

Rachel Thomson - Brief Biography.

Rachel Thomson has worked in Infection Prevention & Control in Tasmania since 1998. Rachel commenced her career working in a small private hospital in Tasmania and joined the professional association early in her career to network with other ICPs and to learn from them.

Rachel became an active member of the Infection Control association, becoming President of the Tasmanian Infection Control Association (TICA) in 1999. She became National Vice President between 2001- 2003 and then National President of the former Australian Infection Control Association (now the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control) between 2003 and 2007. She has acted as a peer reviewer for the association's Journal "Healthcare Infection".

Rachel maintains strong links with the association and has regularly presented at the National Infection Prevention and Control Conference, including being an invited speaker on two occasions at the Hand Hygiene Australia workshop held in association with the National Conference.

She currently works at the Royal Hobart Hospital as Nurse Unit Manager for the Infection Prevention & Control Unit, a role she has held since 2007.