President's Report: Jane Butler

First and foremost I must apologies for the Workshop being cancelled in May due to bad weather, then waking up on Saturday morning to clear sky and sunshine. We have rescheduled the Workshop for the 11th July 2015. It will be a different format. Early start with a light breakfast and finished by 11am. The form is on the WEB site

The Conference program is now on the WEB site for Townsville. Elinor Radke is about to submit our conference program for ACN endorsement. The benefits of the program endorsed indicates the conference content has met the eight standards and provide CPD points for nurses attending

Certificate IV in Sterilizing Services
Many who attended February’s Workshop on the Gold Coast indicated interest in doing Certificate IV in Sterilizing Services. This has been followed up. Elinor Radke and I attended a meeting with Brian Heim, the Director TAFE Queensland at South Bank

Outcome
The cost of setting up the Certificate is significant, and would have a limited audience. The course would be prohibitively expensive. Members that are interested in obtaining Certificate IV could directly write to TAFE, outlining your previous qualifications and experience, the rational for obtaining Certificate IV in Sterilizing Services. Pending response, TAFE may consider approaching TAFE South Australia to see if they could work out a Co-Provider Agreement to deliver the Certificate IV under their auspices

The Strategic Plan is in the process of being updated, 2015-2020. Hopefully it will be ready for the Conference in Townsville.

In April I attended the PNAQ Biennial State Conference at Twin Waters. The conference was titled “Changing Tides” which is very relevant to Central Sterilizing Services, as we implement the new Standards. I did a presentation titled, “Changing Tides to Comply with AS/NZS 4187 2014” The conference had an App, which was excellent, providing a whole new dimension to the Conference.

The Committee has 2 vacant positions. Lance Hippisley has been seconded to one of these positions until August 2015. Would you like to contribute to SRACA? Have the relevant qualification and experience in Sterilizing Services, we look forward to hearing from you. The nomination form is in the newsletter. Nomination’s close on the 10th July Please forward all nomination to: jsainty@bigpond.com

I have copied the article from Standards Australia

The hard work and commitment of the committee members of HE-023 has been recognised.

Congratulations to all. “Outstanding Committee Award”

“The Outstanding Committee Award recognises a Standards Committee who, through team work and commitment, has published standards that have had great impact, often by enhancing the quality of life of communities and industries.

HE-023, Processing of Medical and Surgical Instruments

Last year, the committee HE-023 completed a revision of AS/NZS 4187, Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organizations.

With significant differences in structure and terminology, this standard has a wide-reaching impact on health facilities. The critical importance of disinfection and sterilisation procedures to prevent infections cannot be overstated.

With diverse representation of 23 organisations on the committee, all committee members took a conciliatory approach to the resolution of issues and often negotiated with their own nominating organisations, educating them on the need to take a
compromise position by placing the importance of the standard above their own interests. All sectors and interest groups have embraced the standard, no doubt due to the hard work and advocacy of the committee members.

The work of Technical Committee HE-023 represents a substantial achievement in the contribution to the social welfare of all Australians.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Technical Committee HE-023 is its Chairperson Ms Robyn Williams, Nurse Unit Manager of the Central Sterilisation Services Department at Logan Hospital and representative of the Federation of Sterilising Research Advisory Council of Australia (FSRACA).

The organisations represented on HE-023 are:

- Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Australian College of Operating Room Nurses
- Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association
- Australian Dental Association
- Australian Dental Industry Association
- Australian Industry Group
- Australian Institute of Packaging
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
- Department of Health, SA
- Department of Human Services Victoria
- Department of Health, WA
- Federation Sterilizing Research and Advisory Council of Australia
- Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
- Institute of Hospital Engineering Australia
- Medical Technology Association of Australia
- New Zealand Nurses Organisation
- New Zealand Sterile Services Association
- NSW Ministry of Health
- Queensland Health
- Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia
- Therapeutic Goods Administration

Reference: Standards 2015

Don’t forget the Early Bird Special Registration for the Townsville Conference closes on the 4th July 2015 The conference program has been put together to includes everyone needs. The dinner arrangement will be different this year.

We are looking for novice presentations and posters for The Sister Andrea Award. I know you are all doing exciting things out there, why don’t you share it with us, with a poster or a short paper.

This year we will be sending out the AGM minutes for 2014 and the Agenda for 2015, before the conference, so remember to bring them with you.

