**Continuing Professional Development**

Dear GASW Member

It’s that time of year when you are asked to say what activities you have engaged in to maintain and develop the way you practice. It is a required part of your ongoing registration.

A couple of years ago it became apparent that there was no-one reviewing what we all put on our CPD forms. Members of the Ethics Committee stepped in to fill that gap. This was only ever intended to be a temporary measure, and discussions amongst committee members and at Council have led to a different way of doing things. We want to implement a peer review system, so the checking process is interactive rather than bureaucratic.

When you are completing your form, we are asking you to contact and to arrange to speak with a GASW colleague (or maybe colleagues, if you are part of a group that meets together) to share what you have done by way of CPD, and what you have learned from it, together. How you do this – online or in person, for example, is entirely up to you. We trust that members will benefit from this task, and approach it in both a supportive and rigorous manner that reflects the importance of continuing professional development for all of us who remain in practice.

You will find the number of hours of CPD activity required on the form itself. We are of course looking for discussions on the quality of learning experience rather than a simple tick-box exercise focusing on quantity. Please indicate who you have spoken with on the form. If this process reveals any concerns these should be referred to the Ethics Committee

If you have any questions about this process, or anticipate any difficulties in completing it, please contact a member of the Ethics Committee or of GASW’s Council.

With best wishes

**Andy Downie**

on behalf of the Ethics Committee and GASW Council

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