

The logo for NZSAR features the letters 'NZSAR' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic consisting of two overlapping, curved lines that form a shape resembling a searchlight or a signal. The lines are colored in a gradient from light orange at the top to a darker red at the bottom.

NZSAR

New Zealand Search and Rescue

**Workshop for People who
Wander**

**21 & 22 March 2010
Auckland**

NZSAR Workshops

People who Wander

- Provide a forum to share ideas and improve the conduct, management, and coordination of SAR incidents for people who wander in New Zealand due to some form of incapacity.

Outputs & Deliverables

- Be informed about relevant international research and practice
- Build a common understanding around the capture and use of statistics to inform evidence based decision making
- Identification of lessons learnt from the case studies presented
- Identification of behavioural aspects of people who wander, and medical care for them once found
- Development of operational guidelines for searches in city and provincial environments
- Development of training guidelines for searches in city and provincial environments
- Development of guidelines for use of various technological aids and tracking systems, including training, using, and supporting them
- Discuss the limitations and opportunities of using various technological aids, including operational issues and funding

Outputs & Deliverables

- Identifying strategic issues around people who wander, including prevention strategies, and developing a framework for addressing these issues, and **for informing the follow up strategic meeting**

Some Statistics (Statistics NZ)

- New Zealand's population projected to eclipse 5 million by mid 2020s
- The population aged 65+ will increase from 550,000 in 2009 to 1,000,000 in the late 2020s
- One in five New Zealanders will be aged 65+ by 2031 (1 in 8 in 2009)

- The largest growth will be between 2011 and 2037 as baby boomers move into the 65+ age group
- Baby boomers will be more resistant to moving into residential care facilities – you want independence
- Most people who wander do so from private homes
- Auckland will include over 40% of the population by 2031

What does it mean?

- We have risk in this area
- Growth area
- A lot of Police time is spent on this
- Technology is developing rapidly
- Variable standards/processes around NZ
- Perhaps we are not as prepared as we could be
- Big differences in types of wanderers
- Cultural issues to consider

Responsibilities to address the issues?

- Prevention
- Searching
- Education

- LandSAR
- NZ Police
- Other agencies (Societies etc)
- Commercial options
- GPs/ Medical/DHBs etc
- Resthomes

This workshop

- Worthwhile?
- Topics OK?
- Location
- Do it again?
- Who should run?
- Who should attend?

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