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Another conference is almost upon us. Another chance to get together and hear about the latest research and to learn from each other and network.

I am sure you will all join me in saying thanks to the conference committee for all their hard work to get to this state. Have a look at the draft programme on the website at <https://www.ipcncconference.nz>.

It looks to be an exciting event.

If you have not managed to get funding yet, another round of IPCNC Travel and Education Funding is available prior to the conference.

Applications close 1 Aug 2026. See the website at <https://infectioncontrol.co.nz/home/professional-development/ipcnc-scholarship-and-awards> for application information and application forms.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as can attend. Please come over and say 'Hi' if you see me.

Michelle Taylor - Publications

Your Current College Committee

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Chair's Report

The countdown to the conference is on! I am really excited to see many of you in Wellington this year. The conference is a place where we can fill our kete with knowledge and make connections with our peers.

This year has seen many members put their hand up to join the work of the committee and you will have received a ballot in the mail for you make a choice of who you would like to represent you. This is an amazing situation for the committee to be in and a real testament to how enthusiastic our members are.

The college committee has been working hard behind the scenes to keep the fundamentals programme running and other pieces of work which I hope to be able to share more fully at the AGM.

Lastly, my term as Chair is up at the AGM and if I do not manage to catch up with you in Wellington, I would like to express my thanks to you the members for the opportunity to advocate for you and our profession. I have grown as a leader and the committee team I have worked with have been outstanding and supportive in more ways than I possibly say. I would like to thank each of them and wish the incoming committee my support.

Lisa Gilbert – Chair

Membership Report

71 one new members since Feb; welcome to you all.

Those of you that expressed interest in becoming a Regional Coordinator in our survey I will be in touch soon 😊

I am looking forward to meeting those of you that are attending the IPCNC Conference in August, if you are attending the conference dinner. The theme is Wellywood Glamour, "whether you're attending the Oscars or channelling your favourite movie character come walk the red carpet with us for a night of food fun and music."

See you there.

Anne Hutley – Membership Coordinator

Fundamentals Report

The IPCN College Fundamentals in IPC Programme has now fully transitioned from a free programme to a fees programme. Costs are \$600 plus GST for NZNO members and \$800 plus GST for non-NZNO members. There are currently 23 enrolled this year.

The programme intakes have been organised into four cohorts per year - February, May, July, and September.

Applicant places into a cohort are confirmed once payment has been received. There are no unpaid reservations or unpaid bookings.

All our mentors have been busy this year with their cohorts, and I thank them for their continued support and guidance of our applicants.

Evaluations have been positive and a tabled report of specific progress will be available at the college AGM.

All enquiries about this programme are to be directed to fundamentals@ipcnc.co.nz.

Francie Morgan - Programme Coordinator

Regional Reports

Midlands Region Report

I would like to welcome our new members and associate members into our Midlands Region. We are a busy and large region which includes:

- three Te Whatu Ora hospitals and their satellites
- several private surgical facilities and
- several aged care and residential services.

There are many restructures and cost cutting measures in action, and our IPC sector continues to give the support for each facility's infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship programme requirements. Now more than ever, we need to support each other! I am planning a second study forum in Hamilton for October, date and time to be confirmed. This will focus on the highlights of the national Wellington IPCN College Conference in August.

Francie Morgan - Midlands Region Coordinator



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Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Countdown to IPCNC Conference 2026 !



- What?** Check out the packed programme about all things IPC at <https://www.ipcncconference.nz/>
ARC, PHO and private providers welcome!
- When?** 26th-28th August 2026
- Where?** Tākina Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wellington
- How?** Register via <https://www.ipcncconference.nz/> Consider if you are eligible for last minute funding from [IPCNC](#) – closes August 1st.
- Questions?** Contact henrietta.sushames@ccdhub.org.nz





2026 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College, NZNO will be held Thursday 27 August 2026, 7:30am - 8:45am Tāwhirimātea 1 (Plenary room), Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre, 50 Cable Street, Te Aro, Wellington.

The AGM Agenda, annual Chairperson report, previous AGM minutes, proposed remits, and other reports are available on the library website for members HERE <https://infectioncontrol.co.nz/library/ipcnc-agm-2026-documents/>

The AGM will also be held virtually via ZOOM.

