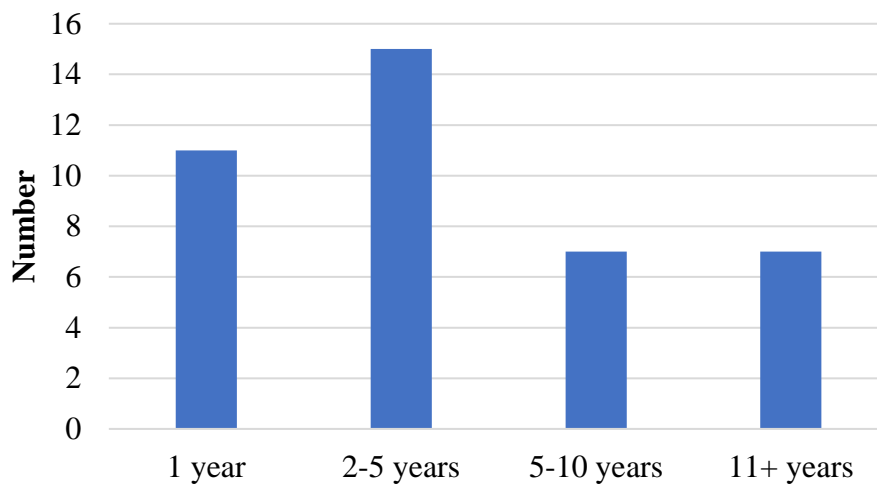


2020 PAIG Member Survey Summary (N = 41)

Sample

Years as a PAIG member

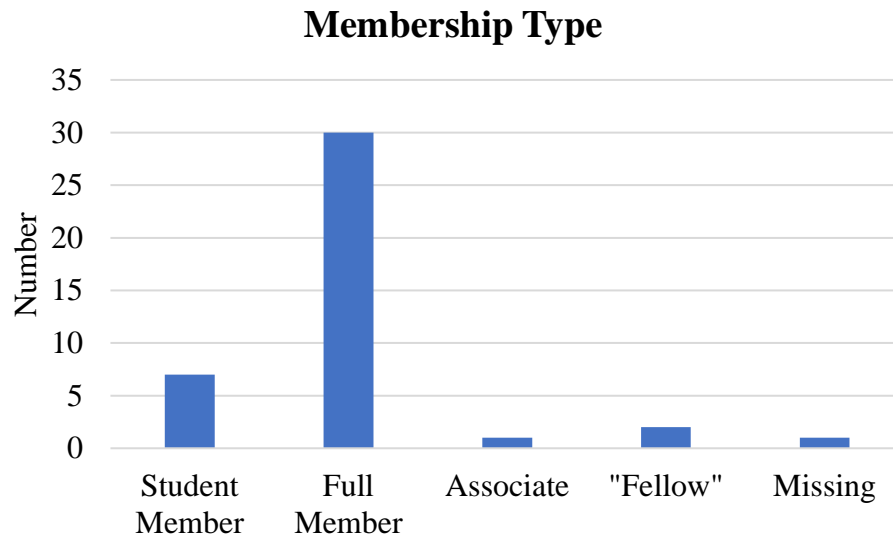


- 36.6% 2-5 years
- 26.8% 1 year
- 17.1% 5-10 years
- 17.1% 11+ years

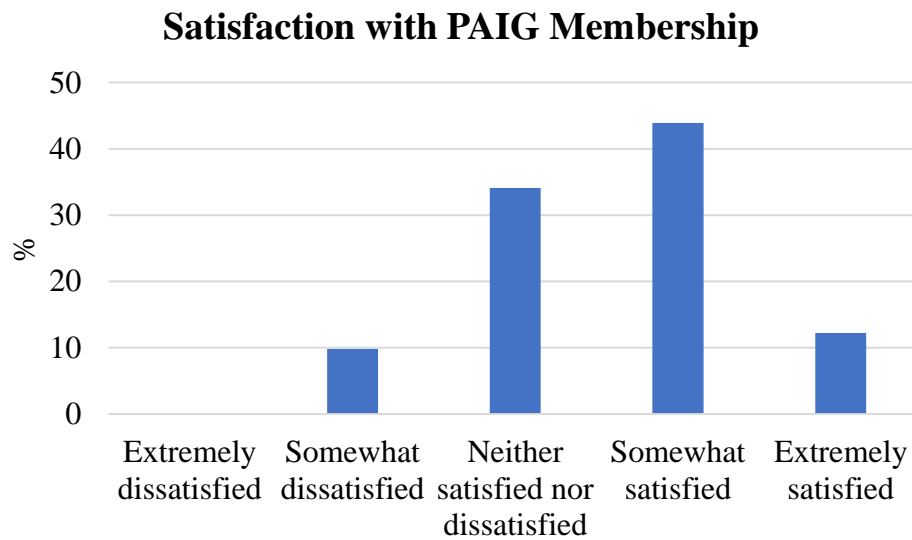
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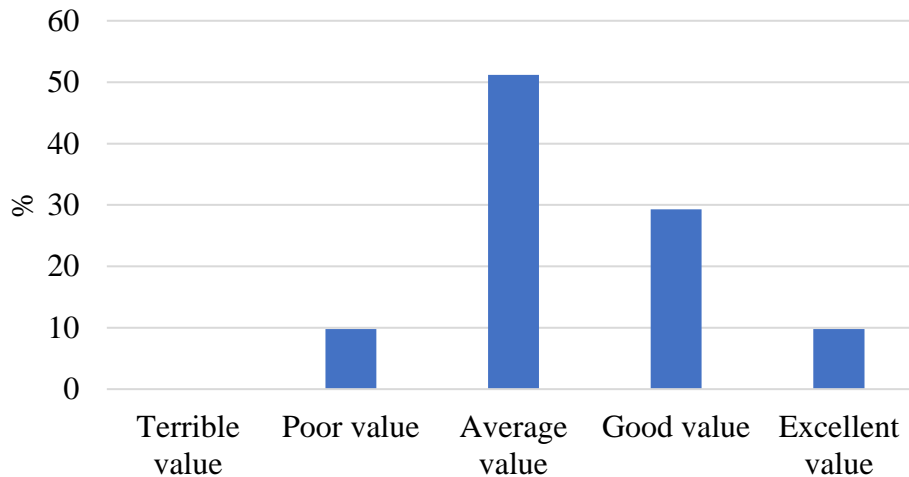
- 31.7% NSW
- 22.0% QLD
- 22.0% VIC
- 9.8% WA
- 2.4% TAS
- 2.4% ACT