See you in Townsville

Jane Butler
President SRACA
FSRACA Update

Dear SRACA colleagues,

PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION & RESEARCH:

AS/NZS 4187: 2014 ‘Re-processing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations’. This Standard can be purchased from SAI Global on the internet and on line.

EDUCATION:

WHFSS 2016 International Congress – 26-29 October, 2016:

The Local Organising Committee [LOC] has selected Ozaccom as the PCO for the Congress. We have commenced meetings with the PCO to work on concepts such as, the timeline, venue and accommodation, budget, sponsorship and exhibition, marketing, programme and the gala dinner.

SRACA Qld Inc. has invited the WFHSS President, Dr Christine Denis to attend the State Conference in Townsville in August, 2015. We are delighted that Christine has accepted our invitation and is going to present two papers.

The LOC comprises of David McNamara and Elinor Radke [FSRACA representatives], Jane Butler and Simon Van der Kruik [SRACA Qld Inc. representatives].

REPRESENTATION

The Australian Standards Awards: The HE-023 Committee was nominated and received the Outstanding Committee Award. Robyn Williams, Chairperson accepted the Award on behalf of the Technical Committee on the 22/05/2015. The information is included in this newsletter.

Keep tuned in-

Regards, Elinor V. Radke and David McNamara, FSRACA representatives.

TASMANIAN CONFERENCE.

On Saturday May the 16th Elinor Radke and I attended the Tasmanian Conference which was held at the Salamanca Inn, just a spitting distance from where the Tasmanians hold their famous weekly art and craft market at Salamanca Place.

To those of you who have not had the pleasure of visiting beautiful Tasmania, Salamanca Place is nearby to some of Hobart’s famous tourist attractions, including their scenic waterfront, Battery Point, and historic St David’s Park. Although the conference was only small, there were plenty of trade in attendance, showcasing their wares, as well as interesting topics presented by a variety of speakers including our very own President Elect, Elinor Radke.

The conference commenced at 10am with a welcome and introduction by the President of the Tasmanian SRACA, Margaret Alomes.
Followed by Bonnie Isaac with her presentation on Dental Drills. Bonnie has over 30 years experience at a large private practice and was well versed on what is required to clean and process dental pieces.

Debbie McQueen from the Hobart Private discussed flexible scopes and Leisa Kontus from GKE spoke about the quality of steam required for sterilising.

Jo Wolff - Sterilisation in the Third World... had plenty of slides to show on the lack of conditions the medical fraternity are faced with.

Lauren Gurion from Inka Surgical explained how to interpret Validated IFUs for RMDs, and our very own Elinor Radke gave an Overview of AS/NZ Standards reprocessing of MDS in health service organisations and of course the importance of Succession Planning.

It was a pleasure to of been able to attend the Tassie Conference, and to of met our interstate counterparts. We hope that they will have the opportunity to travel to Townsville for our conference, and if not, than “Brissy” for the big one in 2016!

Judy Sainty

**SRACA South Australia Conference - 17th & 18th April 2015**

I travelled to the beautiful Morphettville Racecourse in Adelaide to attend the 2015 SRACA SA conference and trade exhibition 2015. The title of the conference was “galloping into the future” which was apt because of the release of the new standards in late 2014.

There was a well supported trade exhibition with most major companies represented. Lots of new and exciting products were displayed.

To start the conference Renee Pringle (SA SRACA President) gave the delegates a timely opening address in which she alerted us all that already 6 months had elapsed of the 2 years needed to become compliant to the new AS/NZS 4187: 2014.

Terry McCauley spoke about product families and how to utilise ISO standards to be able to designate each item into a product family.

Dominic Breuker from Device Technologies presented a talk about sterilisation in robotics. Dominic spoke about the rise in robotic surgery and the possibility of future robotics in most large hospitals. There was some spirited questions from the floor regarding reprocessing of robotic attachments with braided metal cords.

Tim Cole spoke about quality management (QM) systems specifically with regards to the development of a compliant document system. Tim highlighted the ISO documents that are important in designing a robust QM system.

Irene Wilkinson was the last speaker of the first day and spoke about emerging pathogens and the implications for sterilisation.

