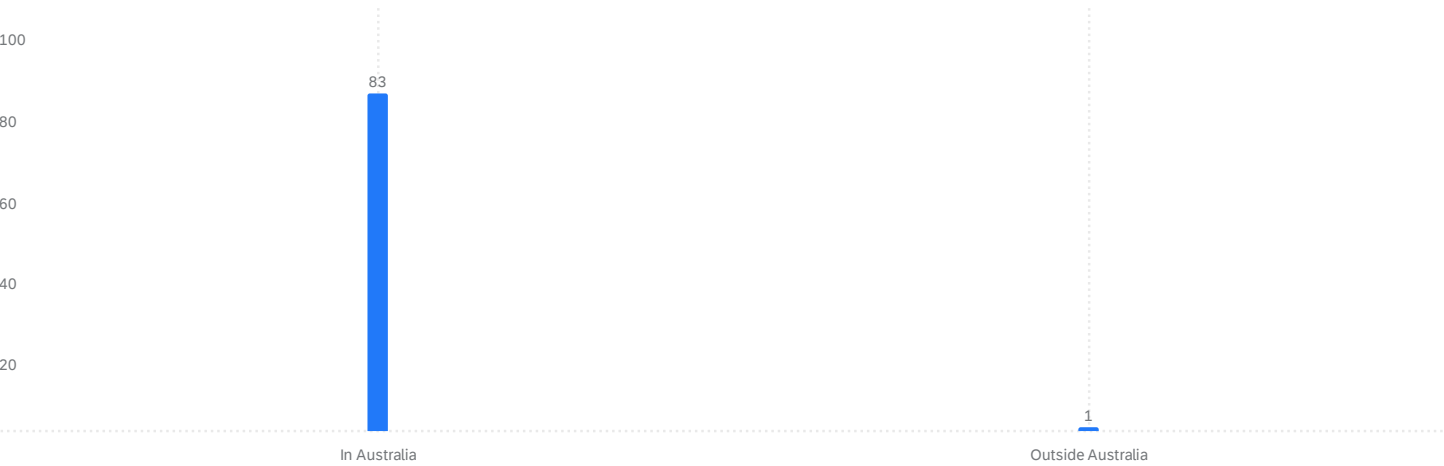
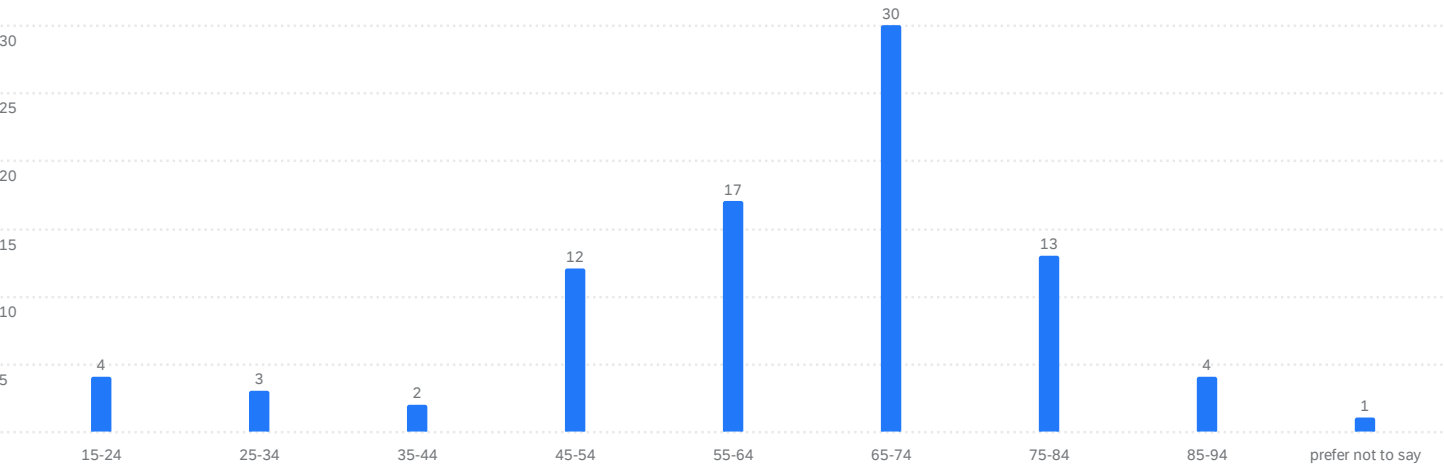


