



## **The Infection Control Association of WA Inc**

### **About ICAWA**

In 1976 the Infection Control Nurses Association of Western Australia was formed as a special interest group of the Australian Nursing Federation.

Since then the Association has undergone many changes as the practice of infection prevention and control has gained recognition as a specialist field of healthcare. In 1989 the Association became multidisciplinary and adopted the current name of the Infection Control Association of WA (ICAWA).

### **Objectives:**

- to promote and assist in the provision of healthcare by serving the needs and aims of all disciplines relating to infection control;
- to maintain, promote and enhance the profession of infection control through education, communication, research, professional relations and wherever possible standardisation of activities and procedures relating to infection control;
- to provide a forum through which members can discuss any matters relating to infection control;
- to promote and foster good relations and co-operation between members;
- to co-operate with any other association or person if in the opinion of the association or the executive such co-operation between members should exist; and
- to provide financial assistance to members to attend conferences or other activities which further the objectives of the association.

### **Benefits**

**Meetings /Education sessions** - infection prevention and control related education sessions and general meetings for ICAWA members are held quarterly.

**Newsletter** - a newsletter is published quarterly and distributed to all members.

**State Conference** - a state conference is held each year in addition to study days and seminars which are planned at different stages throughout the year.

**Scholarships** - for financial assistance are available to ordinary members wishing to attend state, national, and international seminars and conferences and pursue other educational opportunities and research. The application form can be downloaded from the WA page of the AICA website.

**Australian Infection Control Association (AICA)** - ICAWA members automatically become a member of the Australian Infection Control Association (AICA). A representative from ICAWA sits on the Executive of AICA providing representation at a national level. More information about AICA is available at [www.aica.org.au](http://www.aica.org.au) . The AICA website has access to a members only section and, the W.A. page.

**Healthcare Infection Journal** - is published by AICA. A complete archive of all published Healthcare Infection Journal (and the predecessor Australian Infection Control Journal) material is available to members online. ICAWA members can enjoy unfettered access to the archive from the “Members Only” pages of AICA.