The second day commenced with Dr Kaiser from Germany speaking about the critical variables influencing the cleaning process. It was interesting to see how many different variables are required to be controlled to get an appropriate cleaning process.
Andy Gay presented on validation of the total sterilising process including not only rigorous ISO standard validation of steam sterilising but of the washing process as well.

Terry McAuley spoke about a gap analysis of current practice and the new AS/NZS 4187. A take home message from this talk was for CSD’s to not look back anymore to the 2003 document but to focus on moving forward with the new 2014 standard.

The last speaker of the conference was Andrew Ellis from QEH. He spoke on key performance indicators. Especially interesting to me was some of the excellent auditing tools that Andrew has developed for reporting on compliance to AS/4187 2015.

The SA conference then closed at lunch-time on Saturday as the races were about to start. I thoroughly enjoyed this conference – and the SRACA committee should be proud of the program and the choice of topics presented. All presenters were of the highest quality and gave me plenty to think about as a manager of a CSD.

Simon Van der Kruik

**Membership Report:** Hi Everyone,

It is very encouraging to have seen a steady growth in our membership ranks. Our membership total is over 50 more than at the same time last year. We now have members from Papua New Guinea, Western Australia, Darwin and several members from NSW. The membership for our Dental associates has more than doubled over the last year. Well done.

I have mailed out the Bonus Membership for 2015 – 2016 for those delegates who completed their membership forms AND visited 15 Trade on the first evening of the conference in Toowoomba last year. 74 members benefited from this strategy. This is an offer that will be available again this year at the Townsville Conference in August. REMEMBER to fill out the application form correctly – a street with no town is a mystery that I don’t need. And then visit 15 Trade and have them sign your form. The completed form must be returned to the SRACA committee on the Thursday night before you leave.

Regards Robyn Hollis Membership Secretary

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**WEB SITE REPORT**  
Hi All,

There are a couple of new things on the web site,

- **Update of the next workshop - 11th July at the Prince Charles Hospital**
- **Townsville Conference Program**
- **Dates for WfHss - 26th - 29th October 2016**

I Look forward to seeing you all at Conference, Members don't forget to renew your membership before the 31st July as the pass word will change.

**Correspondence - Via** jazdaz63@bigpond.com, committee@sracaqld.org.au, conference@sracaqld.org.au

Jill Cumberland

Simon Van der Kruik
ELECTION OF SRACA (QLD) Inc COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2015-2016
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
21st AUGUST 2015

Management committee members shall be full financial members of the Sterilising Research
(Queensland) Incorporated

Members are requested to return this form to the Secretary at,

SRACA {QLD} Inc
PO Box 8421
Woolloongabba 4101

Members may request that the Secretary obtain the signatures of the nominees.

2015-16 Committee positions vacant: President Elect, Secretary and 3 committee members
Nominee for President Elect

Proposed by…………………………Seconded by…………………………
Signature of nominee……………………………………………………………………
Nominee for Secretary

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Nominee for Committee Member 1

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Nominee for Committee Member 2

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Nominee for Committee Member 3

Proposed by…………………………Seconded by…………………………
Signature of nominee

Return this form by Friday 16th July 2015
Secretary {SRACA} Inc.    PO Box 8421,    Woolloongabba 4101
WORKSHOP ‘WE NEED TO KNOW’

Date: Saturday 11 July 2015

Location: The Prince Charles Hospital – Dr Mark O’Brien Auditorium, Education Centre

0800 – 0850 Registration – Tea & coffee & Light Breakfast
0850 – 0900 Welcome [Jane Butler] Housekeeping [Judy Sainty]
0900 – 0930 Changing Tides to comply with AS/NZS 4187 [Jane Butler]
0930 – 1000 Validation of non-thermal disinfection [Simon Van der Kruik]
1000 – 1030 The value of auditing in CSD [Pauline Dennis]
1030 – 1045 2015 & 2016 Conferences / Closing

RSVP: Wednesday - 8 July, 2015 for catering to:
JANE BUTLER Phone: 07 3139 5627
or email: jane.butler@health.qld.gov.au

REGISTRATION

COST: FREE !!
Financial Members: Complimentary  Non Members: Complimentary
Financial Student Members: Complimentary

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY

SURNAME………………………………………………………………………………

GIVEN NAME…………………………………………………………………………

MEMBER YES / NO MEMBER NUMBER……………………………………

PLEASE REPLY BY 08 July, 2015
## Program TROPIC'S -
**Time To, Review, our, PRACTices, in, cenTRal, sTeRilizing!!**