Q1: My location: I am mainly based: 84 ⓘ



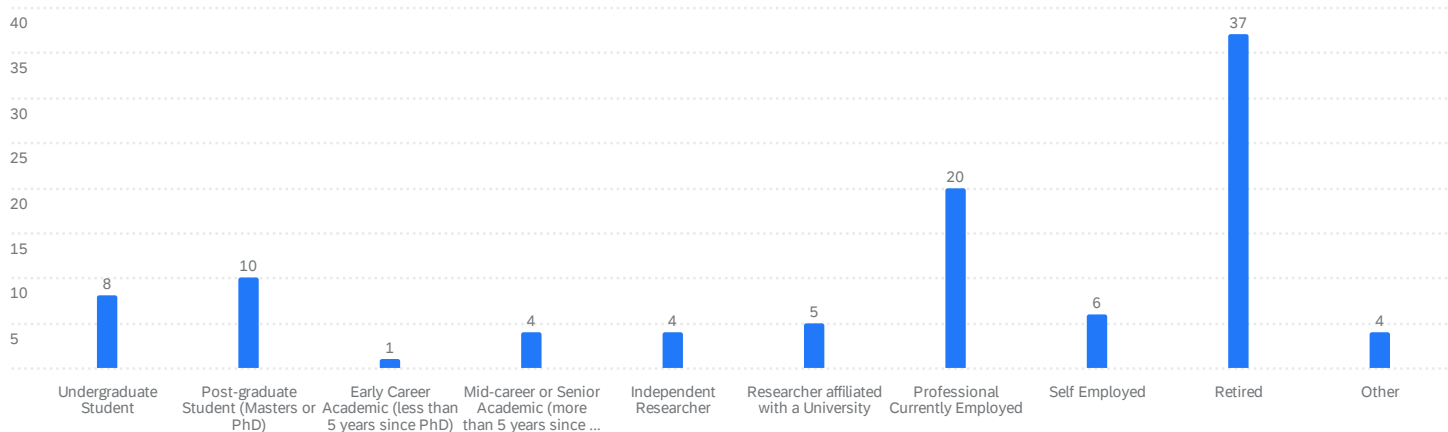
Q2: My Age Group: I am in the following age group: 86 ⓘ



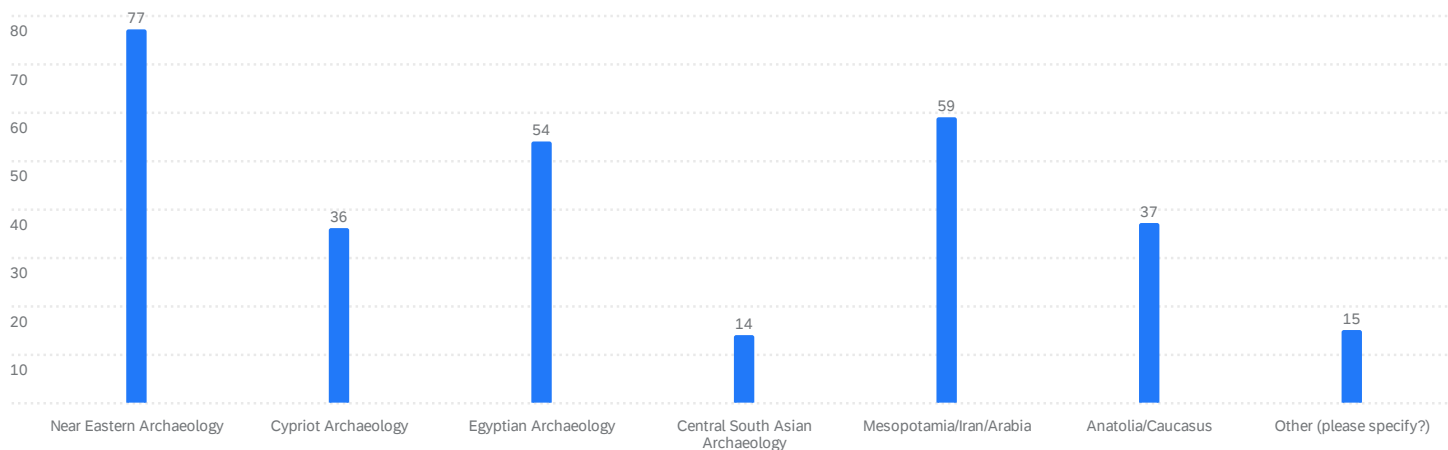
Q3: My Gender: I would describe my gender as: 86 ⓘ



