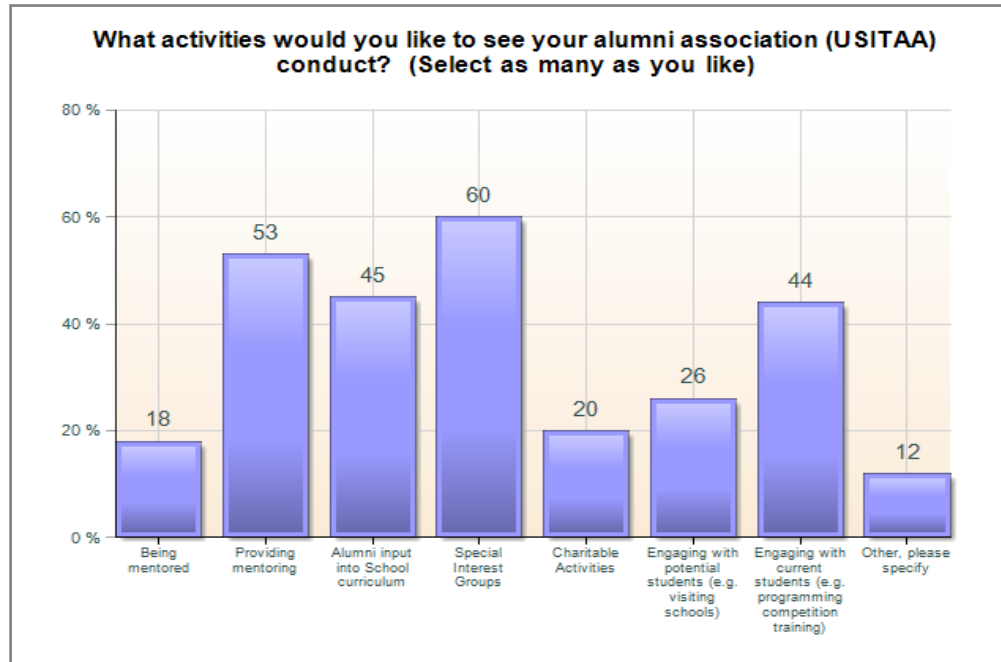




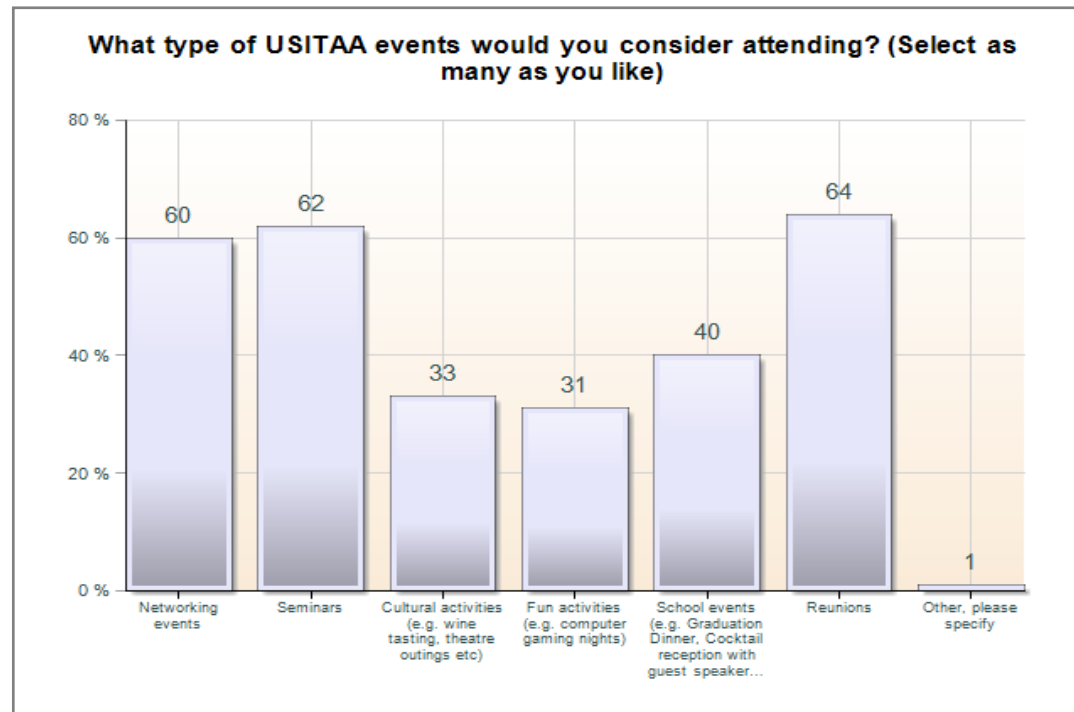
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University of Sydney IT Alumni Association
(USITAA)
2009 IT Alumni Survey

