

# NASCA NOTICES

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## NASCA Forum 2015 02 - 03 September – Wellington Rydges Hotel, Wellington

**Programme** A great programme is arranged with a mix of plenary sessions and content relevant across the NASC streams, as well as 3 strands of concurrent options – totalling around 21 presentations, topics and workshops. See the near [final programme](#).

**Registrations** – so far there are 75 registered. We encourage you to register before 23<sup>rd</sup> August to avoid the late registration fee.

Go to [Registration Forum 2015](#) to register.

## NASCA AGM

The 2015 NASCA AGM will be held as part of the NASCA Forum.

Where: Rydges Hotel

When: Wednesday 02 September

Time: 5:15pm

The business of the AGM will include:

- Receive the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports
- Receive the 2014/15 Financial Statements
- Election to vacancies for Executive Officers

## Executive Nominations

The [Agenda](#) sets out the nominations received together with the nominator and

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second. Some nominees have provided a 'nomination statement' / profile (see links below). Nominees are:

- Sonia Hawea
- Don Sorrenson
- Barbara Walters - [Profile](#)
- Susan Bowden - [Profile](#)
- Kym Park - [Profile](#)

Principal Members may vote at the AGM, Associate Members, and any others interested are welcome to attend as observers.

## Proxy Voting

As there is no clear directive in the Constitution the Executive Committee have agreed to the use of proxy voting if a Principal Member is unable to attend the 2015 NASCA AGM. Principal Members may nominate a proxy who is either:

- someone else from their own organisation
- another Principal Member

Proxy arrangements must be clearly indicated on the [attached form](#) which must be received by the NASCA EA 24 hours prior to the AGM – ie no later than **5.00pm on Tuesday 01 September 2015**.

## NASCA Membership Renewals

Invoices for renewal of NASCA membership for the 2015-16 year were sent out 16 July 2015. To vote at the AGM, you need to be

a paid up Principal Member. Any queries please contact [EA Judy Preston](#)

## Updates from Reference Group Meeting with DSS MoH

### Future shape of DSS NASC

Last week DSS Managers confirmed that the DIAS review is looking to commence soon and all DIAS providers will be formally notified. At the same time it was signalled that it was likely that the Ministry would be looking to review and consider options over the next 6 – 18 months regarding the future shape of DSS NASC.

The Ministry will be writing to all NASC Managers regarding the anticipated process and timeframes within the next week.

### Funded Family Carers

The final evaluation by consultant Artimus has been received by the Ministry, and recommendations are being prepared for sign off by the Minister. There are not expected to be major changes and overall most participants reported that FFC added value to their lives. There was also positive feedback and comments from participants in regard to NASCs.

The monitoring role by NASCs and NASCA continues for the meantime. Once recommendations have been approved by the Minister there will be further communication to NASCs.

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## ICARe

The Ministry appreciate the ICARe assessments NASCs have been sending through to Jan White, and have been able to collect a good amount of data from these, but still need more to complete their analysis. Please continue to send your spreadsheets through to Jan until further notice.

The final ICARe electronic version has been sent to you so please delete all previous versions.

## Work Plan and Proposed NPA Role

NASCA and the Ministry have jointly developed a work plan of projects for the 2015/16 year, and are considering how best to resource and undertake this work.

It is possible that the Ministry will resource an additional role of National Practice Advisor (NPA) which would project lead many of these projects and work closely alongside the NNR role as a resource for consistency of practice across NASCs. The Ministry will also provide input and support to the various projects.

The workplan projects include:

- Support for implementation of the ICARe Tool
- Robust budget management
- NASCA website members section
- Define what is Disability Supports funding responsibility
- Data/Information Analysis

- Revise NASC Operational Manuals
- Review and Reassessment Project
- NASC Training
- Purchasing strategies for High Cost Residential Services
- NASC information consistency
- Review of High Cost packages and allocations

## Special Education Update

The Ministry of Education are holding Special Education Update meetings around the country in August and September.

Parents and caregivers of special needs children are invited to attend a forum in their area to discuss improvement ideas.

For further information about the Update and a list of Forum dates and venues view the link [here](#).

