



What's it like to be mentored on the ACIPC Board: Experience of a Mentee

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I would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet. I pay my respects to Elders past and present of the Kulin Nation, and to emerging leaders, and I extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are present.

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Overview

- What is a Board?
- My career pathway
- Why mentoring?
- Other opportunities
- Lessons learnt

What is a Board?



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Reference to board in this document means the group of individuals (howsoever described or called) in whom the governance, control, direction and management of the organisation is vested in accordance with its constituent documents or by legislation.

It includes:

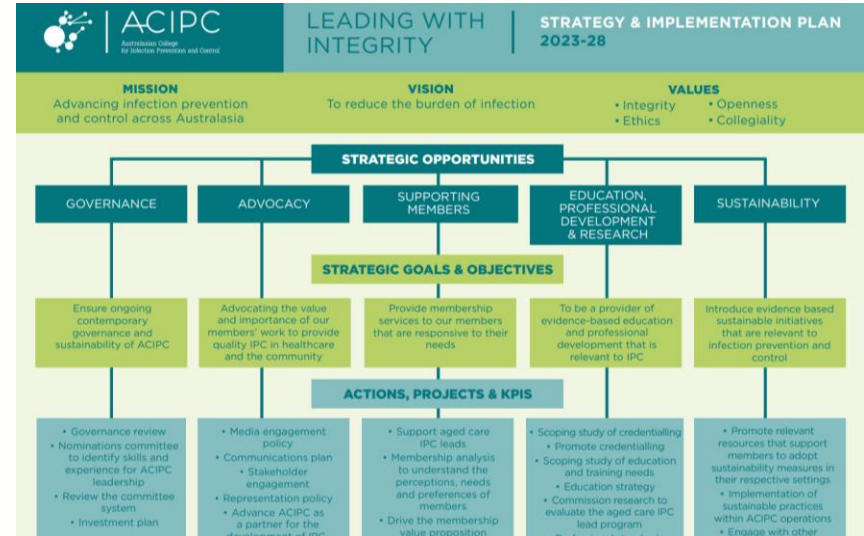
- In the case of a company – its board of directors;
- In the case of an incorporated association – its committee of management;
- In the case of a statutory authority or public sector organisation – its board of directors or duly appointed council.

The board is responsible for the overall governance, management and strategic direction of the organisation and for delivering accountable corporate performance in accordance with the organisation's goals and objectives. This responsibility is usually set out in the organisation's constitution or in the enabling legislation under which the organisation is registered or incorporated.



Governance

- Governance is a crucial function of the Board and ensures ACIPC is effectively and ethically managed.
- We act to ensure that our strategies and operations align with our long-term objectives and values.



Key Functions



STRATEGIC
DIRECTION AND
OVERSIGHT



ACCOUNTABILITY



RISK
MANAGEMENT



LONG-TERM
SUSTAINABILITY



ETHICAL
LEADERSHIP AND
CULTURE



PERFORMANCE
MONITORING



STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT

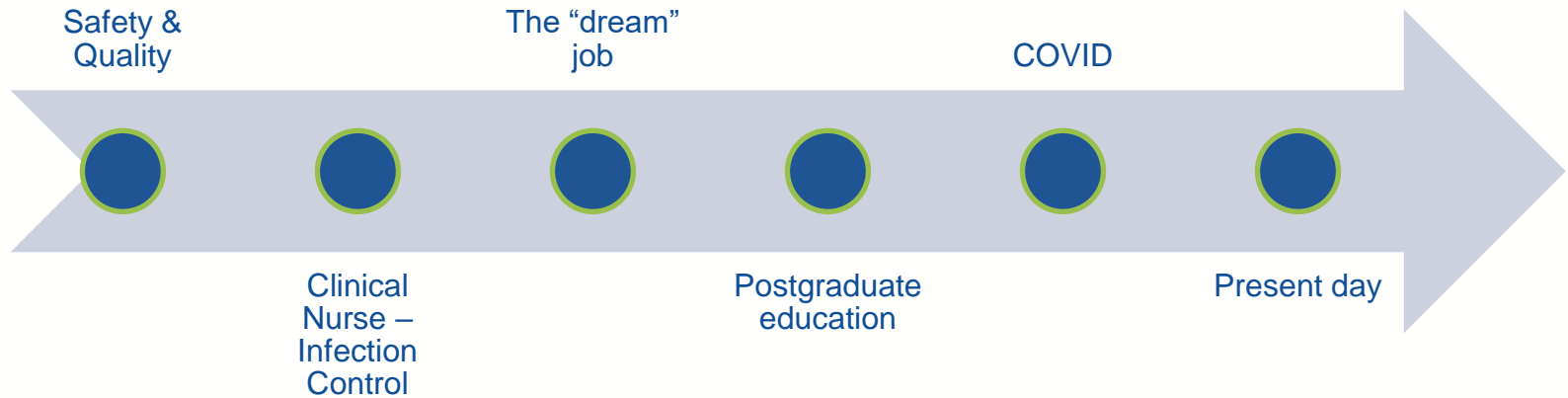


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MANAGEMENT

ACIPC Board of Directors



My career pathway



Mentoring on the Board



APPLICATION
PROCESS



WHAT DID IT
LOOK LIKE?



WHY DID I DO
IT?

Being a Mentee

- Growth
- Connection
- Exposure
- Perspective



Other professional development opportunities - credentialling



Other professional development opportunities – post graduate education

- Foundations Course
- Graduate Certificate
- Graduate Diploma
- Masters
- (Doctor of Philosophy – usually good to whisper this one if you have a partner nearby)

Figuring it all out....

- Lessons learnt –
 - No one has it figured out
 - Fake it 'til you make it (to a point)
 - Do not underestimate the value of post-graduate education
 - Listen to the universe
 - No matter what it is you want to do – you can do it (unless it is illegal)

- Thank you!