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Upcoming NASCA Meetings

**NASCA General Meeting & AGM
04 September 2014
Brentwood Hotel, 16 Kemp St,
Kilbirnie, Wellington**

Please see the [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#) 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.

Executive Nominations 2014-2015

The [Agenda](#) sets out the nominations received together with the nominator and seconder. Some of the nominees for positions on the Executive Committee have provided a 'nomination statement' / profile:

- [Karen Bailey](#)
- [Sandie Cherrington](#)
- [Susan Bowden](#)
- [Helene Dore](#)
- [Bruce Green](#)
- [Bronwyn Taylor](#)

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, you need to be a paid up Principal Member.

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NASCA Constitution

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.

A survey will be distributed to Principal Members shortly seeking feedback on aspects of the Constitution.

NASCA Survey Pressures and Resources

Early in August NASC undertook a survey of DSS Members regarding resource pressures, client and staff numbers and on new initiatives NASCs have been involved in. Of the 12 DSS NASCs 10 completed at least part of the Survey.

A [summary of the survey results](#) indicates some common themes, but overall a considerable variety of experience by different NASCs.

The level of concern over issues such as resource implications of iCare implementation has been raised with the MOH, which has resulted in joint work between NASCA Exec and the MOH to review possible alternative approaches.

Workshop on Future NASC Information System Needs

Early Notice – NASCA is arranging with Mitchel Pham (Director of Augen Software, and guest speaker at last year NASCA Forum) to present a workshop on the day before the December NASCA General Meeting in December. The workshop will be aimed to assist NASC Managers think strategically about their future information management needs. This will take a blue skies approach and will specifically not be selling or promoting any particular approach or product.

We see this as 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. Relevant and open to all streams.

Keep the date free and plan your travel to include: **Wednesday 03 December in Christchurch.**

Community Care Homes & Houses

The NZ Disability Support Network (NZDSN) advise in their last newsletter that a recent change to the fire documents has been made where a 'care in the community care houses and homes' category has explicitly been added to the Building Code fire safety requirements that normally apply

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to hospitals, rest homes and detention facilities (C/AS3).

This change takes effect immediately - but existing fire safety requirements can be used as alternative, parallel requirements until February 2015.

This change is intended to apply where a house or apartment is provided by a residential support provider and the people being supported cannot freely escape on their own because they: cannot understand what the fire alarm is and what to do in response, and cannot physically reach the place of safety. If the people being supported require assistance from staff to evacuate, then this reflects a level of support that is necessary for their safety. So this puts them in the 'care and detention' risk group addressed in C/AS3.

This is of major significance with far reaching consequences. A normal dwelling will not comply as it will require fire-rated walls between living and sleeping areas, smoke stop doors and a comprehensive commercial (not residential domestic) fire sprinkler system, as well as wall coverings such as painted finishes.

NZDSN are working with MBIE, and other stakeholders including social house providers, Ministry of Health, Office of Disability Issues, and the Disabled Person's Assembly (DPA) to gain a better understanding of the repercussions. They are working towards finding alternatives that will protect the safety of people and

ensure community living remains a viable option for all people.

For any comments please email [Clare Teague](mailto:Clare.Teague@nzdsn.govt.nz) at NZDSN.

Vulnerable Children Act 2014

The Vulnerable Children Act 2014 recently passed into law. The [Children's Action Plan website](http://www.childrenactionplan.govt.nz) has been updated with revised information about the new Act and a new fact sheet and Q&As have been developed. See the links below.

The new legislation relates to the requirement for DHBs, among others, to develop and implement child protection policies and undertake standardised safety checks for staff in the government-funded children's workforce. NASCA is arranging a speaker from Child Matters for the December meeting to assist NASCs with understanding and developing organisational policies and training.

If you have any questions in the meantime please contact Susie Hall – Susie.Hall@childrensactionplan.govt.nz.

[Vulnerable Children Act 2014 FAQs](#)

[Vulnerable Children Act 2014 factsheet](#)

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Telephone Dictation Voting

The Electoral Commission are now making it easier for disabled voters to have their say. Telephone Dictation voting will be available for blind and vision impaired people to use in this year's general election.

Full information on the new telephone dictation service, and the commission's other resources for people with disabilities, is available at www.elections.org.nz or by calling 0800 36 76 56.

View the [Transformation video](#) promoting all peoples rights to vote.

Cast Vote = Have Voice

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

DSS MoH embarked on a project over the last 3 months to review the process of EMS applications for people with Challenging Behaviour. Karen Collings (AccessAbility Dunedin) represented NASCA at two workshops. The MoH have recently made the decision to engage a project manager, David Guest to undertake further follow-up work required on this process redesign.

It is hoped the next phase will commence 01 October 2014, and there will be opportunity at the DSS National Operations Meeting on 13 November for further update.

Review and Reassessments Project

Thank you to all DSS NASC Managers who provided feedback to Carol MacDonald. A final draft version has been produced and is now out for final comment with all DSS NASC Managers and DSS MOH Managers.

Any other NASC members interested in seeing this paper please contact [Judy Preston](#) NASCA EA for a copy.

DSS/Mental Health Joint Project

The membership of the group has now been finalised.

DSS Representation:

Karen Bailey and Emma Lowe

Mental Health:

Susan Murray and Bruce Green

Clinical Representation:

Michael Dorofaeff and Dr John Hopkins

Mental Health Stream – NASCA

The Mental Health NASCA stream has started trialling a monthly teleconference. There have been two sessions so far, which have been well attended. There is good support for this as a regular way of keeping in contact and up to date with regional issues. If you would like any further

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information please feel free to contact
[Bruce Green](#)

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

- **NASCA General Meeting & AGM**
04 September
*9.15am – 4.00pm at Brentwood Hotel,
16 Kemp St, Kilbirnie, Wellington*
- **DSS National Operations Meeting**
13 November
Wellington Airport – Sunderland Room
- **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*

NASCA Executive Members

Mark Brown

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(Life Unlimited)

Don Sorrenson

Treasurer
(Support Net, Bay of Plenty)

Sonia Hawea

(Taikura Trust, Auckland)

Bruce Green

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(Nelson Marlborough DHB, Nelson)

Susan Bowden

(Care Coordination, Hutt Valley)

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