



ALS Coordinators

Petra Strube – QLD Education Coordinator

Petra's involvement with the ACCCN spans over 15 years, where she has taken on various roles, eventually assuming the State Coordinator position around 2018. With a background in Adult ICU and as an Educator in a Brisbane ICU, Petra finds great satisfaction in her role as it allows her to connect with a diverse array of interesting individuals, all contributing to nursing in various capacities.

Beyond her professional commitments, Petra is passionate about traveling. This role not only fulfills her love for nursing but also fuels her imagination with ideas of places to explore once she embarks on her journey as a grey nomad in the future, discovering the wonders of this incredible country. Until then, she is determined to tick off her global bucket list, traversing destinations all around the world.

An amusing aspect of Petra's adventures is her quality control assessments, which involve sampling champagne and ice cream along the way. She shares that, in her experience, Champagne is best at its source in France. However, she playfully provokes controversy by asserting that the best ice cream can be found in Croatia.



Jessica L'estrage – NSW/ACT ALS Coordinator

Jess has been working for ACCCN as the NSW/ACT ALS coordinator for 3 years, which has turned into her dream job. She was born in Canada where she completed her undergraduate, then worked in a medical ward in Ottawa for a couple years before moving to Australia and falling in love. She has been working at a major hospital in Sydney in the Intensive care unit for almost 20 years which influenced her love for resuscitation and critical care.

The role with ACCCN is incredible, she gets to travel around the state to work with exceptional clinicians teaching Paediatric and Adult ALS. Her passion for educating advanced life support in a welcoming, supportive environment with respect, safety and dignity is her goal when instructing clinicians wanting to learn resus skills. Jess has the pleasure of learning something new at every course she gets to instruct, and hopes she leaves with enthusiastic, passionate people who have also learned something on course. Jess is looking forward to the future of advanced life support education around the country/world. There is so much to learn and so much to teach!

Natalie Checcucci – VIC ALS Coordinator

Nat has been working for ACCCN since April 2012 employed as the ACCCN VIC Education coordinator initially assisting the ACCCN VIC management committee with Seminars, Conferences & Hot Topic Nights. Became the combined ACCCN VIC Education & ALS Coordinator four years into the role and now with the increased workload of the ALS courses across Victoria, now solely works as the ACCCN VIC ALS Coordinator.

Nat was drawn to the role as she is a passionate ICU Clinical Nurse Clinician & Educator who would get to work alongside like-minded respected Critical Care colleagues from around Australia & internationally. She is also very passionate about providing top quality Adult ALS & Paediatric ALS education to our healthcare community in Victoria. Nat's wonderful team of ALS Instructors are able to cater for individual & organizational ALS learning needs with very satisfying outcomes. Feedback from a recent ALS course: "Both facilitators were fantastic. They made us feel really welcome and at ease, and their positive attitude and obvious passion for ALS made us all excited to learn".

Nat's aim for the next 12 months is to work in consultation with the five regions of Victoria to enable easier access to the ACCCN ALS & Instructor courses for the medical & nursing staff working in these regions. Over the last year & a half, she has worked hard at establishing teams of ACCCN ALS instructors in the Melbourne CBD, Barwon Southwest Region, Hume Region & Grampians Region but her aim is to now develop a team of ACCCN instructors in the Gippsland Region and Loddon Mallee Region plus increase the pool of instructors in the Melbourne CBD & regions.

Nat and her partner Ronnie love to 4WD and go "off-grid" camping around Australia. Last year they travelled the Old Telegraph Track (OTT) which is an iconic 4WD track in Cape York which is only accessible during the dry season. They have just returned from a 6-week trip up trip up the middle of Australia on the way to Darwin and then Arnhem land.



Brenda Bruce – SA/NT ALS & Education Coordinator

Brenda is an ED trained nurse, Christmas diehard and chocolate aficionado and has only just started working for ACCCN. She has taught ACCCN ALS and PALS courses for the past 2 years. Brenda was made aware of the SA/NT position with ACCCN and was keen to stretch her teaching and coordination experience and is very excited to get moving and develop some courses across the region.

Brenda lives in Alice Springs on a small farm with her husband and two boys. They are all very active and take part in any sport they can get their hands on. She currently partakes in Road Cycling, Mountain Biking and BMX as well as being a keen runner, inline skater and squash player and in her spare time teaches Spin classes at the local gym!

She is very passionate about health, wellness, balance and teaching in the critical care environment; and looks forward to meeting the SA/NT members soon.



Roxanne White – WA ALS Administration Coordinator

Roxanne has been working for ACCCN since 2016 after hearing of the job through a friend who thought her event co-ordinating skills would be an asset. She loves working with the great group of WA instructors and committee and they are hoping to bring in more Paediatric ALS instructors and increase the reach of the courses currently run.

Roxanne is just as busy outside of ACCCN! She works her 5 acres which has cows, poultry, fruit trees and a dog. As well as the property Roxanne runs a monthly fresh fruit and veg stall at a local bush market. She loves being on the property and growing an array of poultry and fruit/veg.

Further information on [ALS courses](#) and details on [becoming an ALS instructor](#) are available on our [ACCCN website](#).

