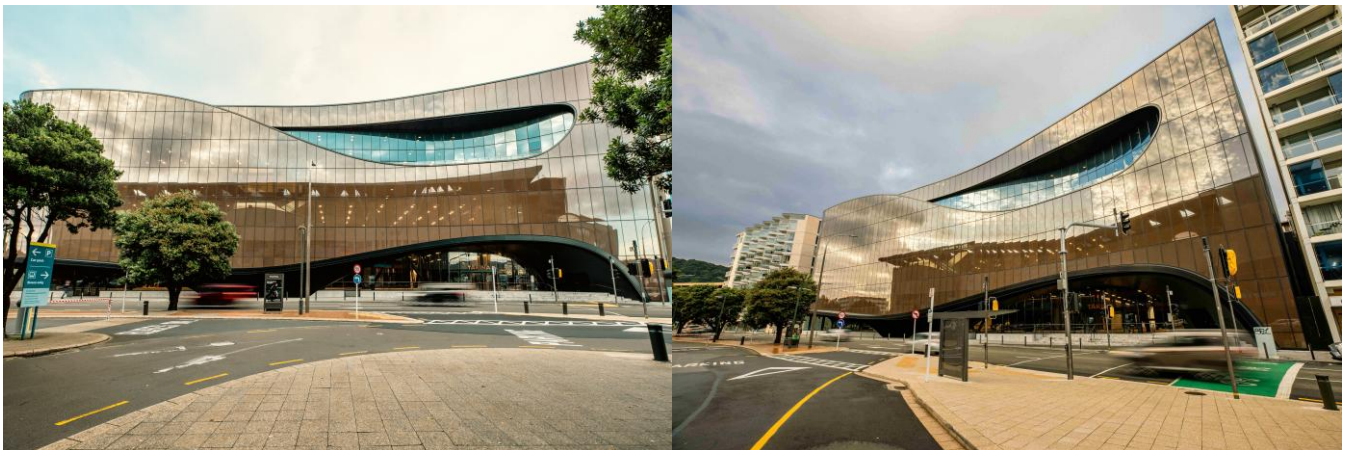


Upcoming Educational Opportunities

National Conference

SAVE THE DATE

Conference 2026
26-28th August 2026
Tākina Events Centre
Whanganui a Tara / Wellington



Webber Training – Learning Opportunities

As you are all hopefully aware, you can access Webber Training education lectures free of charge if you are members of the NZNO IPCNC. This access has been provided by Paul Webber and if you are not already a Webber Training member, follow the instructions on how to join up here: [Webber-Training-Teleclass-Access-Instructions.pdf](#)

As these lectures are now web based, you can access the recorded webinar any time to suit you regardless of which hemisphere they are recorded in. This month you can access the following:

AUGUST

- 7 ... How Do Perceptions of Hygiene and Cleanliness Influence Infection Prevention Behaviours in Our Homes and Everyday Lives, and in Healthcare Settings?
With Dr. Sally Bloomfield, UK
- 12 ... Barriers to Implementing IPC Programs in Low Resource Settings and How to Overcome Them
With Prof. Shaheen Mehtar, South Africa
- 20 ... Insertion and Maintenance of Bundles for Peripheral IVs
Australasian Teleclass With Dr Gillian Ray-Barruel, Australia

Any questions about Webber Training please don't hesitate to contact Jane Barnett on janeb@schl.co.nz

International Educational Opportunities

21st World Congress on Infection Prevention & Control - London, UK, **25-26 August 2025**

<https://infectionprevention.insightconferences.com/>

8th International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control – Geneva, Switzerland, **16-19 September 2025**

<https://conference.icpic.com/>

6th International Conference on Infection Prevention & Control (CPD Accredited) - Paris, France, **6-7 Oct 2025**

<https://crgconferences.com/infectioncontrol>

2025 ACIPC International Conference – Hobart, **16-19 November 2025**

<https://acipconference.com.au/>

Education Scholarships

The next round of Travel and Education scholarships closes on **31 August 2025**. The application form is available on the IPCNC website at

<https://infectioncontrol.co.nz/home/professional-development/ipcnc-scholarship-and-awards/>

Aseptic Technique Resources

The Ministry of Health are no longer supporting their HealthLearn online education resource, which currently hosts the aseptic technique package developed by college members with support of ACC.

Although this will be available via either HealthLearn (South Island) and Ko awatea (North Island) some members may still find it difficult to access these if their organisations are unable to support this.

In light of this, we have been given permission by ACC to make these accessible to our members. These can be accessed via the PowerPoint files in the Education/Aseptic technique folder on our website.

Having a Study Day

**Let us know and we
can advertise it for
you**

Upcoming Events

International Infection Prevention Week

October 13 - 19 2025

WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED?

Struggling for ideas? Resources will be made available nearer the time on the following sites: [APIC](#), [ACIPC](#) and [IPAC Canada](#) . Save these sites to your browser so you can easily access them later.

Need more IPC information?

[Infection Services Network](#)

The latest update report is available on the Infection prevention website at [ISNA Update](#).

[Health NZ Te Whatu Ora](#)

Have a look at the IPC resources are available at the new website - www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/infection-prevention-and-control

[Keeping Up to date](#)

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