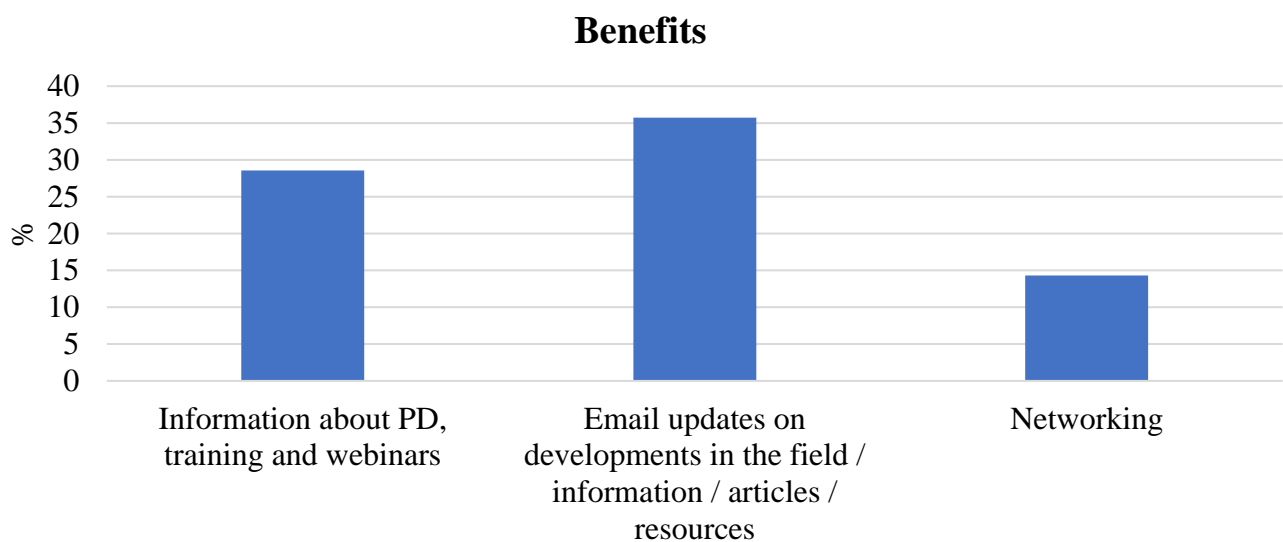
Satisfaction and Value for money



Membership Value for Money



Benefits of PAIG membership



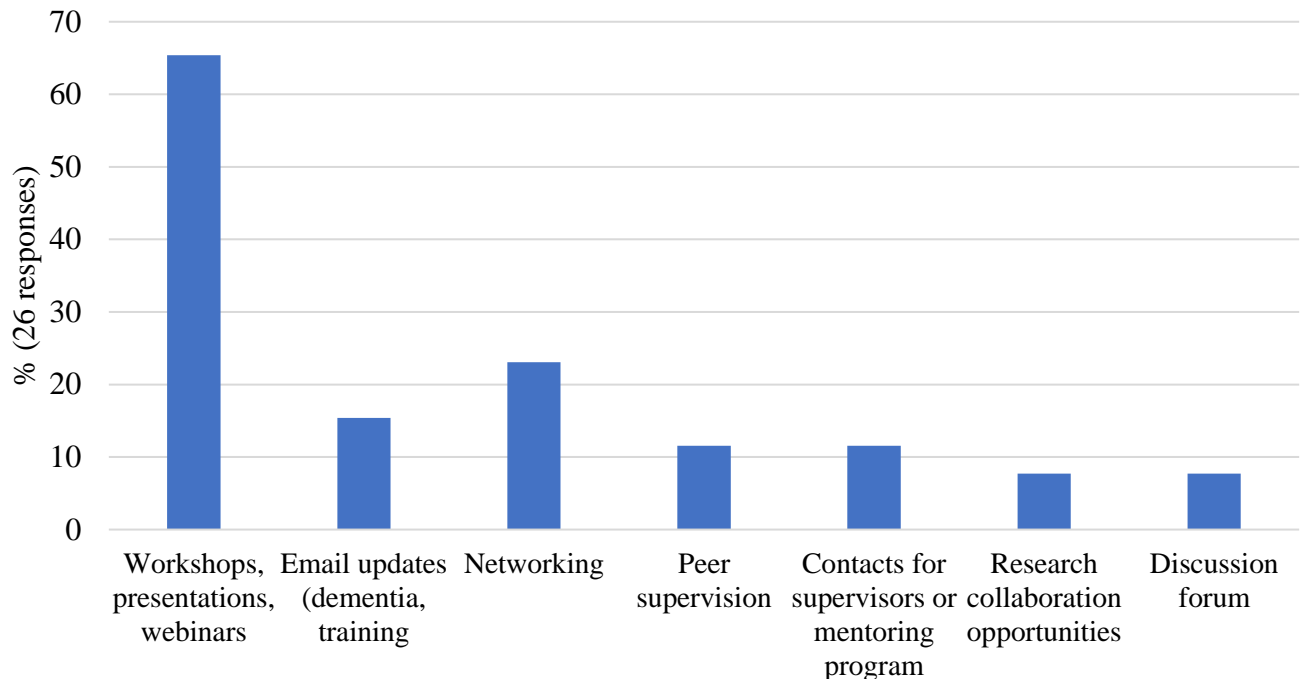
“What benefits do you get from being a PAIG member?”

- Updates on information relevant to my work.
- Training and webinars specific to aged care settings
- The biggest benefit appears to be the opportunity to hear from speakers who I find aspirational and informative. To be honest, I'm not sure what other benefits exist.
- Some great articles
- So far there has been nothing.
- Regular communication
- Professional and academic links.

