

NSW OTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Tracy Kerle

President and Governance and Finance representative

Tracy is the Nurse Manager of the Operating Suite at Gosford Hospital.

I completed my general training at Auburn and then commenced my peri operative career at the theatres at Westmead. I have worked in many different speciality areas and Have been involved in various working parties in the ministry looking at key areas of practice improvement, development of competences and computer systems. During my peri operative career of over 29 years I have held various roles such as CNE, NUM of Gosford theatres and have now taken the role of Perioperative Nurse Manager. I hold a Bachelor degree in Nursing, Master degree in Management, Perioperative and midwifery certificates.

I have also been involved in commissioning and developing plans for new theatres and various hospital environments across the state. In the Nsw OTA I have been on the executive for 10 years holding the roles of Secretary, ACORN representative ACORN director, ACORN Secretary, OTA President and recently OTA Treasurer.



Mary-Anne Renshaw

Zone Coordinator and Treasurer



Jenny Cubitt

Past president and Professional Initiatives and Advocacy representative

Jenny has devoted her career to perioperative nursing practice, education and executive management. Jenny holds a Masters in Health Administration from University NSW and has over 30years experience in perioperative nursing. She is originally from South Australia and did her nursing training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH). She completed her post basic theatre certificate there and went on to be a CNC in the operating suite at the RAH. Jenny moved to NSW and has worked in hospitals both in the private and public sector in management roles. Jenny has always been a member of her state theatre group and is a past president for NSW OTA and ACORN Director for NSW for 2006-08. Jenny is a fellow of ACORN.



She has represented perioperative nurses on national and state committees. Jenny believes there are many benefits to being a member of NSW OTA and would recommend perioperative nurses to join the organisation and if they find the time then be part of the executive.

Throughout her career she has focused on patient safety and providing an environment for staff to grow.

Jenny has published journal articles and has presented papers at state, national and international conferences. She has a keen interest in the management of surgical plume. Jenny currently represents ACORN on the board of the International Council on Surgical Plume (ICSP).

Jenny says that perioperative nursing has been a rewarding career and enjoys being able to give back to the profession.

Karen Hay

ACORN Director and Professional Initiatives and Advocacy representative

Karen is an Enrolled Nurse who works in Nepean Operating theatres and works primarily in an anaesthetic nurse role.

In 2010, Karen was elected to the Executive Committee of New South Wales Operating Theatre Association, with her roles including the Team Leader for Education (2013) and is currently the NSW representative, to the Board of Australian College of Operating Room Nurses (ACORN).

She is a keen advocate for innovation, education and advancement in and of perioperative nursing and safe patient care. In early 2015, Karen was appointed to the New South Wales Nursing and Midwifery Council, as a professional member (Enrolled Nurse) by the Minister for Health.

Aside from her nursing roles, Karen's interests include: collecting antique curios, patchwork and quilting, photography and is a devoted "Nanny" to her five grandchildren.



Lauren Bradford

Education representative

Perioperative nursing chose me during one of my student terms while I was doing my undergrad at the University of Sydney (Cumberland). My career started at The Children's Hospital at Westmead in an instrument / circulating role in all specialties but especially Neuro, Cardiac and Orthopaedics. While there, I completed my Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing, gained CNS status, and subsequently completed my Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner).

In 2010 I had an opportunity to move to Toronto, Canada and I was able to start working at SickKids, before making the move into management at Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington.

On returning to Australia I worked at Healthscope as a Floor Manager and Perioperative Manager, completing my Diploma of Management and learning more about Theatre Management and the Private Hospital system. I am currently on maternity leave and will be returning to work at the SAN as a instrument / circulating nurse role.



Angela Coleman

Membership and Information Technology representative

Angela is a Registered Nurse currently working in the perioperative suite at the Canberra Hospital and Health Services, ACT in an instrument / circulating nurse role. She has over thirty years of perioperative nursing experience.

Angela has been an active OTA member since 2007. In 2008 she became the Chair for Zone 7, after 5 years she stepped down to a non-executive role on the Zone 7 committee.



Lucinda van Buuren

Lucinda joined the state executive committee in May 2019.

She is passionate about the self-care and wellbeing of perioperative nurses and loves sharing her knowledge of life coaching, mindfulness and the impact of the stress response with everyone.

Lucinda is a Registered Nurse who works in the instrument / circulating role and loves being a patient advocate always striving for safety for all in the perioperative environment. She looks forward to serving the delegates of the NSW OTA.

