

From Dream to Reality

We have done it!

The first Australian Infection Control Journal is a reality



Finally the Australian Infection Control Association has been able to pull together and produce a Journal for the benefit of all. Distance no longer separates us. We have opened up new frontiers, strengthened our networking systems and broken down the State/Territory barriers.

This Journal belongs to you the members.

Thanks to the many hard working Infection Control Practitioners from all States and Territories who have helped produce the first issue.

OUR JOURNAL gives us the opportunity to share the results of studies, good workplace experiences and new technology.

Each State and Territory is represented so please support your Sub-

Editors. We need to know what you would like to see in your Journal. So let us know and then we can try and accommodate your needs in future issues. Remember your experience and studies are worth sharing with your colleagues.

The future issues will be out in June, September and then December, so keep the articles flowing.

A Tribute to the 1994 NSW Journal Committee

What brings a special group of Infection Control Practitioners together to produce a Journal?

- A Belief that we need to have a system of communication that benefits all
- A Concern of Pat's (our first Editor) disappointment if we failed
- A Dream that communication breaks down all barriers

Megan Breust, Margaret Evans, Judy Bowmaker, Julie Gallard and Mary Molloy, for twelve months and four

great issues you produced a Journal worthy of Praise. This was no easy task, as this committed group of talented ladies have had to deal with : job changes, sickness, external studies, small family crises, secondment to special projects as well as working full time as Infection Control Practitioners.

The membership of Infection Control Association NSW Inc., thanks you all for keeping them in touch. We must also thank your Hospitals for releasing you to attend the meetings. You have

brought your own special talents to this committee and shared skills.

I look forward to and will be proud to work with all on the NSW Subcommittee for the next few years.

Editor in Chief

Dianne Dalton

Clinical Nurse Consultant

Infection Control

Royal Alexandria Hospital

for Children

P.O. Box 34

Camperdown NSW 2050

Message from the Patron of Australian Infection Control Association

Professor Yvonne Cossart

Iam looking forward to meeting many of you in Canberra—your organising committee always produces a wonderful programme. There is certainly no shortage of problems for us to discuss! These meetings give us all a chance to keep up to date and to put things in perspective, but they also show us that we are not on our own in our efforts to make hospitals safer for

both patients and staff. The Trade Show will doubtless give us suggestions for reducing the risk of particular procedures, and I am hoping to hear about field experience with some of these new materials and devices during the sessions.

Safety has a price tag, and I know that financial considerations loom almost as high as scientific ones in your

day to day management decisions. By combining forces and designing multi-hospital studies we can achieve much more rapid evaluation of changes in practice, and also strengthen the spirit of co-operation which is such a hallmark of the association. Maybe we can find some time to start the ball rolling in Canberra. See you there!