- none that i have noticed
- None so far
- None really
- None
- networks
- Networking; information about training, CE, conferences.
- Keeping up with activities on the peninsula and hopefully now we have returned to Melbourne, events around here.
- It is good to hear about events and CPD opportunities. I would also like to mention that the COVID-19 resources have been very helpful.
- Information regarding professional development for psychologists that relate to working with older persons; Potential opportunities for networking and sharing of information that is relevant to the discipline of Psychology and Ageing.
- Information about ageing from social and clinical perspective
- I haven't really seen any. I got a discounted price to one event but the event wasn't very good.
- I have only joined the Interest Group recently so not sure yet but hope to receive helpful information etc as I have an elderly relative
- I have only been a member since renewing my APS Student Membership in July. I currently haven't experienced any benefits, such as invitations to CPD events or networking opportunities.
- I have not directly worked in Aged care for many years and my interest has wained, but the main thing I looked forward to was the string of updates, often sent by Nancy Pachana, but also by PAIG members
- I have enjoyed the two yearly conferences when I have been able to go.
- Hear about learning opportunities
- Have only changed to this Membership so I do not know what it is offering yet.
- Fantastic to know others who are interested in geropsychology, especially here in SA where there are very few of us and I feel quite isolated in my interest.
- Emails. Connections. Updates
- Emails with info
- Aged care specific info

Wanted activities and resources

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“What activities or resources would you like from PAIG?”

- Advocacy by psychologists for older people (e.g. elder abuse, voluntary assisted dying)
- More structured comms from the PAIG group would be good.
- Workshops and other presentations
- Webinars, newsletters, networking
- Webinars. Mentoring.
- updates, esp about dementia
- Updates on training, recognition of needs of members and collegial support. Having been a member for over 34 years I would miss not being kept in touch.
- Unsure what is offered
- Unsure as yet.
- Training and Webinars Networking events
- Something on Grandparenting....cultural differences, resources, types of assistance available currently.
- Presentations about work in progress
- Organised peer supervision with other PAIG members would be great.
- Not sure yet. Haven't received any correspondence, or had any contact from the IG until this questionnaire. Workshops, presentations and training opportunities for psychologists working in the field.
- More information on potential supervision offered by psychologists for provisional psychs.
- More group led projects, papers etc.
- Meetings and supervision, networks
- Just Webinars at this stage I think

- I would like to see more ways of connecting with other members and getting involved. Maybe via a conference, networking events etc. Also I am part of the WA branch and am not aware of many opportunities here.
- I am an associate member and current Masters of Mental Health student. I work outside mental health as a comms specialist. I have accrued hours and hours of attending PAIG events, webinars and the recent APS training that was launched but I have still never learned how to do the many evidence-based therapies that are relevant to older people. For instance, Sunil discussed half a dozen therapies last night on an APS webinar. I'm spending a lot of time trying to prepare myself for the workforce (which I'm told is greatly lacking in numbers and resources) but the practicalities are missing. Where can I learn reminiscence therapy and other modalities? Where can I get practical experience?
- educational events and seminars
- Education, networking - I work with older adults (carers, those with mental health issues), adults with Younger Onset Dementia, older adults diagnosed with dementia and provide positive behaviour support to YOD clients with behaviours of concern through NDIS. I often think that I am running by the seat of my pants and making my own adaptations to therapies and techniques designed for younger people. It would be good to hear how others work and if they have the same concerns as I have.
- CPD
- Any kind of networking opportunities are appreciated, especially over Zoom with members from other states Perhaps a mentoring program for early career geropsychs would be worthwhile Certainly just being kept in the loop about what is happening in our field is value for money by itself. Webinars about the research and clinical practice that the membership are doing Networking / mentoring.
- Active discussion forum Peer consultation network Webinars
- Accessible PD, i.e. by videoconference. Networking structure, especially to explore potential research collaborations. Maybe an online forum to discuss relevant issues.
- -Information about national and international conferences that relate to ageing; -Discussion and dissemination of information about how Psychologists can play a role in working with the older population; -The types of jobs that are available to Psychologists in worker with older persons; -The kind of research that is being conducted within the discipline of Psychology and Ageing, both nationally and internationally.
 - The initiation of more CPD events and networking opportunities - Resources for provisional psychologists wishing to enter into/specialise in the aged care field

