

Editor's Comments

How much are you getting out of the Journal?

Is it meeting your needs?

What would you like to see in the Journal in the next few issues. Each State is compiling a wish list of articles or information that you would like to see in future issues of the journal. To enable us to compile such a list, you need to let your State Sub-Editor know what your needs/wishes are, otherwise we have no idea just what you would like to see. As I have said on many occasions this is your Journal.

What do you want out of it?

Any special topics can be addressed if you tell us what would be helpful for you. No, you do not have to write all the articles yourself.

Where do you look for articles, topics or ideas? Have you heard a great paper presented at a conference lately? Is it worth publishing?

The presenters at State and National Conferences do not automatically hand over their material after they have presented, as oral papers need to be adjusted for publication. So if you feel their paper has the potential to enlighten other Infection Control Practitioners, let us know.

Do you know what to do with your article?

Each state has a Sub-Editor, it is their role to collate articles and information from

their state and send it on for inclusion in the Journal. Also, if you need a little help to get started with your article, your State Sub-Editor has the skills and talents to help you on your way.

Do you know your State Sub-Editor?

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All these talented people can be contacted at work or through your State Executive.

Membership and Input

Let's look at the make up of AICA. The table below shows your state, what your percentage of the membership is, and your State's input to the Journal (up to issue 6).

My challenge to you all is to think about what you can do to help keep your Journal flowing.

I would like to encourage Infection Control Practitioners to publish the interesting work and research they are doing so the work you are doing 'alone' can be shared and possibly have a positive impact on patient care Australia wide. Good Infection Control can improve the Quality of Patient Care.

Dianne Dalton

<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>JOURNAL</u>
NSW	49.9%	54.5%
NT	.7%	8.6%
ACT	1.4%	5.8%
VIC	15%	11.7%
TAS	1.1%	3.9%
WA	9.9%	3.3%
SA	10.1%	5%
QLD	11.9%	7.2%