

AUSTRALIAN GRAIN STORAGE & PROTECTION CONFERENCE

MEETING MARKET REQUIREMENTS

NWPGP

National Working Party on Grain Protection



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4-5 JUNE 2025

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CONFERENCE REPORT



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The Australian Grain Storage and Protection Conference is convened by Grain Trade Australia and chaired by National Working Party on Grain Protection (NWPGP) which is funded by Grains Australia Limited.

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The Australian grain industry came together in Melbourne on **4–5 June 2025** for the **52nd Australian Grain Storage & Protection Conference**, continuing its long-standing commitment to safeguarding market access and maintaining the industry's reputation for providing clean, safe grain.

NWPGP Chair Gerard McMullen described the event as a cornerstone of the industry calendar. He mentioned that The NWPGP Conference supports the vital role of science combined with stewardship across the supply chain, helping enhance the global reputation of Australian grain as a high-quality, safe product.

Over 35 speakers and industry experts provided information to 200 delegates on a range of research findings, communication and extension activities conducted and supported by various industry and government organisations such as the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), Grains Research and Development Corporation's (GRDC) Grain Storage Extension Team and state Government agencies.

Grain Trade Australia has a long association and history with the NWPGP conference and is proud to be a conference organiser. **GTA CEO Pat O'Shannassy** opened the 2025 conference with a strong message about transparency and accountability.

A clear message was that three things create value for industry, growers and all other businesses that make up our great industry - **Product, Confidence and Reputation**. That is why events like NWPGP matter. As market expectations increase and become more demanding there is a requirement for both industry and government to consider how to ensure supply chain participants are capable and adequately trained in the necessary steps to be compliant.

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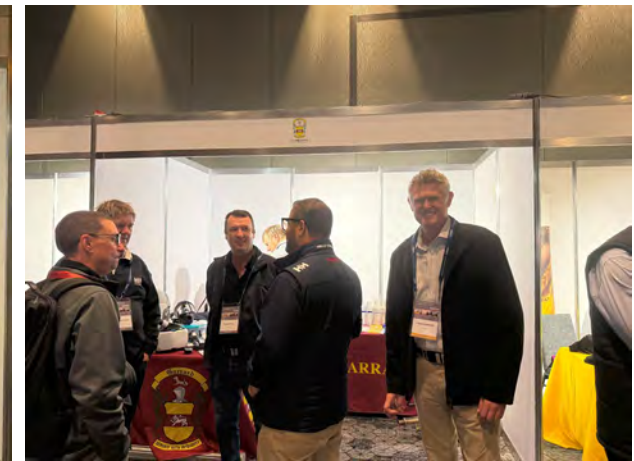
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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