## In between Travel Update – Update from MoH

In September 2014 Unions, Home and Community Support Services Providers, District Health Boards and the Ministry of Health agreed to work together on significant issues facing the community health sector, including the payment of home support workers for travel time and distance between jobs.

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## Interim Arrangements

Susan Bowden, Helene Dore, and Karen Mora have represented NASCA at various meetings regarding the implementation of this agreement.

Discussions have been around the travel bands and exceptional travel. The model for this is being refined to make it simple to implement with as little disadvantage to support workers as possible. While processes have not been confirmed, it appears that the intention is that there should be no additional workload for NASCs.

Interim arrangements have been put in place from 1 July 2015, with a permanent approach expected by March 2016.

The settlement parties have agreed on a one travel band model with funding dispersed centrally as part of the interim approach. The funding model was provided to relevant parties in May.

For the interim period there is no exceptional travel to workers other than arrangements that are in place prior to 1 July 2015, ie there is no change for NASCs in relation to approvals for exceptional travel.

## Disabled Children Project - Voluntary Out of Home Placement Review

MSD have reported regarding the public consultation for the Review which closed on the 29 May 2015 with 80 submissions

received, and approximately 50 people attending regional forums.

A good representation of submissions came from parents, but few submissions were received from disabled children and young people who had experienced a section 141 placement to get a good understanding of the issues from their perspective.

MSD have therefore commissioned Donald Beasley Institute to carry out dedicated research with disabled children who have recently exited from voluntary out-of-home placements. This research will provide deeper insight into what changes may be needed to ensure children are central in the decision making process about where they wish to live, to protect their interests, and allow a more complete picture of the experience for these children.

Further information is available on [MSD Out-of-home review website](#)

## Imagine Better Assemblies

Imagine Better has run an annual conference for some years. This year, as an alternative and in an effort to improve accessibility for people, they are holding three regional Assemblies in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch in November.

The theme - Connections, Community, Citizenship: How can we increase our community connections and gain the most value from them?

To register and see more [about the events here](#)

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## NGO Health and Disability Network

### NGO Network National Forum

The 2015 National NGO Forum will be held in Wellington on **Friday 18 September**. This event is free and registration is now open.

The theme is 'Measurement, Evaluation & Outcomes: Ways to gauge your effectiveness'. Follow the link [National NGO Forum](#) for more information and to register.

### Update August 2015

For the latest information and update from the MOH NGO Council [Update](#)

interpreted the supply of services provided by NGOs to be relatively inelastic in price. People are clearly motivated by outcomes for the people they work with, and as such there is more than funding that drives this sector.

This is evident in the substantial volunteer time and philanthropic funding element, and the resilience of NGO providers rooted within communities. Many NGOs are driven to respond to community need rather than responding to prices."

## Contracting for Social Services

An interesting quote from a [2013 Treasury Report](#) on Social Services:

"It is not our view that government should introduce price competition into the social services market to solve the issues of efficiency and effectiveness.

This is not a standard market and price competition would not lead to the direction of resources towards the clients who would benefit the most.

NGOs have already expressed that they are only partially funded for the cost of their services and therefore there would not be any desire to 'undercut' each other on a price basis in this collaborative environment.

Price as a lever to incentivise efficiency within NGOs will be limited....We have

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## Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time for dates of upcoming meetings go to:

[www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/](http://www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/)

### 02 - 03 Sept NASCA Forum and AGM

- Rydges Hotel  
Featherston St, Wellington

### Thurs 12 Nov DSS National Operations Meeting - Date TBC

- Quality Hotel  
Cuba Street, Wellington

### Thurs 04 Dec NASCA General Meeting

- Commodore Hotel  
Christchurch Airport

## Executive Members

### Mark Brown

Chairperson  
(Life Unlimited)

### Don Sorrenson

Treasurer  
(Support Net, Bay of Plenty)

### Sonia Hawea

(Taikura Trust, Auckland)

### Kym Park

(Capital Coast DHB)

### Karen Bailey

(Nelson Marlborough DHB, Nelson)

### Susan Bowden

(Care Coordination, Hutt Valley)

### Sandie Kirkman

(Northland DHB)

### Helene Dore

(Focus Wairarapa DHB)

### Executive Assistant

(Judy Preston – Life Unlimited)