Q4: My Career: I would describe my current career stage as being. You may select more than one option 86 ⓘ



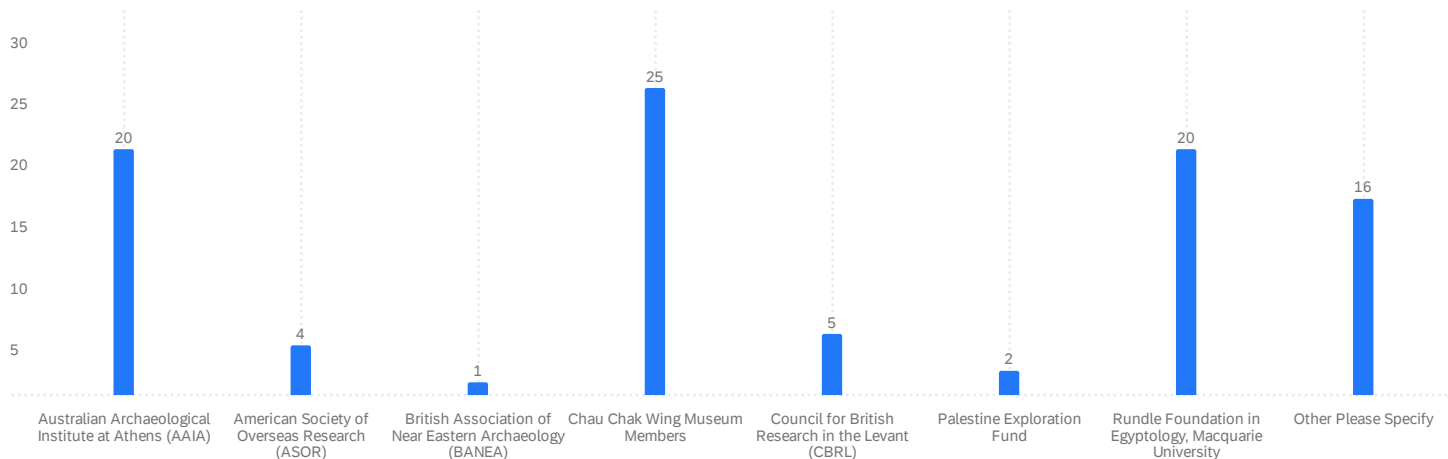
Q5: My Areas of Archaeological Interest: My Main areas of Archaeological Interest are: please select all that apply 85 ⓘ



Q5: Other

- Silk route studies
- North Africa, Latin America
- Roman and Greek Archaeology x 4
- East Asia
- Greece x 3
- Prehistoric and neolithic periods of the selected regions
- Roman and ancient glass
- South East Asia
- Anywhere the Greeks and Romans have been but love the Levant Region.

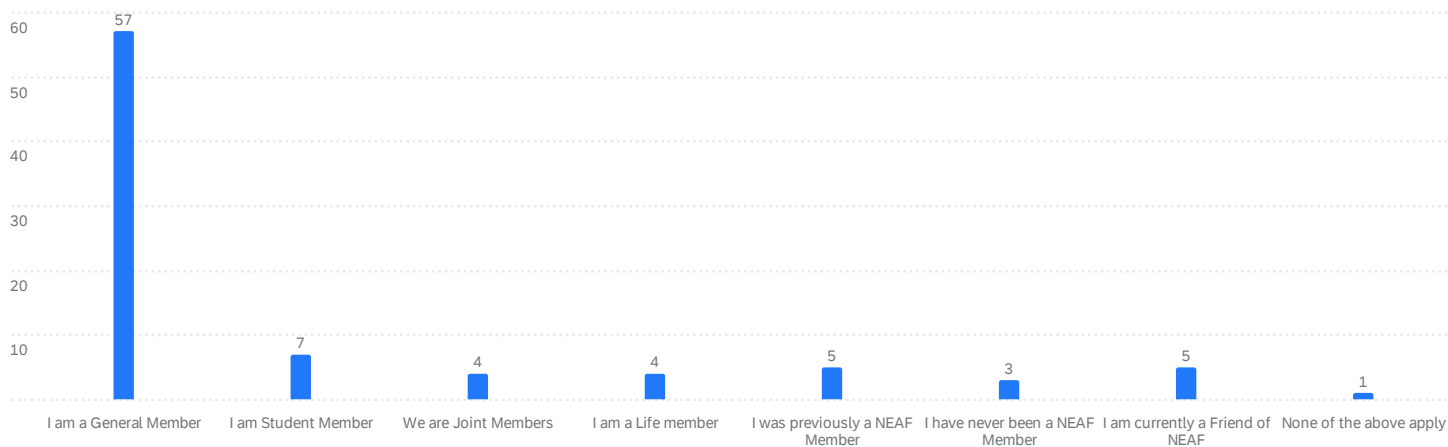
Q6: My Archaeological Affiliations: I am a member of the following: Select all that apply 56 ⓘ