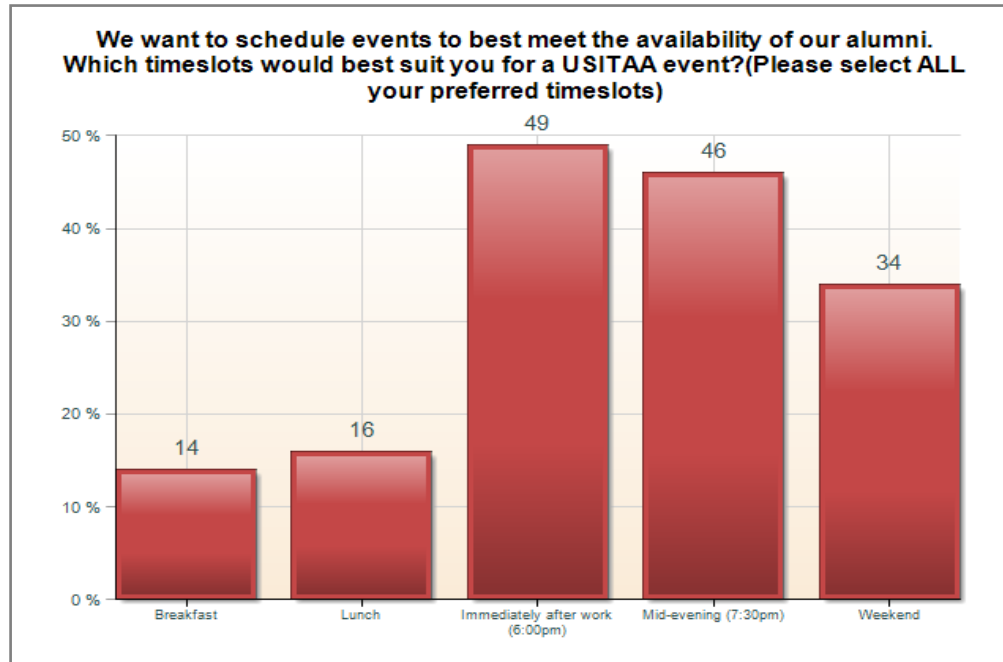


What activities would you like to see your alumni association (USITAA) conduct? (Select as many as you like)

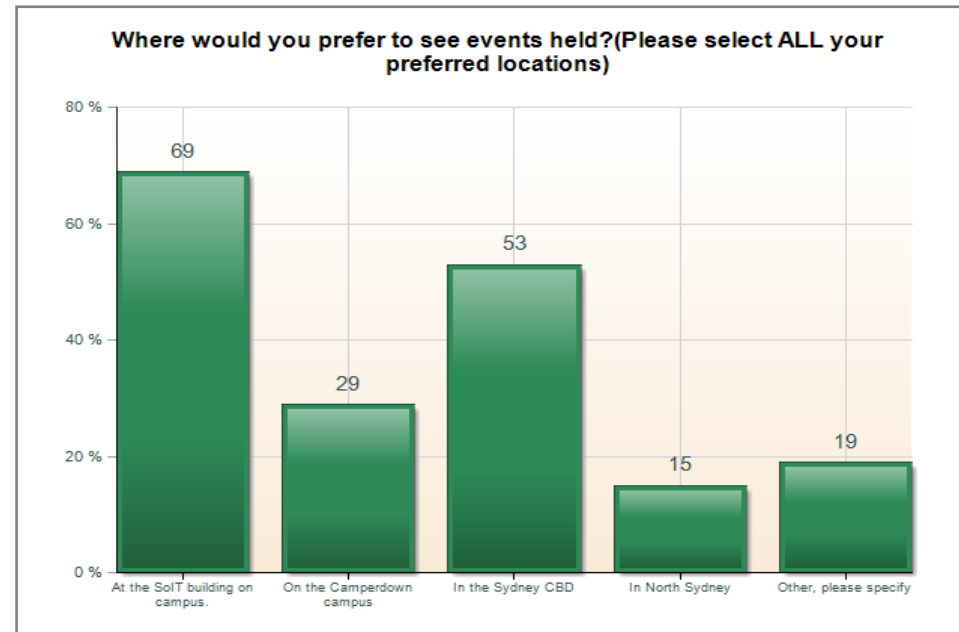
Being mentored	17 (18 %)
Providing mentoring	51 (53 %)
Alumni input into School curriculum	44 (45 %)
Special Interest Groups	58 (60 %)
Charitable Activities	19 (20 %)
Engaging with potential students (e.g. visiting schools)	25 (26 %)
Engaging with current students (e.g. programming competition training)	43 (44 %)
Other, please specify	12 (12 %)



