

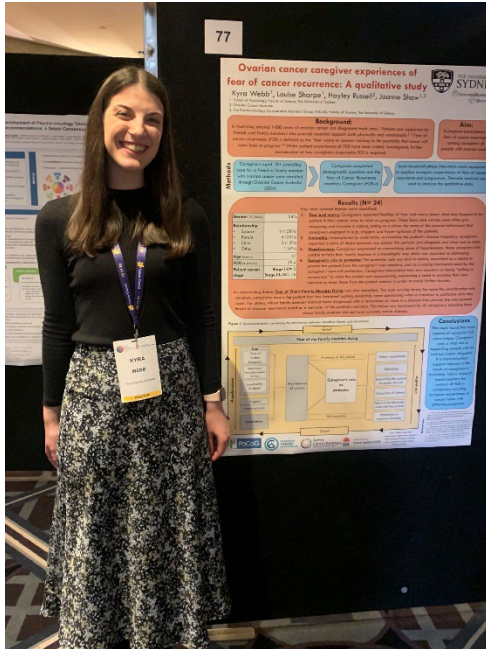
NSW Cancer Conference 2022 Conference Report

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Kyra Webb standing next to her first non-virtual poster.

NSW Cancer Conference, held on the 15th – 16th of September 2022 provided a highly valuable opportunity to attend my first ever face-to-face conference as a PhD Candidate. As a student who commenced their PhD during March 2020 when the initial COVID outbreak occurred, a large proportion of my candidature has been conducted online. Whilst I have been fortunate enough to attend online conferences throughout my candidature so far, I have really looked forward to the opportunity to attend a conference in person.

Presenting a poster at the NSW Cancer Conference allowed me to share some valuable findings collected as part of my third PhD study. This study involved a qualitative examination of ovarian cancer caregiver experiences of fear of cancer recurrence (FCR). I found it highly beneficial to answer questions from others about this research, as well as converse with delegates and presenters in a face-to-face setting over the course of the two-day conference. I also really benefitted from watching the live presentations and had the opportunity to witness different presentation styles, from which I learnt a lot.

A conference highlight for me personally were the survivorship and psycho-oncology (stream 6) presentations. This stream included a mix of presenters at different stages of their careers and included a consumer presentation which was very moving and provided an important insight into the work Neuroblastoma Australia does. It was exciting to hear about new and emerging research that is being conducted in this area and where to next.

For me, attendance at the NSW Cancer Conference really helped me consider what direction my future research may take and provided an opportunity to reflect on how far I have come.