

CANZ Conference 2021

Summary of the attendee's survey



84 respondents to the survey

Not all respondents answered every question

HUDDLES:

- Overall a positive experience
- Real benefit attending with others
- Virtual conference flexibility
- More affordable
- Meeting room must be comfortable space/temperature
- A checklist of requirements earlier would help set up the huddle room
- More chat room options
- A break between presenters
- Long day, challenging to maintain energy through to 5pm
- Encourage more to attend a huddle
- Some attended as Lounge Lizards in a small huddle with others they knew had registered

AGM

84% agreed it is best held during the Conference

Alternative date: even responses for either a weeknight or Sunday afternoon

PRE-CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION

50% of respondents agreed it was good 20% thought there was too much

POST CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION

90% rated post conference communication as good

PLENARY SPEAKERS RATING – satisfied/extremely satisfied

Jennifer Myers	93%
Farid Ahmed	84%
Liese Groot	87%
Robyn Hewetson	76%

WORKSHOP RATINGS – satisfied/extremely satisfied (big variance based on no. of attendees at each)

Melissa Zgomba	55%
Shelly Brunskill-Mason	.02%
Virginia Brookes	51%
Janet Wilson	.03%
Amiria Anglem	.15%

GENERAL COMMENTS

- More interactive, less talked to
- AGM took over the 'feeling' of the conference – scheduling issue?
- One less Plenary and two more Workshops
- Virtual conference very good, missed the F2F networking of a conference in one place.
- Too much communication – sometimes repetitive – in lead up confusing.
- Showcase a presenter monthly in the leadup to Conference

TOPICS FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES

1. Pacifica / Maori culture and ritual in ceremony
2. 'Ceremonies and Rituals' other than weddings and funerals - NAFWOF
3. Wedding and Funeral Rituals
4. Future of Weddings
5. Couples Sharing their Celebrant Search
6. Families and Funerals
7. NZSL, Maori, translators in ceremony
8. Creative Writing
9. Self-Presentation
10. How to use a sound system well
11. Self-Care
12. Spirituality Death Walkers
13. 'Seminaria' Gaylene Denford-Wood
14. Mindfulness
15. Self-Marketing
16. Setting up a website
17. Tools and Lessons from experienced celebrants
18. The New Celebrant