What type of USITAA events would you consider attending? (Select as many as you like)	
Networking events	59 (60 %)
Seminars	61 (62 %)
Cultural activities (e.g. wine tasting, theatre outings etc)	33 (33 %)
Fun activities (e.g. computer gaming nights)	31 (31 %)
School events (e.g. Graduation Dinner, Cocktail reception with guest speaker etc)	40 (40 %)
Reunions	63 (64 %)
Other, please specify	1 (1 %)

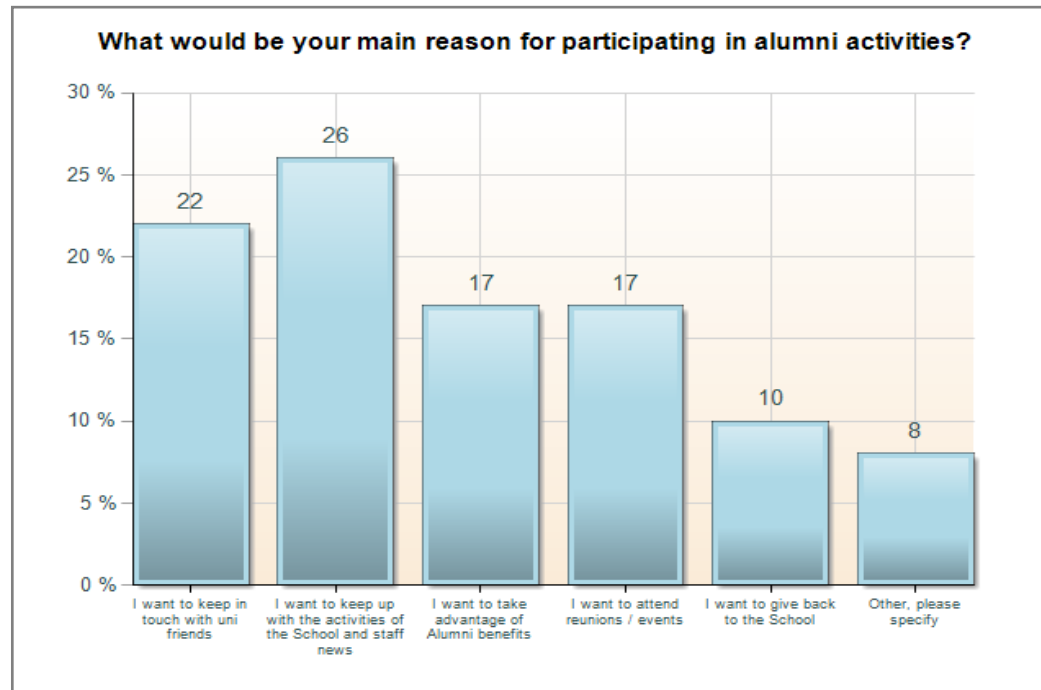


We want to schedule events to best meet the availability of our alumni. Which timeslots would best suit you for a USITAA event?(Please select ALL your preferred timeslots)	
Breakfast	13 (14 %)
Lunch	15 (16 %)
Immediately after work (6:00pm)	46 (49 %)
Mid-evening (7:30pm)	43 (46 %)
Weekend	32 (34 %)

