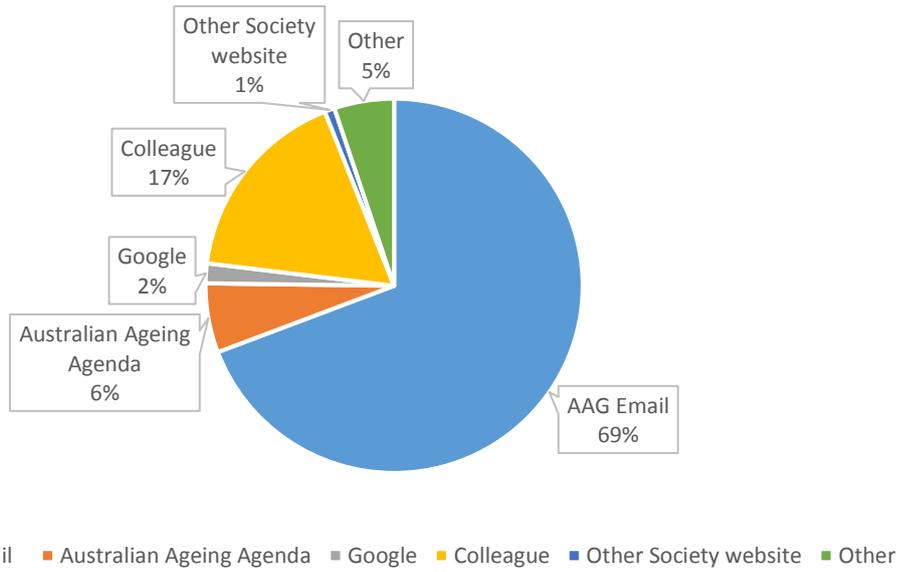


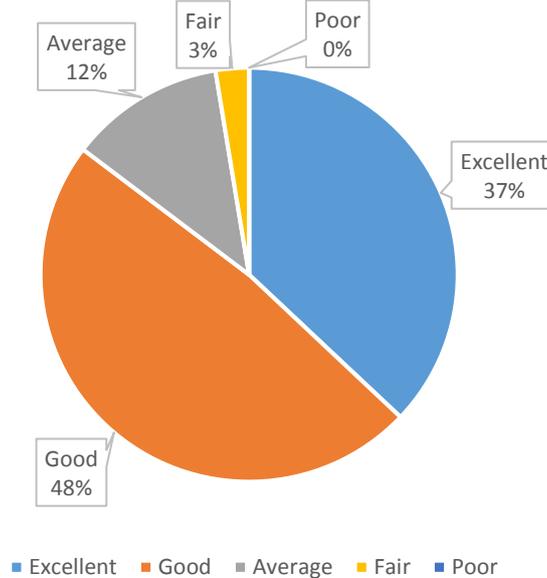
How did you hear about the conference?

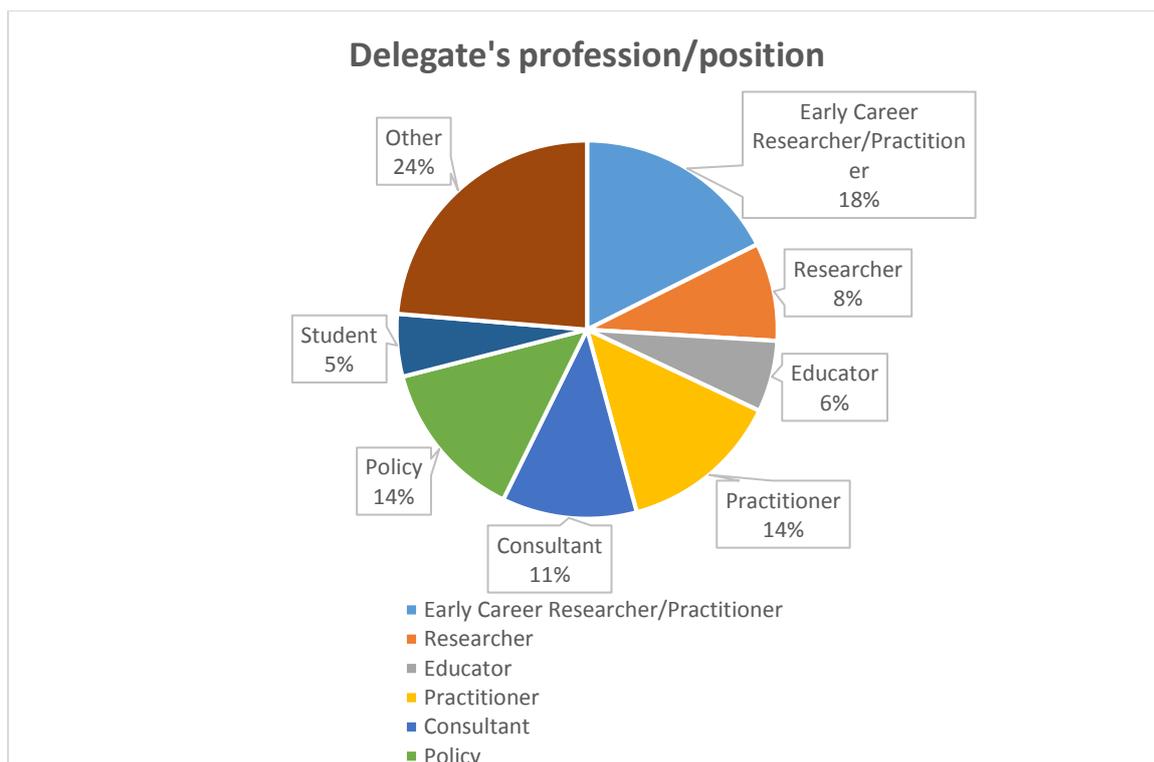


Responses for other:

- Department of Health
- I knew they were held and searched AAG site
- On conference planning committee
- previous year's conference in Alice Springs
- Regular attender of AAG conference. Found out about this one at the 2015 conference
- Went to the last one, so knew this one was coming. Originally via colleagues

Overall experience of conference

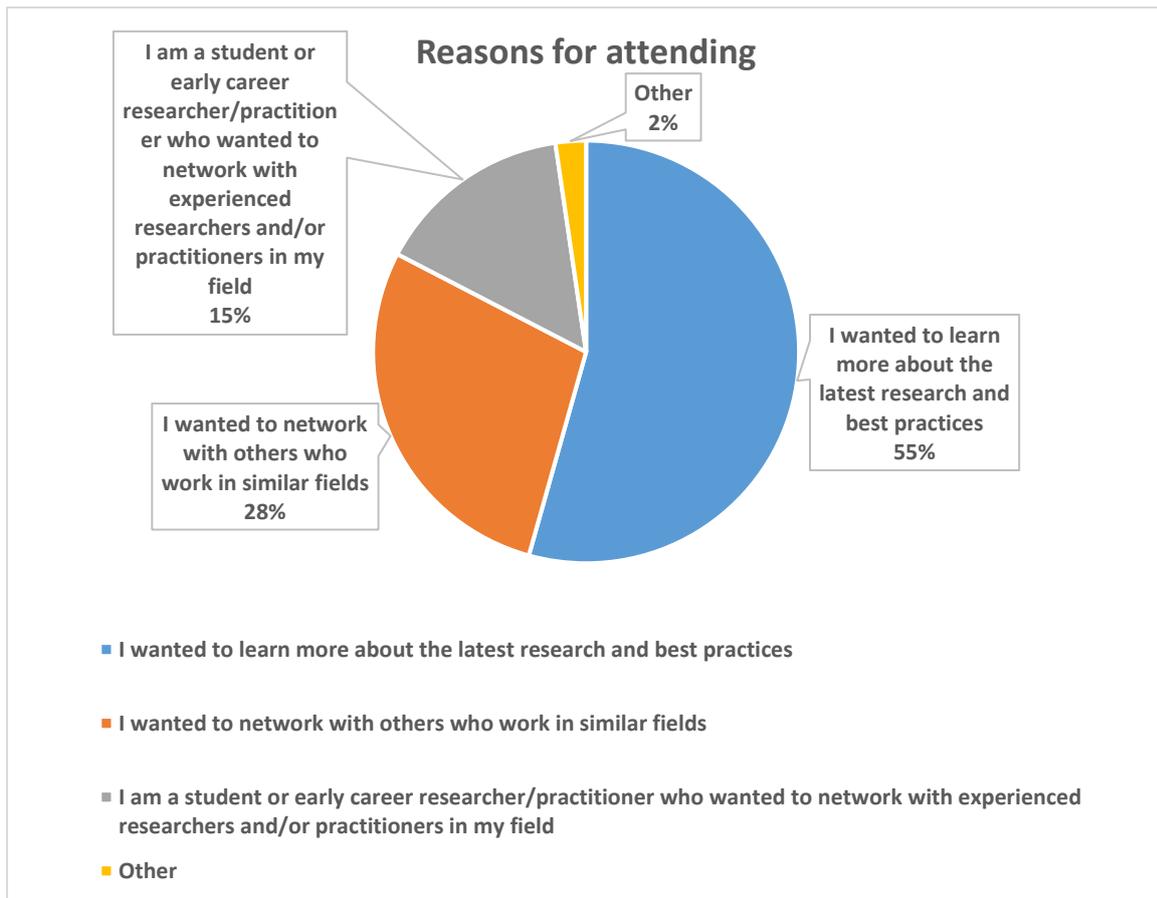




Responses for Other:

- Statistical government agency
- Senior living executive
- Residential Aged Care Provider
- Senior Researcher
- Researcher/Academic
- Researcher
- Mid-career researcher/ Academic
- Research nurse
- Research fellow and clinical nurse specialist -ED
- Senior project officer / researcher
- Researcher
- General manager - service provider community care
- Retired Practitioner
- Lawyer
- Academic Researcher (really you don't have this category???)
- Research Coordinator
- Researcher
- Change Manager
- Social innovator
- Manager Home care services
- Project assistant
- Retired Hostel Manager keen to keep up-to-date on issues relating to aged and aged care.
- Management in health
- Director of Nursing in aged care

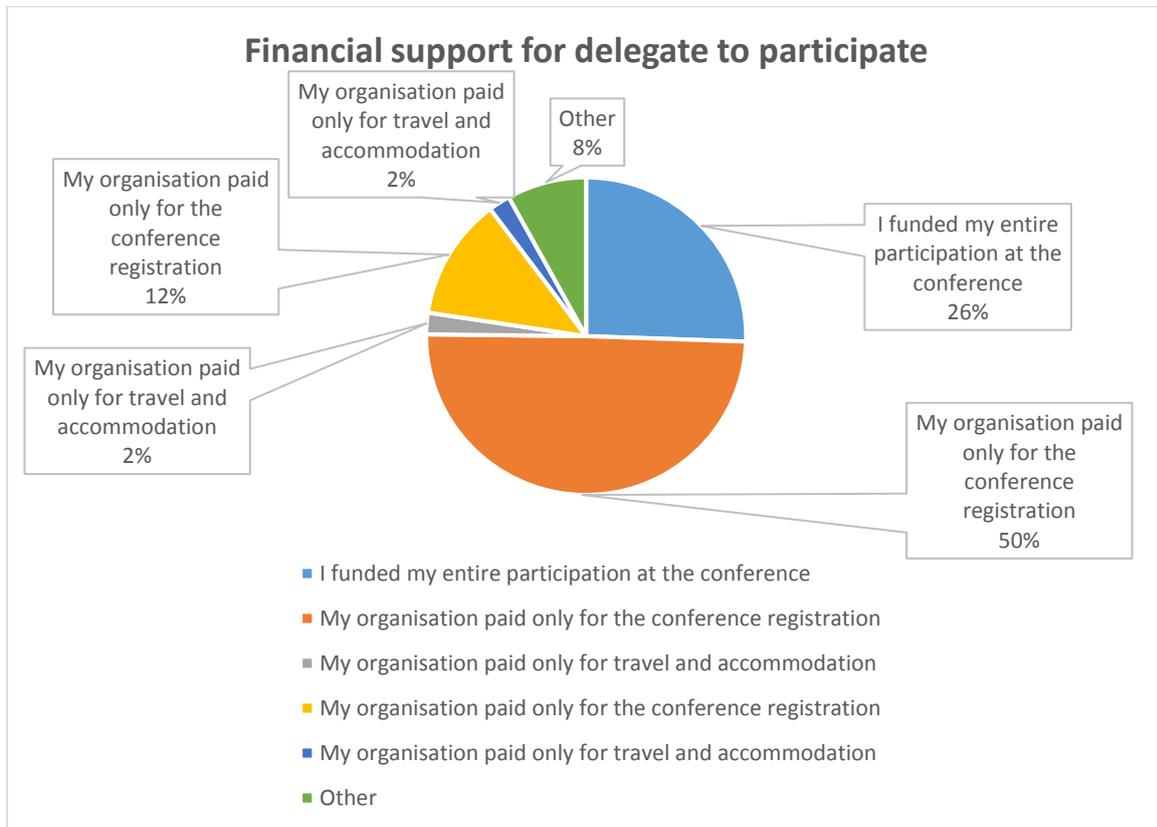
- I am loosely associated with the aged care sector and added an academic Dip Dem Care to my bsc (Physiology).
- Innovative lead
- Quality Assessor Director
- Senior registered nurse (level 1, year 7) with preceptor, support, and team leading roles
- Government advisor
- Manager - LGBTI ageing
- Research nurse



Responses for Other:

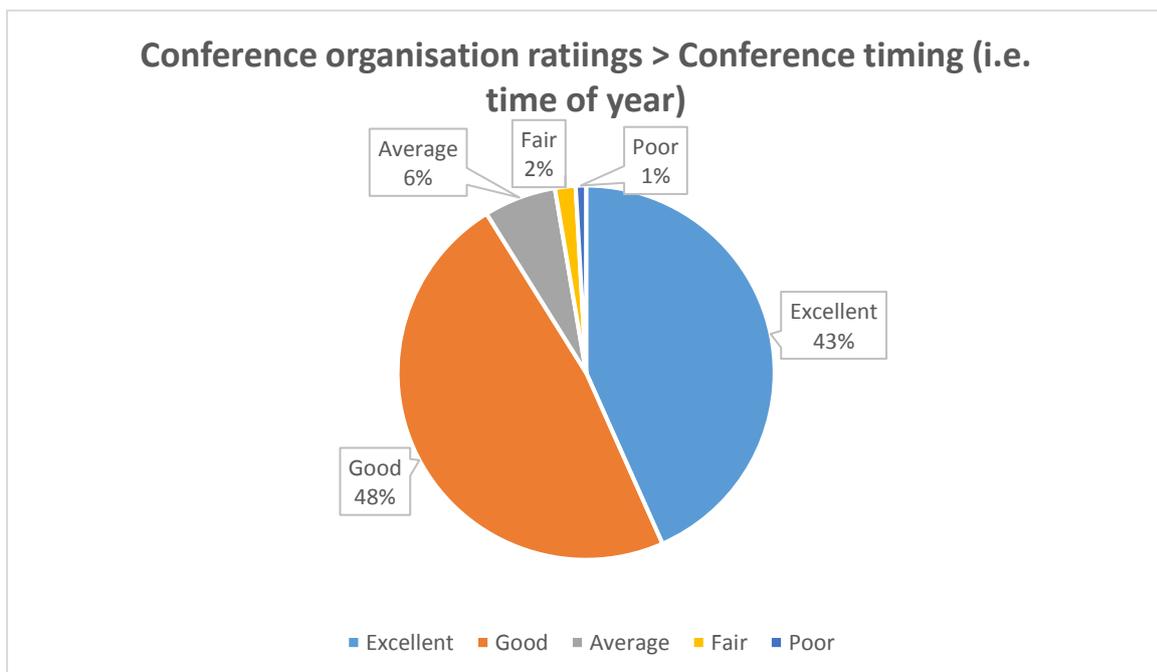
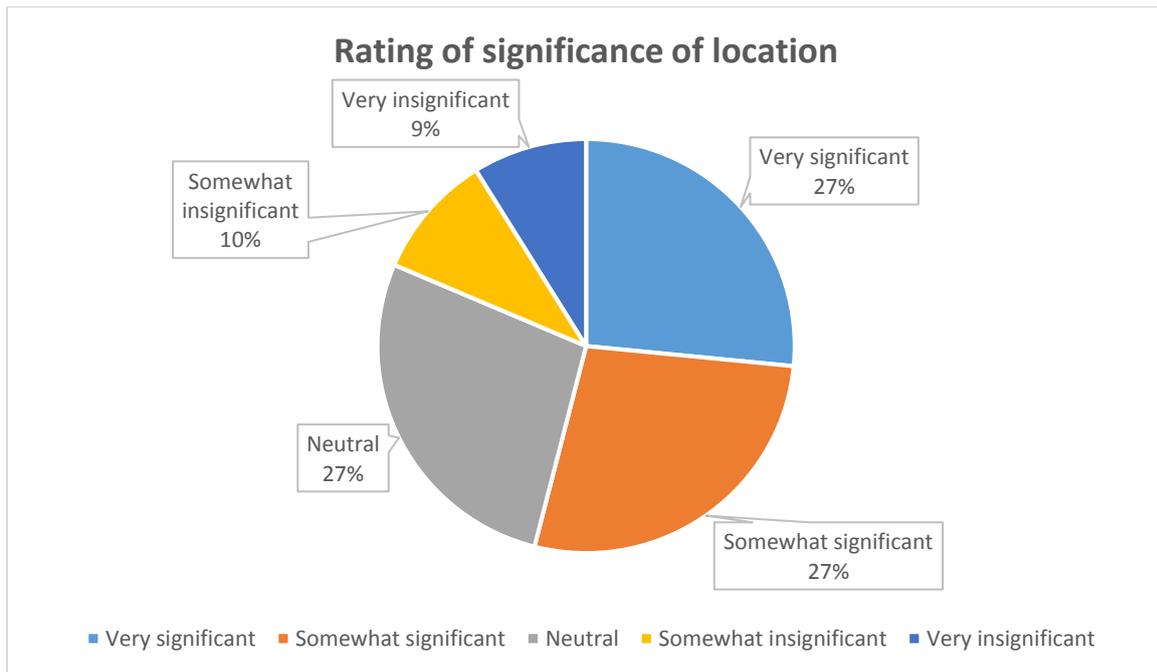
- I want to inform others of the research in which my organisation is involved.
- I wanted to present my PHD research to the academic, policy and practice community
- I wanted to present our work.
- I wanted to share the findings of our recent research
- I was a presenter
- Invited to deliver a presentation as part of concurrent symposium session.
- Looking for more science about the pathophysiology of dementia in particular.
- Maintaining understanding.
- My abstract was accepted for presentation.
- Our nurse consultant entered our names for the conference
- Present my own research, network, hear about other research, support the AAG.
- Presenting research findings

