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NASCA Forum 2015

**02 - 03 September – Wellington
Rydges Hotel, Wellington**

Registrations are now open allowing the option as in previous years of paying in the current or the following financial year.

The cost of the two day Forum will be \$347 plus GST, or \$400 including GST. This is the same as two years ago, and is great value for a two day forum including the Forum dinner.

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

Topics and Speakers The programme will be a mix of plenary sessions with content relevant across the NASC streams, as well as 3 strands of concurrent options – totalling around 21 presentations, topics and workshops.

Invitations and organising is well underway, but the organising committee would welcome any further suggestions - please be in touch with any of the team - they would really appreciate your input.

[Susan Bowden](#), Care Coordination

[Raewyn Cameron](#), Enable NASC

[Helene Dore](#), Focus Wairarapa

[Sandie Cherrington](#), Northland DHB

[Bronwyn Taylor](#), Northable

NASCA AGM The NASCA Annual General Meeting for 2015 will be held as part of the Forum.

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Executive Nominations

Members are encouraged to be thinking about and make nominations for Executive Committee members.

- Don Sorrenson (Treasurer) and Sonia Hawea (Executive) are at the end of their 2 year terms. Both are available for renomination.
- Mark Brown (Chairperson), Executive members Karen Bailey, Helene Dore, and Sandie Kirkman (Cherrington) continue in their roles after having served 1 year of their 2 year terms.
- Susan Bowden (Executive) was seconded October 2014, and Kym Park (Executive) was seconded June 2015 to replace Bruce Green who has resigned. Both Susan and Kym are available for nomination.
- There are currently three vacancies on the Executive.

Nominations are therefore called for the position of Treasurer and up to 2 positions on the Executive Committee.

The Executive invite and encourage nominations for these positions. We are again in the strong position of the current team being willing to continue with advantages of continuity, as well as being open to new nominations and fresh perspectives.

Nominations must be submitted to Judy Preston, NASCA EA info@nznasca.co.nz before **5.00pm Tuesday 4th August 2015**.

The [Nomination Form](#) is attached to this mailing and is on the website. Nominees, Proposers and Seconders must each be fully paid Principal Members as at the closing date.

NASCA General Meeting

The General Meeting was held Thursday 04 June at the Novotel Auckland Airport and was well attended by 41 attendees – a record number.

Available on the NASCA website are:

- [Meeting Notes](#)
- [Presentation](#): Co-funding – From myth & legend to everyday reality - Dr J Hopkins
- [The Victoria Station Model of Co-Funding](#)
- [Putting the Co-Funding Model Together](#)

Financial Reports - April 2015

- [Balance Sheet](#)
- [Profit & Loss](#)

Meeting Evaluation A total of 17 responses were received. Responses were generally positive and the suggestions and feedback provided is appreciated and helpful to us in planning future events. Thank you to those who responded.

[Summary](#) of the Evaluation

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DSS Update

Mark and Sonia had a meeting yesterday with Toni Atkinson and Phil Wysocki and had some productive discussion regarding some of the pressures and issues for NASCs including budget management and ICARE etc. We value the positive working relationship we have with the Ministry which allows us to openly discuss matters of concern. We do not always have to agree but all points of view are heard. A couple of quick items to feedback:

- We discussed the burden of some recent ad hoc requests by the Ministry for example – going back to potential users of Funded Family Care to gain some understanding of reasons for not taking up this option. Toni Atkinson was very appreciative of the work those NASCs who responded had been able to do on this. The feedback has given the Ministry valuable new insight into why people had not chosen the FFC option.
- The Ministry reiterated that all DSS NASCs should be promoting FFC as an option, if the person is eligible, at the time of assessment or reassessment.
- NASCA will be providing the Ministry with a proposal to jointly work on:
 - Additional support for the project management and implementation of ICARE probably in conjunction with the project work that NASCA is already planning.
 - Provision of regular comparative data on service line and package allocations across all DSS NASCs

(information definitions to be developed) ie similar information as presented by Toni at the National Operations Meeting but across wider range of service lines.

- The project work already being considered and scoped by NASCA.

We will be able to give more details on these initiatives in the next couple of weeks.

Farewell to Rosalie Eilering

Noel Matthews, CEO NorthAble has recently advised of the resignation of Rosalie - "It is with great sadness I accept the resignation of Rosalie who has chosen this time to retire from working full time to concentrate on other things in life.

Rosalie has been a loyal and dedicated member of the management team and inspirational Manager of the NASC team for 15 years and will be greatly missed by all".

There will be a formal farewell for Rosalie by NorthAble on her last day the 26th June 2015. Further information will be released regarding this.

Altogether Autism Conference 22-23 July Holiday Inn Airport Hotel, Auckland

The conference will be a unique opportunity for professionals, parents and people on the autism spectrum to come together to

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discuss best practice, hear lived experiences and share learnings.

There are over 30 speakers presenting on a wide range of topics, 6 key note presentations and 2 workshops.

[Further information and to register](#)

ImagineBetter Assemblies

ImagineBetter 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](#)

Worker Safety Check Regulations & Guidelines

New government regulations made under the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 require state-funded organisations who work with children to have all their paid children's workforce safety checked. Phases apply:

1 July 2015 - all core children's workers as new employees or contractors are safety checked before they start work.

01 July 2016 – all non-core children's workers as new employees or contractors.

01 July 2018 - all existing core children's workers.

01 July 2019 - all existing non-core children's workers.

Core children's workers are paid or funded by state sector agencies and work alone with, or have primary responsibility or authority over, children (examples of roles that may meet this definition include: doctors, teachers, nurses, paediatricians, youth counsellors and social workers)

Non-core children's workers are paid or funded by state sector agencies and have regular, but limited, child contact (examples of roles that may meet this definition include: non-teaching school staff, general hospital staff and many social and health workers).

We believe that NASC roles will generally fall under the non-core category.

More information can be found on the [Children's Action Plan website](#)

Stand up to Falls

A further reference to information in the last NASCA Notices regarding the 'Stand up to Falls' campaign kicked off in April with a month-long profile through [April Falls](#) activities including the release of the [Atlas of Healthcare Variation falls domain](#) and [workbook](#). In May the focus was on falls leadership with the release of the [Organisational self-assessment: 10 priorities for an integrated approach to falls in older people](#).

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In June, the focus is on the importance of safe environments and moving about safely in all settings including hospital, aged residential care and in the home.

Activities and resources for June include:

[Safe environment self-assessment: How safe is the care environment today.](#)

[A patient story](#) – a fall caused from a cluttered environment

[Topic 4:](#) Safe environment and safe care: essential in preventing falls

[ACC standing up to falls guideline.](#)

[Visit the Open website](#) for further information on 'Stand up to Falls'.

Moving & Handling People Guidelines

This New Zealand guideline has been produced and launched by Home & Community Health Association (HCHA) in conjunction with Carers NZ. [The Guidelines are available on the ACC website.](#)

Carers NZ will arrange for copies to be posted to each NASC.

Review of Out of Home Placements for Disabled Children

NASCA appreciates the work of Karen Mora, Options Hawkes Bay in researching and writing a submission to the current review of CYF legislation.

[NASCA made a submission](#) based on Karen's work.

Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time go to:

www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/

02 - 03 Sept NASCA Forum & AGM

Rydges Hotel
Featherston St, Wellington

Thurs 12 Nov DSS National Operations Meeting

9.00am – 4.30pm
Quality Hotel
Cuba Street, Wellington

Thurs 04 Dec NASCA General Meeting

Commodore Hotel
Christchurch Airport

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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)