



## Redesign of NAGS Journal

### Expressions of Interest

#### Overview

At its Annual General Meeting in 2013, the NAGS national committee resolved that it would be appropriate to consider the redesign of the existing NAGS journal to develop an outlet that better captures the interests of the wider NAGS membership. The current NAGS journal format, with its sole reliance on academic papers, no longer appears viable given the high levels of competition from other related journals and the current academic imperative to publish in higher impact international journals. In response, NAGS has resolved to commence a redesign process that (wherever possible) accommodates the views and skills of NAGS members. The current thinking is that NAGS move towards a biannual publication that contains information as well as articles. For example, a new journal could contain:

- Updates on NAGS-related activity around the country and other developments in the gambling area;
- Summaries and reports from conference visits;
- Feature and commentary articles (including some in the existing peer-reviewed article format);
- Practice forums and tips from those working with problem gamblers;
- Industry developments in responsible gambling and changes in the market

To make all this possible will require two important processes to be undertaken. The first will be for NAGS to decide on the content and form of the new publication and members who might be able to assist with different elements of the new publication (particularly any members who might have had experience in this area). To this end, NAGS is issuing an expression of interest to determine if there are NAGS members who would like to be involved with the design of the new publication. What content would they like to see included, what format should the journal take, and would they possibly be interested in any ongoing role with the journal (e.g., one person might be able to monitor developments and invite articles on problem gambling treatments and interventions, provide updates on responsible gambling)? Both current editor (Paul Delfabbro) and co-editor (John Haw) would be able to continue on in their role as reviewers for any academic articles. We would very much welcome the involvement of any interested NAGS members in joining a small subcommittee to plan out the new design of the journal.

A second and subsequent process would then involve the recruitment of an organisation to undertake the desktop publishing and ongoing production of the journal.

So, if any NAGS members would like to join a small committee to discuss the redesign of the new journal / NAGS Bulletin, please contact Dr. Paul Delfabbro ([paul.delfabbro@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:paul.delfabbro@adelaide.edu.au)). The subcommittee would involve several teleconferences and over the next few weeks and some ongoing email correspondence. It would report back to the National Committee meetings.

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