- Seeking confirmation on the quality & clinical relevance of our resident care
- To support the conference and catch up with old friends



Responses to Other:

- AAG paid for my registration, travel & accommodation as I was on an organising committee
- No funding received, conference leave days only
- AAG paid for registration, my organisation paid for airfare and accommodation
- I received a travel grant from my organisation which covered expenses of registration and accommodation.
- My organisation paid conference fees and accommodation. I paid travel
- My organisation funded travel only
- Partly funded
- My Consulting firm
- I was awarded a grant which covered my registration, accommodation and some travel expenses.
- Scholarship funded

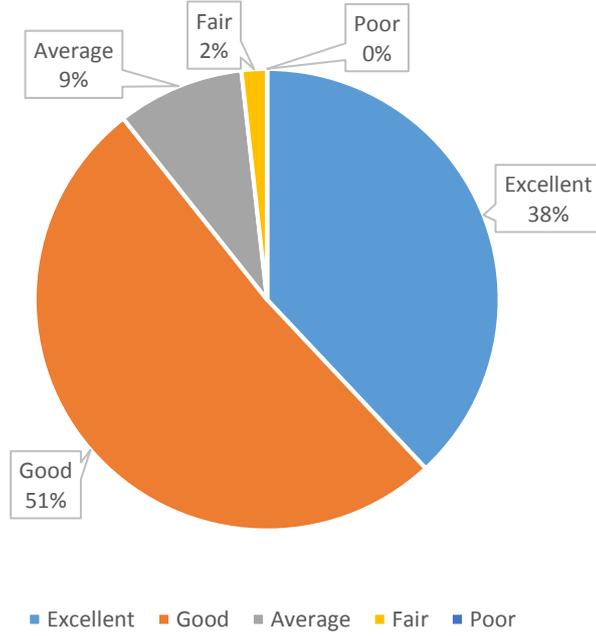


Conference destination suggestions:

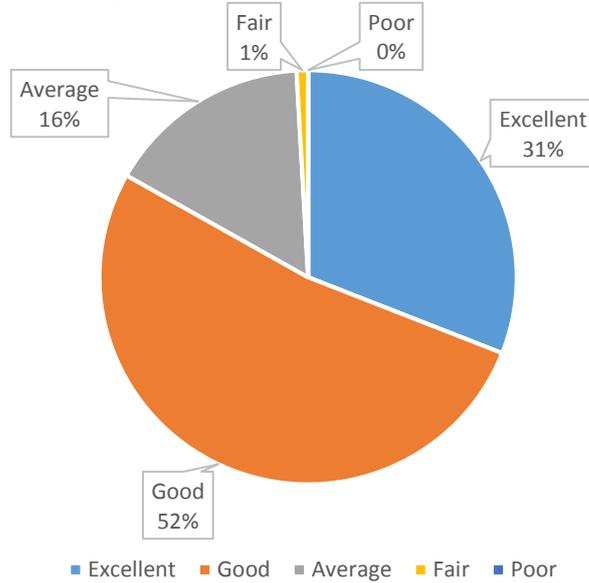
- Adelaide
- All accommodation was quite expensive, AAG did not facilitate sharing with other conference attendees (as other conferences have done)
- Always happy to come to Canberra. I understand it is good to share it around and those from Perth always have lengthy travels but Perth flights are very expensive and that can be a disincentive to attend. Hobart is a very good conference venue.
- As I am self-funded, cities with better travel as well as accommodation rates are important to me.

- Broome in July
- Darwin, Hobart
- Hobart or Launceston
- I found the conference website a bit glitchy and I had to phone the convenor for help- which resolved the issue thank you
- I understand the desire to have the conference in Capital cities, however accommodation can be expensive. Consideration could be given to larger regional areas. The conference worked well in Alice Springs
- Keep moving it around as you currently do.
- Listing room names/numbers on the program
- Main feedback venue poor labelling or directions as to what sessions were held where? This wasn't on the programme nor was it easily identifiable on the app. The main room was dark and drab really poorly lit speakers particularly the panel discussions. the configuration of seating was poor around tables, people had their back o presenters and that the opening many people had to sit in the bleachers. This created quite a low energy to the opening
- Make registration available via a form that can be printed out and sent in, as well as the online option.
- Newcastle, NSW
- Northern Australia, but you would need to consider timing as it is hot, hot, hot up there in November,
- Notin Canberra in Melbourne cup week! Too difficult from Perth to travel. Melbourne or Sydney/ Brisbane are all central and direct flights. at reasonable times and with daylight saving it is a factor.
- Regional Australia in preference to capital cities. The location in Alice Springs last year was inspired.
- Seating at meal time just stools would have been handy
- Some initial confusion around table top and plenary sessions, a brief explanation in housekeeping could have clarified where we needed to be. I have responded to accommodation question because I cannot move on with survey, however, I did not require accommodation
- Sydney and Canberra are pretty easy places to get to, and there are lots of accommodation options. It's not too difficult to get around either (walking, public transport).
- Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, Lorne, Bendigo
- Thank you for a wonderful conference! My colleagues and I noticed how well each of the presentations within the symposiums/ streams were connected to each other. The selection committee should be commended and make sure they pass their processes on how to do this to the team for Perth!
- The conference app was fantastic as I had ready access to the program and could make notes as I went along. Very well done!
- We did not use the accommodation options
- would be good to feature less expensive accommodation that is close by

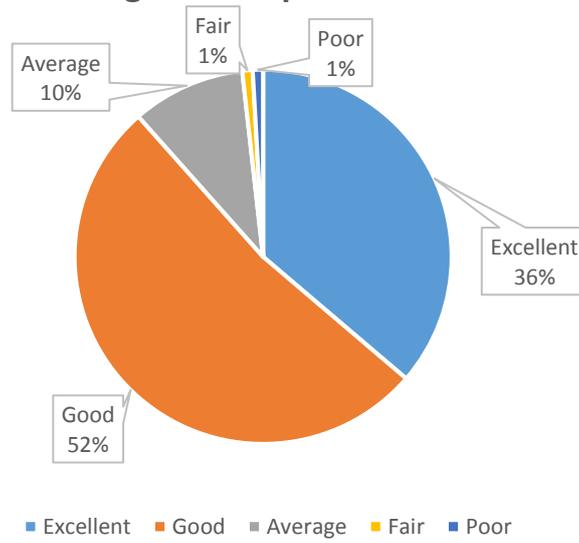
Conference organisation ratings > Conference geographical location



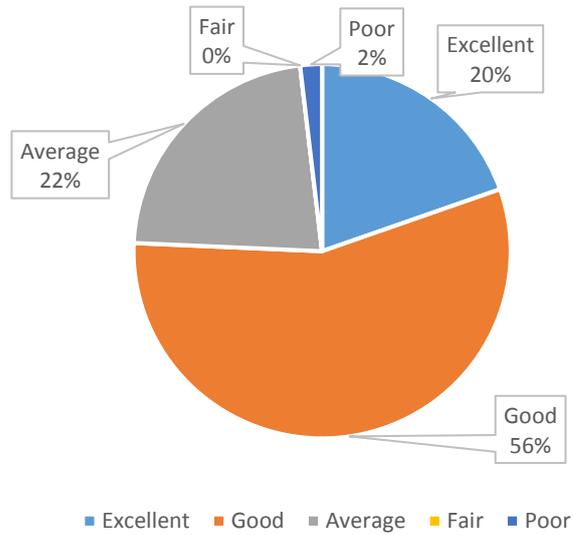
Conference organisation ratings > Conference website



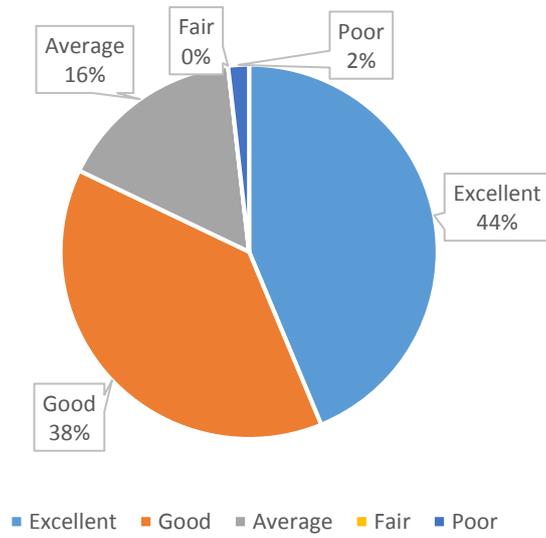
Conference organisation ratings > Online and other registration processes



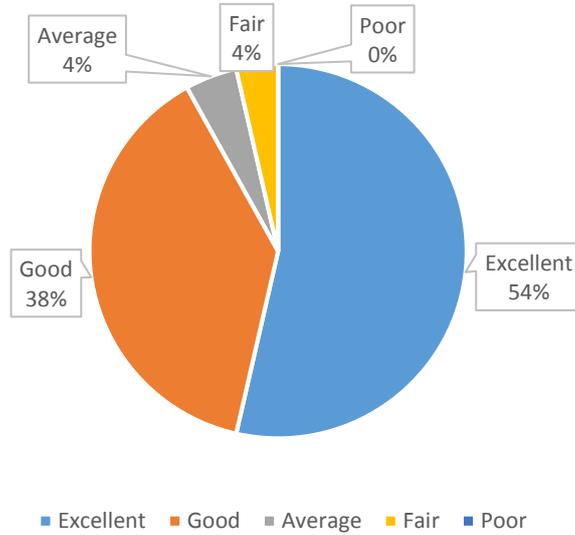
Conference organisation ratings > Range of accommodation options



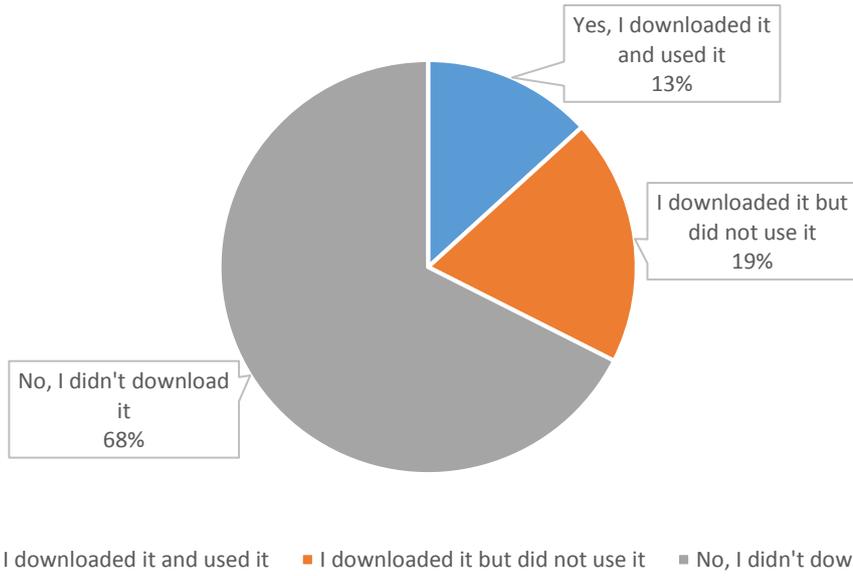
Conference organisation ratings > Communication / Information received prior to arrival



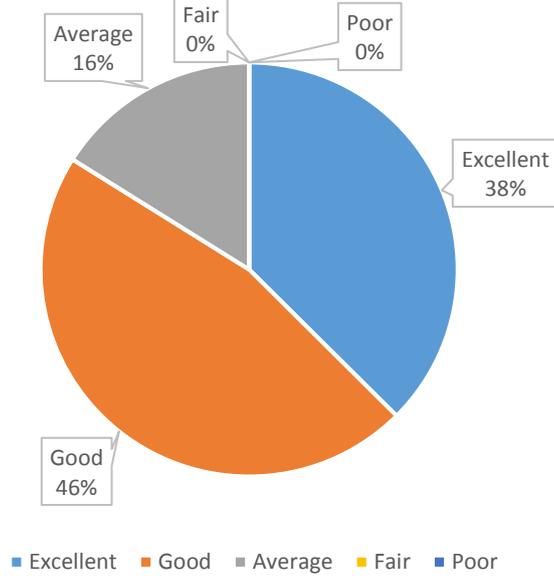
Conference organisation ratings > Registration desk personnel



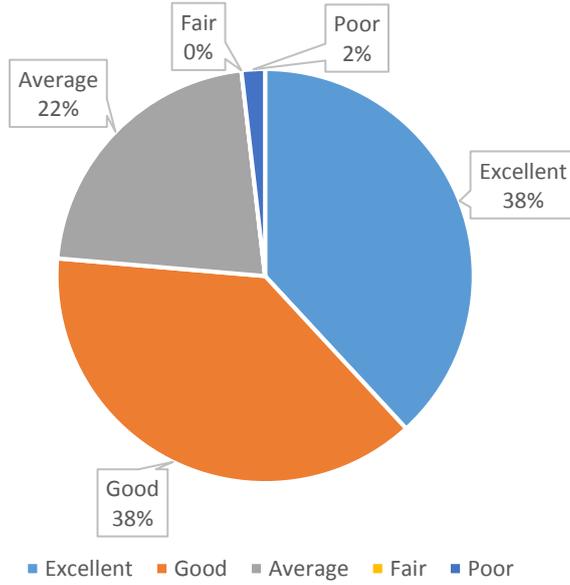
Did you use the app?



