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2022 Annual Conference

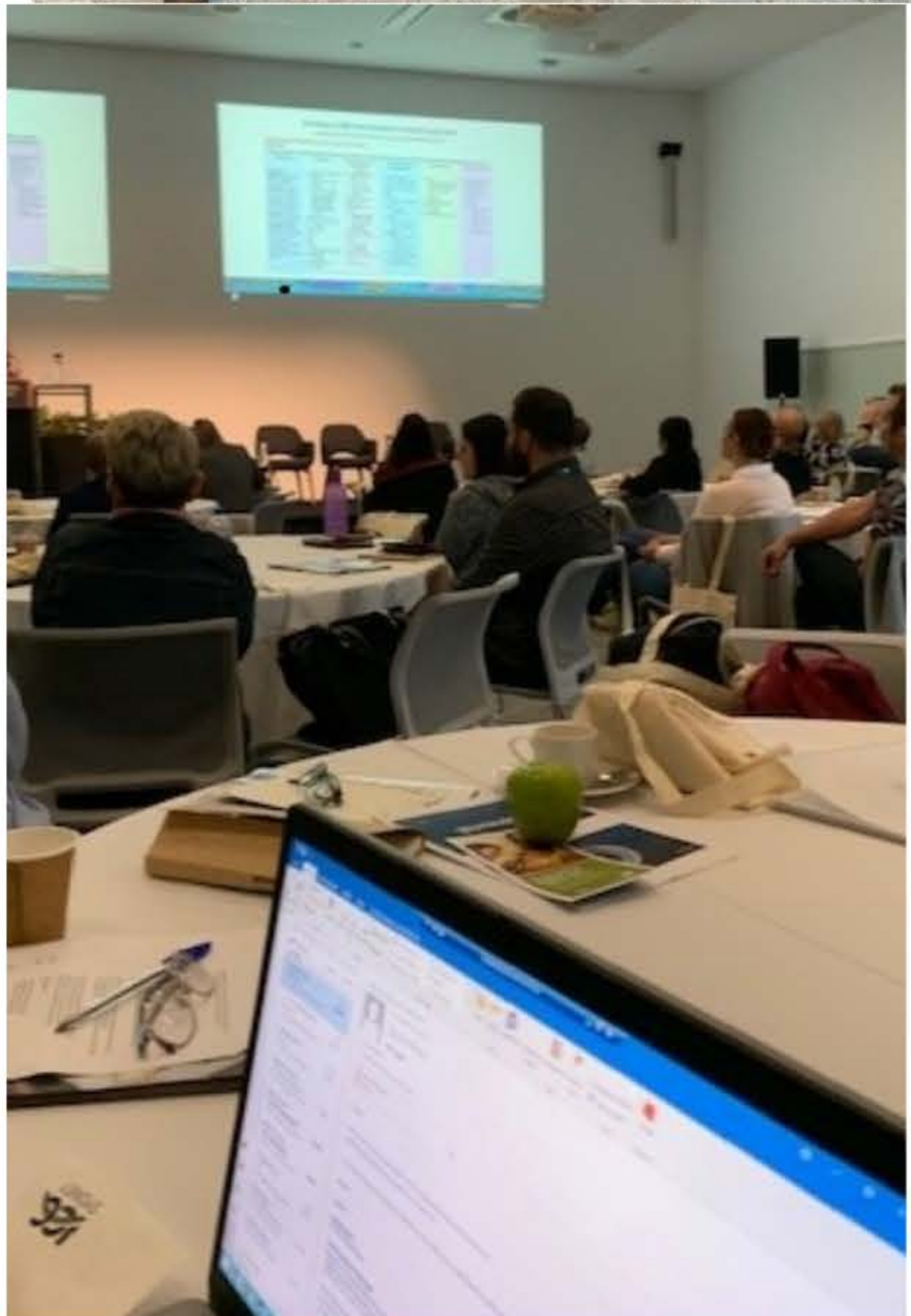


INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE: SYDNEY

18th & 19th August 2022

Explore strategies to develop and maintain a healthy workforce that can provide safe and quality care in remote, rural, regional, Aboriginal, and underprivileged communities.

The conference theme was 'Coming together for a healthy future' and was the first face-to-face conference in two years. WAMS representatives Katrina Ward COM and Melissa Nathan CDM presented their work in rural and remote areas, and the presentation "A Day in the life of Outreach" showcased environmental challenges faced by staff in the Goodooga outreach clinic and WAMS's innovative work in delivering COVID-19 vaccinations during the pandemic. The conference also discussed topics like Medicare, speech, and hearing, and focused on recruiting GPs to rural areas. While informative, the round table session could have been better organized.



Why outreach?

The Outreach Program's aim is to increase access to health services for patients living in regional, remote and Aboriginal communities.

Reduce access barriers including:

- Distance and disruption;
- Costs and economic hurdles; and
- Cultural safety barriers.

Strengthening capacity by:

- Utilising regional/rural workforce;
- Exchanging specialised skills with local workforce; and
- Enhancing service coordination through health pathway planning in partnership with local/regional health agencies (ACCHSs, LHDs, PHNs and NGOs).

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