Topics for workshops, presentations and training

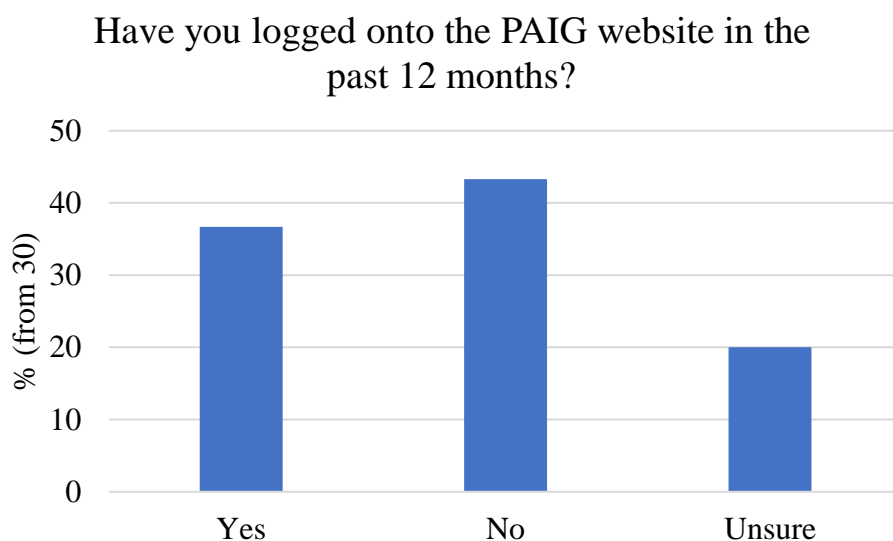
Topics for workshops, presentations and training:

- Grandparenting
- Research
- Clinical training workshops
- Exercise and nutrition
- Recommendations on books and articles
- Working in RACF (basic and advanced)
- Low intensity therapy

- Current issues in cognitive assessments for non-neuropsychologists
- Working with older adults in private practice
- Sexuality in later life
- Couples issues in later life
- LGBTI ageing and mental health
- Clinical psychology assessment and treatment
- Behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia
- Working with dementia
- Events which highlight the benefit of psychologists in aged care (as compared to other mental/health care workers)

Website

Website



“What content and resources would you like to see on the website?”

- updates on dementia care etc
- Training and development opportunities in Psychology and Ageing; Job opportunities for Psychologists in working with older persons;
- Therapy resources - Info sheets for clients targeted at older adults/careers
- Summary of latest research clinical translation of research findings "tips" for clinicians
- Recommendations regarding rehab resources.
- Plentiful and easily accessible resources, including where possible key and recent journal articles for those of us who are not in academia and may not have as easy access to a full range of journals.
- Past Webinars, general resources, interesting rel event research updates, clinical resources

- Not sure - maybe a list of members? Resources about clinical practice with older people?
- News updates. Discussion forum. PD opportunities
- latest research upcoming research local research relevant to Australian setting
- Information sheets, particularly around adapting therapies for older adults and those with cognitive impairments, and those living in residential aged care.

'Needs updating'

