

BACKGROUND

The NSW Oncology Group (NSWOG) Program was formed in August 2005 and comprises 20 Groups, engaging over 700 of the State's leading cancer clinicians, health professionals, researchers, consumers and planners.

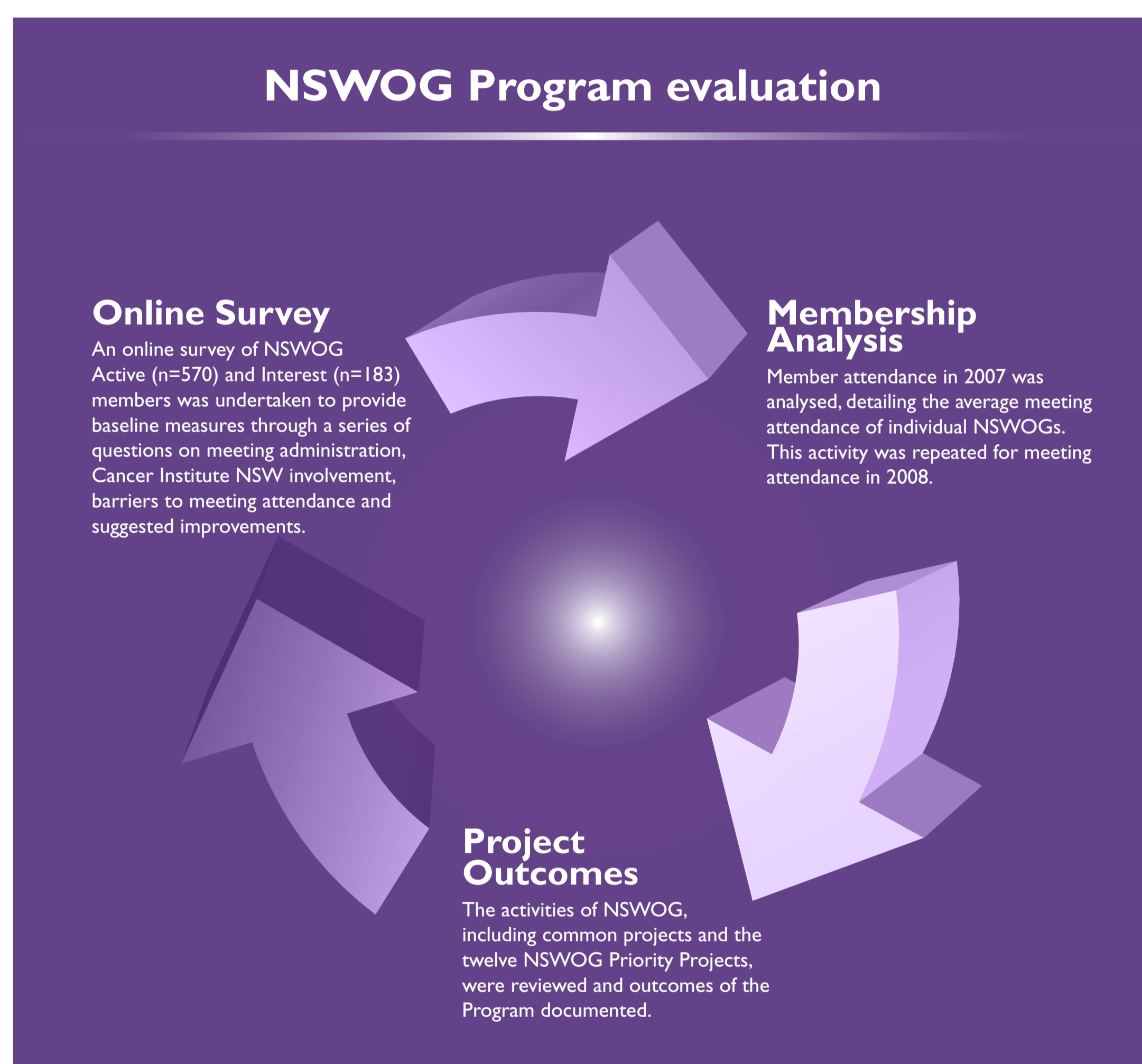
Groups are based on cancer type or clinical grouping and comprise active and interest members to accommodate the varying level of involvement individuals wish to have in the decisions and activities of the Group.

There have been approximately 270 meetings in the four years from the first NSWOG in September 2005 to September 2009.

PURPOSE

Evaluation of the NSWOG Program was undertaken to examine its delivery on the objectives defined by the *NSW Cancer Plans* - specialised best practice, clinical data, education and professional development, clinical trials and protocols and guidelines.