- Join Zoom Meeting - <https://tepapa.zoom.us/j/81527015917>
- Meeting chat link - <https://tepapa.zoom.us/launch/jc/81527015917>
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- Join instructions - https://tepapa.zoom.us/meetings/81527015917/invitations?signature=2-Aw3NiuRkhllaQQJKfw0SwWR_OuiMmFBQozSadJEB0

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](https://www.webberteaclasses.com.au/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. The topics for the next two months are:

Month	Presentation	Date and Time	Presenter/s
Aug	What is Our Role in Preventing Infections Across Borders?	August 13 @ 1:30 pm EDT	Dr. Gehan Fahmy, Air Force Hospitals, Egypt
	Expanding HIV Prevention Through Community Pharmacies: Lessons from Implementation in South Africa	August 25 @ 2:30 pm CEST	Dr. Angela Tembo, University of the Witwatersrand Faculty of Health Sciences, Johannesburg
	(Australasian Teleclass) Live Broadcast from the IPCNC Conference – New Zealand	August 29 @ 1:30 pm AEST	Jincy Jerry, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Scotland
Sep	PPE Safety Coach Program	September 10 @ 1:30 pm EDT	Kaethel Decker, Alberta Health Services, Canada
	Understanding the Role of Infection Prevention and Control in the Planetary Health Landscape	September 15 @ 2:30 pm CEST	Prof. Dr. Walter Zingg, University Hospital Zurich, and Dr. Ermira Tartari Bonnici, University of Malta
	25 Years of Infection Prevention Leadership: Stories, Impact, and the Power of Certification	September 17 @ 1:30 pm EDT	Jessica Dangles, Certification Board for Infection Control and Epidemiology
	Operating Theatre Validation, Verification, Rituals and Behaviour. What are the Important Infection Prevention and Control Issues?	September 24 @ 1:30 pm EDT	Prof Hilary Huphreys, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland University of Medicine and Health Sciences

International Educational Opportunities

IP2026 Infection Prevention Conference

Royal Armouries Leeds, 28-29 September 2026

<https://www.ips.uk.net/events-calendar/ip2026-infection-prevention-conference/>

2026 ACIPC International Conference

Gold Coast, Queensland and Online, 8-11 November 2026

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



Funding Options

The next round of Travel and Education Funding Round closes on 1 August 2026. The application form is available on the IPCNC website at
<https://infectioncontrol.co.nz/home/professional-development/ipcnc-scholarship-and-awards/>

Need More IPC Information?

Interesting journal articles, podcasts, and blogs

- **Infection Control Matters:** A podcast on topics related to preventing and controlling infection <https://infectioncontrolmatters.com/>
An excellent podcast from UK and Australian IPC experts with short informative topics. Highly recommended.



- **IPC Partners:** IPC Partners is a collaboration of experts providing infection prevention solutions to healthcare professionals and industry partners.
Their blogs are about topical issues for IPC practitioners. <https://ipcpartners.org/blogs/>

Journal articles – all Open Access

1. *An investigation of Infection Prevention and Control professionals' experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic: A global perspective.* Matt Mason, Jocelyne M. Basseal, Roslyn Walker, Peta-Anne Zimmerman. Infection, Disease & Health, Volume 31, Issue 2, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.idh.2025.10.004>.
2. *User experience of air purifiers for the purpose of reducing acute respiratory tract infections: A cross-sectional survey in residential aged care settings.* Bismi Thottiyil Sultan Muhammed Abdul Khadar, Brett G. Mitchell, Vanessa M. McDonald, Julee McDonagh, Jenny Sim. Infection, Disease & Health, Volume 31, Issue 1, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.idh.2025.07.004>
3. *Comparing observed with self-reported hand hygiene adherence among bedside nurses and physicians at two hospitals in the United States.* PA KKulkarni et al. American Journal of Infection Control, Volume 54, Issue 3, 241 – 246. DOI:[10.1016/j.ajic.2025.10.032](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajic.2025.10.032)



Health NZ Te Whatu Ora

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

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