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Presenting at the NSW Cancer Conference provided me with a fantastic opportunity to disseminate my research findings and network with other researchers, clinicians and consumers I otherwise would not have had the opportunity to meet. At the current stage of my PhD, where I am starting to think about post-PhD career (including the potential for further research) it was also a great opportunity to broaden my thinking beyond the scope of my own PhD work and to consider other important areas of research and methods I have less experience in.

*Presenting my qualitative PhD study on how general practitioners communicate with older people about cancer screening during the Cancer Epidemiology stream of Session 2.*

More specifically, after presenting

I met John Stubbs who is on the CINSW Board and showed great interest in my research. I will be able to send my paper to John once it is published (currently under review) and look forward to any further opportunities that may present from that connection.

Another valuable session I went to was the 'Consumer Involvement in Research' workshop. I was able to share my experiences as a PhD student. One thing we often hear is that consumer involvement is treated as an 'add on'/'tick-box' by researchers and we often fail to meaningfully work together with consumers as a result. I shared that it is difficult not to view it in this way when earlier in your research career you do not find out about the necessity of consumer involvement in health research until later on. It is introduced to us as an 'add on' from the get-go, meaning that initial conceptualisation of consumer involvement is difficult to reverse. We had fruitful discussion about how consumer involvement could be better integrated into PhD courses (e.g., in proposals, scholarship funding applications, and University systems)

Thank you very much for the conference support to attend and present at the NSW Cancer Conference 2022. I really enjoyed my time, was delighted to present, and met many people across networks I am sure I will be able to continue to network and socialise with!