36
Speakers

200 Delegates



Conference
APP & Polls

2 day
Program

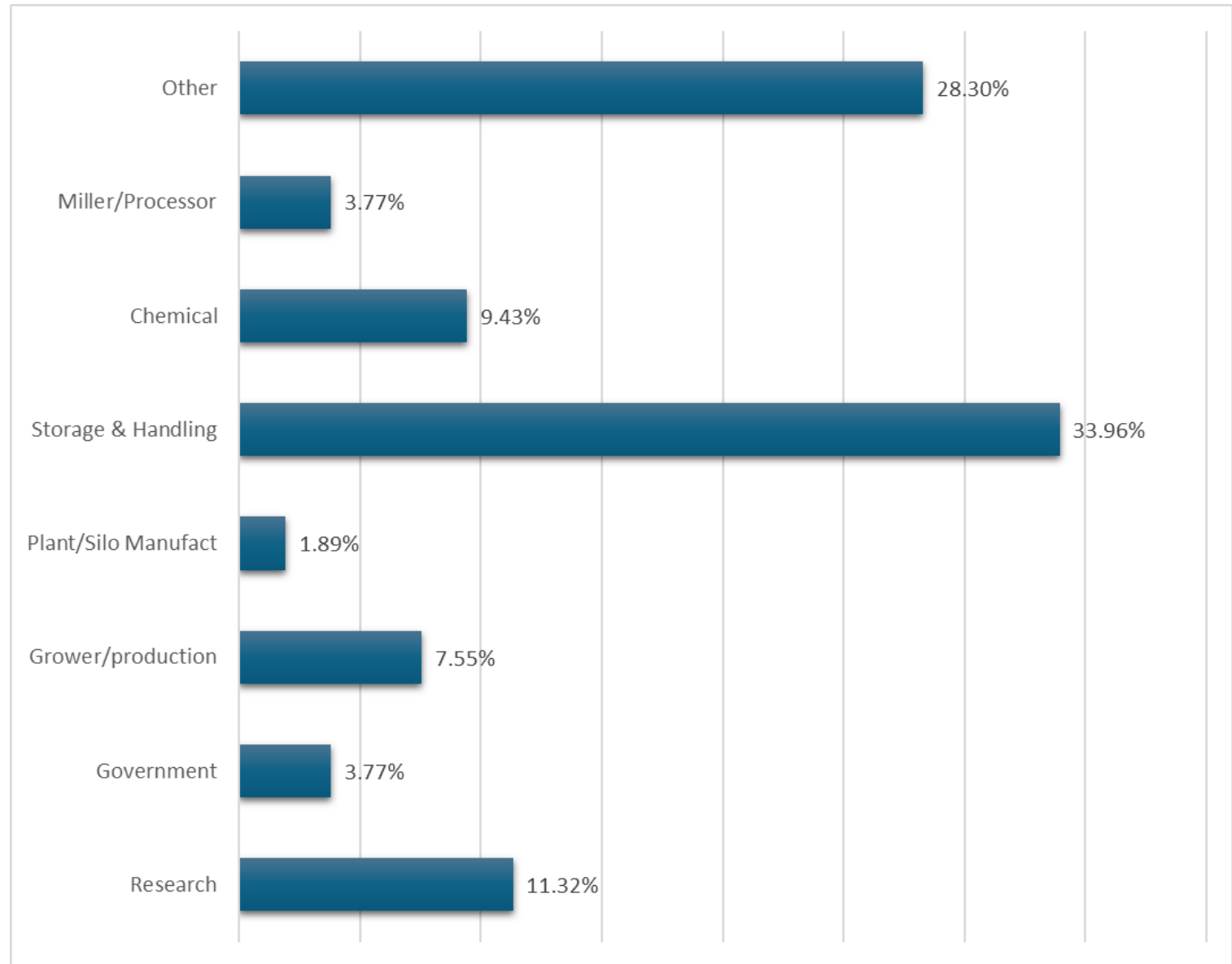
New
venue

8 Gold
Sponsors

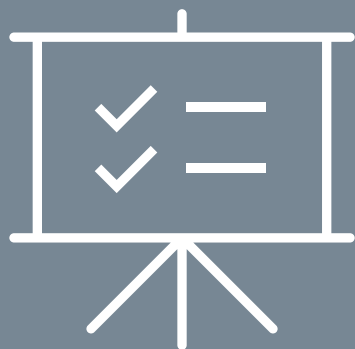
Record
attendance

Virtual
Access

DELEGATE PARTICIPATION INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN



CONFERENCE PROGRAM & SPEAKERS



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NWPGP CONFERENCE PROGRAM 4-5 JUNE 2025
*Program is subject to change without notice. All times are AEDT.
DAY 1 – 4 June 2025

