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Better Assessment, Better Care, Better Outcomes

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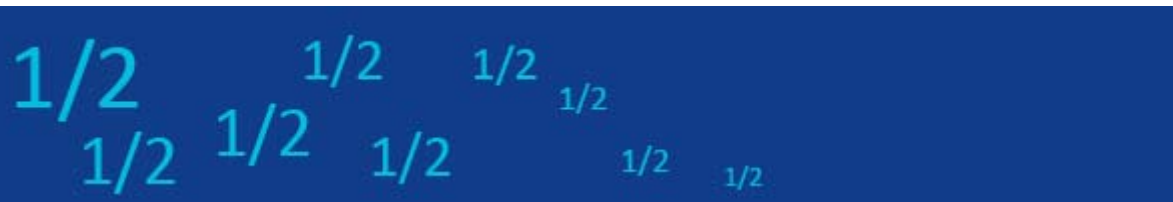


# interRAI informer

Welcome to the **interRAI Informer #14** - your regular news update from interRAI New Zealand.

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## Almost half

Almost half of Home Care assessed clients are living alone.

(source: [National interRAI Data Analysis Annual Report 2015/16](#))

# Coming up: Software upgrade

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The 2017 interRAI software upgrade is going to be in September this year. It is a smaller upgrade than in previous years. Changes include:

- A mobile 'check in check out function' for Home Care assessments – the ability to transfer an assessment record to a mobile device and to use that assessment without internet connection
- Palliative Care assessment summary section and client summary report – we have added a summary section to the Palliative Care assessment and users will now be able to print an assessment summary as with other interRAI assessments.

The upgrade is scheduled for the evenings of 22 September (Midland and Central regions) and 29 September (Northern and Southern regions). Users and providers are being notified, and will be supported throughout the process.

For more information [visit the interRAI website](#).



## Meet us at the NZACA Conference

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Come and see the interRAI Services team at our stand, and listen to our speakers, at the New Zealand Aged Care Association conference on 5-7 September 2017.

We will be talking about how your facility can get more out of interRAI on day 2, 6 September 2017 at 4.10pm. At this presentation we are also going to launch the new National Standards for interRAI Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) assessment. Copies will be available from our stand.

Like last year, we are sharing a large stand with our colleagues from the TAS Audit and Assurance team. We will have a computer and interRAI educators there, so bring your questions and let's have a chat.

To find out more about the conference [visit the conference website](#).

# The Palliative Care assessment is coming

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The interRAI Palliative Care instrument will soon be used nationwide in New Zealand, offering another option for home care assessors when assessing clients living in the community with a terminal condition or prognosis.

With the introduction of the new instrument, home care assessors in New Zealand can now choose from four interRAI assessments, depending on the complexity of the individual case. The other assessments are the Contact, Community Health and Home Care assessments.

Last year's pilot proved that the Palliative Care instrument is fit for purpose and tailored to the needs of clients as well as being user friendly for assessors. A survey of assessors who took part in the pilot found that, compared to using the standard Home Care assessment with palliative clients, the Palliative Care assessment is more focused and less tiring, concentrating on items relevant for this particular client group.

Once the home care assessor workforce is trained to use the new instrument, we expect to complete about 2,500 Palliative Care assessments per year.



## Changes in the interRAI Management team

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### Thank you Vij!

After 2 1/2 years, Vij Kooyela has left her role as interRAI Data Analysis and Reporting Manager to take up a new role with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA). Her achievements include establishing the TAS interRAI data warehouse, building and developing our analytics team and introducing a suite of interRAI reports for our stakeholders. Thank you Vij and all the best for your new endeavour.



### Welcome Terry!

Terry Huntley is our new interRAI Software Services Manager. Terry came to interRAI Services from the Ministry for the Environment, where he was the Business Relationship Manager in the Ministry's IT team. Terry brings lots of experience in software services and relationship management across a variety of sectors including ICT, government agencies and general customer services.



Terry is looking forward to the challenge of managing the interRAI Software Services as part of TAS and working within the Health sector for the first time.

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## New Zealand Research Strategy

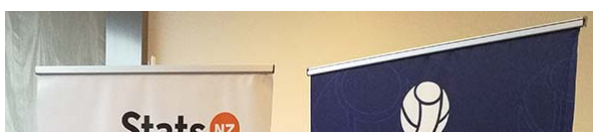
Last month, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment published the first New Zealand Research Strategy. The strategy sets a vision that, by 2027, New Zealand will have a world-leading health research and innovation system.

Download the strategy from [the Ministry of Health website](#).

## New on interRAI.co.nz

- [All about the 2017 software upgrade](#)
- [Software User Group page with meeting minutes and other documents](#)
- [interRAI Governance Board minutes from the Board meetings on 4 April 2017 and 7 June 2017](#) (PDF)
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## interRAI out and about



Vij Kooyela and Michelle Liu co-presented the key results from the 2016/17 interRAI assessment data at the



Population Association New Zealand (PANZ) conference on 24-25 July 2017 in Christchurch.

The title of their presentation was “Improving Health Care through interRAI Data”. The audience was particularly interested in learning about this new dataset and the wealth of information it captures on the health of older people in New Zealand.

PANZ is a professional association that incorporates a wide range of interests in relation to the study and understanding

of population issues in New Zealand and globally. The conference attracted a number of delegates from organisations like Statistics New Zealand, local government agencies and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

The main themes discussed at the conference were positive recognition of ethnic diversity in New Zealand, the move towards an online census and implications for the integrated data Infrastructure (IDI), and migration issues.

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## Upcoming dates

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- Drop in interRAI clinic and exhibition stand at the Selwyn Foundation’s 2017 Gerontology Nurses’ Conference, **24 August 2017, Auckland**
- Stand and presentation on what interRAI data can do for aged residential care providers at NZACA Conference, **7/8 September 2017, Rotorua**
- interRAI Educator Robyn McLachlan will be speaking about interRAI and how it relates to Occupational Therapy at the Occupational Therapy New Zealand conference, **13-15 September 2017, Nelson**

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