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<td>Reprocessing Flexible Scopes, Bronchoscope, Cystoscopes &amp; Endoscopes</td>
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SR Mary Andrea Award  
Winner of the Poster Award  
Winner of Thursday trade Passport | Chairperson Jane Butler |
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| 1-00 - 2-00pm   | Lunch Time 1-00 - 1-30pm RED group to lunch in Dining Room  
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| 2-00 - 2-30pm   | The supercentre CSSD: example of STERINORD' | Christine Denis - International Speaker |
| 2-30 - 3-00pm   | Managing hazardous manual tasks at work | Mark Enders |
| 3-00 - 3-30pm   | Care & Maintenance of instruments | James Osborn |
| 3-30 - 4-00pm   | How good is your tattoo | Rex & Steve Greenleaf |
| 4-00 - 4-45pm   | Q & A Panel | Andrew - moderate Panel |
| 4-45 - 6-45pm   | Break before Dinner | |
| 6-45 – late     | Dinner in the Main Ball Room | 6-45 – late |

## "Tropical" Dinner Style

**Saturday 22nd August**

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Housekeeping                                                     | Andrew M.C.                                  |
| 9-20 - 9-50am  | WFHSS Committee, structure and International Congress                  | Christine Denis  
2016 World Conference  
International Speaker |
| 9-50 - 10-20am | Transoesophageal Probe Processing - How Far can You Go?                | David McNamara                               |
| 10-20 - 11-00am| Morning Tea                                                          |                                              |
| 11-00 - 11-30am| Challenges for servicing a large regional area                         | Jane Bartlet                                 |
| 11-30 - 12-00am| Maxillofacial Surgery - The patients journey and new technologies     | Matthew Thomson                              |
| 12-00 - 12-30pm| Ophthalmic TASS                                                         | TBA                                          |
| 12-30 - 1-00pm | Transition to Centralisation of Sterilizing for Oral Health Services  | Elinor Radke                                 |
| 1-00 - 1-15pm  | Q & A Panel                                                           | Andrew - moderate Panel                      |
| 1-00 - 2-00pm  | Winner of Trade FULL Passport  
Winner of Trade Raffles  
Winner of SRACA Raffle  
Details on the 2016 Conference  
Close the Conference | Andrew - Grace Lund  
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I Can't Wait to see you all IntoWnsville!!!
**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM AND TAX INVOICE- GST Inclusive**

Sterilising Research & Advisory Council of Australia (QLD) Inc  
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**Member’s Single Day Registration:** Thurs $60, Fri $190, and Sat $150

Thursday Registration includes - Exotic Delights / Friday does NOT include Dinner See Below.

**Non-Member’s Single Day Registration:** Thurs $70, Fri $225 and Sat $165

–Includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea only on that day & Thursday includes- Exotic Delights. Please indicate required day Thur ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐

Friday " TROPICAL" Dinner only -(Theme dress) – $60 ☐ Member/Non Member

**AFTER 4th July - Full Conference Registrations Add $30**

**After 14th August 2015 an Additional late fee will apply of $50 to any registration.**

**Student Registration:** Please quote SRACA membership number #....................

Early Bird Full Registration Student $145 ☐ Single Days Thur $30 ☐ Fri $95 ☐ Sat $75 ☐

If you include a Guest/s in your registration "No Free Membership available”

Thursday Exotic Delights $50 per person # of ☐ - Their name/s below

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If you have any special dietary needs or disabilities for which special attention is required please advise the Contacts below of your requirements.

**Payment Options**

On Line - Fill in "On Line" form only Do not use this form - For Credit card Payments

Cheques & Postal Money orders - made payable to (Please do not abbreviate):

"Sterilising Research & Advisory Council Australia (QLD) Inc Conference"

**Conference Contact**  Grace Lund - Ph: 07 4773 6511 ( before 13:00 )

**Registration Contact:** Simon Van der Kruik  Ph: 0410433066 (M)

**Email:**  simon.vanderkruik@health.qld.gov.au

Registration forms are available on the SRACA QLD Inc web site:  [http://www.sracaqld.org.au](http://www.sracaqld.org.au)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS or New members WILL NOT be registered at the conference.**