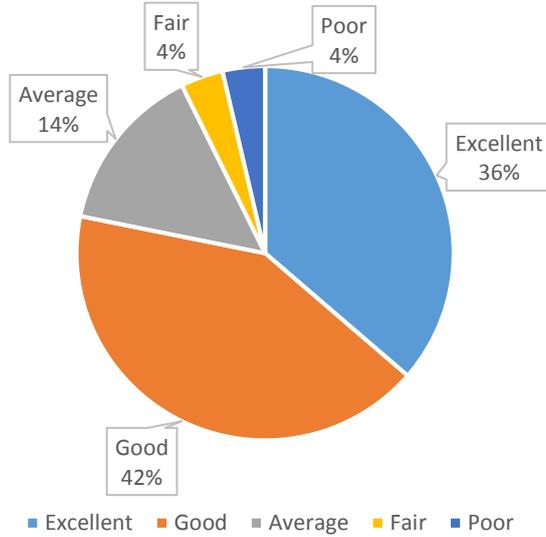
Mobile app rating > Ease of use



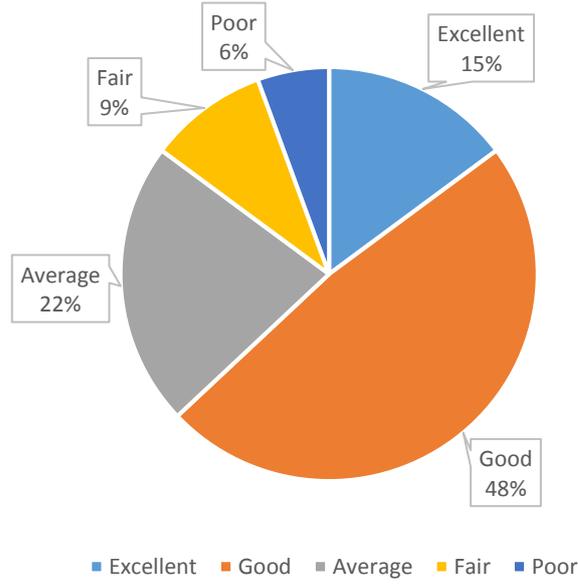
Mobile app rating > Program listing



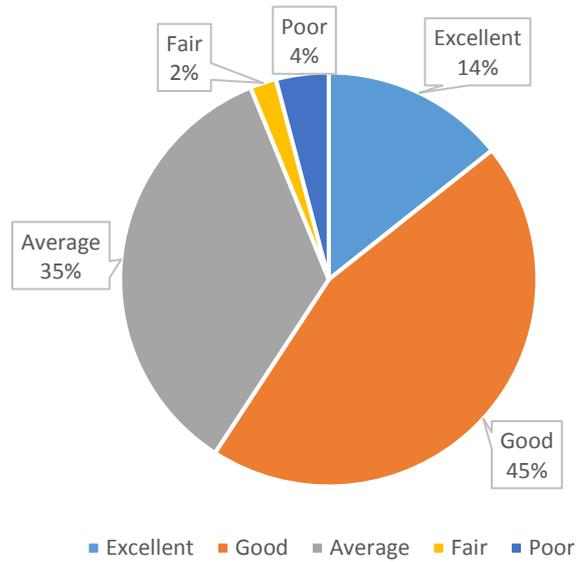
Mobile app rating > Ability to build your own schedule/agenda



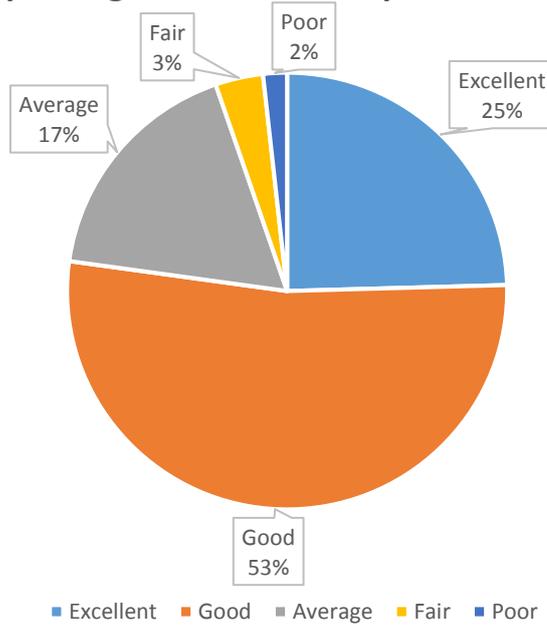
Mobile app rating > Floor plans



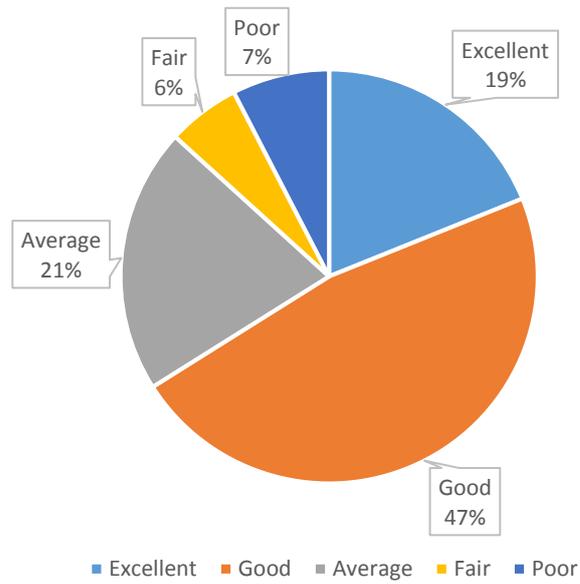
Mobile app rating > Event news feed



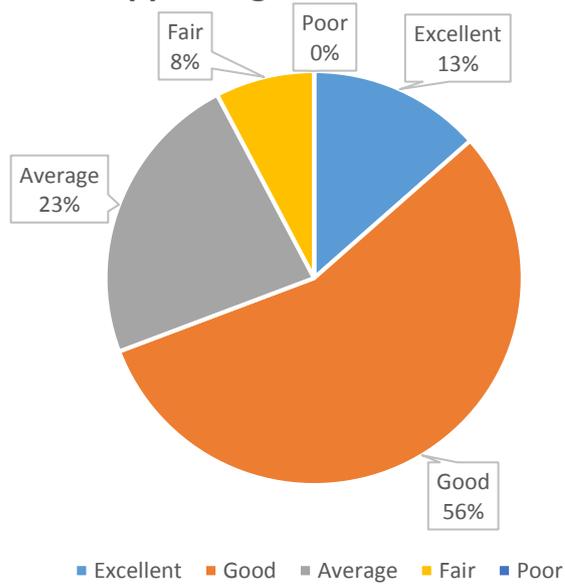
Mobile app rating > Presenter list/presenter information



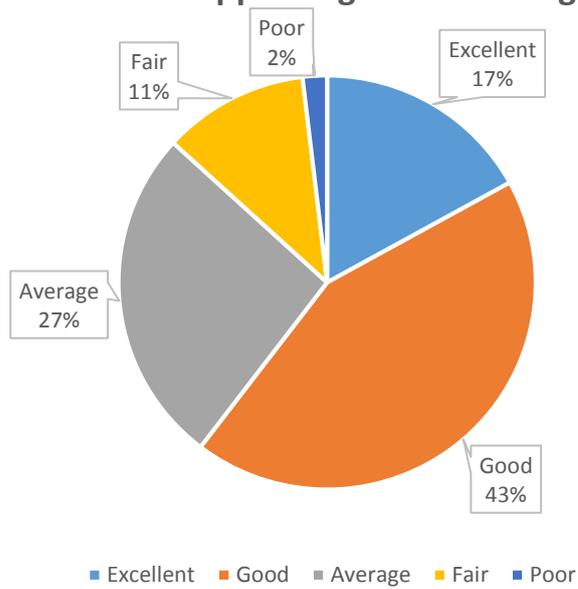
Mobile app rating > Attendee list/information

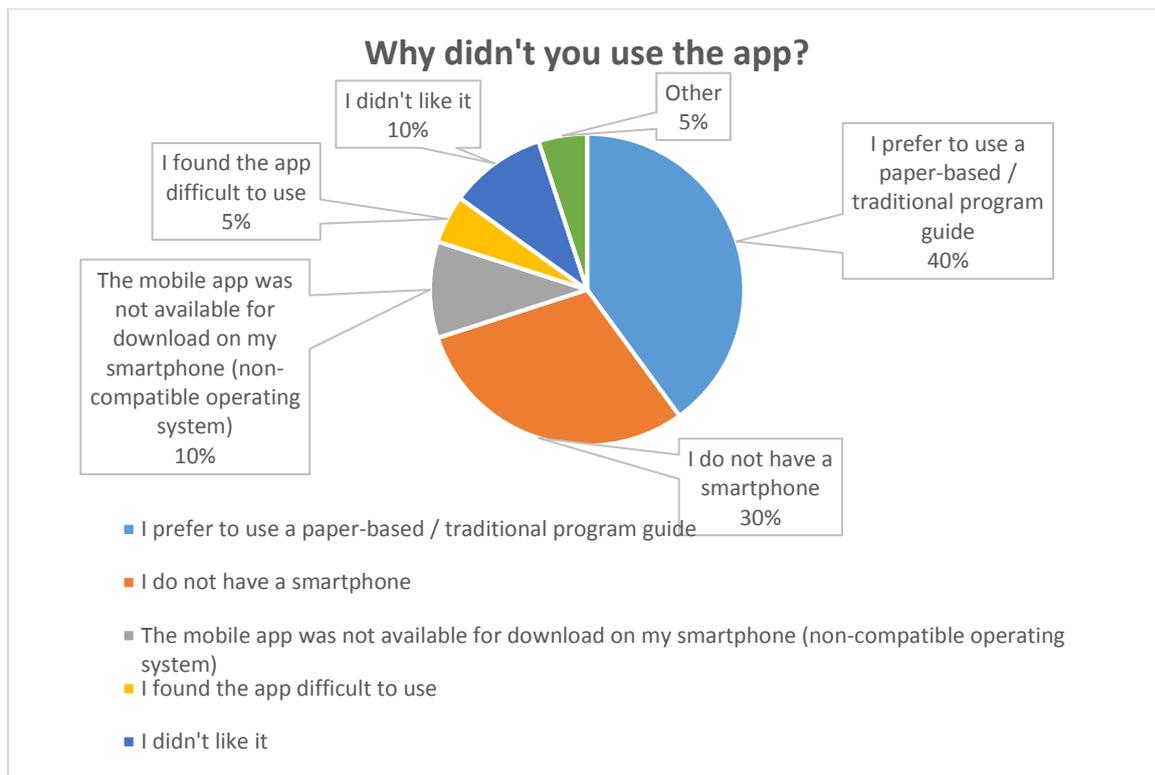


Mobile app rating > Exhibitor information



Mobile app rating > Note-taking





I downloaded the app but did not like it - please specify:

- It didn't seem to offer anything, or perhaps I just didn't use it properly

I found the app difficult to use - please specify:

- I wanted to use it to post

Other - please specify:

- Could not be bothered - my partner did however & used it
- I couldn't work out how to do it
- I did not know about the app until I was already at the conference (email about it came after I had left) and did not have data to download it
- I had had a very poor experience with a conference app at another experience and couldn't be bothered going through that again. I also found that I was able to find things out more easily through the paper guide than my colleagues could through the app, so I think I made the right choice.
- I received notification about the app too late. I work part-time and did not access my emails in the preceding few days before the conference. This type of communication should be sent out at least a week prior to the conference.

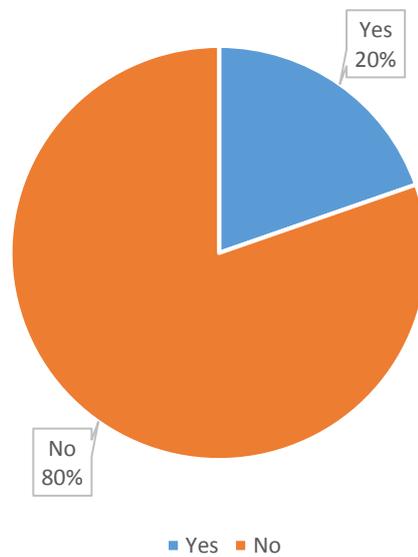
App suggestions - features and functions:

- Ability to download presentation slides
- An easier platform for looking across simultaneous sessions. It was difficult to plan which presentations to attend at the times I wanted to move between different streams.
- Better floor plan map. I liked the use of the app, was great to have an alternative to the big printed program.

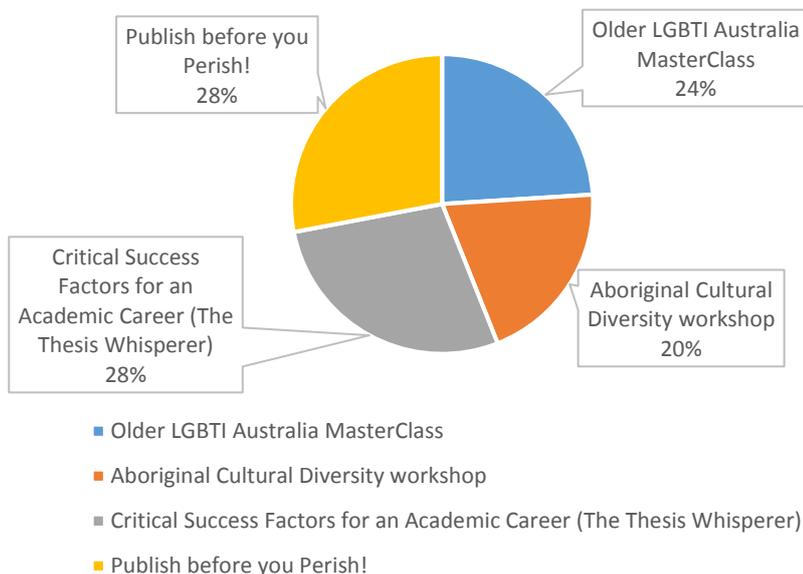
- contact details of presenters and attendees (provided with permission of course) better detail on session number/letter and room location - there was no obvious connection so the first day was a bit chaotic.
- Ensure that the floorplan of the venue reflects the room number indicated on the program. Signage and directions within the conference need to be much clearer and easy to locate rooms.
- I am pretty ambivalent about whether I would use it or not as I like the hard copy program personally. Have a floor plan was not that useful as there was no room information for each session which was a bit confusing at first.
- I did not really use the note taking function. Some of its limited use was due to me using it on a phone instead of a tablet or Ipad
- I had trouble adding my schedule and didn't receive any alerts. I also found it annoying that when adding to my schedule, it went back to the home page. It was time consuming so I just used the paper program
- I like as it is. Anything extra is a bonus.
- I would consider, should send notifications of "sessions up next " and the location
- I would like to be able to read the abstracts through the app/
- I'd like to be able to add items to my agenda that weren't just from the program, for example, meetings with other delegates and presenters.
- include the room location details in the session info
- Inclusion of abstracts
- It didn't tell me where the sessions were being held, ie the actual rooms. The feature I liked most was the abstracts of each session. Just about everything else was in the printed program.
- It was very good and easy to use. No improvements needed from my perspective.
- It would have been good to click on the program listing and see what presentations were in each stream/section. You had to refer to the printed program for this.
- Keep it up to the minute with presentation starting times and room locations
- location of rooms not included
- More regular updates of changes etc
- More specific details about the events & their rooms/locations, including interest group events
- My mobile phone is too small for this to be useful. Much easier with the laptop
- No opinion
- No problem with the app - just the size of my phone-screen and my eyesight!
- No room allocation for sessions
- Please note, I didn't use all the functions on the app
- Please put the room number or name by each session so that they are easier to find
- Room locations
- Room locations were not that easy to find
- room numbers
- Room numbers/names for all events
- Some feedback mechanisms in the app would be good if they could be monitored during the conference. EG Could have the poster judging
- Speaker organisations listed, abstracts included, link between room names and description on program

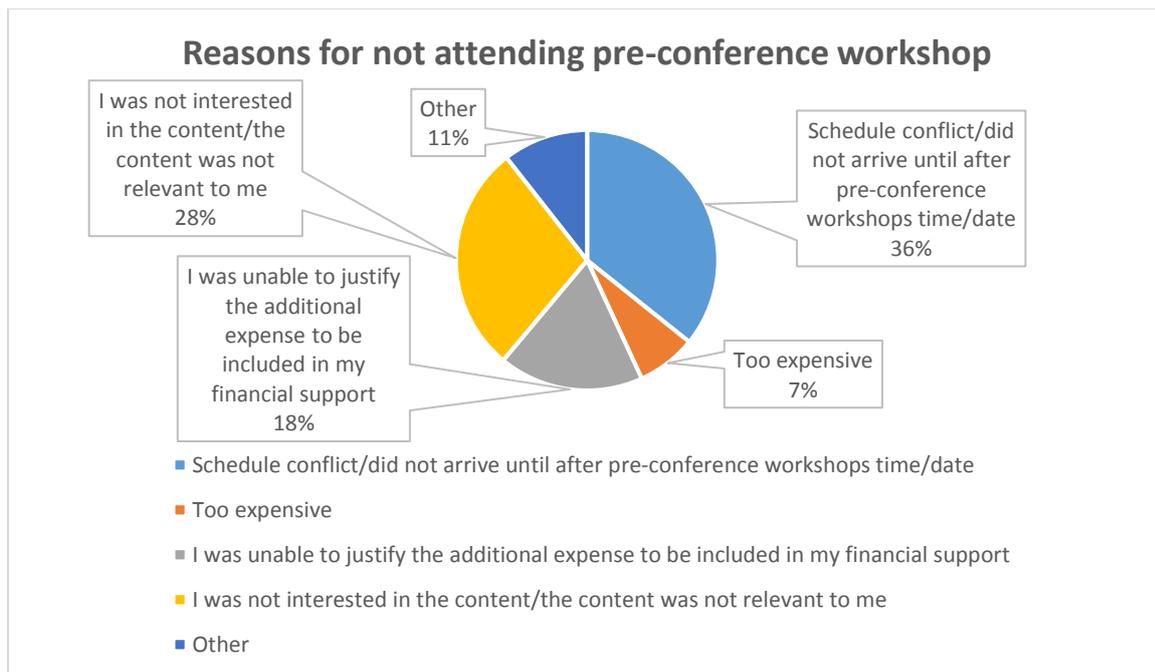
- The paper information was more complete
- To ensure all rooms on the screen are clearly marked with what's on and in which room.
- Unable to put schedule of individual sessions only whole segment of 4 sessions, not helpful so didn't use app
- Would have liked to see the abstracts or some more information on the presentations (and perhaps presenters) beforehand, and summary information on them during/after - obviously can't attend all presentations, but many of the ones I missed sounded interesting by their title at least. Not sure if app is necessary for this, a well-functioning website would do.
- Yes, I would use it. But I would like to be able to select different presentations, not just the whole set presented in one room.

