

# NASCA NOTICES

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## NASCA National Forum 2013

**Wednesday 04 & Thursday 05  
September 2013,  
Shed 6, Wellington**

Visit our website for information and registration details regarding the [National Forum 2013](#). Registrations are open and the updated programme outline is available.

The National Forum replaces the September General Meeting. The 2013 AGM will be held during the Forum.

## Annual General Meeting 04 September 2013

The NASCA AGM will be held at the National Forum at the end of day one. Principal Members may vote at the AGM, Associate Members may speak, and any others interested are welcome to attend as observers.

A [Notice of Meeting](#) is included with this mailing, and it is time to be thinking about nominations for up to two positions on the Executive. Sandie Cherrington's two year term is ending and Sandie is not seeking re-election due to changes with her employment. There is also potential for one additional position on the Executive.

Nominations need to be submitted before the 5th of August 2013 on the [Nomination Form](#) with this mailing and on the website. Nominees for Executive, Proposers and Seconders must each be fully paid Principal Members at the date of nomination.

The NASCA Constitution is being reviewed to ensure membership rules are clear and accurate. The Executive will bring to the AGM a recommended process for considering any proposed amendments to the Constitution.

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## General Meeting June 2013 – Minutes and Survey Summary

The [Minutes](#) from the June meeting are available on the website.

Thank you to all who completed the evaluation survey of this meeting. We thank you for your time and appreciate your feedback. The [Survey Summary](#) is also on the website.

The Executive will take note of the comments made in planning future meetings, and also make the following comments:

- There is great value in the breakout groups and this is a key part of the quarterly meetings. However we also think it is important for NASCA to not simply operate as three separate streams, and to do some of the hard work of building on common areas between the three service areas. There are times when there is value for all of us to be exposed to content from other streams of NASC, and from other providers and organisations which present a wider perspective.
- Further attention can be given to LTS-CHC if required by Members attending quarterly meetings - a specific breakout group can be arranged for people from this stream if requested.
- A question was raised regarding penalty interest paid to IRD. The Executive have fully briefed Members on this situation over the meetings since last

September. Briefly the explanation is that unfortunately the recognition that NASCA was obliged to pay tax for the 10/11 year came late, our payment was therefore late, and paying interest was therefore inevitable. NASCA is now a registered charitable entity and not required to pay tax so this situation should not occur again in the future.

## Extending Individualised Funding Training and Implementation Workshops

The MoH DSS have recently advertised a series of workshops across the country. If NASC Managers have not already registered please do so by deadline of **noon Friday 19 July**. [Details of Venues and RSVP](#)

## Careerforce Qualifications Review

The last notices issued an invitation for people to work with Sonia Hawea, the NASCA representative for his working group. We are pleased to advise that Jane Pembroke, Life Unlimited will be supporting Sonia in this work.

## Health & Disability NGO Working Group update

The NGO Working Group is sponsored by the Ministry of Health to foster positive

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relationships with Non-Government Organisations in the wider Health and Disability sector. Mark Brown is currently one of the disability sector representatives on this Working Group. Although many NASCs are not NGOs some of the information is of general interest. [June Update Report](#)

### **National Spinal Cord Impairment Project**

A comprehensive overview of this ACC / MOH project has now taken place and the next step is moving to the Options Development Phase of the project. The Reference Group will meet at the end of July. The [full update](#) is available on the website.

### **December General Meeting**

**NASCA General Meeting**  
**Thurs 5 December 2013, Christchurch**  
**Venue:** Copthorne Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Ave, Christchurch Airport.

### **DSS NASC 2012 Training Documents**

The documents and material presented in the Ministry of Health training in 2012 are now available on the NASCA website. [MoH NASC Training 2012](#) Scroll down the page to find this section – work is underway to improve the layout of material on this page.

### **Changes between DSM IV and DSM 5**

In May the MoH DSS circulated reference to a document from Positive Partnerships regarding changes to [DSM re Autism Spectrum Disorders](#).

This change has implications for people previously diagnosed who may feel excluded (Aspergers), implications for funding and support organisations re inclusion and exclusion criteria, and implications for diagnostic services (embrace DSM 5 or go with the more clinically driven ICD instead).

The ASD Living Guideline Group is currently reviewing this issue and are aiming to produce a supplement to the New Zealand ASD Guideline on this topic.

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