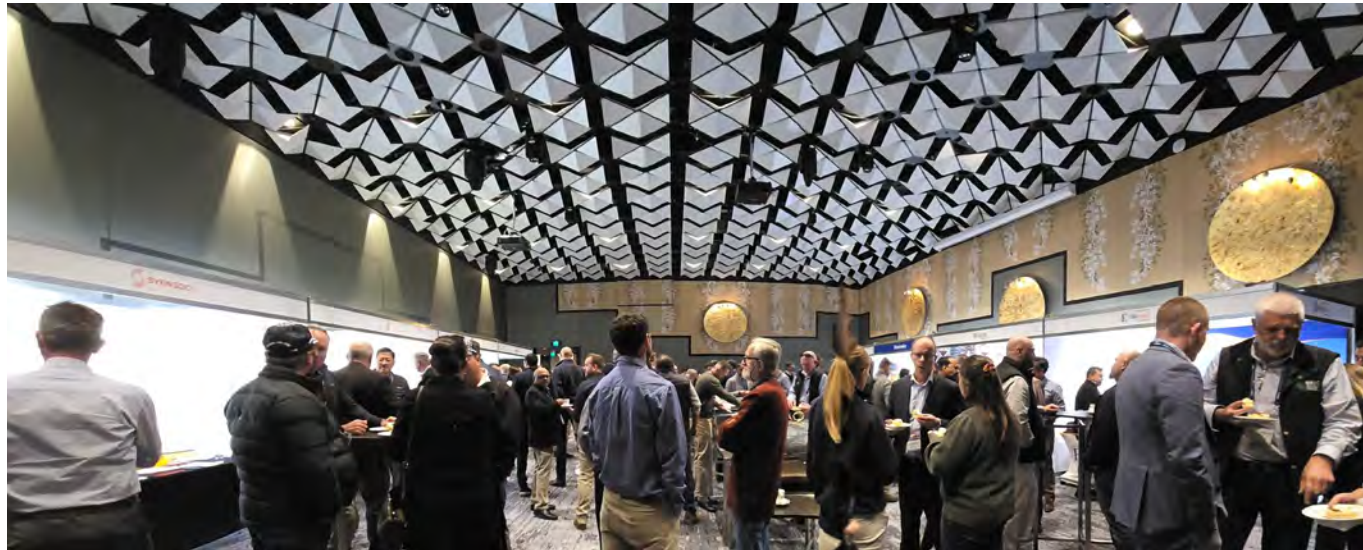
Agenda Item	Presenter/Co-lead
Registration and tea/coffee	
Official Welcome	Pat O'Shannassy, CEO Grain Trade Australia
2025 meeting formalities	Gerard McMullen, Chair NWPGP
Update from APVMA on activities and AUS chemical review	Gaye Weller, APVMA
Latest Market Requirements	
MRLs and key market access issues	Gerard McMullen, Chair NWPGP
Quality management in storage – Falling Number project update	Dr Cassandra Walker, VIC DEECA
Networking Session – Gold Sponsor	Rod Martin, Polytex
Tea break - Sponsored by Grains Australia	
Insect Status, Control & Research	
Status of insect resistance & insect resistance management strategy going forward	Manoj Nayak, QLD DPI
Resistance trends	Floor Input
Treatments through the supply chain	Floor input including a Panel Session – Chris Warrick, Manoj Nayak, Abby Griffin
Grain protectants – is there a future & current	Raj Jagadeesan, QLD DPI
Phosphine for the industry: reviving phosphine (PH ₃) for	Craig Warnes, Garrards
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Sustainable Actions for Market Access	
Gold Sponsor	David Marrs, Douglas Products
to manage pests in-crop	Craig Farlow, Elders
Diatomaceous Earth in silos	Alex Conway, GRDC Extension Team
the storage sector	Michael Whitehead, ANZ
Sponsor	Matt Brownson, Ronlin
Sponsored by Grains Australia	

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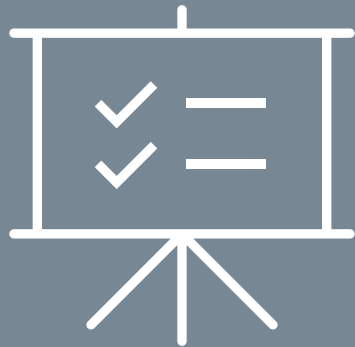
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PRESENTATIONS & SESSIONS



CONFERENCE PROGRAM & SPEAKERS



SPEAKERS



Gerard McMullen
Chair - NWPGP



Pat O'Shannassy
CEO - GTA



Gaye Weller,
APVMA



Manoj Nayak
QLD DAF



Chris Warrick
GRDC Extension Team



Jenna Garwood
DAFF - NRS



Raj Jagadeesan
QLD DAF



Pat Wilson
GrainCorp



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Agriculture VIC



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SPEAKERS



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Shannon Brothers



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CHS Broadbent



Nikki Fleming
GrainCorp



Craig Farlow
Elders

We thank our speakers, top industry experts with years of experience. They volunteer and commit their time to bring you the latest industry updates in Australian Grain Storage & Protection.

CONFERENCE INSIGHTS

- Regulations in Australia
- Chemical Regulations
- Insect Status & Control via Fumigation
- Phosphine fumigation
- Sustainable Actions for Market Access
- Industry On-Farm Activities
- GRDC update
- Storage Standards
- Market Access issues
- National Residue Survey
- Industry chemical market access priorities
- MRLS
- New technologies and updates from sponsors



7,991 impressions on LinkedIn
893 engagements on LinkedIn



7 EDMs sent (email campaigns)
Average open rate 63%, some up to 97%
15,304 email opens

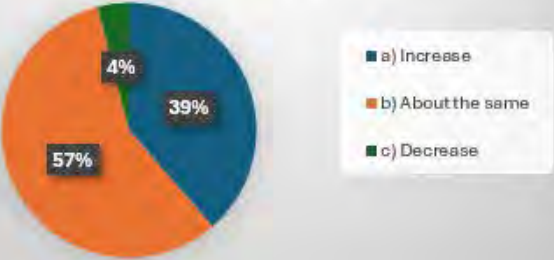


LIVE POLLING

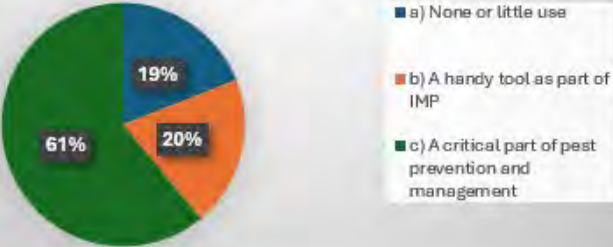


- Live polling of delegates was used to capture the mood on many key points throughout the 2-day event. This was conducted through Conference App
- These polls, collected anonymously and live from the audience, presented an invaluable opportunity to get insights into the industry participant's position and opinion on many important topics.