Did you attend a pre-conference workshop?



Which pre-conference workshops did you attend?





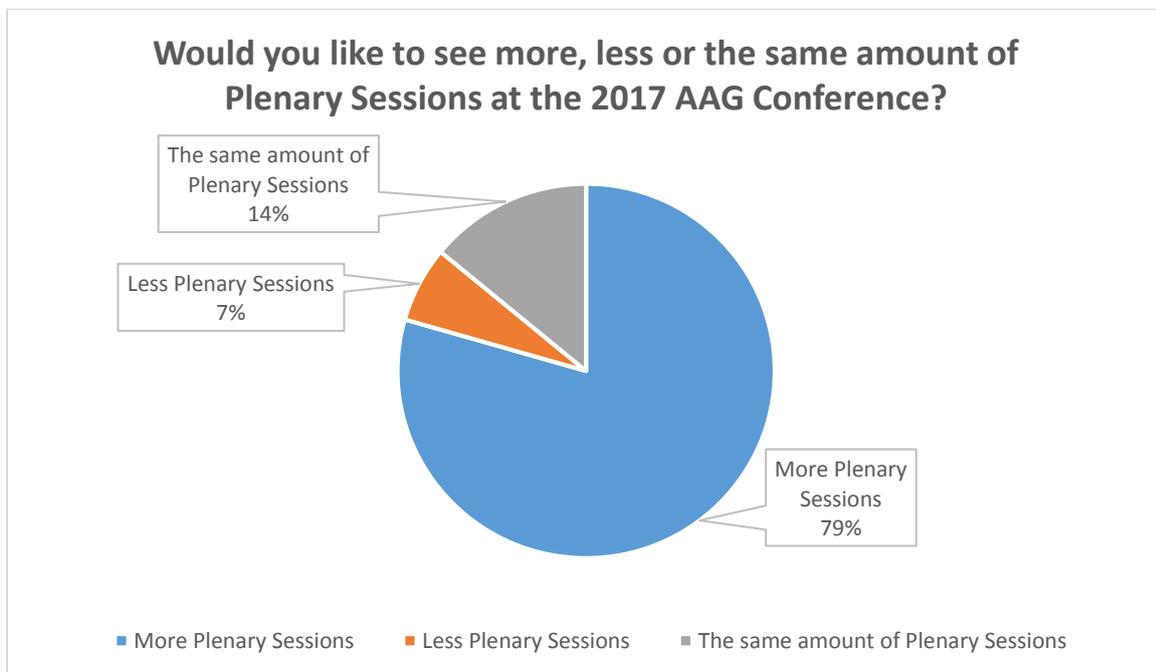
Responses for Other:

- I attended the divisions/chapters committee's workshop, which was very valuable and should be held at every conference.
- I don't have that much time. The Conference is in the middle of a lot of other conferences for aged care and there's only so much time I can spend away from my desk. Also, the content looks very similar to other content available elsewhere or at other conferences.
- I was attending the CALD older people research framework workshop which was an invite only event on the Tuesday at the conference venue, but not on the official conference workshop programme.
- I was setting up our stand for the conference
- I've been to most of them, or a version of them, in the past.
- No consent from workplace to attend
- other members of my organisation attended these workshops as representatives
- Session cancelled by AAG
- Unable to have another day off work

Other pre-conference workshop suggestions

- A range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content workshops
- Aboriginal research
- CALD older people and research
- Cultural gerontology
- Focus on support for informal carers
- Gerontechnology, how different industry sectors are being affected by ageing e.g. financial services, Housing/accommodation, engineering, consultancies (KPMG style), technology, cars, industrial design...
- Gerontology nursing

- Grants writing and applications Applying for academic/research jobs Thesis writing (organisation, structure, tips for writing and revising, what reviewers look for) Networking for newbies
- I only attended one day, because of the expense of the conference. The cost of one day was equivalent to the cost of 3 days of the SARRAH Conference. There needs to be some concession for People traveling from rural and remote areas.
- Rural & remote Aboriginal & TSI
- Rural living as you age.
- Something of more hospital or Physiotherapy interest
- Something similar to the table-top sessions would be good - a few different topics but on same theme, and with more time for discussion.
- The changing face of customer expectations
- The Cultural Diversity could be incorporated into the main program - it is those who don't who Choose to go who possibly would benefit most?
- This conference was already too long.



Which plenary session/s were stand-out and why?

- All good -thanks
- All were good
- Anne Netton - very engaging style of presentation and informative
- ASCOT - Finally something new
- beyond impatient care
- Carr and Butler, as more in line with my research interests
- Driving in the elderly, mark Butler's speech was interesting but the speaker on the first morning was very difficult to understand and couldn't make his point.

- Engaging speakers that covered broad ageing topics that inspire rather than very specific research papers or areas.
- First day - professional, informative and engaging speakers.
- Friday Mark Butler
- Hal Kendig et al. The only time the sense that the AAG has a political role was present.
- I am just not a fan of them myself so not the best person to ask
- I enjoyed all of the Plenary Sessions and particularly the President's Symposium on Attitudes to ageing as speakers addressed how these can be changed in the future.
- I enjoyed Paul Cain's session. I am a social gerontologist, so the more clinical/ acute care presentations are, personally, less interesting to me. I also felt that Mark Butler (whatever his politics) spoke well, and was engaging.
- I only attended some. Most of the topics were of little interest to me based on my field/background.
- I only attended the Thursday and neither were stand-out.
- I think plenary sessions should be of interest to all attendees and include international content. I felt that a couple of this year's sessions were relevant to policy makers but not the wider audience.
- I thought that the session by Hon MP Mark Butler was really good. It gave a non-academic perspective on ageing and some insight into how government and policy makers approach it. Also the introduction to his book and its content was interesting.
- I would suggest that consideration be given to ending with a plenary as there was very limited incentive to stay for the close of the conference
- In enjoyed Paul Cann's talk because it was engaging and proposed strategies for change. I would have liked to see more debates/discussions where the presenters engaged with one another or a chair/interviewer rather than just presenting on their own work.
- Kaarin Anstey, Mark Butler
- Ken Wyatt- sincere and personal. Superannuation Panel- relevant information President's Symposium-topical
- Krishna Sadhana. Paul Cann and the President's Symposium for subjects. The sit-down with Mark Butler was a good format.
- Mark Butler - he was an engaging speaker
- Mark Butler and the ASCOT tool
- Mark Butler, Ken Wyatt. Loved the Q&A format as it felt like there was an opportunity to let speakers know what concerns there are from the ground.
- McCann's one and the 10 myths on retirement were really interesting.
- none
- None of them because the audio was so poor that I could not hear; presenters did not speak into the microphone; complained to reception - no significant improvement
- Not sure if they were stand out but they were all appropriate and well considered.
- Paul Cann - although they were all very good.
- Paul Cann - brilliant Kaarin Anstey Nicolette Rubinsztein
- Paul Cann - content and delivery Mark Butler - as above Krishna Sadhana - courage, content & delivery
- Paul Cann - Gary Andrews Address Superannuation Panel Ann Netten - ASCOT Mark Butler - Reimagining Ageing
- Paul Cann - gave an international perspective that related to Australia. Lynda O'Grady's presentation - Fiscal and career implications Hal Kendig - very informative and thought

provoking. Hon. Mark Butler - excellent speaker, and enjoyed Australian political perspective and presentation of interview style was very good

- Paul Cann raised interesting issues, Mark Butler spoke exceptionally well and his topic also very interesting,
- Paul Cann & President's Symposium- I was interested in the topics.
- Paul Cann and Ann Netten - I found their presentation styles very engaging and their topics both interesting and relevant to my work
- Paul Cann President's symposium Both sessions were very well presented, thought-provoking and challenged stereotypes of ageing
- Paul Dugdale -but I only attended Day 2.
- Paul Dugdale, informative, interesting, inspiring.
- Paul McCann - divine presentation Superannuation - pertinent and interesting and stimulating range of speakers
- Physiotherapist sessions, housing/accommodation, and work force fatigue as they were relevant to my work and I find that there should be more focus on the more practical issues
- Session 11 with Ann Netten and Mark Butler - great presentations and engaging strongly with the audience
- Session 7 - Beyond Impatient Care challenged to think about the system issues Driving - relevant content. Also Session 9 on ageism, provoked thinking on broader sociological issues
- Superannuation - very good coverage of prospects; and myths Day 2: very good coverage on hospital and older driver issues
- The attitudes to ageing - it is relevant to my research, it cuts across all areas of research
- The first day morning session with Aunty Agnes - the best welcome to country I have ever heard, and the minister Ken Wyatt was extremely knowledgeable and articulate. Paul Cann's presentation was also memorable, and he was such an asset to the conference.
- The Gary Andrews Address - Paul Cann. engaging, humorous, interesting Reimagining our future for driving in later life Kaarin Anstey. Some great research, well put together, fascinating work reflecting impact of long term care Ann Netten. Incredibly interesting, well presented I am very interested in QOL indicators - information very useful - sent details to a friend doing research in this area who couldn't attend. Re-imagining ageing Mark Butler - very enjoyable great speaker very 'human' engaging. I didn't like the Q&A bit though - Mark on his own would have been fine. And its a silly thing the water jug on the coffee table between Mark and Kerryn caught the light - a real glare that forced you to awkwardly angle your head.
- The main thing I liked about the plenary sessions was that at least there was no choice, and nothing better to miss out on - would like to see more panel/Q&A-type sessions, perhaps more academic in tone.
- The Paul Cann session. He was an excellent and visionary speaker. I also like the retirement incomes plenary as you had gathered together three good speakers who really knew their stuff.
- The plenaries could be shorter to include more. (a point of grammar - should be fewer not less and number not amount) The best for me were the Paul Cann and Mark Butler.
- The plenary with ASCOT and Mark Butler.
- The quality of the speakers was sensational. All very engaging and very relevant for the interdisciplinary audience! I appreciated hearing from the assistant minister and being invited to pose questions.
- the retirement session and Mark Butler's address

- There were several exceptional ones but the one by Nick Hartland was in contrast to the ethos of the conference. His contention that ageing is a burden contradicted with the Assistant Minister and other informed speakers. Several speakers had very poor power points with script too busy and impossible to read.
- They all had something different. Enjoyed them all.
- They were all good from my point of view - because they stimulated my thinking in such different areas.
- Thursday morning session related to driving in later life. The session provided opportunities to think about how communities can support drivers with lifelong driving education and the impact of getting older on the ability to drive well.
- Thursday p. m.

Which concurrent session/s were stand-out and why?

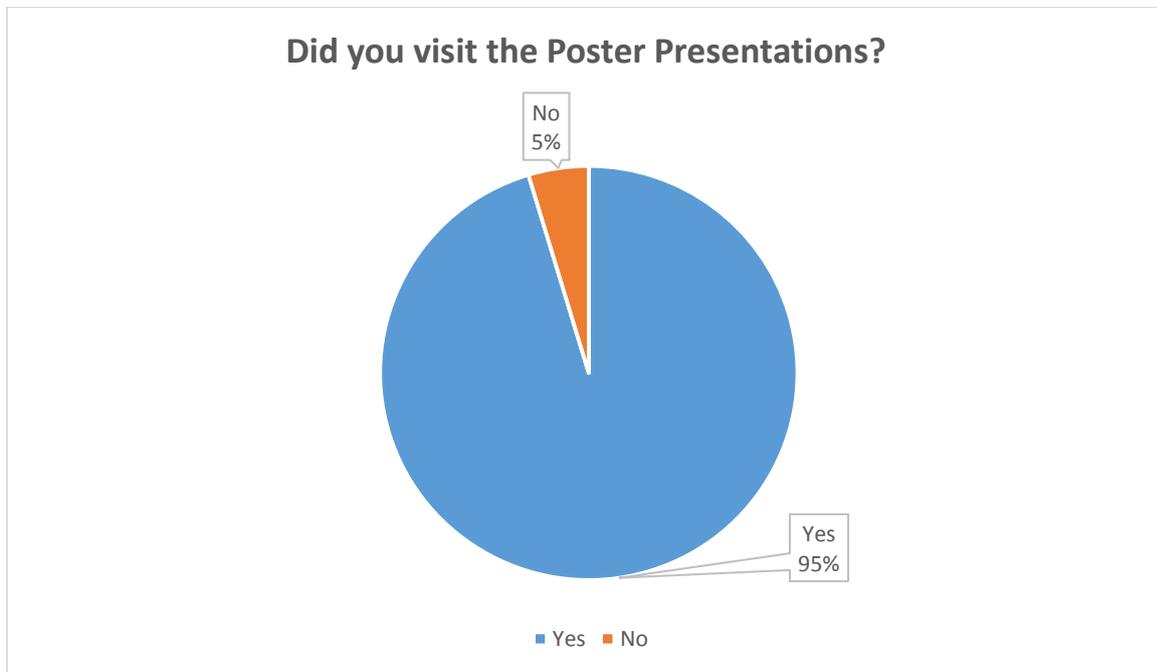
- 10D - my area of specific interest and combined industry speakers with academics. 13C - good mix of content and speakers
- 13D - Addressing the wicked problems of measuring quality in residential care. This was a main focus for me as I manage an aged care facility.
- 2B, 4E, 10B - topics relevant to me - and interesting. They are outside biomedical and aged care focus of most AAG activities
- 4E - Symposium on rural ageing and voluntarism. The presentations were connected. Each presentation was excellent - well presented, clarity in what they were saying, relevant, useful. It was well facilitated. Informal Care-giving table top session - three excellent and stimulation presentations with a chance to ask questions and interact.
- 6E.1 Tabletop session. Aged Care Planning. Multiple topics from number of speakers who were well prepared and experts in their areas. This session enabled participants to engage with the speakers in a relaxed environment. The feedback from the other topics provided an opportunity to follow up with other session speakers if needed.
- 8C - Very engaging and active presentations, genuine passion presenters and excellent content
- 8D cognitive care in hospitals because this is directly relevant to my work.
- A mechanism for more discussion - that is where the insights often come from.
- Anna Donaldson (Friday morning); Jane Mears/ Gaynor MacDonald (Friday afternoon)
- Any to do with Health for Residents and Carers; Nutrition / Medications / Exercise / Social /Dementia Care etc...
- Day 1 Tabletop session, Perceptions and expectation Innovative ideas = Lively! Planning & Design, Informal care-giving
- dementia related ones
- dementia topic session
- Elder abuse
- Elder abuse was good. I think concurrent sessions work well when they are on the same of similar topic, rather than a group of papers which not much in common. I also get a bit weary of papers that include no new research or original policy thinking.
- Falls
- Hard for me to choose a "stand out" A number of presentations I enjoyed but they were often embedded in other content, which was not of interest to me. In two sessions two

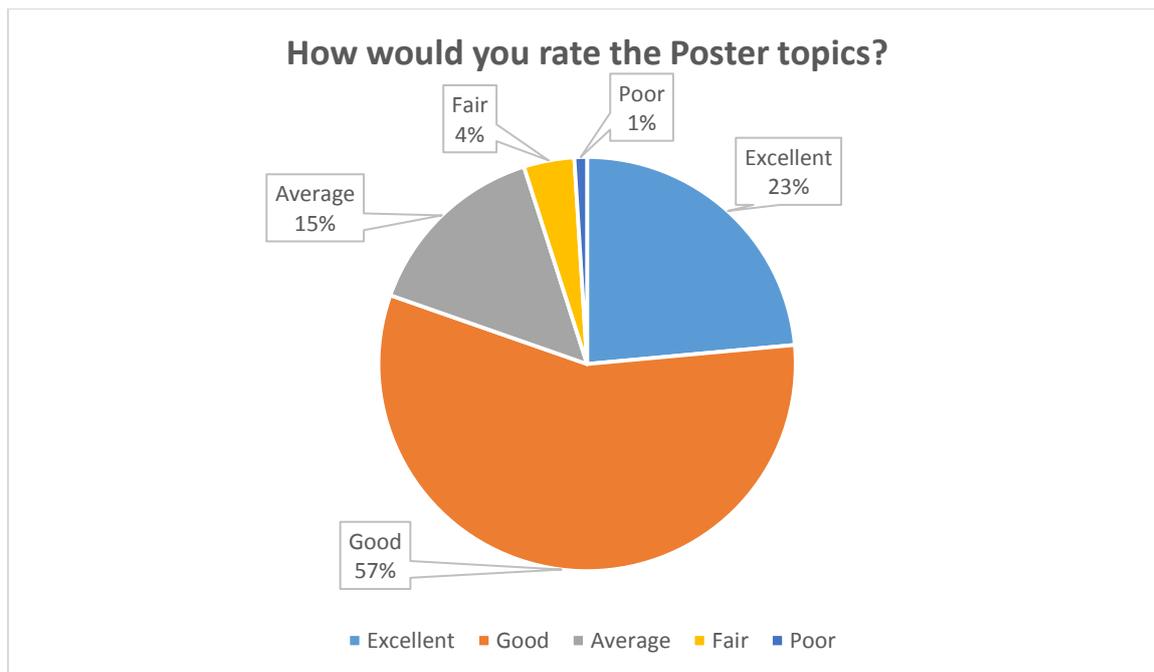
speakers spoke twice - which I found disappointing given that I know that many abstracts were not accepted