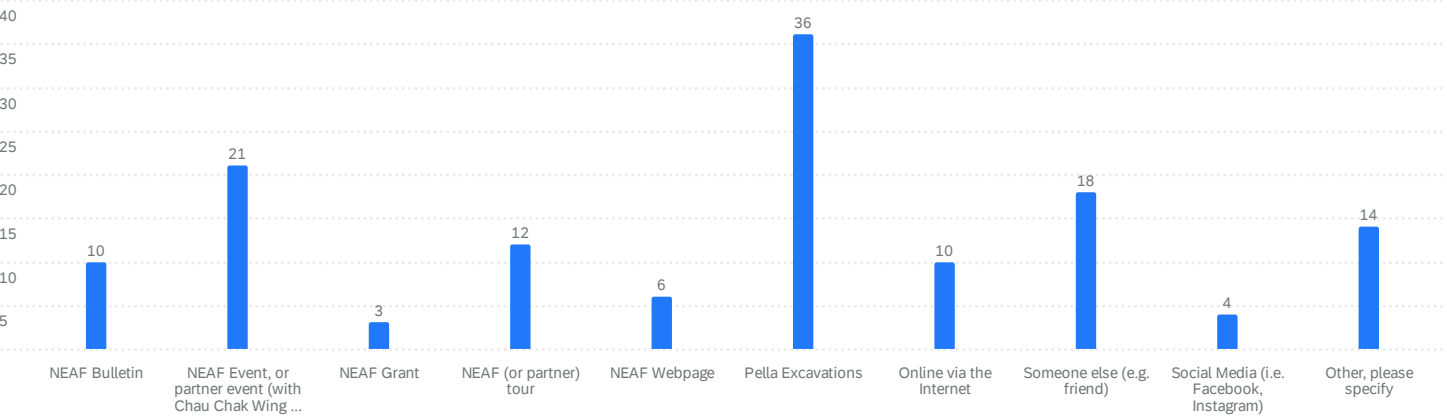
Q6: Other

- ICAZ - international council in archaeozoology
- National Trust
- Marrickville Heritage Society
- Egyptian Study Society (ESS) x 5
- ASHA-Australasian. Soc.
- Historical Archaeology
- Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA)
- Metropolitan Museum of NY
- British School at Rome British Museum ACANS
- Macquarie Uni. Roman History Dept.
- TAASA
- American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) x 2

Q7: NEAF Membership and Friends Status -please select what applies to you now 86 ⓘ



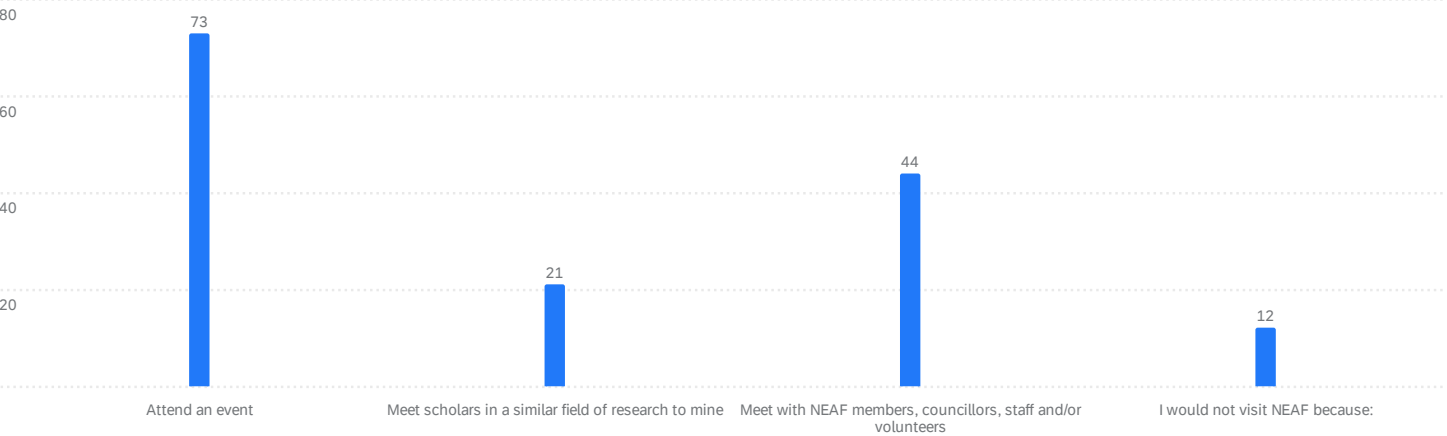
Q8: My Interest in NEAF: I became aware of NEAF through one or more of the following: - please select all that apply. 85 ⓘ



