

# NASCA NOTICES

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## NASCA General Meeting & AGM 04 September 2014 West Plaza Hotel, Wellington

Please see the [Notice of Meeting](#) for the upcoming NASCA AGM which will be held at 1:15pm as part of the NASCA General on 04 September 2014.

Principal Members may vote at the AGM, Associate Members may speak, and any

others interested are welcome to attend as observers.

## 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](#). To vote at the AGM, to nominate or be nominated for Executive positions you need to be a paid up Principal Member.

## Reminder Executive Nominations

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

- Mark Brown (Chairperson), and Karen Bailey, Bruce Green and Susan Bowden (Executive) are at the end of their 2 year terms. All are available for renomination.
- Don Sorrenson (Treasurer) and Sonia Hawea (Executive) continue in their roles after 1 year of their 2 year terms.
- There is currently one vacancy on the Executive.

Nominations are therefore called for the position of Chairperson / President and up to 4 positions on the Executive Committee.

The Executive invite and encourage nominations for these positions. We are in the strong position of the current team being willing to continue with advantages of

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continuity, as well as being open to new nominations and fresh perspectives.

Nominations must be submitted before **5.00pm Monday 04 August 2014.**

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.

The current [NASCA Constitution](#) is available on the website. Discussions are ongoing with the Membership regarding possible review of the Constitution so that it continues to meet our needs for the future and to ensure membership rules are clear and accurate.

## General Meeting 05 June - Minutes and Evaluation Summary

The General Meeting held in Auckland on 05 June 2014 was attended by 40 people.

Available on the NASCA Website are:

[Minutes of June General Meeting](#)

[Summary Evaluation June Meeting](#)

A total of 21 responses were received to the evaluation survey. Responses were generally positive and good suggestions and feedback was provided, which is helpful to us in planning future events. Comments regarding the venue are noted, and we will look at other alternatives.

Financial reports – in the surveys over the past year most people have said they are

very satisfied with the level of financial information available at the meetings and on the NASCA website. On the other hand there is often a single comment that more information should be provided.

The Treasurer and the Chairperson confirm that we are more than happy to provide any further detail or discuss any questions that any member of NASCA may have. Please do not hesitate to specifically ask. The Executive are committed to being transparent with the membership regarding our financial management, as well as being mindful that the membership as a whole does not appear to want detailed information provided as a matter of course. Please contact [Don Sorrenson](#), Treasurer or [Mark Brown](#), Chairperson at any time.

## NASCA Surveys

Following discussion at the last General Meeting three surveys are being developed to gain information and views from DSS NASCs – look out for these over the next week or two:

- NASCA Constitution – all NASCs
- Workload pressures and resources - DSS NASCs
- New Model and EGL Initiatives – DSS NASCs

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## Equipment and Modification Services (EMS) for People with Challenging Behaviour - Update

The MoH DSS have a project underway to review processes for the consideration of equipment and modifications for children and young people with challenging behaviours. Feedback has indicated that the current system and processes have not always been effective and efficient for families, EMS Assessors, EMS Providers, NASCs or behaviour support specialists.

Karen Collings, Access Ability, Dunedin represented NASCA at two workshops over the past 6 weeks. Several other NASCA members will peer review the draft new process shortly, prior to distribution.

Timeframes are to be extended and further consultation will take place with NASCs.

## Review and Reassessments Project

Thank you to all DSS NASC Managers who provided feedback to Carol MacDonald. A final draft version is being developed – which will be discussed with the MoH and then a final draft circulated again to Managers for final comment.

## Children with Disabilities Workshop

As part of the many strands of work arising from the Vulnerable Children's Bill, MSD is

leading a project regarding future approaches to children with disabilities subject to out of home care under the children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989. The [information about the project](#) gives a good overview of the scope proposed.

An initial workshop was well attended by a wide group of stakeholders including by Jil Coutts, Life Unlimited for NASCA and Jan White.

Here are the links to the [Summary of Notes](#) provided by Jil of the Stakeholders Workshop as well as the [Terms of Reference](#) and the [Draft Project Plan](#).

We will update as future developments occur.

## Health of Older People NASCs - Updates

At the June General Meeting Brett Butler and Bev Alloway talked about the new N1004 form, and also about electronic submission of allocations for residential care. Work is underway with Sector Operations and several NASCs to trial / prototype electronic submission (so far quite successfully). This will be shared once the various bugs have been removed and it is shown to be working correctly every time.

The National Health Board has recently appointed Karina Kwai as Manager, Health of Older People, in the National Services

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Purchasing Unit. It is hoped that she will be able to come and speak to the group at the September meeting, as she is aware of the gap between decision makers and NASC's, and would like to be able to work out how to bridge that.

Arrangements have been made for Chris Flemming, Lead DHB CEO for Older Persons matters to attend the breakout session at the September meeting with the suggestion that we explore ways to increase engagement more directly with Older Persons NASCs.

## DSS/Mental Health Joint Project

The membership of the group has now been finalised.

### DSS Representation:

Karen Bailey & Emma Lowe

### Mental Health:

Susan Murray and Bruce Green

### Clinical Representation:

Michael Dorofaeff and Dr John Hopkins

The group is meeting fortnightly on a Monday via teleconference. We are intending providing regular feedback to the wider NASCA membership. If you would like any further information please feel free to contact [Karen](#) or [Bruce](#).

## Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time go to:

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

- **NASCA General Meeting & AGM  
04 September**  
*West Plaza Hotel, Wakefield Street,  
Wellington*
- **DSS National Operations Meeting**  
13 November  
*Wellington- Venue TBC*
- **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)

**Wendy Kopura**

(Access Ability, Taranaki)

**Executive Assistant**

Judy Preston