- Housing design ASCOT
- How effective is home care? The ACCOM. The entire session was on this and it made it more meaty and effective in meeting the needs of the audience (me in particular).
- How effective is homecare? ACCOM Planning & Design
- I attended many of varying quality. The good ones did not allow enough time for questions
- I enjoyed it when there was opportunity for discussion at the end of the concurrent sessions, which occurred sometimes when speakers kept to time. Very engaging!
- I enjoyed the whole 10B concurrent session, on Community Participation. It was a good mix of interesting subjects, and the presenters were all so enthusiastic and positive about their research/ practices.
- I found the majority informative. I enjoyed the mix of presenters from various backgrounds.
- I really like the rapid poster presentations, we should do more of those.
- I very much enjoyed the sessions on retirement
- I was interested in all of the ones I attended and was not disappointed.
- I will be biased and say the one I presented in although it was a very good session - 4C
- LOS prediction in the ED for elderly health economics in PD- Cathie Sherrington
- Medication - primarily due to my specific interest, not because it was particularly interesting
- Michael Fine's ACCOM session The Thursday session on Rural Volunteerism, the Friday session with Rowena MacKean and Anna Donaldson.
- mind wellness program, physiotherapist and the ones where encouragement of independence and confidence as I think it would be best to have preventive measures and health promotion as well for quality of life. some of the concurrent sessions were on at the same time. it would be good if there was a way that I could attend 2 or more of them if they weren't on at the same time
- My particular interest is in preventing elder abuse, I enjoyed the few that were included but would like to see more on this topic.
- none
- Planning and design; residential care The problem with concurrent sessions is I can't go to all I would like to, hence my answer above.
- Reimagining aged care - perspectives of aged care I would not usually consider.
- Safe to Crush? Nicole McDerby - have crushed tablets. Will never do it again Cognitive care in hospitals - rethinking the paradigm - Symposium - all good but didn't like the way Kasia changed format to all questions at end - 5 minutes at end should in fact be 20ish minutes
- session 8B
- Some of the topics in the table top discussions were interesting and I would have preferred these as concurrent sessions so I could go to these. I heard a no. of comments along these lines.
- Table top presentations
- Tabletop sessions were an excellent way to have greater input and discussion and allowed exposure to differing perspectives
- Table-top sessions. More engaging.
- The informal caregiving stream - directly related to my work, and the synergies between presentations really added value
- The medication management and dementia sessions are in line with my particular interest in dementia in acute care. I like the fact that the variety of sessions must cover the specific

interests of most attendees. At times, there were 3 or 4 sessions at one time that I would have attended if I could time travel. Hopefully, these presentations will be available on line in the near future.

- the nutrition/exercise one. This is the one i presented in and been a Dietitian, all of the topics were interesting and relevant to my work.
- The ones that were well planned in thematic terms and well chaired so allowed for discussion
- the rural one
- The table top presentations were good but too short, there was no need at the end to 'share ' overviews with other tables so there could have been more time for the table discussions with the individual presenters
- There wasn't a standout session.
- they were all pretty good, none really stand out as being the best. It was more about the presenters and content of their presentations. Most were excellent.
- Yun Hee Jeon's session on indicators - front, centre and topical in my RAC work; Autistic adult 'ageing well'





Topic suggestions for poster presentations:

- A bit more on translational research and new trends in medical care - medications, nursing, home care
- Aboriginal ageing issues This should be a stream at every AAG. there were two perhaps 3 sessions encompassing Aboriginal issues. The AAG should be encouraging Aboriginal researchers to present their work. AS well a stream focused on rural. remote issues
- Aboriginal ageing, Recent research
- advanced care planning palliative care
- Ageing as a developmental stage
- Creative arts
- Far too much unnecessary overlap of papers in same times slots which could have been avoided in better programming so could have benefitted more but in general terms, just a bit too industry/residential care oriented (but better in this respect than every other conference I have been to this year!)
- Finding meaning in suffering; Centenarians; Frailty; Death and dying; Euthanasia; Spirituality in later life; Preparing younger and middle aged people for later life.
- Hearing from more providers doing innovative things would be good; dental care of the elderly;
- I was hoping for more mental health (not dementia) presentations and perhaps more a political perspective session
- I was pleased to see a little clinical topics-we need to try to attract medical practitioners who are few in the attendees but would benefit from hearing other disciplines
- I would have liked to have seen more innovation in general. Last year's conference seemed to have more innovative in general but it is possible that it was the sessions that I attended but from the program I don't think so. I am also aware that you can't be responsible for the content that comes in.
- I would like to see more focus on improving the quality of residential aged care by moving away from clinical based models of care to more home like models of care.

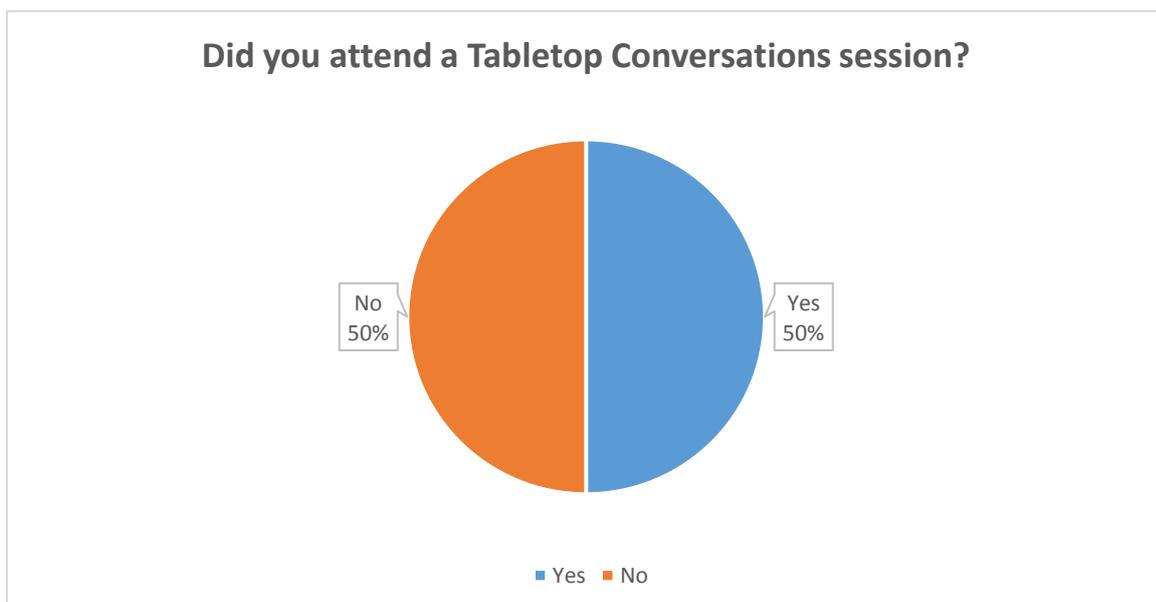
- I would like to see more 'ground up' sessions; there is some great work being done in aged care that sits within quality improvement frameworks. Much softer from a research perspective, but might be a great feeder for prospective students who might be looking for a project and would be more attractive conference fodder for clinicians like myself.
- I would like to see more Multidisciplinary Teams including Nutrition Presenting "Take Home" messages. I would like to see Doctors / Pharmacists / Dietitians presenting together.
- I would like to see more older people presenting - about initiatives in their own communities or about living with ageing/age-related diagnoses
- I would like to see sessions on grand parenting
- I'd like to see the housing and built environment area expanded for next year. I'm particularly interested in low income older renters/ owners
- Learning in later life
- links with the NDIS, more in behavioural problems in people with dementia, and how this is managed in acute health care
- More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ageing content
- More allied health and more about research in practice.
- more community solutions given the pressure on the health dollar.
- More cultural gerontology in the concurrent sessions - there was too much medical and clinical gerontology
- More international comparisons (perhaps even more international speakers/presenters) - eg, how does Australia's system (and reforms) compare with what is happening in Europe or other like countries, or what novel things are they trying that we could learn from. And in similar vein, interested to hear about successful local or international pilot projects/programs that achieve something novel. And also interested to learn more about disability and other fields that intersect (increasingly) with ageing and aged care.
- more on food in aged care/nutrition
- More sessions on CALD and other minority ageing groups.
- More translation of research into practice - direct examples/case studies or a requirement that all presenters think about the implications of their work. I heard a number of comments about "that's interesting but what does it mean in practice? What will change?" Also, a sense of frustration when hearing about successful trials which cease when the research ceases. While recognising the value of research into the bigger issues (eg ageism), it also would be good for AAG to focus on research which makes a difference in practice.
- Neoliberalism
- No
- Prevention of elder abuse was included but I would like to see more information on how this can become a national problem and dealt with on a national basis.
- Research into progressive neurological conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, MND, PSP!
Etc
- Rural issues
- The workforce ageing tabletop presentations were running at the same time that the only session of workforce ageing was running!
- There could be a need for family members /carers of older people to speak about their experiences and offer advice to professionals.
- there was too much focus on themes that spread for days such as dementia care and elder abuse not enough variety

- There was very little on nutrition in the whole program, I would like more about food & nutrition.
- This year's concurrent sessions seemed to lack the diversity and substance of previous conferences. Too clinical and not enough social. Not enough technology content, eg. assistive technologies or digital literacy issues. I found it difficult to find sessions to go to and missed complete morning and afternoon sessions as a result.
- Too many sessions that were similar were held at the same time - there were multiple hospital and exercise sessions held concurrently, and I would have liked to attend both!
- What are more practical, cost-efficient but with high likelihood of success measures that can be done for the elderly in the community? like, can there be a community where they can maintain their independence and be safe?

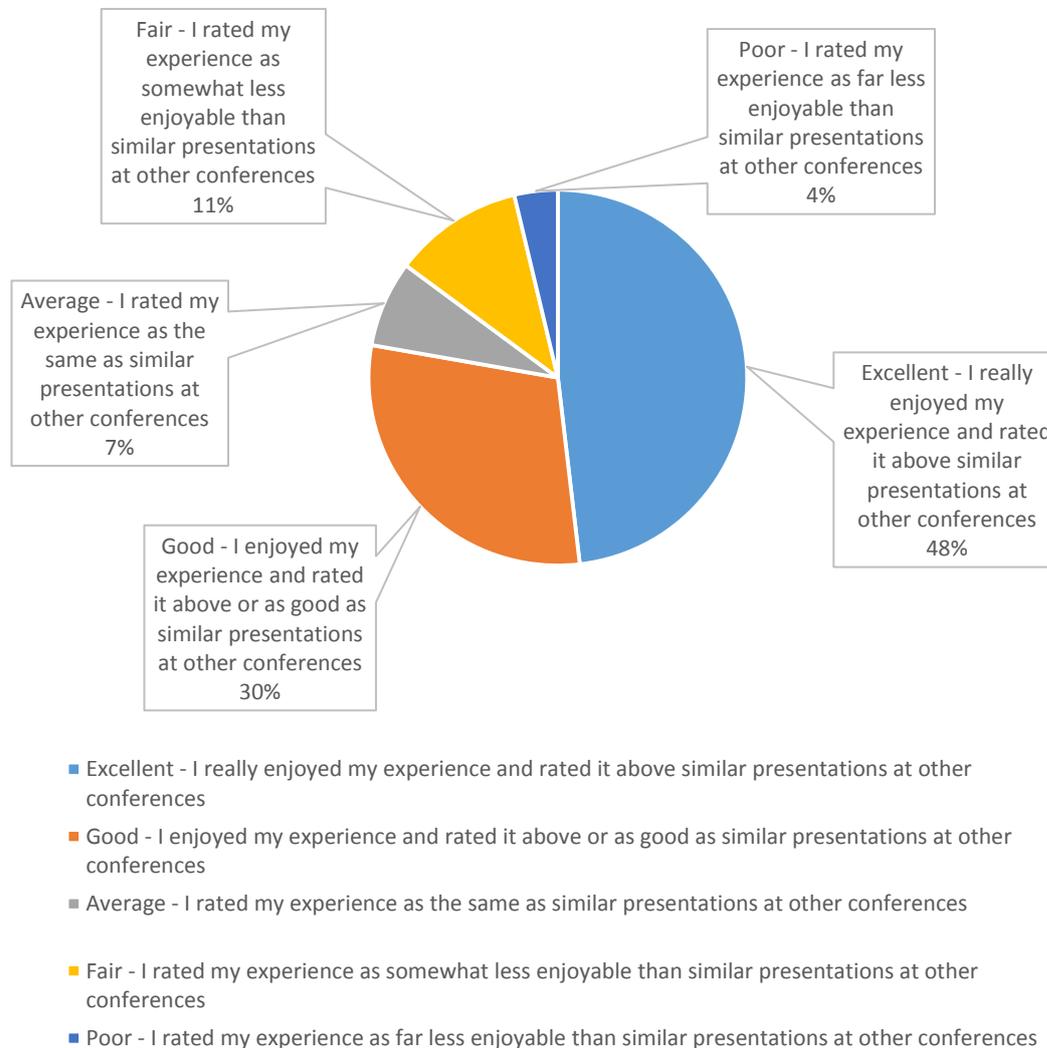
Please provide any additional feedback you may have on the Poster Presentations:

- Authors being available to discuss their work or outcomes.
- Bit boring and too many merchants.
- Excellent as not too many, and directly in the area where the food was served which made it more appealing for people to wander around eating and reading
- Give presenters a particular time to be at their poster, which is advertised in the conference handbook and next to their poster. This will give certainty to the presenter and the audience. It also respects that the presenter cannot be at their poster constantly
- High focus on dementia and Residential care facilities.
- I noticed there were many spaces for more Posters. Sadly, the Poster request from GP Dr. Tom Gavranic & a Dietitian was not accepted. Dr. Tom was not told why? He did not attend the Conference as a consequence -sadly. It was all evidence -based information.
- I think that the posters could be better promoted. I know there was a rapid fire event, but maybe rather that expect the poster presenters to either stand there during every break; or just put up the poster and hope that people read it.. perhaps you could have one slot during one of the morning/ afternoon tea breaks where poster presenters are allocated a time to definitely be at their poster - and it's noted in the programme - so people can attend, listen to a quick précis, and then ask questions...and be able to put a face to a name
- I thought it was a good idea to have the posters in the same area where people have their refreshments as this allows people to browse between formal sessions. I thought there was a good range of topics. I noticed one presenter had A4 copies of their poster available for people to take away -good idea!
- I was unable to determine when the poster presenters where doing their poster presentations. I also watched in horror the person who judged the best poster zip around in the afternoon tea period before the end of the conference to 'judge' (and I use that term loosely) which poster was the best. why not have a people's choice as well as the best student poster. Really unprofessional AAG and hardly equitable
- I wonder whether arranging the posters into themes in each aisle would be a good idea. I found it difficult to digest so much information, so perhaps if it was limited to subject areas I could choose from, I would have been able to engage better with the information and the presenters.
- It is hard to evaluate as I did not have time to read all of the posters. There is always much more content at AAG conferences than one person can digest. So comments refer to only what I saw.

- It was good having them on display in the meals/ drinks area as people could move around and look at them whilst enjoying their breaks.
- It would be worth exploring digital posters as an alternative to the paper ones, eg made available through the app.
- Its needs to be more organised to give it equal importance. e.g A specific time for viewing with 5 min rotations
- No further feedback
- not enough
- Only some poster presentations had information that could be taken away.
- Opportunity for delegates to give brief presentation on poster was good
- Posters work best when there are allocated times for poster presenters to be there - and not every break or meal time.
- Some excellent information on the poster presentations and obviously a lot of work put into their creation.
- Some just had too much information on them to read in a decent timeframe.
- The delegates should also be able to vote for a best poster. It would be good to see more presenters actually stand with their posters, although this is something that the AAG cannot control because presenters were asked to be with their posters at certain times.
- The posters were great and generated a lot of interest. In comparison, the LASA conference moved to digital posters on 3 large LCD screens accessed by a menu and this was a complete and utter flop. Hardly anyone accessed the posters (I know because one of the digital posters was mine)
- The winning poster about the handing out of tranquillisers was excellent because it focused on changing a "standard" practice and improving quality of life.
- There were a lot of empty spaces / posters falling down / good location though
- these were set up really well this year.
- Wide range of interesting presentations. Good to just have some photos as all the text and talking can get a bit overwhelming too!
- Would like to know how I can source some of the posters please to take back to my business.



