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**Transformation & Engagement**

Shaping the Future of Healthcare Cleaning

## SYDNEY

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17th March

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# welcome

## Welcome to iClean Healthcare Cleaning & Infection Control Conference 2026

Welcome to the 2026 iClean Conference — an international gathering where science, leadership, and practical innovation come together to solve the real challenges facing healthcare cleaning

This year's theme, **"Transformation & Engagement,"** reflects a simple truth: meaningful change happens when people unite around shared purpose. Engagement fuels momentum. Transformation creates impact. When EVS, IPC and leadership come together, we remove variation, strengthen safety, and build systems that help protect the people who rely on us every day.

### A New Program Designed for Your Sector

For the first time, we've created three sector-specific program streams, ensuring every session speaks directly to the pressures and opportunities in your environment. You'll hear from world-class experts who bring evidence, clarity and real-world strategies you can apply immediately.

### New Expert Speakers

We are proud to bring you a remarkable roster of both your favourite and brand new keynote speakers, each offering science-driven insights, practical strategies, and real-world experience. I'm especially excited about our new Speaker Dinners — relaxed, open conversations where you can exchange ideas with the experts shaping the future of our industry. These are often where the most valuable insights emerge.

Healthcare cleaning is a frontline patient safety system. Every gap, every inconsistency, every undocumented clean creates clinical risk. This conference exists to help you lead differently — with systems, standards and visibility that give you confidence and reduce the burden on your teams.

Across keynotes, workshops and hands-on sessions inside the iHub, you'll connect with like-minded professionals, share solutions, and strengthen the practices that make care safer.

This is more than a conference. It's a community committed to lifting the profile, capability and leadership of environmental hygiene across the entire healthcare system.

Let's learn, lead, and transform—together.  
I look forward to seeing you at iClean 2026

**Bill Bassett**  
Founder iClean Conference



# Why Attend

Because Patient Safety Is Not a Department. It's a System. We empower Healthcare Cleaning teams to stay on the forefront of hospital and aged care cleaning and infection control challenges by:

- Network with peers facing the same risk pressures to share experiences and solutions to common challenges.
- Discover how leading organisations standardise cleaning and use innovative solutions as you participate in collaborative sessions.
- Gain insights from industry experts on the latest research, trends and best practices in environmental services and infection control. Learn how to validate performance — not assume it.
- Engage in hands-on sessions that help your teams connect clinical risk with real-world practice, to deliver reliable, evidence-based cleaning across every shift and every space.
- Participate in leadership workshops and build measurable strategies you can validate at Board level.

Cleaning Is No Longer  
About Appearance.  
It Is About Evidence.  
Accountability.  
And Risk.

iClean 2026 is where  
healthcare cleaning  
becomes governance.

# 2026



# 3 Separate Conferences in One Place

## What the 2026 Program Looks Like

This year, instead of travelling around Australia, we're bringing the iClean Conference to our new iClean Innovation Hub (iHub) at Middle Head, Sydney.

The iHub was created as an industry transformation space - a place where science, industry and real-world practice come together. Because unlike many conferences, our message isn't just about ideas; it's about how cleaning is done. Seeing processes, workflows, and best practice in action is central to the experience.

We'll be hosting three separate one-day conferences, each focused on specific sector needs. Sessions, speakers, and workshops will be tailored to the real challenges facing each sector, ensuring every day is highly practical and directly relevant.

And importantly - don't let the location hold you back. If Sydney is difficult for you to reach, please contact us. iClean Conference has funds set aside to support delegates with travel, and we encourage you to apply if you need assistance by emailing [events@interclean.com.au](mailto:events@interclean.com.au). We want everyone who values this work to have the opportunity to attend.

## This is not a passive Learning Conference

### You attend to:

- Reduce avoidable infections
- Strengthen accreditation confidence
- Remove cleaning variation
- Improve audit outcomes
- Protect executive risk exposure
- Build system leadership, not dependency on individuals

### You Leave with:

- Proven infection prevention frameworks
- Standardised cleaning governance models
- Workforce training systems that survive turnover
- Digital validation methods
- Executive-level reporting structures
- Practical tools you can deploy immediately

# Day 1

## Aged Care

Tues, 17th March

### Protecting the Most Vulnerable from Invisible Risk

A full day conference focused on Australian Aged- Care cleaning challenges:

- Engage your IPC and EVS people with leading world experts.
- Hear from other hospitality leaders about their journey of standardisation and digitisation in Aged Care Cleaning.
- Learn how to build your cleaning around infection prevention

Designed for Infection Control, Hospitality Management and cleaning supervisors

# Day 2

## Private Hospitals & FM

Wed, 18th March

### Removing Commercial and Clinical Risk at Once

A full day conference focused on Australian Hospital cleaning challenges:

- Learn how to build repeatable, science-based workflows that remove variation, reduce delays and improve patient experience.
- Discover operational efficiencies that reduce labour without reducing quality
- See what other hospitals are achieving and how to build efficient, resilient teams.

