

NASCA NOTICES

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General Meeting & AGM - 04 Sept Minutes of General Meeting, AGM and Financials

The NASCA General Meeting and AGM held in Wellington on 04 September 2014 was attended by 34 people.

Available on the NASCA Website are:

[Minutes of the General Meeting](#)

[Minutes of the AGM](#)

[Annual Accounts 2013-14](#)

Next Meetings

DSS National Operations Meeting

13 November 2014

*Quality Hotel, Cuba St
Wellington*

NASCA General Meeting

04 December 2014

*Copthorne Hotel Commodore
Christchurch Airport*

NASCA Executive 2014-2015

A warm welcome to new Executive members Helene Dore, Focus Hawkes Bay, and Sandie Cherrington, Northland DHB.

The Executive have taken the decision to second Susan Bowden back on to the Executive for another year with the specific purpose of planning and organising the NASCA Forum 2015.

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The Executive for the current year is:

- Mark Brown (Chairperson)
- Don Sorrenson (Treasurer)
- Sonia Hawea
- Karen Bailey
- Susan Bowden (seconded)
- Bruce Green
- Sandie Cherrington
- Helene Dore

NASCA Membership Renewals

Invoices for renewal of NASCA membership for the 2014-15 year were sent out on 01 July 2014. If you have not received your invoice or have any queries at all, please contact the Treasurer, [Don Sorrenson](mailto:Don.Sorrenson@nznasca.co.nz).

Expressions of Interest – IRP Panel

The DSS IRP (Independent Review Panel) role has been undertaken for the past almost 2 years jointly by Wendy Kopura, AccessAbility and Jil Coutts, Life Unlimited. As we are nearing the end of a 2 year term, and with the resignation of Wendy Kopura, we are now seeking expressions of interest from people interested in this role.

The panel is convened approximately 2 weekly usually by teleconference to 'support NASCs in the completion of their

role and to achieve national consistency, equity and fiscal responsibility with high cost packages' across all DSS NASCs. The panel works in conjunction with the role of the NASC National Reviewer, Jan White. The role may either be filled by one person, or by two people sharing the role. Up to 2013 Ray Williamson, Lifelinks covered the role, and over the last 2 years Wendy Kopura and Jil Coutts have shared the role in 3 month rotations. Both arrangements worked well.

See the [Terms of Reference and Guidelines](#).

This is an ideal opportunity for someone to expand their knowledge and experience in NASC processes in relation to complex packaging and levels of funding outside the benchmarks.

If you are interested in this role please forward a one page statement summarising your CV, and your interest and suitability for the role to Judy Preston info@nznasca.co.nz by **Friday 03 October**.

Expressions of Interest – NASCA Forum 2015 Organising Committee

We are calling of expressions of interest from people who would be keen to join a group looking to organise the NASCA Forum 2015.

If you are interested please forward an email with a brief summary of your CV and your interest to Judy Preston info@nznasca.co.nz by **Friday 03 October**.

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Notice of Workshop - Future NASC Information Management Needs

As previously advised NASCA is organising a workshop on the day before the next General Meeting in Christchurch.

The workshop is aimed to assist NASC Managers think strategically about their future information management needs, taking a blue skies approach, and considering how all parts of the health and disability system could be available and accessible to all.

The workshop will have relevance to all streams of NASCA and is an opportunity to extend our thinking and understanding which will allow more meaningful and informed engagement with MOH when discussion arises about future information systems and needs. Specifically the workshop will not be selling or promoting any particular approach or product.

The workshop will be run by Mitchel Pham (Director of Augen Software, and guest speaker at last year NASCA Forum.

Wednesday 03 December
Copthorne Commodore, Christchurch
9.30 – 3.00

Cost \$50 plus GST will be invoiced

Please register before 14 November
with Judy Preston info@nznasca.co.nz

Keep the date free and plan your travel to include this event.

Notice of Workshop – Michael Kendrick

Many in the disability sector will know and appreciate the work of Michael Kendrick from Nova Scotia. He works across all areas of human services challenging people, systems and processes to value and support people as individuals. We are taking the opportunity while Michael is in Australia / NZ on other business.