Experience of presenting in and / or attending table top session



Suggestions for improvements to Table Top Sessions:

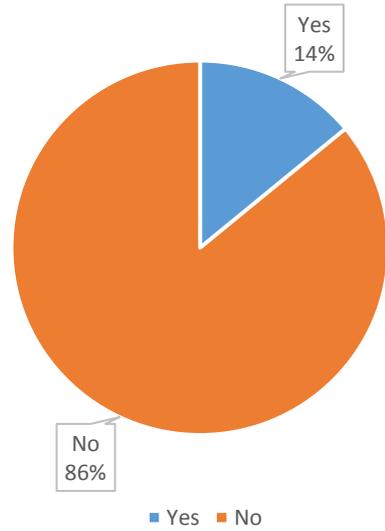
- All presenters needed to be equally prepared. Those without handouts or some form of visual aid to assist their presentation floundered in comparison to those with.
- Allow more time or less speakers.
- Allow slightly longer with each presenter, and less time at the end for a summary across the tables
- Allow the presenters to have more time or get rid of the table top presentations- I attend many international and national multidisciplinary conferences and I am yet to see them used there. also the presenters needed to be policed more- often two would try to sit at the same table as there would not be enough attendees- this meant that they would dominate the others presentation. - If there are not enough attendees either redistribute them or tell the

presenter to stand out. also it felt like some of the presenters where spruiking their products and not actually sharing research- also overall I found the presentations to be of poor quality and done in an unprofessional manner

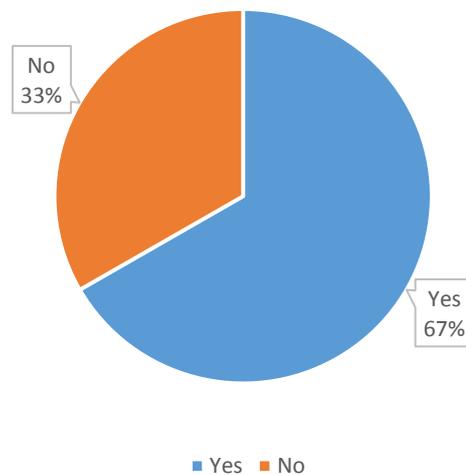
- As a presenter there need to be more information. Will be happy to share my tips or descriptions for future presenters. I really doubted this method but actually it was a far better medium to share research and network concurrently. I loved it
- As mentioned before, more time to discuss the presentation at a table level. No need to hear other people's views who listened to other topics
- Better organising. Presenters had to organise their sessions as some tables had less or no participants. There was no one to guide or direct these sessions. The allocated time for each session was inadequate and on the first day we had plenty of extra time left with at the end of all the sessions. As we had done this style of presentation in the past two conferences, I thought that by this time, the AAG would have done a better job.
- Better time control - some speakers were left with no time to present. More info on content of presentations
- clearer communication of the different streams - and there were too many streams so not possible to get to what I wanted to
- Clearer information provided to presenters, chairs and audience members - perhaps tabletops could be introduced to the delegates in the opening session of the conference as it is a new concept to many people.
- Explain the format in the program so that everyone (including presenters) is prepared
- From the presenter's perspective it would be better to have them stay at a table and the delegates move. Also the time could be extended to 15 minutes. Ensure the room is not congested and the tables are well spaced out for ease of movement and finding the correct table.
- Give more time to the table top sessions. No need for the whole room interaction and feedback at the end
- I really loved this presentation style - it is a great way to get your message across in a fun and engaging way. There was a bit of confusion on the day however with the multiple streams going on at once. In one session there were not enough audience members for four tables so the presenters were advised to sit one block out each, but somebody missed the memo and there ended up being two presenters who had to share the last block.
- I was really disappointed in the organisation of the tabletops this year. To be honest, the first session was a bit of a shambles. In one stream, participants gathered at the first two tables, with none at the third and fourth. Two presenters stepped in and organised a spread of participants across the four tables, as whoever was supposed to be organising that stream from the conference organisers did nothing. Also, the time organisation was very poor. As a presenter it was frustrating to have to keep to the 10 minutes, and then have 20 minutes or so over before the lunch break because the concurrent sessions were still going. Waste of time that could have been used in the individual presentations. In future could the time be extended by 5 minutes? They are still different from the concurrents because it is a more intimate style of presentation, time similarities are irrelevant.
- It would be helpful to orientate presenters and attendees ahead of time :-)
- Let people know in advance how they work. They seemed to be seen as a "second best" to the more traditional presentations.
- longer time for speakers say 15 minutes
- More directions as to how they work and where they were to be held

- More information and tips for new presenters. not everyone has seen a table top presentation before. for eg the need to be organised with materials so that the transition from one table to the next is easily done. a few examples of what previous people have done.
- More time for discussion with each presenter.
- more time for speakers please so that they don't rush and the q & a would be entertained
- More time for the conversation and less time at the end.
- moving to 15 min for each presenter would be sensible - it just seems to take that long to present the info from each speaker. 10min felt like we were being rushed too much
- No-one seemed to know what they were doing, the session finished about half an hour early, so each presenter could have spoken for longer. the presenters seemed a little frazzled moving from table to table
- our table was a bit unorganised, the presenters did not seem to be spread evenly
- Presenter should have given brief outline of themselves/background and their work then present their topic.
- See previous section
- The presenters were ill informed and all said same, hence the difference in approach. the time allocated was way too short. as fed back by the audience on the day
- The format is flawed. Presentations were not all material to the supposed session topic. Some presenters were selling things - I mean really! Rigour sometimes missing. Little scope for discussion.
- The PhD students spent a lot of time on background and we didn't get to hear the meaty bits. Chris Westacott was clearly there to sell a product and we somehow ended with the poorly cloaked sales pitch for two rounds (he didn't move...). Really interested in Jan McGregor, but she only had 5/60 due to the lack of rotation - we ended up with two speakers on our table for the final timeslot. Perhaps the sessions could be longer with the speakers geared for a short presentation and more discussion in line with a more round table approach.
- There needs to be more time with each presenter. Our discussions were regularly cut short, and the discussion around the tables were far more valuable than the group feedback at the end of the sessions.
- We ended up with ample time to spare at the end so 15 mins per speaker would have worked fine

Did you attend the First Time Attendees' Networking Session?



Did you benefit from the First Time Attendees Networking Session?



What did you like most about the networking session?

- Disappointed not to see more "old timers " there. The new comers I spoke with thought it a good idea
- Glenda Powell came to introduce herself - very warm, welcoming and humbling for a newbie
- It was good to know everyone was new but I didn't find it easily and it wasn't all that welcoming.
- Previous attendees were very engaging but only had enough time to speak to a couple
- The chance to meet other first-timers and to socialise

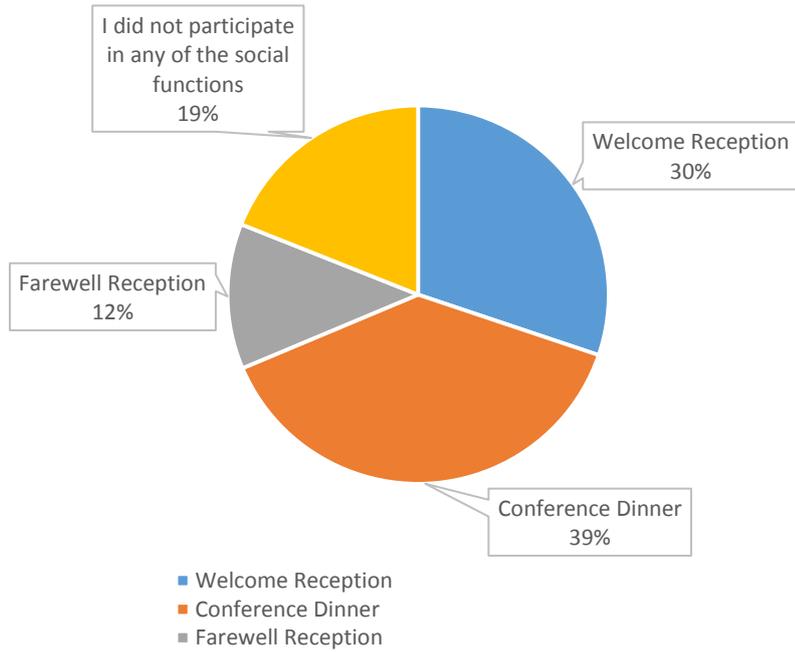
Why was the session not beneficial?

- Did not know what to expect. Was waiting for it to start - bit more structure would be helpful.
- Didn't know anybody there and not knowing anyone from the AAG either, made it just a regular morning tea.
- Just another social time (as good as that is)
- Perhaps a more structured session would be beneficial. It so much a networking session as simply putting us in the same general area.

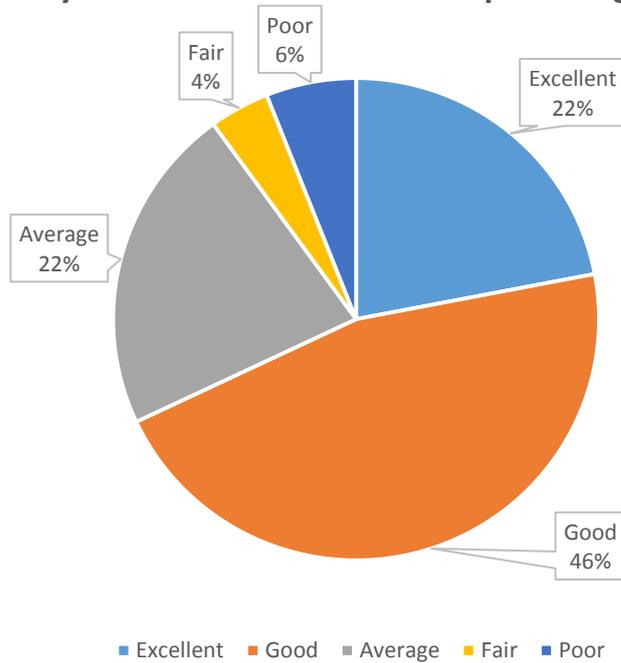
Suggestions for supporting first time attendees to conferences:

- A 'buddy' system for new attendees would be good. You could supply a list of people who were willing to pal up with others or to provide settling in assistance.
- Didn't know the session was on - must have missed it in the program?
- Do it again-maybe over a lunch if time permits
- I think a meet and greet type function would work better
- I think they were well supported.
- Last year's ID lanyard attachments indicated who was a first time attendee. At the time I thought this was a bit daggy but actually lots of people came up to me and introduced themselves which was really welcoming and inclusive. Some form of that approach would be nice next year
- More explanation at the first session of process and location of the concurrent sessions.
- Perhaps long term AAG members can be volunteered to be welcome champions to 'host' small clusters of newbies to get some conversations started. I found it really difficult to get people to engage in conversations with me. A lot more difficult to engage with individuals than at aged care or retirement conferences.
- Separate email introducing such things as the app. I didn't find out about the app until well into the first day. If I had had it from the beginning it would have been great.
- separate out an area where the guest speaker can have the respect he deserved. very embarrassed by talking in the background and couldn't hear.

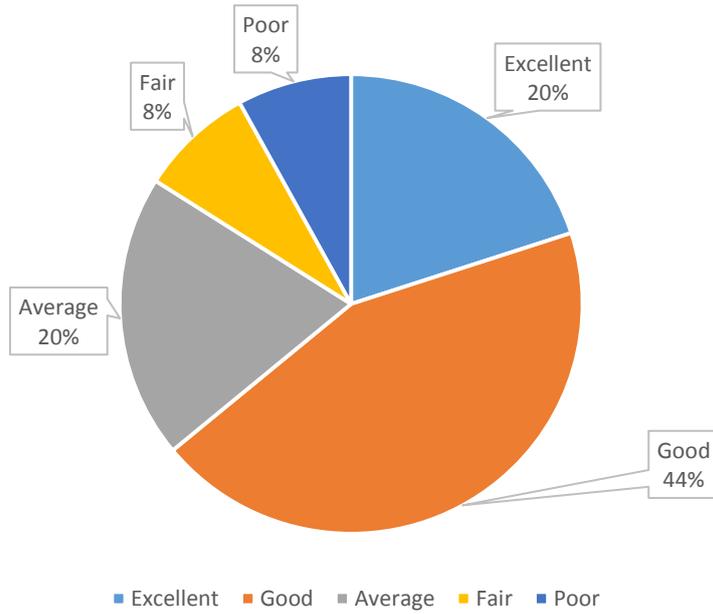
Which social functions did you participate in?



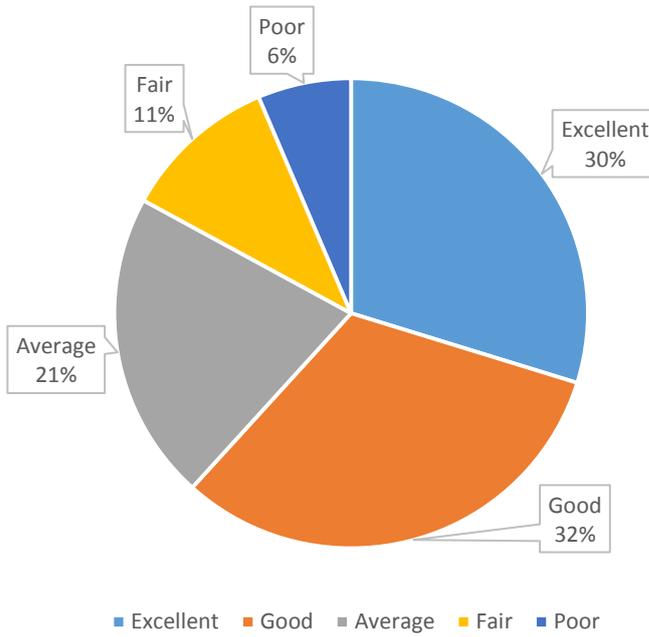
How did you rate the Welcome Reception Organisation?



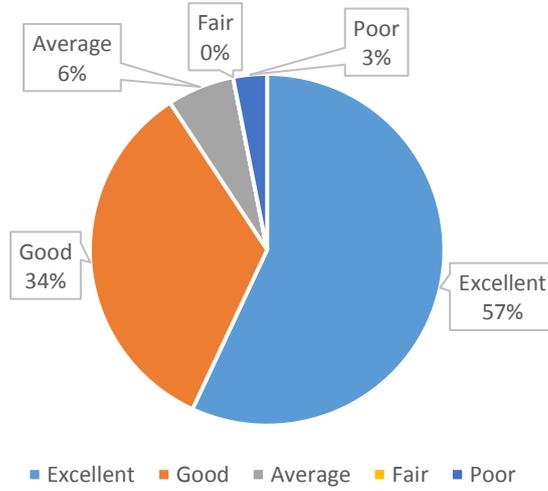
How did you rate the Welcome Reception Entertainment?



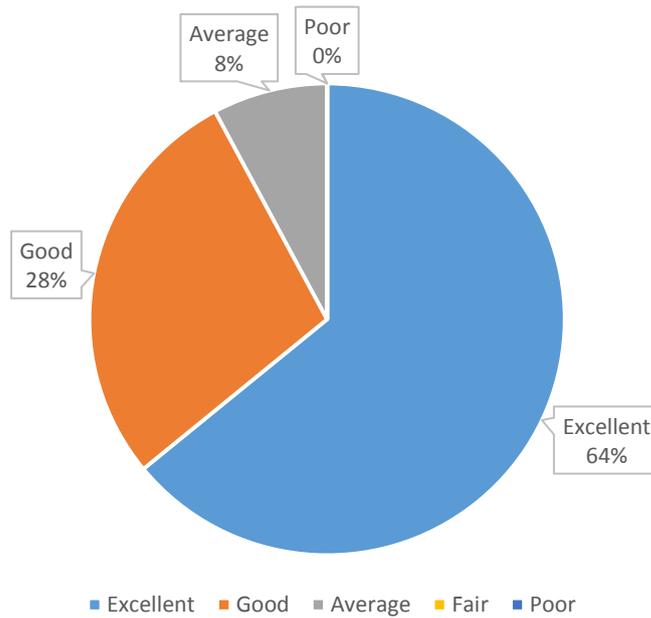
How did you rate the Welcome Reception Catering?



