Survey results for
IPENZ TG Conference 2014

26 Surveys Submitted
Attendee breakdown

- Delegates: 47%
- Sponsors/Exhibitors: 5%
- Presenters: 27%
- Committee: 8%
- Single Day: 7%
- Life Members: 6%
How would you rate the Conference for “total experience”? 8.08
How would you rate the organisation of the Conference? 8.92
How would you rate Greg Ellis as an MC? 9.08
Please rate your accommodation at Rydges Latimer Hotel

What do you think of Christchurch as a location?
Venue: Rydges Latimer

- Conference Rooms: 7.58
- Food for morning and afternoon teas, and lunches: 8.04
- Audio Visual Support for Speakers: 7.60
Welcome Function – Hagley Oval

Venue: 8.47
Food: 7.53
Activities: 8.44
Conference Dinner – Transitional Cardboard Cathedral

Venue: 8.61
Food: 9.00
Theme: 8.32
Key Note Presentations

0.00 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00 6.00 7.00 8.00 9.00 10.00

Rob Kerr and Don Miskell, CERA - Implementation of an Accessible City

Rose McArthur, Mott MacDonald (UK) - Effectively Influencing Travel Behaviour

Craig McWilliams, IBM and Craig Burrell, AECOM - Bringing Smarter, Safer Transport to NZ

7.78 8.65 7.35
Presentation Formats

- Round Table sessions: 7.84
- Innovation Quick Fire sessions: 8.24
- Poster sessions: 7.73

Please rate the format of:
- Round Table sessions
- Innovation Quick Fire sessions
- Poster sessions
Did we cater for all your requirements
96% said yes

Do you expect to attend the next conference?
75% said yes

Negative Comments
- Usually attend every 3 years or so
- Depending on training budget.
- They won't let me come every year although I would like to
- Maybe, depends on funding
- Will be in Australia
- Planning to attend other conferences, limited budget
- Depends on company training budget, possibly someone else on the team's turn
- Will attend the next Waikato/BOP conference
Was there the right amount of time to question presenters at the conference?
20% of people thought there was too little time
80% of people thought it was about right

Was the information leading up to conference sufficient in detail?
96% said yes

Would you recommend this conference to others?
100% said yes
Do you support Concurrent sessions at future conferences?  
96% said yes

Comments
- To keep to 2 days this is a good idea though always a shame to miss some presentations
- People don't necessarily want to see everything - better to target themes etc
- Yes and No - depends on topics
- Delegate in the mood for the subject
- Too much diversity of our attendees to support one stream of often quite technical/specialist topics
- Makes better use of time for more options
- Different themes and streams focus attention and topics
- Keeps momentum going, keeps delegates focused
What did we do well?

- Variety of presentation styles keeps things interesting
- As always most things went well, thanks Glenda and her team
- Conference facilities nice and compact
- Fun activities at the Welcome Function, Conference Dinner and venue.
- Central location for the conference and dinner
- Provide opportunity for TG members to exchange information
- Organisation and venue were good choices, information good.
- Almost everything - venue a little too small for numbers
- Kept us informed, organised and fed
- Great atmosphere, turnout, you got Greg back again - fantastic
- Good location, well designed tours and scheduling.
- Functions were fun and handy to conference locations
- Timing format - Sunday afternoon technical tours and welcome function worked well
- 2 days of main conference good. Young Professionals full conference rate great.
- Great range of papers and speakers.
- Greg Ellis great and food was excellent
- Packaged information
- Rapid fire presentations and poster intros great.
- Amount of networking, eating time great, great wait staff, staff serving and clearing very efficient.
- Test the conference seating arrangement because it was a bit cramped.
- Could also hear the next door presentations during parallel sessions.
- MC, brochures and entertainment
- Proximity of dinner venue and accommodation was good, well organised and coordinated
- Poster session, conference dinner, registration and delegate support.
- MC - Greg Ellis, 3M award session, Rose McArthur keynote session
- Best IPENZ TG conference over several/many years
What could we do better

- Prizes for best dressed costume (and group costume) at the dinner
- Layout of the tables and seats in the conference room tricky to get to and around the tables/seats in the middle area.
- Stop arranging presentations like the IBM/AECOM one. Rob Kerr/Miskell superficial. Stop giving air time to such people like Craig McWilliams, who promoted their commercial interest. There should be Q&A for keynotes.
- Better speakers and more interesting innovative ideas rather than some thinly veiled corporate sales pitch.
- Increase traffic engineering content: parking, signals, transport planning, roundabouts. Peds and cycles doing very well.
- Where to submit votes/surveys etc?
- The entertainment (starlets) were absolutely fantastic and I thoroughly enjoyed them - I also love dancing
- Guest speakers need to be provided background info about the IPENZ TG Group = only half of members are engineers.
- Perhaps the dinner theme was too narrow? Mostly only Roman/Greek dress
- Cathedral - not really a venue for entertaining, personal view - not a fan of dress up
- The room was a bit too crowded
- Other place for conference - space was an issue
- Exhibitor stand and food area was crowded
- Too cramped for moving around
- Airport tour - very disappointing
- Full day event - lead theme for each day, PT focus: bus, rail and ferry. Asset Management focus - could attract smaller councils, more high profile speakers, higher quality papers, presenters and papers, attract more graduates and young engineers
- Conference Dinner - delay with the food - late dinner and finish
- Need to have more space around tables so easier to move through room/sneak out and swap sessions
- Rydges hotel - food for gluten free average on the whole, Hagley Oval no good, Cardboard Cathedral good
- No water in breakout areas
- Note around 16:9 presentation was too late