

Welcome Lauren Bradford – OTA Executive Committee Member

Hi everyone, I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve on the NSW OTA Executive. The Perioperative environment has been my work home for over 16 years. Perioperative nursing chose me during one of my student terms while I was doing my undergrad at the University of Sydney (Cumberland); I loved the atmosphere, the team work, and the constant learning.

My career started at The Children's Hospital at Westmead as a scrub/scout in all specialties but especially Neuro, Cardiac and Orthopaedics. I had the opportunity to work with some of the best nurses, surgeons, anaesthetists and multidisciplinary team members that helped to teach me the secrets of the operating theatre. 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 for 4 years with my husband and we had an amazing time. Through my previous Kids Hospital connections I was able to start working at SickKids, before making the move into management at Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington. While there, I made lifelong friends and found that periop nursing is quite closely the same everywhere! I had an amazing opportunity to attend the Wharton Nursing Leaders Program at The Wharton School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania and meet so many other inspiring nursing leaders from across North America.

On returning to Australia I worked at Healthscope as a Floor Manager and Periop 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 scrub/scout. Nursing is wonderful for its flexibility and ability to maintain your work/life balance.

I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming education events.

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