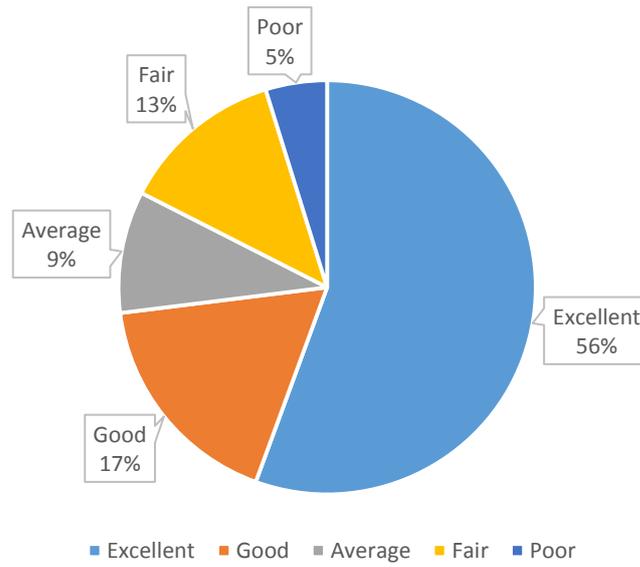
How did you rate the Conference Dinner Organisation?



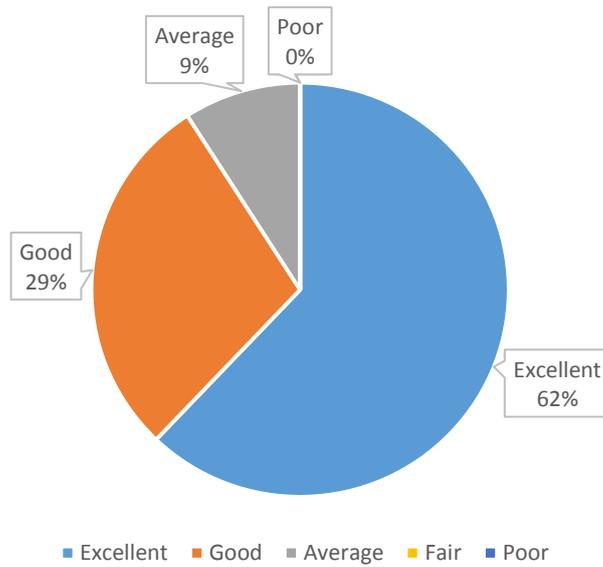
How did you rate the Conference Dinner Catering?



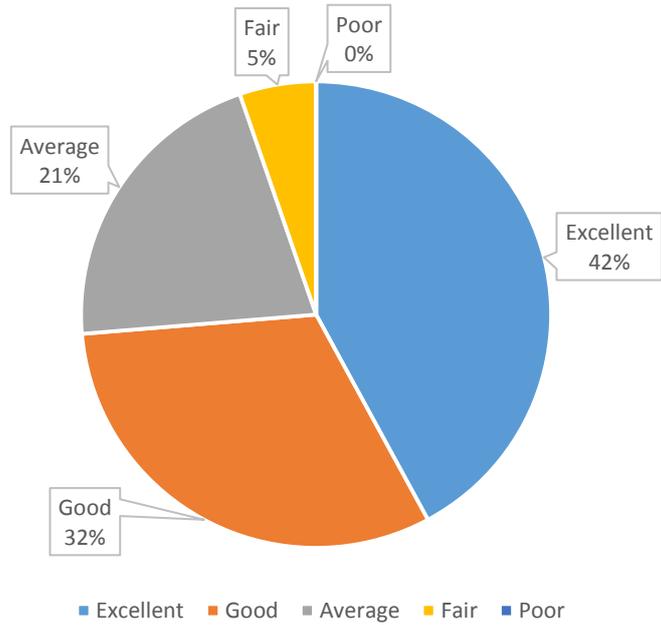
How did you rate the Conference Dinner Entertainment?



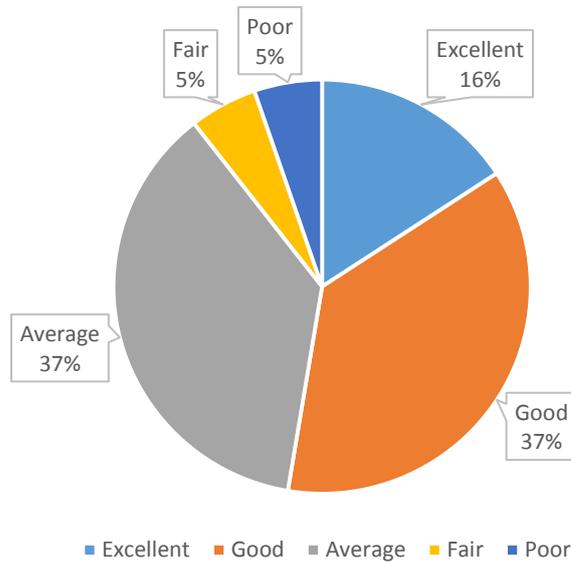
How did you rate the Conference Dinner transfers?



How did you rate the Farewell Celebration Organisation?



How did you rate the Farewell Celebration Catering?



Suggestions for social program diversification:

- A lot of people were saying at the welcome reception that they felt sorry for the speaker. Wrong time of day, and the speech too long, and people just wanted to talk and catch-up. He was having a hard time being heard, and it would not have been a good experience for him. It would have been nice to hear him speak at some other time, I'm sure it would have

been interesting (as it was, no-one could hear him - or they just ignored the speech and chose not to listen). Not very well organised at all. Perhaps just some soft music next time?

- Band was too noisy
- Better catering. Transport that drops off attendees at more locations. Music that is not so loud so that those who don't wish to dance can have a conversation without having to shout at the top of their lungs. The welcome reception and conference dinner was nowhere near as good as the ones that were in Alice Springs.
- Couldn't hear speaker
- Felt sorry for the speaker at welcome reception- that could have been a session. Suggest No speaker when people want to chat. Loud dinner music does not enable conversation. Soft, or no music between dancing
- Foyers of convention centres are very dull places for social interaction
- Great night!
- I am not one to attend the social programs. I am there for the learning.
- I didn't attend the conference dinner because I didn't know how to get there. The bus was announced much later. It is best when conference dinners are close to the conference venue
- I don't think there should be a speaker at this - people just want to mingle and chat, not stand and listen - there is plenty of listening time at the conference. Background music yes, speaker no.
- I drove myself to the dinner, but was not aware of any transportation for the dinner. I did not attend the final session on the Thursday, if that was where bus etc. were announced
- I have only attended the Canberra and Alice Springs conferences but the conference dinners at both venues were outstanding and highlighted sensational aspects of the cities we visited.
- I really like the whole notion of getting away from the conference venue for the dinner. It was great in Alice, and also in Canberra, to see somewhere new...and to just get away from the 'conference space'
- I was disappointed that a number of extremely rude people talked through most of the welcome reception address by Mr Greg Tegart. Provision of some seating during that session may have been prudent instead of standing for 2 hours. The venues for the conference dinners have been outstanding for the 2 years that I have attended. The entertainment was also excellent.
- I was so disappointed with the scheduling of the speaker Greg Tegart during the welcome reception. I feel this was not an appropriate choice to have a speaker at all. I really wanted to hear what he had to say but could not hear anything because everyone obviously wanted to socialise after the first day of the conference, myself included. He would have been an excellent plenary speaker instead.
- I would suggest not to have a person giving a long speech at the welcome reception, after a day of listening to speakers the welcome reception should just be about socialisation. The long speech was meaningless to me and caused me to leave earlier than I planned
- If possible -some tables for people to talk easily. I.e. a Band that doesn't play TOO loudly! Definitely have "table lists" pre the Dinner so people can plan ahead to sit with friends from other States etc... VIP
- It was difficult for the speaker to be heard at the welcome reception and many ignored him, which was unfortunate. If there is to be a speaker, they need to have better support. At the dinner, it was impossible to continue conversations because the music was so loud - particularly inconsiderate in light of being AAG and many older people attending. The main

purpose is to converse - not to dance (although that was fun too!!) Invited speakers were very enjoyable to listen to.

- It was disappointing that people talked through Greg's address at the Welcome reception. A conference organiser/official should have taken charge and asked people to be quiet.
- It was unfortunate to have the speaker at the event. Many people did not listen to them. They would have been better to present in the opening.
- It was unfortunate that a speaker was allocated at the welcome reception. People were talking during his presentation and that was not fair on him. However, a welcome reception is a time to mingle and meet new people and friends, so perhaps do not schedule a guest speaker for then.
- It would have been good to have a cordoned off area for the welcome reception and the guest speaker was very hard to hear unless we were up the front. So maybe a call to attention and asking the crowd to gather in closer would've helped
- No
- No one spoke to us during the whole conference. As it was my first, and my paper was late in the last day, I knew no one and no one knew me. So I can't see the point in going to receptions where people only network with those they already know and no one plays 'host' to ensure people are introduced and included. This true of most conferences not just this one. But had my paper been earlier, that would have helped as this is a way of becoming known - and I did get a lot of discussion and feedback, but without the time to build on it.
- No speeches at the welcome reception. The occasion and the background noise did not provide a fair forum for the speakers Reduce volume of music at the dinner. Conversation was impeded.
- Perhaps if the guest speaker could talk for a little longer?
- Thank you for providing multiple opportunities to connect and network with others!
- the acoustics of the conference dinner venue were every poor - need to check this out before booking. The venue was stunning in other respects. The speakers were good but difficult to hear and the music far too loud. The welcome reception also suffered from poor acoustics.
- The arboretum was a lovely venue however not suited to the entertainment. The acoustics were appalling and those at tables and either did not wish to or could not dance, could not talk to each other while the music was on. At the conference centre catering company was average - the stage opening of the catering tables was terrible. I personally missed out on lunch one day as our session finished late. By the time we were out, there was no food left. However, half an hour later more food appeared - by this time I was due at another session. This happened to a number of people during the conference.
- the band was too loud at the conference dinner and also did not sit with the theme- I was unable to network at my table as I couldn't hear anyone. Please think about those delegates who attend and are not part of a large group- it is very isolating to be on a table and not be able to even hear the person next to you as opposed to interacting with anyone else on the table
- the catering for gluten free at the conference dinner was fantastic
- The conference dinner venue was outstanding, and a short commute back to accommodation is always a bonus.
- the entrance and checking off names for the dinner was very cumbersome and people were in line for considerable periods of time- this has to be improved

- The lengthy delay to enter the venue for the conference dinner with those checking lists spending a long time chatting to people and waving through those they knew was the only reason that I did not give excellent for organisation. It was a very enjoyable and fun night. One of the better conference dinners that I have attended.
- The PA system problems meant that we could not hear the speeches in our area of the venue. This was pretty frustrating. Some people hated the loud music - others liked it and got into it (just like at weddings). I suggest that we think about setting aside a quiet area so people who don't like the music can go and chat without getting cross. The band were excellent.
- The speaker at the Welcome Reception, while excellent, was drowned out by people chatting and networking. Probably not necessary to have a speaker here as by the end of the first day people just wanted to catch up, not listen.
- the speeches at the welcome reception were hard to hear and perhaps not the best place to have these people talk Really loved both speakers at the dinner for the right amount of time.
- The venue itself was wonderful
- The venue was unsuitable for speaker/s. Those on my table could NOT hear either speaker with so many at dinner tables engaging in conversation further exacerbating the difficulty/impossibility of hearing the two speakers. Transfer from the dinner should have earlier. I got a taxi from the venue to my accommodation.
- The welcome reception was very relaxed. I was on my own and found that participants were inclusive of everyone and it was easy to approach everyone and join a conversation. AAG committee and staff were wonderful in ensuring people were included. Thank you!
- Very difficult to hear - sounded like it would have been interesting.
- Welcome reception Very poor organisation, speaker was not given due respect as people kept talking. He is distinguished in his field and I thought it was very poor. Perhaps also not the appropriate occasion for his type of speech. Would have been better as a plenary. Food took forever to come and was very sparse when it did. Dinner Music was way too loud. We were in the far corner yet still had to yell at each other to be heard and could only have conversation with one or two people at a time. I felt like I was 18 again at a pub listening to a band. Venue was good however it would have been nice to have had access to some of the parts of the arboretum. What is the point of going out of the city when you can't enjoy the location, particularly when it has ramifications for transport and people getting back to their hotels?
- Whilst it was my first conference, I fully expected to connect with people by the time the welcome reception was on. As is the case in other industry conferences. But as I mention above, I found people were not interested in relaxed conversations with people they didn't know.
- Why have speeches at the welcome reception? We had been listening to formal presentations all day? I just wanted to mingle and network. I left early because I didn't want to stand around listening to more talks and because the food was poor and there was virtually none of it.

Suggestions for improvements to exhibition and knowledge hub:

- All stand holders seemed happy with the contacts they had with delegates
- Better signage to direct people.

- Catering at the convention centre was not great. Kept running out of food and long lines. The water for the tea was always cold!
- Depends on the venue
- For this particular conference, the layout wasn't great, especially when the food stations (which randomly seemed to be 'open' or 'closed' depending on the whim of the venue staff...) are in between. And also, the fact that there were not many places to sit with your food...
- I don't really understand the 'Knowledge Hub'. How is it different to the other stands?
- I liked where it was located, so that I could collect my lunch and then have a walk around the poster section and then into the knowledge hub.
- I only visited the Knowledge Hub on one occasion and found it interesting and gave an opportunity to speak to the stall holders and collect material.
- I think the KH is a great innovation
- I thought the poster display boards were laminated so didn't bring pins to attach to the carpet boards, so in the information given it would be good to have exact details of what you need to bring along to attach to the board.
- I thought the venue was very sterile (and hot) with not enough seats. The food options were not very nice and there were not enough serving tables.
- I was hoping for more. Would more national organisations be interested in attending?
- I wonder if it would be better to scatter groups of posters in different sections of the main area - near a coffee point or something, which makes the information intake more 'incidental' and perhaps might actually reach people who otherwise wouldn't look at the presentations? people can chat/peruse and refresh at the same time some of the posters in sections around the main area, rather than have them all in the centre - it always feels as if people are 'lost souls'
- It needed a more attractive set up, there seemed to have been little forethought to the setup
- It was well laid out; perhaps a few more clinical type stands would be great.
- larger rooms for the presenters
- Maybe some more visual, dynamic displays to generate interest?
- More seating
- No - it was well planned. Thanks.
- No this was good
- No, keep up the good work. Was interesting.
- Remove the posters from between the exhibitors. They divided the area and prevented the free flow of traffic and interaction.
- seating in area nearby
- The catering arrangements were not good- the lines were very long, and despite this, and the centre kept some of the tables of food covered. The space was also very cramped
- The food was very ordinary, though well organised.
- The knowledge hubs were located near the lunch area and it was too noisy and distracting. The exhibition area should be given more prominence.
- This was good and well organised.
- Thought the posters were great

Positive aspects of conference:

- Access to such a diverse range of information, through the presentations, other sessions, and exhibition.
- always good to catch up with colleagues
- Always the networking and the quality of presentations
- Apart from some confusion at the commencement of the conference as to the location of the break out rooms, I felt that the conference went very smoothly with a number of choices for the concurrent sessions and some excellent speakers.
- attendance and variety of options to hear different subject matter.
- being able to network and the plenary sessions
- Being able to present my work The ACCOM workshop
- Being informed about what is working in the community.
- Being there, listening to the presentations and having a chance to discuss topics of interest with other people.
- Breadth of presenters and topics offered. Opportunity to network.
- Contrasting views and ideas on aged and ageing
- Diverse program, interesting mix of approaches in sessions
- Diverse topics around ageing - not just medical or sickness related
- For me: Collegiality and relationship maintenance and building
- Friendship; networking; information.
- Given the fact we were robbed and missed 1.5 parts of the conference, I do not feel very positive about the conference at all
- Good range of concurrent sessions & speakers
- Great atmosphere, very welcoming and wonderfully organised.
- Great experience to gain knowledge in a broader context than my usual working environment and network with other colleagues.
- great networking opportunities provided catering was top notch some excellent plenaries
- Great to network and learn about the latest research and views in aged care
- Hearing a variety of topics related to ageing, not just residential care in which I am based.
- Hearing Ken Wyatt and Mark Butler speak
- High quality diverse multidisciplinary content
- I enjoyed some of the plenary sessions, particularly the one by Mark Butler. I also enjoyed the Q&A component of it. The conference dinner was good. The panel session on superannuation was good.
- I really learned from the research reports, knowing that positions were based on evidence,
- I re-connected with an old colleague, which will be a valuable relationship to nurture. I also received positive feedback on my oral presentation, which was pleasing.
- Interesting posters, exhibition area and talks
- It allowed me to get across latest research and evaluation. Interaction with other colleagues is very important.
- it was great to have hard evidence about the topics to take back and use in my practice. I also became more keen on doing research myself; and I enjoyed networking
- Learning a few things, catching up with old friends and making a few more
- Learning from enthusiastic & capable people! An opportunity to encourage younger Professionals. Intergenerational learning / wisdom passed on informally.