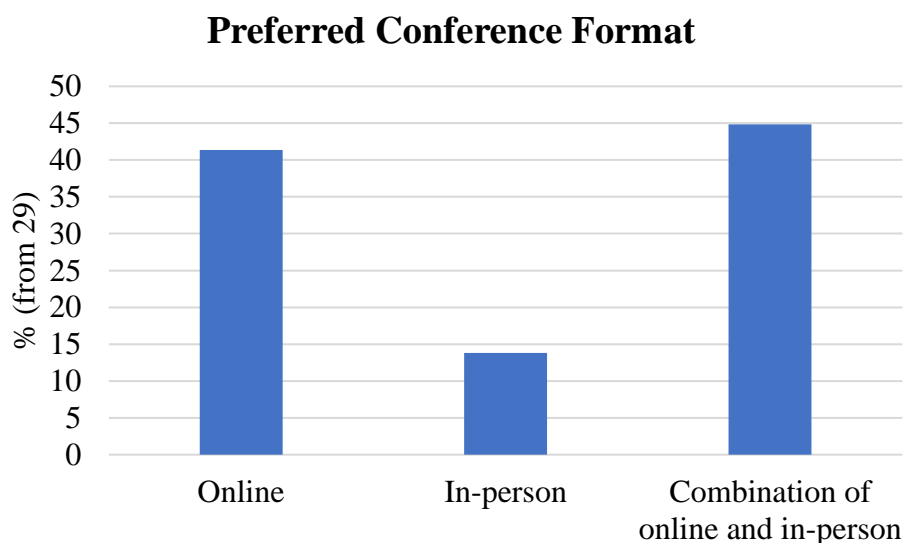
- I think the website needs updating as some of the links no longer work and some of the information seems old. I cant think of any content to add.
- I didn't know there was a website. Research, volunteer opportunities, work opportunities, video role plays using different therapies, evidenced-based and evidence informed training courses. People who are willing to supervise students.
- updated content on all pages - most seem out of date

'Didn't know there was a website'

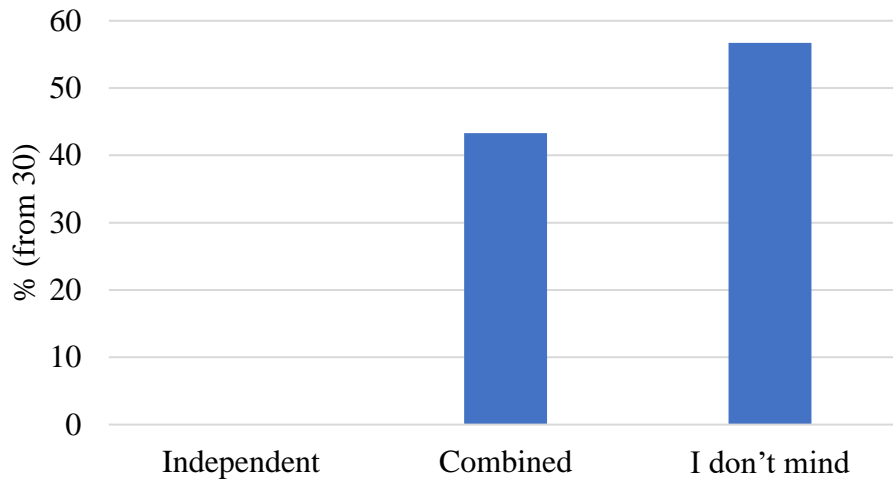
- Will need to check it out currently
- I didn't know there was a PAIG website.
- I didn't know that it had a website with anything other than meeting dates, so I would need to look at it to see what is there. Maybe you should advertise it more.
- Didn't know there was a website. Your email was the first I had received.