Designed for IPC, Environmental Services and Corporate Services Management

# Day 3

## Public Hospitals & Health Networks

Thurs, 19th March

### System-Wide Standardisation at Scale

A full day conference focused on Health Networks looking at standardisation and digitisation of their environmental cleaning services:

- See what visibility and data transparency across all hospitals looks like.
- Be in the room with world leaders and peers focused on the challenges we all face.

See what is available now to standardise, digitise and upskill your cleaning workforce.

Designed for IPC, EVS and Health Network management working at the Federal, State or Area Health Service level



# Highlights for 2026

Each year we bring experts in Healthcare Infection Prevention to present and discuss future environmental cleaning challenges. We are transforming the way healthcare cleaning is seen, acknowledging the essential frontline work done in the fight against the spread of HAIs.

**Learn from the best and transform your healthcare cleaning program.**



**Prof. Brett Mitchell**

Holds positions at the University of Newcastle, Central Coast Local Health District and Avondale University, and is Editor-in-Chief of Infection, Disease and Health.



**Martin Kiernan**

Infection prevention specialist and researcher with 30 years of clinical, academic, and advisory experience in environmental hygiene and healthcare-associated infections.



**Fiona Nemetz**

MS, CHESP System Director of EVS, Safety & Security at Northside Hospital, Atlanta. Past President of the Association of Healthcare Environment US



**Prof. Karen Vickery**

Honorary Scientific Director of the Surgical Infection Research Group, at the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney Australia.



**Dr. Alexandra Peters**

President of the Clean Hospitals Group, Geneva. A. Peters: "Healthcare cleaning is a career, not just a job"



**Justin Wilshaw**

Head of Hospitality & Lifestyle at Estia Health, Meat & Livestock Australia, Red Meat Ambassador



**Bill Bassett**

Specialist Consultant for Healthcare Cleaning Systems, and Founding Director of the iClean Conference



**Sophie Jeyaratnam**

CEO iClean Technology. Leads Australia's most advanced digital workflow and hygiene management platform for Healthcare, Aged Care and FM

This year's speakers represent some of the most respected voices in environmental hygiene and infection prevention. Each brings science-based expertise, practical experience, and a commitment to helping healthcare organisations strengthen cleaning systems and improve safety.

They are selected because they: Lead national infection prevention programs, Run hospital environmental services at scale, Design global hygiene standards, Drive government and university research, Transform healthcare systems, not just departments.

**This is experience that translates directly into operational advantage.**



# Conference Schedule

<b>8.00</b>	Arrive	Registration, Tea & Coffee on Arrival
<b>9.00</b>	Intro	Start of Conference
<b>9.15</b>	Keynote 1	Using Evidence Based Proof to Help Prepare for High Risk Events
<b>10.00</b>	Keynote 2	Leadership Responsibilities in Healthcare Cleaning
<b>10.45</b>	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
<b>11.15</b>	Keynote 3	Aligning People, Information and Process
<b>12.00</b>	Keynote 4	Best Practice
<b>12.45</b>	Lunch	Lunch
<b>1.45</b>	Round Table 1	Quality Processes in Action
<b>2.15</b>	Round Table 2	Science and Practice
<b>2.30</b>	Round Table 3	Building Partnerships and Measuring Outcomes
	Break	Afternoon Tea
<b>3.15</b>	Workshops 1	Choice of 3 Workshops
<b>4.10</b>	Workshops 2	Choice of 3 Workshops
<b>5.00</b>	Q&A	Speaker Panel and Closing Session
<b>5.30</b>	Networking	Drinks and Nibbles
<b>6.30</b>	Dinner	Speaker Dinner - optional booking

\* NB: Conference Schedule above is indicative of a 1 Day Conference Program and subject to change. Full Conference Program available online after Jan 15, 2026

## Transforming Healthcare Cleaning - Together

Your participation in iClean doesn't just benefit your own organisation — it helps improve safety in healthcare facilities around the world.

A portion of every ticket sold goes directly to the iHub Initiative, which supports healthcare cleaning managers in developing countries through education, training, and guidance on best-practice cleaning system.

By attending iClean, you are not only protecting your hospital - you are strengthening healthcare safety worldwide.



# Conference Pricing

iClean 2026, is an investment in risk reduction, compliance confidence, and patient and resident safety leadership.

## Delegate Fee per day

### Full Price

Individual registration	\$595
Bring 3 pay for 2	\$1190
Team up to 5	\$1785

### Early Bird – Jan 31 cut off

Individual registration	\$545
Bring 3 pay for 2	\$1090
Team up to 5	\$1635

## Registrations

Register online at [icleanconference.com.au](http://icleanconference.com.au).  
If you require an Invoice for payment, please email  
[events@interclean.com.au](mailto:events@interclean.com.au)

## Speaker Dinner

Individual ticket, per night - \$100

## Travel Support

We don't want travel barriers to prevent anyone from joining us. iClean has set aside funds to help delegates who need travel support. If this would make a difference for you, please email [events@interclean.com.au](mailto:events@interclean.com.au) to apply. Support will be offered to eligible applicants on a rolling basis until funding is fully allocated.

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