METHOD



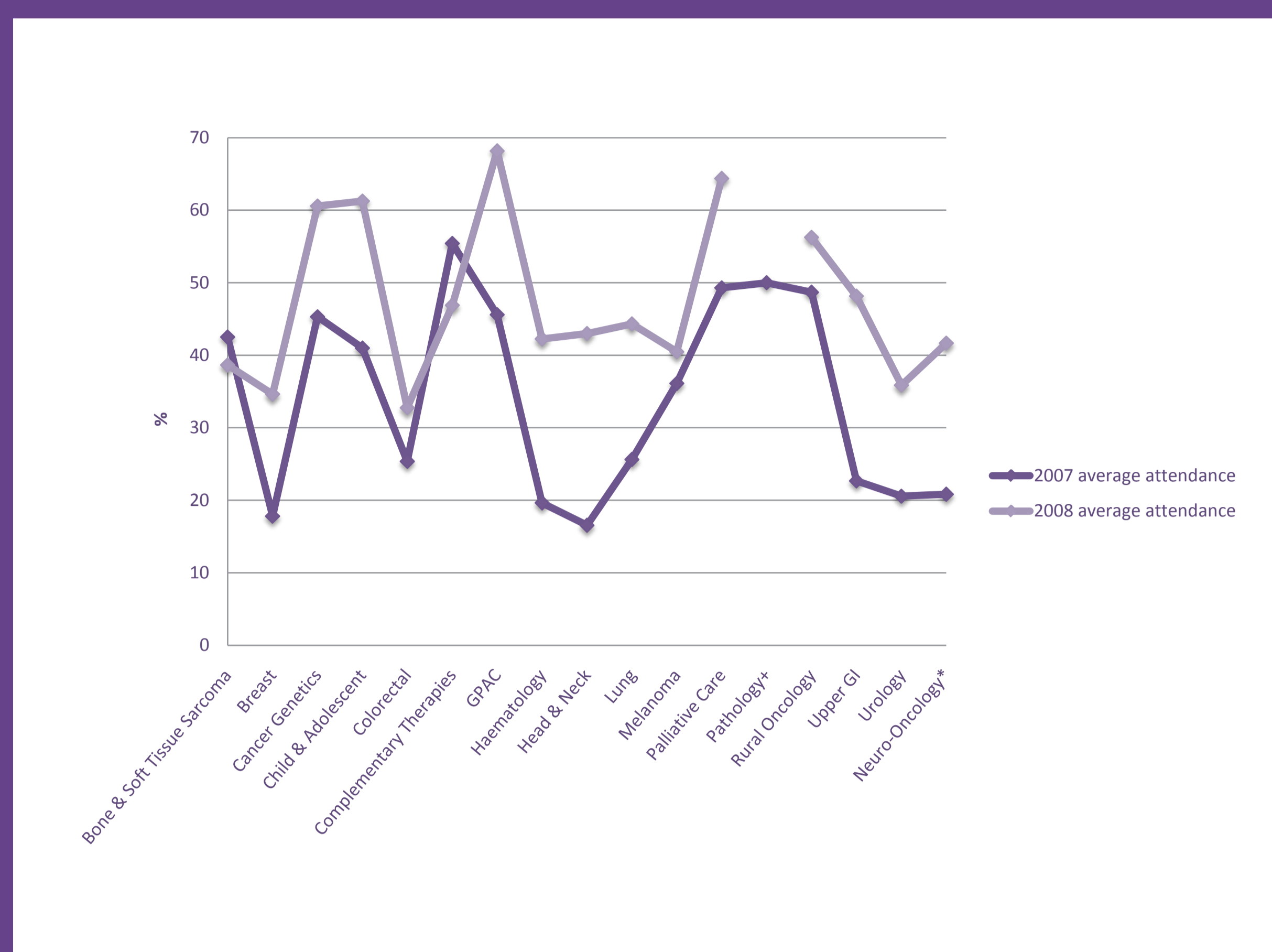
RESULTS

- Nine NSWOGs amended the Victorian Patient Management Frameworks to reflect the NSW setting.
- Six dataset extensions to the cancer minimum dataset were developed and two extensions piloted across NSW.
- Seven clinical indicator suits were developed by NSWOG
- Four NSWOGs supported the development of synoptic pathology reporting.
- NSWOG reviewed 2 Cancer Council NSW booklets co-branding with the Cancer Institute NSW.
- Eleven NSWOGs completed priority projects.
- NSWOG attendance in 2007 was 34.3% with 44% of survey respondents citing "clinical load interfering with availability" as the primary reason for non-attendance. Following invitation to non-attendees to change their membership status from active (attending meetings) to interest (receiving meeting papers only), 92% accepted the opportunity, increasing the average attendance in 2008 to 47%.