Q8: Other

- A friend from the department
- Tours
- Family members involvement with NEAF.
- Studying at Syd. Univ. (Student) x 6
- USyd staff
- Radio

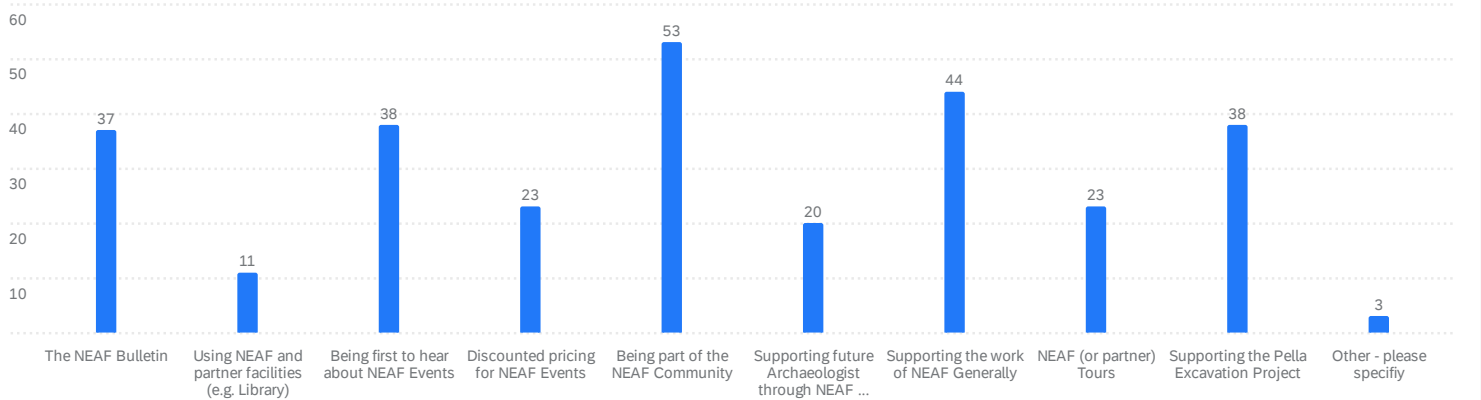
Q9: My Reasons for Visiting NEAF: I would visit NEAF in Sydney to: - please select all that apply 85 ⓘ



Q9: I would not visit NEAF Because:

- I live interstate x 3
- I prefer to use Zoom for lectures
- I do not live in Sydney and do not now visit very often, I do not have any opportunity to attend events in person.
- Live in Blue Mountains so distance can be an issue but zoom has changed my NEAF life!
- Distance and time from the Central Coast
- I live outside of Sydney now
- It is difficult to get to USYD especially at night from the Lower North Shore especially now I am in my mid-80
- I live in the USA - all contact is online

Q10: My Most Valuable part of NEAF Membership is: As a current NEAF Member I most value (or, if I were to consider becoming a NEAF member, I would most value) - please select all that apply 86 ⓘ