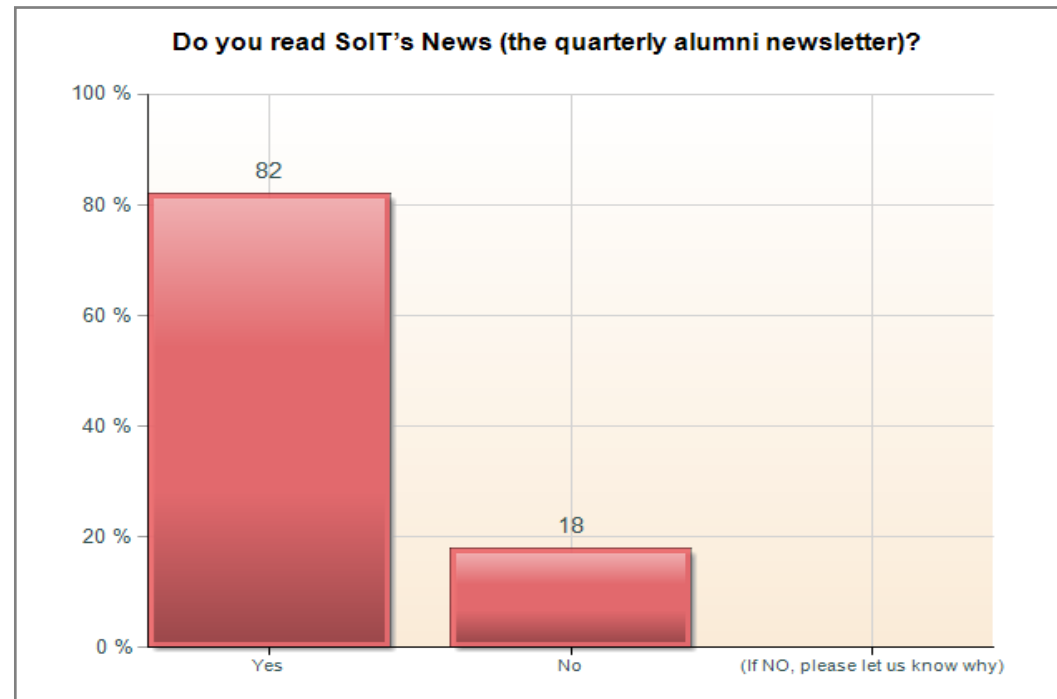


Where would you prefer to see events held?(Please select ALL your preferred locations)

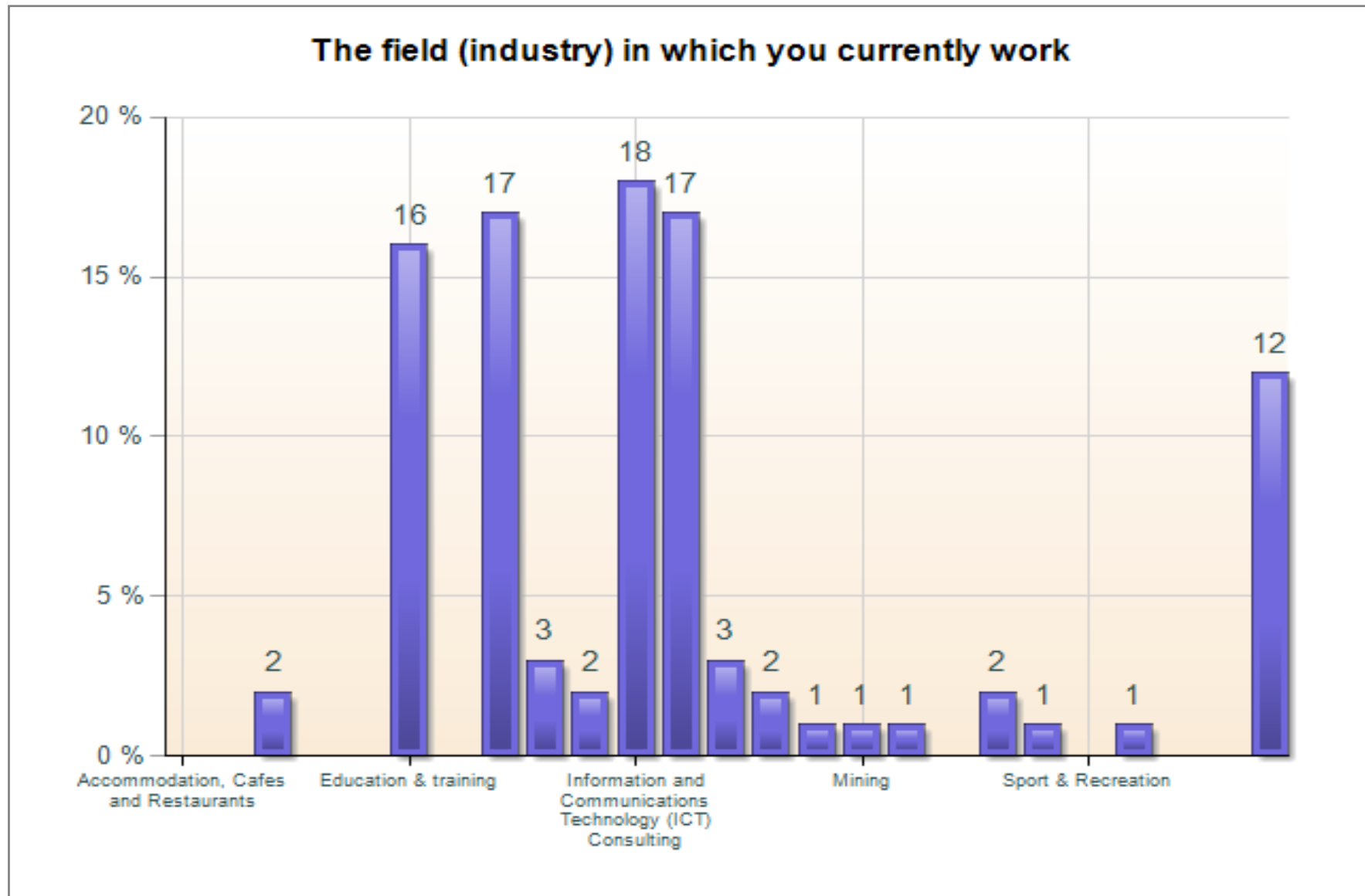
At the SoIT building on campus.	66 (69 %)
On the Camperdown campus	28 (29 %)
In the Sydney CBD	51 (53 %)
In North Sydney	14 (15 %)
Other, please specify	18 (19 %)