Conference

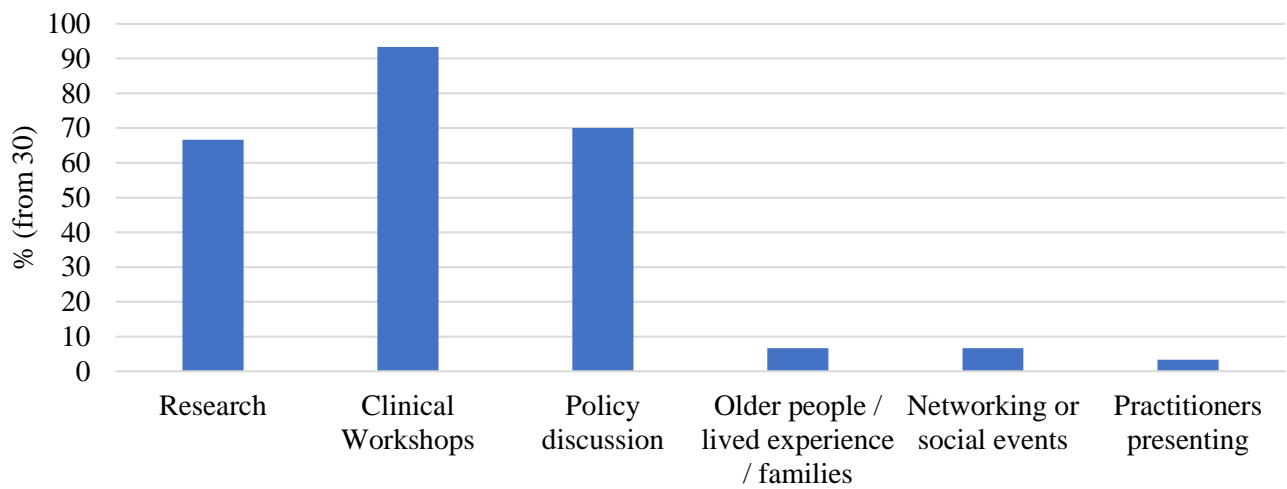
Conference



Combine with NZ?