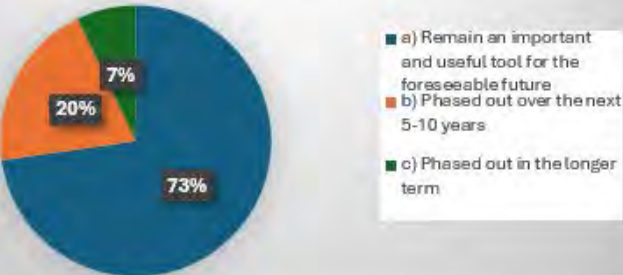
1. Over the past year have you seen insect pressure:



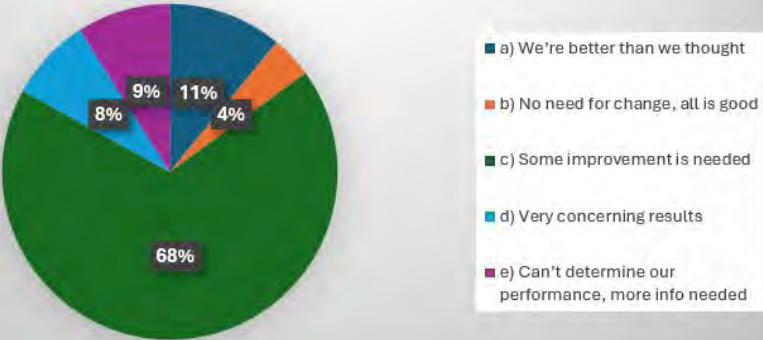
2. What’s your organisations current level of reliance on protectants:



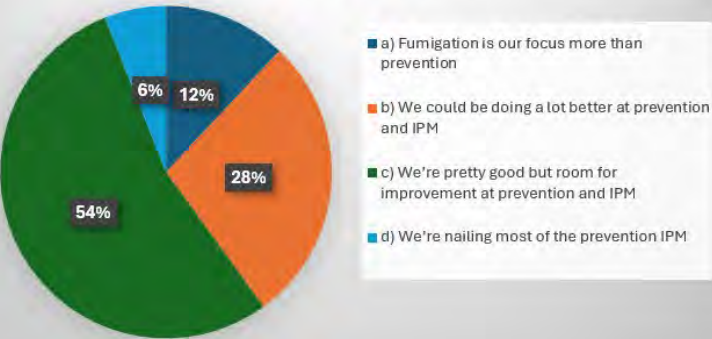
3. What’s your expectation on the future of protectant use in Australia?



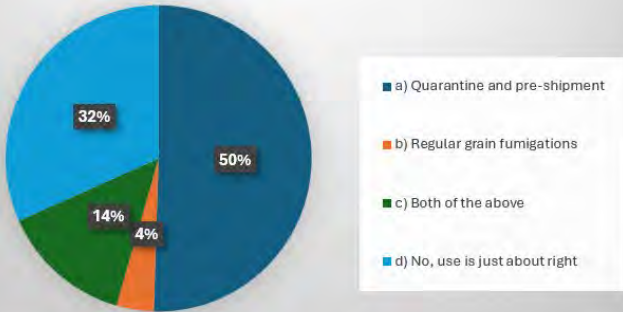
4. What do those residue results tell us about the need for industry to do more?