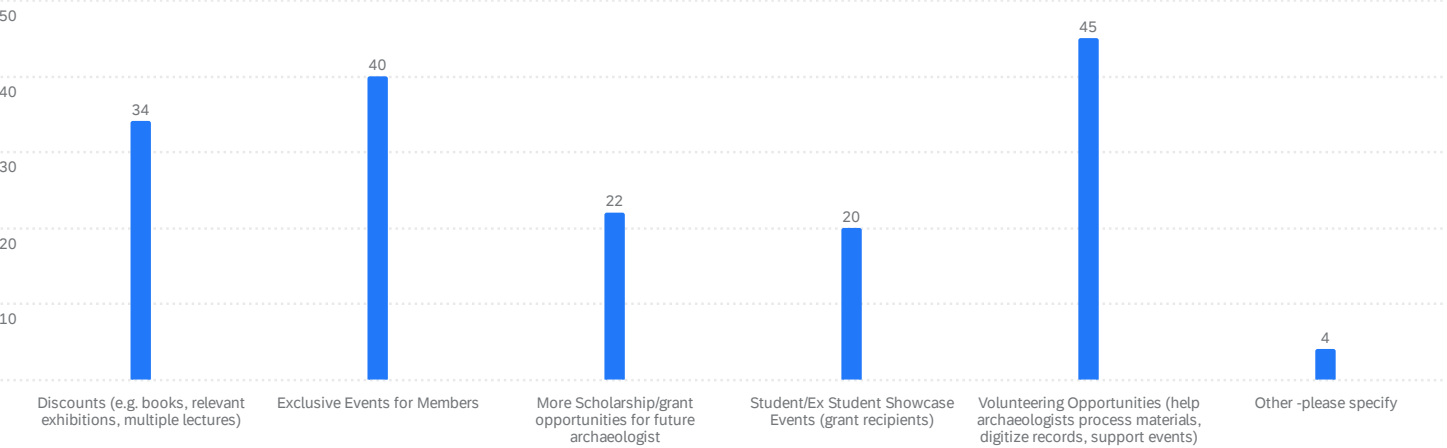
Q10: Other

1. NEAF online lectures
2. Lifelong learning

Q11: Value of the Cost of NEAF Membership: I consider the cost of NEAF Membership to be: 84 ⓘ



Q12: My Ideal Benefits as a NEAF Member: Additional Benefits I would like as a Member include - please... 78 ⓘ