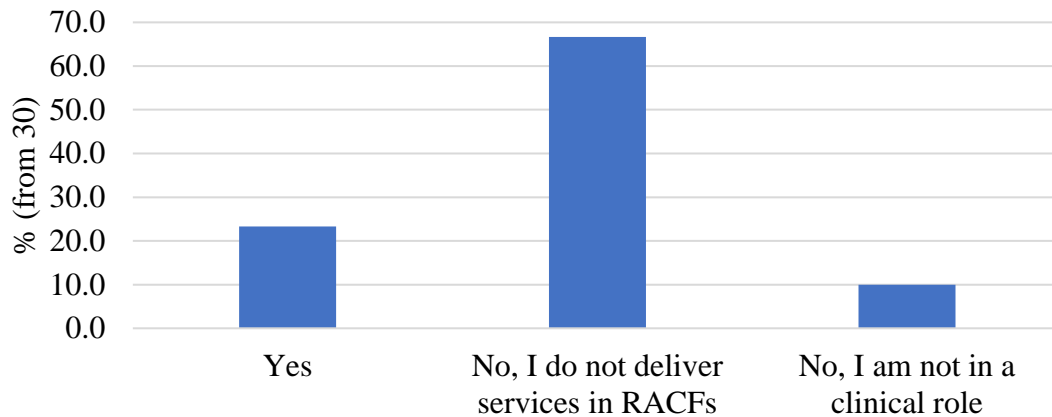
Conference Content



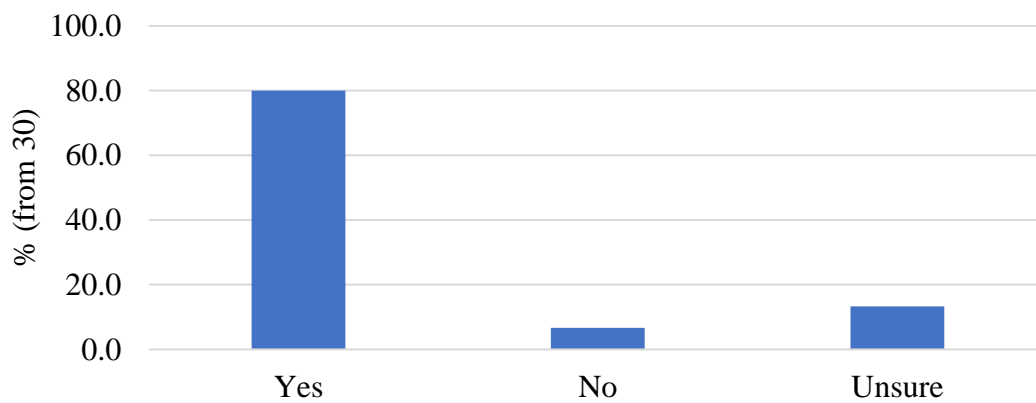
Working in RACFs

RACF Work

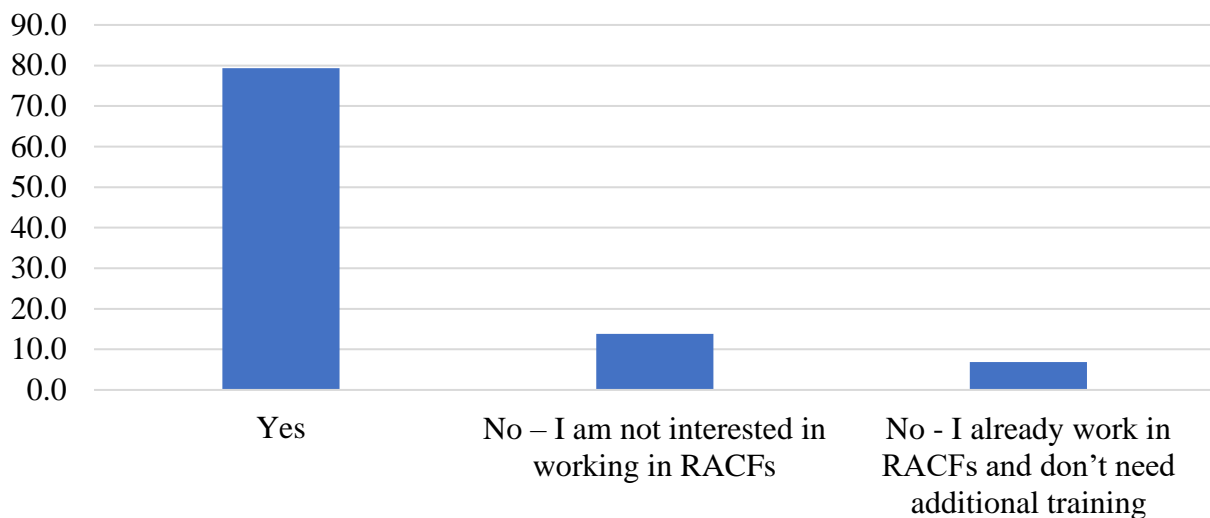
Currently deliver services in RACFs



Would work in RACFs if Medicare or alternate funding for Psychologists was available



Interested in Professional Development on working in RACFs



“What could PAIG do to assist you to be able to work in RACFs?”

- Yes, I would be very open to undertaking the necessary steps with regard to training and any other requirements to be able to work with older persons in RACFs. Dissemination of information about what kind of role it entails and how a psychologist can effectively work in this environment would be very useful. Addressing the disparity in the Medicare reimbursement of Clinical VS non-Clinical Psychologists is imperative to provide further incitement for all Psychologists to work in this very important field.
- Work with the industry to develop policies that integrate psychology into RACFs. Continue providing relevant PD.
 - webinars
 - Supervision opportunities
- Provide supervision. I did Psych Hons but such a barrier to find a placement. Love my Masters in Mental Health course - but once again, need work experience. How can I put my study into practice? I would love to set up my own business!
- Provide opportunities for networking, peer supervision for those of doing this work from a private practice setting who may not see peer colleagues very often. Also periodic local presentations related to issues in working in RACFs (could be online and national too).
- Not sure.
- Not sure yet
- Lobby for Medicare funding
- Lobby for funding for psychologists in RACFs
- Identify how to access clients in RACFs and how to access funding to provide those services.
- I really don't know
- I currently work in a Commonwealth Funded Program to deliver psychological services in RACF. In SA this is called the Supporting Emotional Wellness program, delivered through Relationships Australia. It only began implementation this year- there has been a lot of ups and downs with COVID-19 and RACF have become highly politicised spaces which hasn't always been helpful for

residents to access services. We are also involved in delivering Mental Health literacy training to support RACF staff delivering care. Please get in touch if you need additional information.

- develop some screening tools for staff to identify residents at risk
- Am not sure how to go about offering my sessions in this capacity.
- Again, support projects that involve translational, practical research
- Advocacy for the role of psychologists in RACFs - I see all the funding (in my state at least) going to social workers and counsellors
- Accreditation guidelines
- - Develop resources specific to provisional psychologists in Masters programs who are not yet working in the field unsupervised - Develop resources specific to Telehealth services in RACFs.