CONCLUSION

NSWOGs have successfully provided clinical advice to the Cancer Institute NSW in areas aligned with the terms of reference of the program and applied their collective knowledge to several concepts and projects. NSWOG members need to be engaged through action and progress of issues important to each Group.

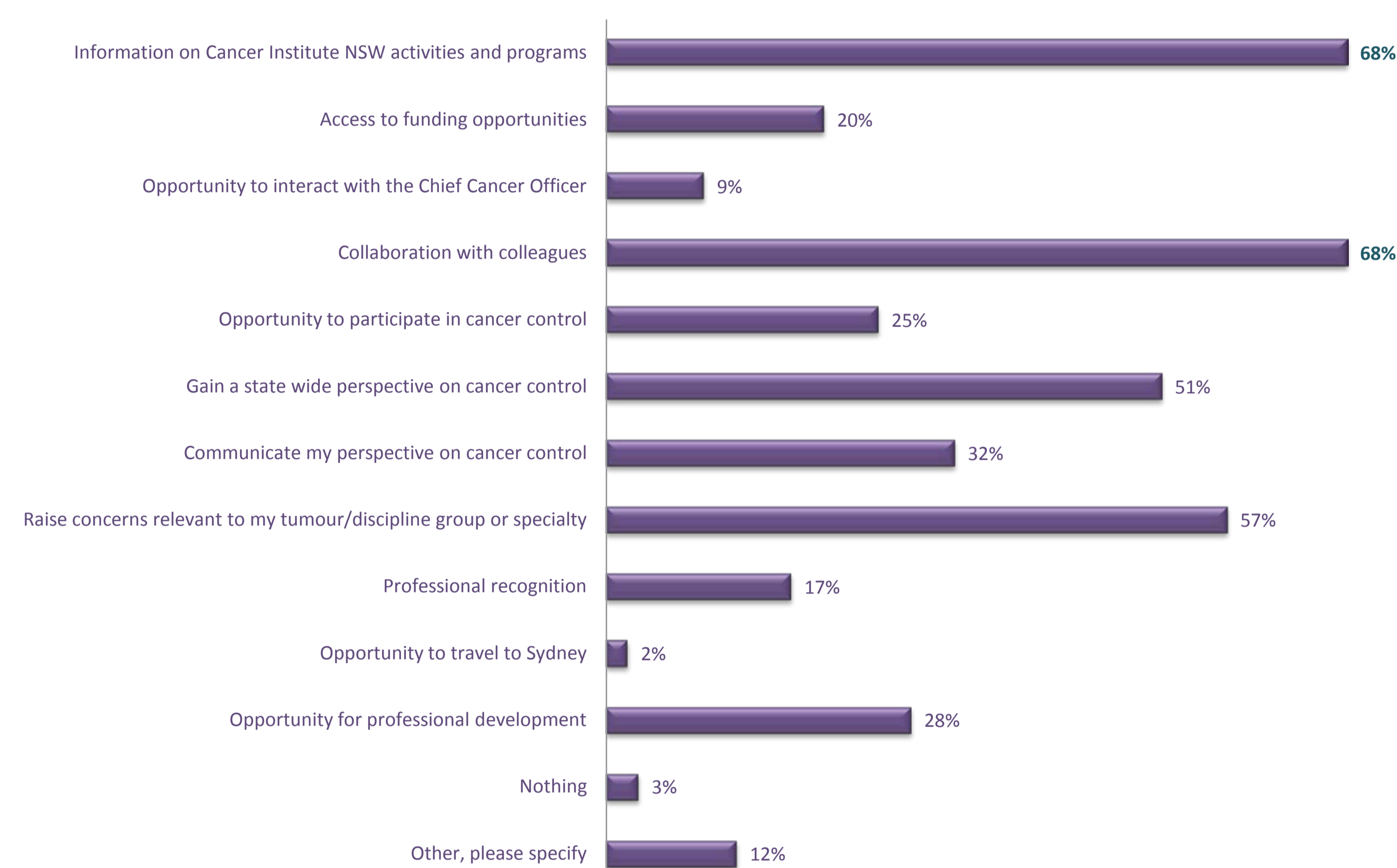
Member attendance by NSWOG - 2007 and 2008