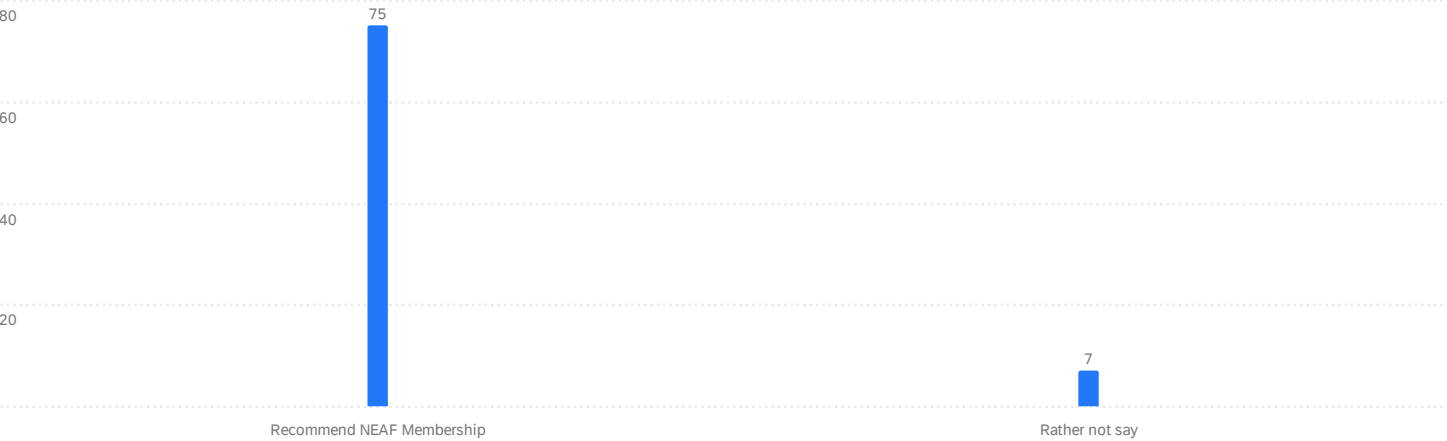


Q12: Other

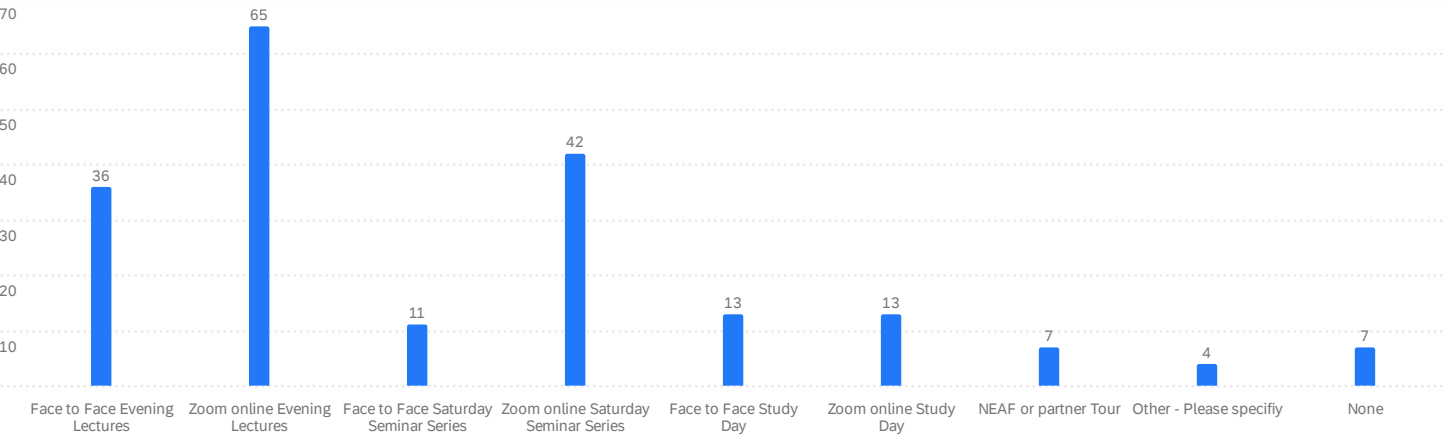
More lectures available online x 2

Knowledge of new or revised sites, information on relevant international exhibitions as we travel.

Q13: My Promotion of NEAF Membership to Someone: I would - 82 ⓘ



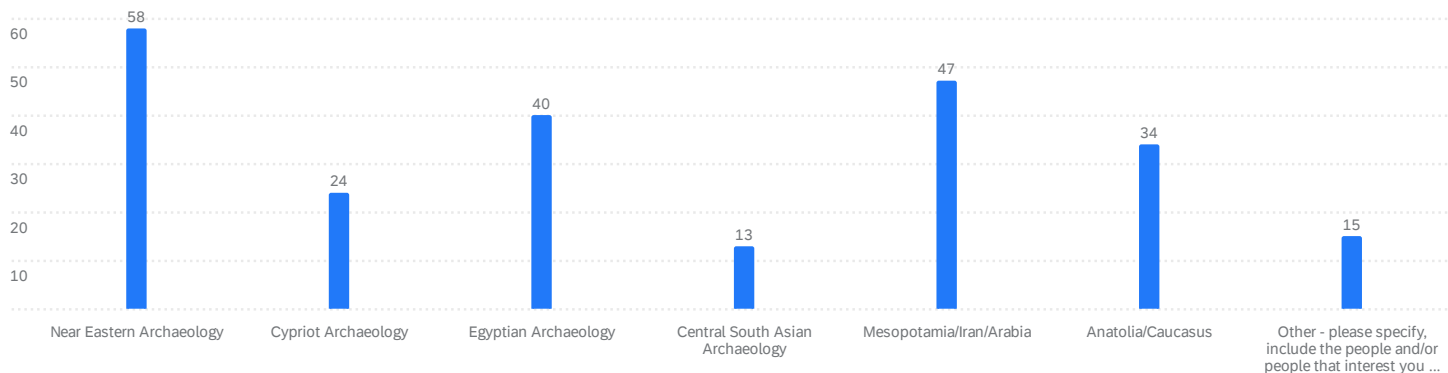
Q14: My Recent NEAF Activity: In the last 18 months I have attended: Please select all that apply 84 ⓘ