5. How would you rate your organisation’s current Pest Prevention practices?



7. Does the industry rely too much on methyl bromide for the following treatments?



NETWORKING FUNCTION



CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS

100%

Would recommend to a colleague in the industry

98%

Thought conference was good value for money

92%

Agreed Conference met their expectations

92%

Found value in the networking event

98%

Said registration process was simple & streamlined

100%

Would attend future events

CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS

94%

Thought Program was relevant and appropriate

100%

Agreed venue was suitable for the event

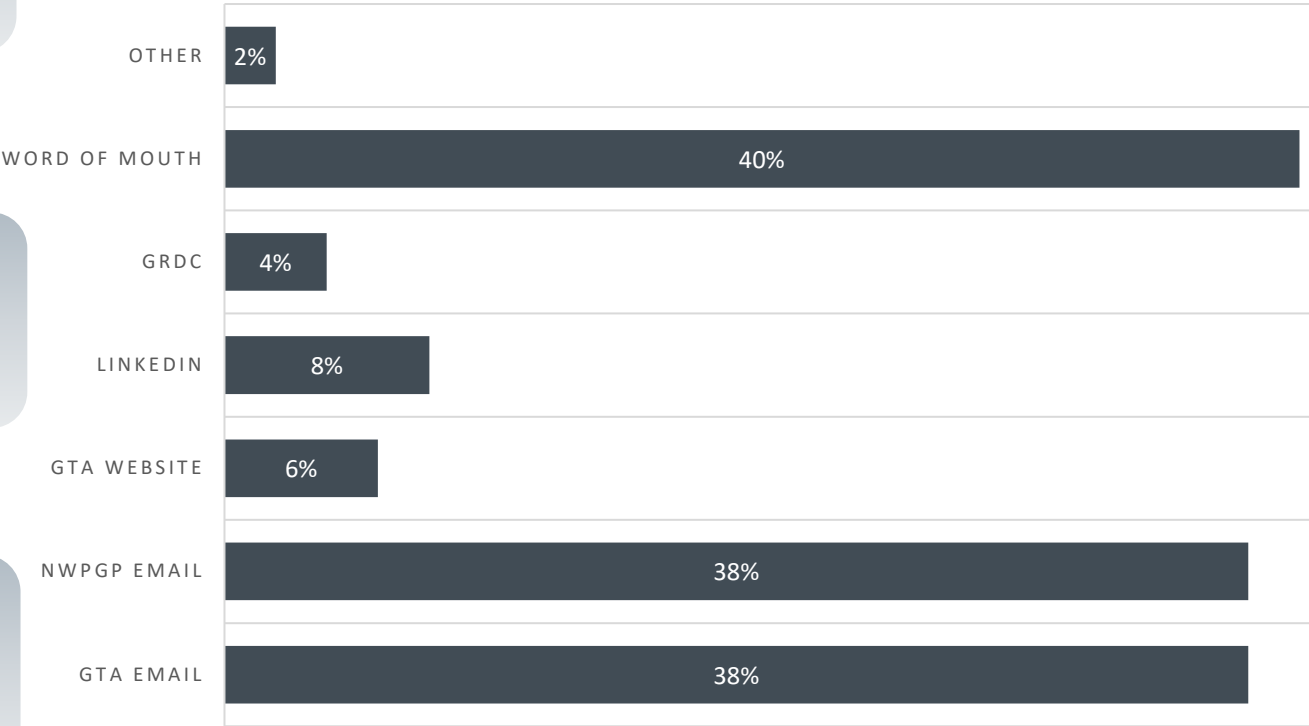
58%

Attended this conference previously

42%

New attendees this year

REFERRAL SOURCES



** Most attendees heard about the conference from promotional email or a colleague/word of mouth.*

CONFERENCE FEEDBACK



RECORD RESPONSE RATE THIS YEAR

The content this year was so engaging. The increased use of polls is a great switch up. Loved the comparison to previous year stats as well.

The program content was extremely relevant to my work regarding the use of agricultural chemicals and the management of resulting residues. The content was also varied and offered many different perspectives, which ensured that it remained interesting.

The conference was well-priced. The quality of the content, the location and the catering was excellent

I will most defiantly be suggesting to my employer that it'd be worthwhile making the investment for others from our business to attend in years to come. The access we all had to industry knowledge and networks all in one place over the few days was truly invaluable.

Speakers were from a wide variety of sections of the industry. They all provided relevant, interesting information, that sparked great conversations and discussion.

Thanks to the organising team, it was a good conference of infotainments and the presentations and panel discussions were highly relevant and coherent. Thanks!

The venue was centrally located and easily accessible for all attendees. All facilities were very well presented and spacious. The staff were all very friendly and accommodating. The conference room was a substantial size, which allowed for generous space to be seated comfortably for the duration of the conference.

Everything went smoothly, well organised and professional.

The conference exceeded my expectations! The cohort of people assembled to present were all informative, industry professionals all with incredible knowledge in their chosen fields. The facilities were very accommodating, a generous amount of space to move and socialise in, with a great array of food and beverages on offer.

Congratulations and thanks to all who organised the event.

I think the networking event is a valuable addition to the conference.

Personable and professional. Congratulations on the Program and running on time.

Venue was great this year, food provided was excellent. Great discussion and topics. Look forward to next years

Very good conference with good range of presenters.

Loved Michael Whitehead - he was hilarious and a good change up. I think this year was such a great mix up and some of the new speakers