The workshop will be in **Wellington on Wednesday 10 December** and will have relevance across all streams. Keep the date free and plan your travel to include this event.

Carers NZ Magazine

Further to the presentation by Laurie Hilsgen at our last General Meeting, Carers NZ are offering all NASCs the opportunity to receive and distribute the Family Care magazine.

The magazine has proved very popular, for a range of people, including carers, disabled and older people living alone. There is no charge for the magazine but Carers NZ ask that NASCs please commit to promoting and displaying the magazine - or perhaps sending out with your own newsletters.

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There are 60-70 magazines in a box. There is also a limited number of Complan samples available as an extra give away with the magazine, first in first served!

If you are interested in helping distribute the informative magazine, please email Judy info@nznasca.co.nz providing details of your NASC, physical delivery address and number magazines or boxes you would like - on a regular quarterly basis.

Moving & Handling People - Guidelines

Since the development of the 'Moving and Handling People: the New Zealand Guidelines' both the Home and Community Health Association (HCHA) and Carers NZ have advocated for the development of guidelines and resources that would be applicable to the home environment, as the main guideline, whilst a useful base text, is largely residential focused.

The two organisations are working together with ACC to develop resources that meet the needs, and are accessible and useful, for home support workers / kaiawhina and carers. Their aim is to produce a guideline specific to the homecare environment and printed and online graphic based resources for use by carers. The resources aim to improve the understanding about and skill in moving and handling of people in the home environment. They will be useful for anyone undertaking or assisting others with moving and handling activities in the home environment (including family carers).

The aims of the project are to:

- reduce and limit injuries to all carers, support workers and service users
- encourage a culture of health and safety through the use of the resources
- provide resources for training that can be adapted to suit the needs of specific clients, work environments, staff and family carers.

The hope is to extend the project further in 2015 with the development of online video resources and translations of the resources developed in the first part of the project.

The project is now underway, the work being overseen by a governance group, undertaken by a working group and the project manager. It will also include two rounds of consultation. The first group of resources will be completed by December this year, and further updates will be provided as work proceeds.

Project for Vulnerable Children Bill – Update

Following on from the Children with Disabilities stakeholder workshop, Jan White and Jil Coutts attended a second meeting to discuss the next stage of the project and to provide feedback and ideas from a NASC perspective. Please see the [Presentation](#) Document and a [Summary](#) of Meeting Notes.

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Report on Demographics using DSS Services 2013

The purpose of the report "MoH DSS 2014" is to provide demographic information about disabled people using the majority of disability support services funded by the Ministry of Health: Home and Community Support, Community Residential, Supported Living, Respite and Carer Support.

The full [report](#) is available on the NASCA website. Please note this report is for NASCA reference purposes only and is not for public distribution. Any questions arising please let Judy Preston info@nznasca.co.nz know, and these may be able to be raised with the MoH at upcoming meetings.

NGO Council Update August 2014

For the latest information and updates - NGO Council Chair's [Update](#)

Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time go to:

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

- **DSS National Operations Meeting
13 November**
Wellington – Quality Hotel, Cuba Street
- **NASCA Workshop Future
Information Management for NASCs**
with Mitchell Pham, Augen Software Ltd
03 December
*Copthorne Hotel Commodore,
Christchurch Airport*
- **NASCA General Meeting
04 December**
*Copthorne Hotel Commodore
Christchurch Airport*

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NASCA Executive Members

Mark Brown

Chairperson,
(Life Unlimited)

Don Sorrenson

Treasurer
(Support Net, Bay of Plenty)

Sonia Hawea

(Taikura Trust, Auckland)

Bruce Green

(Hawkes Bay DHB, Hastings)

Karen Bailey

(Nelson Marlborough DHB, Nelson)

Susan Bowden

(Care Coordination, Hutt Valley)

Sandie Cherrington

(Northland DHB)

Helene Dore

(Focus Wairarapa DHB)

Executive Assistant

(Judy Preston)