What would be your main reason for participating in alumni activities?	
I want to keep in touch with uni friends	21 (22 %)
I want to keep up with the activities of the School and staff news	25 (26 %)
I want to take advantage of Alumni benefits	16 (17 %)
I want to attend reunions / events	16 (17 %)
I want to give back to the School	10 (10 %)
Other, please specify	8 (8 %)



Do you read SoIT's News (the quarterly alumni newsletter)?	
Yes	81 (82 %)
No	18 (18 %)
(If NO, please let us know why)	0 (0 %)





The field (industry) in which you currently work	
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	0 (0 %)
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0 (0 %)
Charitable organisation or not-for-profit	2 (2 %)
Construction & engineering	0 (0 %)
Cultural and Entertainment Services	0 (0 %)
Education & training	16 (16 %)
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	0 (0 %)
Finance, Banking and Insurance	17 (17 %)
Government Admin & Defence	3 (3 %)
Health and Community Services	2 (2 %)
Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Consulting	18 (18 %)
ICT Software	17 (17 %)
ICT Other	3 (3 %)
Legal services	2 (2 %)
Manufacturing	1 (1 %)
Mining	1 (1 %)
Media, Advertising & PR	1 (1 %)
Property and Business Services	0 (0 %)
Retail Trade	2 (2 %)
Scientific & Technical services	1 (1 %)
Sport & Recreation	0 (0 %)
Transport and Storage	1 (1 %)
Utilities	0 (0 %)
Wholesale Trade	0 (0 %)
Other, please specify	12 (12 %)



**Further suggestions/comments/feedback on
USITAA Alumni events and activities**

- As a South Australian these days, I am rarely in a position to attend USITAA events. The newsletter is important.
- Discover relevance of curriculum versus current industry practice / challenges
- Events that can benefit alumni such as breakfast briefings with industry leaders, innovative speakers would be welcome.
- For the future, it would be enriching to have overseas alumni events for those residing outside of Australia.
- I'd only rarely be able to attend anything as I live in London and the event would have to coincide with a visit to Sydney. There are surely many graduates in similar situations. Perhaps there could be an online component of some events, either in real-time or later (something like the Royal Society podcasts - pretty variable in quality and interest level but worth monitoring as sometimes they are brilliant).
- We all need a lobby group to help to end the destruction of Australian IT industry, through pervasive outsourcing to low quality foreign vendors. Perhaps USITAA can mobilise this movement.
- Keep at it