- Mix of academic and practice presentations
- Most enjoyable networking with industry professionals
- Multidisciplinary networking, varied presentations.
- Networking
- networking
- Networking
- Networking
- networking
- Networking and hearing about the range of research
- Networking and multiple presentations available
- Networking opportunities
- Networking with a great group of people. Knowledge sharing.
- Networking with others working in similar areas and being able to touch base with people I'd previously met (both through AAG and elsewhere)
- Networking, a good array of different delegates, the number of delegates, the organisation (always very professional)
- Networking, learning about research, being energised by the enthusiasm for ageing.
- Networking, making connections, some interesting bits of information to take home
- Networking, particularly with policy people and early career researchers
- Networking
- Once again - the comradery, generosity of spirit in sharing ideas and resources - especially the structured approach to nurturing, encouraging and mentoring the 'next generation' of gerontologists - was indicative of just how wonderful an organisation the AAG is! And the conference dinner - venue superb! and music absolutely fabulous! - looking forward to getting on the dancefloor again next year!
- Opportunities to network with interstate colleagues and to make new contacts
- opportunity to find out more about ASCOT and didn't know about the ACCOM. The variety of the program.
- Plenary presentations and the table top presentations were all excellent.
- Range of people is good
- Some good translational research/ projects being completed at other hospitals. Excellent plenary Day 2 first session
- tabletop networking and sharing of ideas
- tabletop sessions
- The AAG conference provides a wide variety of topics of interest to many people within the aging field. It is a very social /sociable event and a great way to keep in touch with other professionals and current research and trends.
- The conference dinner was brilliant and the shuttle buses a great idea. I also found that the people attending were mostly very friendly and welcoming, and the program was nicely designed.
- The discussions around CDC
- The enthusiasm and interest in improving life for older persons
- The friendliness and collegiality. The interesting presentations, and the chance to network over social events (that are included in the price of the registration)
- The friendliness of most people - a convivial and supportive environment.
- The networking and meeting new people.

- The networking opportunities particularly for early career researchers were extremely valuable and well organised. The highlight for me was the breakfast with the stars - such a great idea!
- The networking, conference venue, collegiality of AAG members and staff
- The presentations and networking
- The quality of the presenters
- The retirement seminars and networking
- The variety of presents and particularly enjoyed the non-medical topics i.e. Finance/retirement etc. The AAG staff manning the desk were always very helpful.
- There was very good presentations and talks from most of them and very stimulating. makes you think how else could we be better at our jobs?
- This conference provided me with fabulous views of positive ageing. As I work in aged care, it I found this to be a welcomed change from aged 'care' focused conferences that I usually attend. I am involved with the development of a new RACF so I really appreciated the focus on Baby Boomers and the positive ageing we are enjoying.
- Variety of highly qualified speakers
- Very good range of presentations - on evidence and importantly, the translation of evidence.
- Well organised
- Wide range of relevant presentations
- Wide range of research and speakers presented

What would you change/do differently?

- A better mixture of diverse academics and industry speakers. Ageing is an interdisciplinary issue and needs to be addressed from this perspective. It is affecting all aspects of society, yet we are not addressing them all. We have a tendency to try to fit things into disciplines.
- A bit more information for people who are new, students, or presenting for the first time about how the conference runs (what those bells mean!), and what is the difference between a "plenary" and "keynote"? Sometimes it is just assumed that people will know these things, but if you've never been to a conference before it can be confusing. Also, the brekkie with the stars was brilliant, but the early presenters had trouble getting to the convention centre on time due to distance/taxis that didn't arrive.
- A little more about hospital challenges and changes and less-community focussed
- Allow more time for tabletop presentation discussions
- as a new attendee not knowing what a table top discussion session was limited my attendance/willingness to attend
- Better catering and overall organisation of the conference, particularly the tabletop presentations. Also if you are inviting guest speakers please ensure that attendees do not talk as it is very rude. It is best to consider the right time and place for some of these speeches.
- better communication eg did not know where the rooms were on the first day. signage not great and nobody to ask.
- Catering is always difficult with a large number of people, and this the Canberra venue there were not enough tables or places to sit, difficult to juggle food and drink while standing. I acknowledge there was space on the ground floor, but the food was not served in that area.
- concurrent sessions - a lot of them were on together at the same time. I wanted to join both but obviously couldn't.

- Conference that is closer to accommodation options and more intimate
- Could we possibly have a broader range of topics to present, i.e. last year we focussed on rural issues, this wasn't in the presentations at all this year, perhaps a link to the previous year's conference would have been good.
- Cross over - where research has been applied and results are now being seen
- directions for rooms
- Disappointing - no new stuff. Presenting that that has been known for a long time is not inspiring. Disappointing - the widening disconnects between the AAG and Geriatric Medicine. AAG has a degree of unreality.
- Ensure the clear identification of breakout rooms from the onset as this was confusing on Day 1.
- finding rooms were not so easy without any signs outside the door. I noticed that the sign was there on the day 2 but it wasn't on day 1 (or it wasn't any where I could see easily, if it was there).
- Have clear signage regarding location of concurrent sessions.
- I did a breakfast with the starts and it was quite a way from the conference which meant I was late to the sessions as it ran over time. There needs to be tight timing at the breakfast - the 30-minute change-over was not promptly enforced so the event went over time. There should be very clear and precise timing and a designated end time so participants get to their sessions in plenty of time. I think it's a good event, just think it needs to be tightly managed.
- I felt that it was a bit disorganized on the first day on arrival and there was no information about rooms etc. Also even though I told them I was presenting they did not check my slides were uploaded or direct me anywhere in particular (and my slides were not uploaded which I found out once I went to the session itself which was a bit stressful!) Also lunch was pretty chaotic and the food was not great but that is not the fault of the AAG- that is the Canberra Convention Centre's responsibility.
- I suggest the Organisers of the AAG Conferences be encouraged to consult the Conference Food Catering guidelines from the Dietitians Association of Australia.
- I think there needs to be more engaged discussion like writer's festivals have where a chair person interviews a panel or researcher about their work. This would be more engaging than the very passive presentation process with endless PowerPoint slides.
- I thought the catering was not really up to par. No coffee on arrival. Some of us had to travel each day.
- I thought the venue and catering was poor. Overall, the other 2 conference I have attended were much better.
- I thought we rattled around a bit in that big venue compared to the perfect scale of the venue in Alice Springs
- I would be interested in a broader range of topics to do with ageing well - more about late working life, social support, creative arts
- I would like the app earlier to plan my conference experience better.
- I'm not sure there were too many opportunities for older people themselves to actively participate in the conference; we've got really good at engaging the emerging researchers, but it would also be good if we could model consumer-centric philosophy we espouse in the context of the conference.
- Improve the catering
- Improve the catering

- Improve the catering - the general catering was woeful: poor choice of food, inconvenient locations, annoying separation of food & drink at morning & afternoon teas
- It was a little confusing on the first day where sessions were located - it would be helpful to include the location in the program
- It's way too long! if you are serious about spending the health dollar effectively then this is an old fashioned conference. Too long and not enough tech solutions in either poster presentations or plenary
- More Aboriginal content. More remote / regional content; consider 6 minute presentations Pecha Kucha style 20 slides in 6/ 40 sec. Very good at forcing people to get to the point. Check out on internet is worldwide practice. Perhaps trial at Perth workshop and more presenters opportunity to showcase work. I would help organise
- more clinical focus, very research focused
- More diverse topics. Each year it is heavily focussed on biomedical aspects of ageing and the aged care sector. Perhaps encouraging more sessions on interdisciplinary of research, technology, design, organisational/work aspects, demography, law, business, ethics, agriculture, nutrition, pets, etc.
- More focus/highlight of students/early career
- More food (variety and volume) for people on special diets. I had to wait each lunchtime for more for. Healthier options at tea breaks. More seating in poster and break out areas
- More information on abstract and profession of speakers in concurrent session
- Much better programming so similar topics do not clash - given the diversity, there was no need for this. Also some sessions were poorly constructed with disparate papers linked together - makes discussion hard as there is an inadequate focus
- Much larger input from our First Australians. More challenging content (we need to know more about what we do not know rather than more about what we do) Greater emphasis on translation of research into practice (sharing of models)
- My first one so no comment
- No opinion at this stage - I generally agree with the format, but the poor audio in the plenary as well the the concurrent sessions was very annoying and unprofessional; academics are NOT automatically also effective presenters
- No speaker at Welcome Reception Some modification of music at dinner
- None.
- Not scheduling a speaker during the welcome reception. Some changes to the arrangement of the table top presentation session. Reduce the length of time for plenary speakers.
- Opening needed greater energy. venue and lighting was poor details of location of sessions was poor
- Personally, I would like to see a bit about the science of dementia. Adelaide had a good sprinkling of the science.
- Please provide more variety and allow others to have the opportunity to present emerging research in a more equitable manner- it felt like a dominance of multiple posters and presentations was present of the same people from the same large well-funded research groups. also there was too much emphasis on these large groups and not enough newly emerging research from early career researchers- the conference left me feeling as though AAG was overly elitist and was pandering to product marketing in the table top sessions, and oral presentations as opposed to distribution of knowledge.
- Preferable to conclude at lunch time on the Friday. I felt "conferenced-out" and left at morning tea time.

- Really need to capture the key themes that emerge from the conference. these can be used to feedback to ministers eg Ken Wyatt, as well as the AAG membership and strategic direction of the AAG.
- See earlier comments about the nature of the presentations. Get a much better venue. It was poorly sign posted and the food was awful, particularly lunch which was of poor quality and we had to wait forever for it come.
- Setting my agenda by presentation rather than by room. Less academics and more showcasing of work on the ground (happening in practice)
- Some "outside time" during the day would be beneficial instead of 3 full days inside a building.
- Structured poster sessions
- Temperature control in the venue
- The catering was a bit hit and miss. Some of the layout as noted before
- The catering was uninspiring and at times in short supply There didn't seem to be as many interesting presentations this year compared to Adelaide. Perhaps because Adelaide was my first AAG conference I was more impressed with the content
- The instructions given to us as exhibitors were incorrect. In contrast to what we were told, exhibitors were able to attend any session. We were told only full fee paying participants could attend. We were told to bring high vis vests but I was the only person with one on. The trouble it took to get one from our facilities management department was not needed.
- the lunch service could have been improved by more serving places. Taking flight times into consideration might increase the numbers staying til the end.
- the networking morning tea; table top discussions - run them as concurrent sessions
- the only problem I had was trying to work out where the rooms for the concurrent sessions were initially but once I found them all was good. So perhaps an overhead map on the projector on the first morning session would've been good. A lot of people were wandering around with the same problem on the first day!
- The plenary sessions were disappointing. The economics of ageing session was particularly poor but other keynotes were also substandard. The exceptions were the session on ASCOT and Mark Butler
- The quality of the presentations was not great this year.
- Too many specific study talks on research, not enough practical or reality based projects/programmes
- Try strategic networking (voluntary) option where delegates choose topic from list and congregate around a lunch/break area for an informal discussion on that topic
- WiFi access was a BIG challenge. No fault of the AAG but a conference venue should have this easily accessible and unlimited for delegates
- You mean, what was worst? If you have politicians in the room, do the work. AAG is a peak body. Use the power rather than feeling lucky a politician/treasury/finance person turned up. They need you.

Please provide any further feedback that you may have:

- Better balance of clinical and applied social research on ageing. It felt as if there were more presentations on clinical research this time. I didn't find the program that appealing.
- better signage - people were a bit lost better time keeping / not waving arms. Ring a bell or tap a glass name was omitted from program - someone else name. But I made a new friend. Thanks to organisers

- Can we please have abstracts of presentations, and also where the presenter is from, in the printed programme? I know it makes it larger and more expensive, but the app doesn't/won't suit everyone
- Cassandra was fantastic!!! What an asset you have there.
- Catering: many of us found that the food had run out by the time we got to the service area
- Choose a venue other than a bland and interchangeable convention centre.
- Congratulations to the organisers and Michael in particular. It's a difficult gig and it was well done. I know you probably didn't have much choice in the caterers!
- Could the PhD presenters please be identified in the program? I appreciate the valuable work they do and, as we know, aged care really needs an improved evidence base. However, from a participant view, much of the research was in the methodology phase and the outcomes (which I was really interested in taking back to my clinical workplace and practice) were not yet available.
- Emails and other correspondence regarding conference and social engagements should be sent out > 1 week prior to conference date (?on enrolment) to allow for p/time staff who may not access work emails and/or planning for themed social events where enrolment has been done by the organisation vs individual.
- Excellent conference - and one that I'll continue prioritise
- I am really impressed with the quality of presenter and presentation. I'd like more plenaries because they were really worth attending. I liked the research reports because they're evidence based information which is relevant to my work. I will bring my team to the next AAG Conference so we can all learn from it. I'd like to congratulate AAG for a terrific conference (notwithstanding that I didn't find it welcoming!).
- I have had no information provided regarding the abstracts. I would like to review the sessions I attended to pass on the information to my work colleagues but I don't know where to find them
- I liked the little ribbons we had in Alice - I thought they were so good for getting to know new people. And I think everybody enjoyed them and I know some missed them this year.
- I thoroughly enjoyed the experience
- I was able to achieve my goals for attending.
- Improve audio; in-service presenters on using the microphone & not constantly addressing the projection screen, or mumble into the laptop in front of them
- It was a very good conference and provided information on research, politics and economic issues related to gerontology. Also sessions on design and future tense projects were excellent.
- It's a heap of hard work arranging a conference - thanks for all the time and effort put in by the team.
- It's time to update the conference outline.
- More variety please and celebration of research that doesn't fit into a large well-funded corporate body. Promotion is also required of the International conferences publication of presentations in the Australian Journal of Ageing as a special issue
- na
- NSW yearly regional conferences are now combined with ACC, expensive and not worth attending AAG being subservient to ACC>
- overall, fabulous, and cannot wait to go next year in Perth, it should be great fun :)
- Perhaps evening sessions - to allow greater flexibility for people to attend
- Rapid fire poster session was excellent - it should be repeated

- Thank you to the organising committee.
- Thanks to all the organisers - well done!
- The catering organization was a challenge at times. Again no fault of the AAG but the venue. They were very slow in replenishing food and bringing out snacks at the Welcome reception. Two of my colleagues had registered with special diets included in their booking and often there was no, or very little amount of food for them. When the awards are presented during the conference dinner it would be helpful to let the audience know why the winner was receiving the award. I actually spoke to a winner who did not know why she got a particular award. Similarly, I asked a committee member and they also did not know. I would also like to commend the overall organization of the conference. Everything about the Conference dinner was FANTASTIC!!!!!!
- The Conference Program really was excellent -and the atmosphere good also. Congratulations!
- The conference space was good except for THE LACK OF SEATING. Are only fit, active and young people expected to attend and ageing conference? The seating that was available was uncomfortable and 'out of the way' so was for disengaging rather than engaging more comfortably. Even had to ask staff at every meal for chairs for people with crutches - only a few staff were gracious (very) and some were curt to the point of rudeness.
- The food and catering were excellent (please pass this on)
- The food was plentiful and excellent healthy choices and the allergy table had a wide variety.
- Think I have said enough
- This conference was a friendly and inclusive event. The topics were varied in interests. On a person level, I came away with a positive attitude on my own ageing and a plan! I intend to do further study which is in contrast to my acceptance that I was happy to 'live with the regret' that I didn't complete a master's degree
- This is the first conference that I recall which wasn't facilitated by East Coast Conferences. I have known those girls for a very long time and was a bit sad that they didn't seem to be involved anymore. However, I really couldn't fault the organisation of this conference and on reflection, it really is a sign of the organisation's maturation and growing internal resources - which is good for members to be able to witness! I think having the AAG personnel and Committee members actively involved in the day to day running of the event was emblematic of the ethos of the AAG - multidisciplinary and all working alongside each other toward a common goal! thanks again!
- This year's conference was very disappointing and flat. The organisation was very poor. Felt like it was being run on a tight budget. The catering was appalling. Too little variety and not enough. Sausage rolls that come from a packet, and meat party pies are not suitable fare for afternoon tea, nor is one small tray of pastries that disappear in a minute. One lunch selection with rice and noodle salad is also not very good. Insufficient quantities of fruit. Seating arrangements in plenary sessions also difficult with tables rather than rows of seating which meant that some people had their back to the speaker or were twisted sideways. This was evidence by the number of people who chose to sit in the 'bleacher' rows, despite them being cordoned off. Bus from dinner venue - while I rated this highly, it was only because the bus driver went out of his way to get people as close to their hotels as possible. The four that were the designated drop offs seemed to be clustered together and would have left many people to walk 15 or so minutes late at night, or try and get a taxi.
- Well done
- Well done to the organisers for another great conference.

- Would be good to offer delegates massages, physical activity, other 'wellbeing' options pre/post day or in breaks