Guidelines for contributors

We encourage the submission of articles for Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work – the journal of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers. We hope for a range of contributions from a variety of writers. You are welcome to discuss ideas for prospective articles with us. We have a particular interest in papers which are practice based.

The following will be considered for publication:

- Academic papers
- Commentary or soapbox pieces
- Conference papers
- Descriptions of practice developments
- News articles and press statements
- Policy papers

Copy specifications

- The article must be the author’s original work. It cannot have been accepted for publication in any other journal.
- The article should not exceed 5,000 words.
- The article must not contain material that discriminates against people because of their race, class, age, sexuality or disability.
- Provide the text by e-mail in Microsoft Word format. The text file should be non-identifying of the authors. It must be accompanied by a separate cover sheet file which contains the author’s return e-mail address and a contact phone number and short biographical notes about the author(s), up to 50 words for each. Black and white ‘head and shoulders’ photographs are welcome – the ideal size is 42 mm x 60.5 mm.
- Authors are required to sign a document which meets the Association’s copyright requirements upon acceptance of a manuscript for publication.

Text structure

Please observe the following structure for your article. Failure to do so may mean it is returned for additional information, re-writing or editing:

Title
A brief indication of the article’s subject. Try not to use more than 8-12 words.

Abstract
Outline, in no more than 250 words, the structure of the article and introduce the main topics.
Subheadings
Use subheadings at frequent intervals (i.e. between 250 and 500 words). Indicate these by bold type.

Tables
Keep tables to a minimum. Number them (e.g. Table 1. Table 2. etc.) and use self-explanatory titles.

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You can submit black and white illustrations that are relevant to the article.

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Do not use footnotes.

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Use the APA referencing style both within the text and for listing references at the end of the article. Refer to APA Publication Manual (6th ed.) or visit the website: www.apastyle.org/

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Mary Nash and Kieran O’Donoghue, outgoing Editors.