NSWOG ACHIEVEMENTS

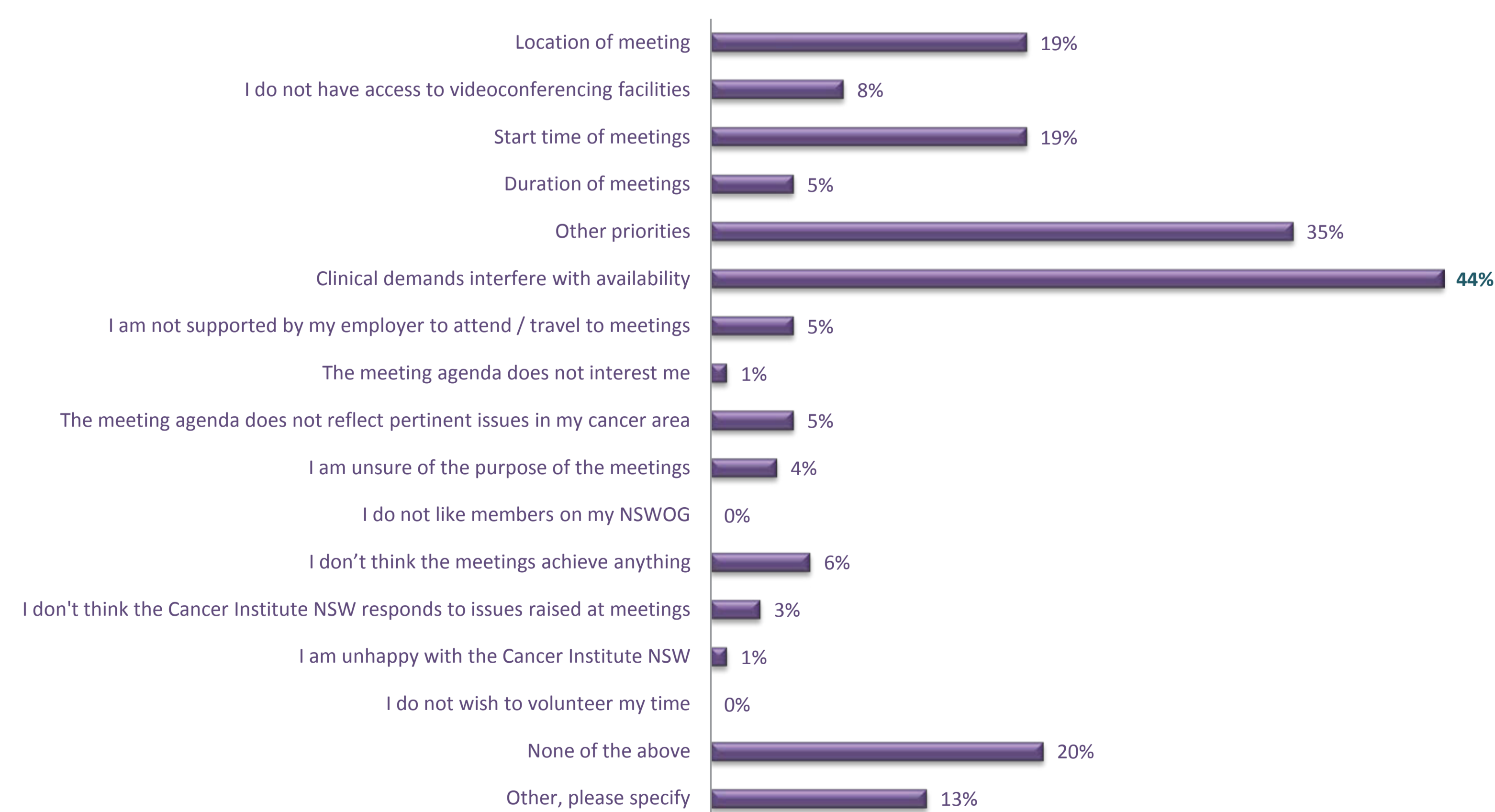
Project	NSW Oncology Group
Amendment of Victorian Patient Management Frameworks to NSW setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast • Colorectal • Haematology Oncology • Head and Neck • Lung • Melanoma • Neuro-Oncology • Upper GI • Urology
Draft additions to the Minimum Dataset (MDS) Developed	Haematology Oncology Head and Neck Lung Upper GI
Piloted dataset extensions	Breast Colorectal
Clinical Indicator Suites developed	Breast Colorectal Lung Lymphoma Melanoma Upper GI Urology
Synoptic Pathology Reporting – Collaborative Projects	Breast Colorectal Melanoma Urology
Co-branded Patient Information Resources with The Cancer Council NSW	Complementary Therapies Head and Neck
NSWOG Priority Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma • Breast • Cancer Genetics • Colorectal • Child and Adolescent (AYA and Survivorship) • Haematology Oncology • Head and Neck • Lung • Melanoma • Neuro-Oncology • Upper GI • Urology

What do you gain from attending NSWOG meetings?



The strength of the NSWOG Program is the collective expertise of its members, representing multidisciplinary collaboration across NSW. Applied to a clearly defined and mutually beneficial program or project, this expertise is an invaluable service.

What are the barriers that prevent you from attending NSWOG meetings?



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