Q14: Other

Unavailable on the day (overseas etc) x 4

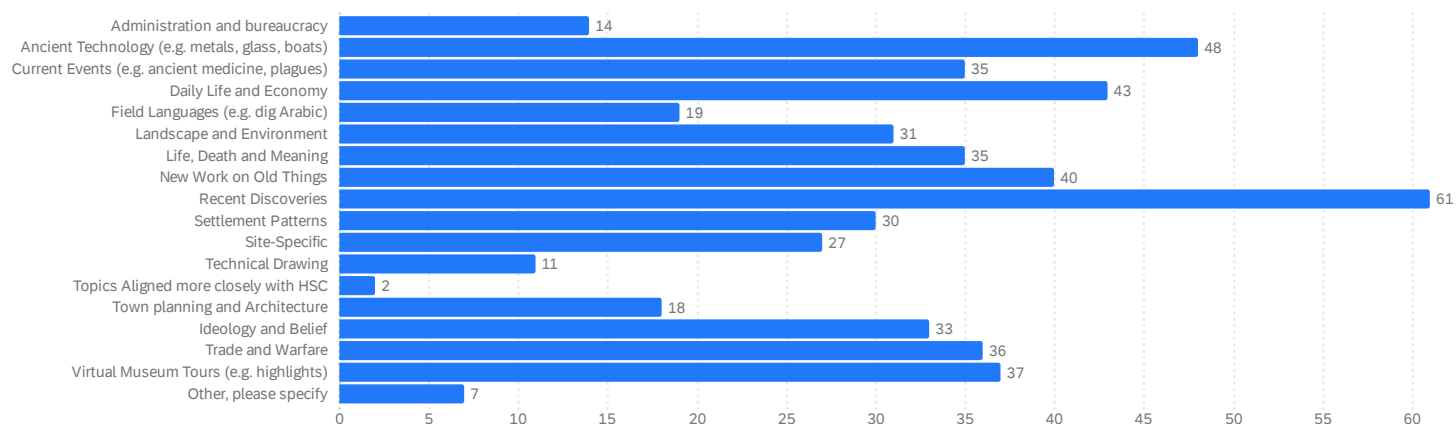
Q15: My Future Areas of of Archaeological Interest: Over the next three (3) years I would like to see NEAF offer more activities relating to: please select all that apply 83 ⓘ



Q15: Other

- Phoenicians x 6
- Numidians
- Minoan/Mycenaean
- Prehistoric and neolithic periods of the Near East and Fertile Crescent
- Assyrians and Neo-Assyrians,
- Persians x 3
- Phrygians,
- Lydians
- material science trading patterns, scripts and their relevance to cultural interchange,
- ancient diets and trade routes.
- Collapse theories of cultural change.
- The commercial activities of early cities.
- Hellenistic to Islamic Near East, North Africa and Turkiye

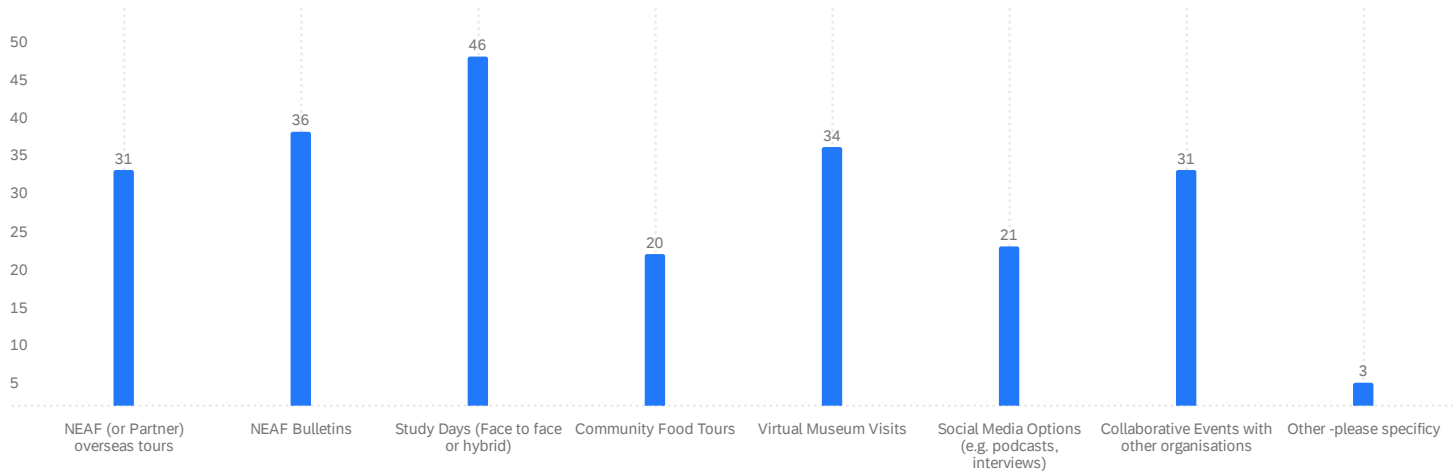
Q16: My Preferred NEAF Focus Areas: In particular, over the next three (3) years I would like to see NEAF offer more activities that explore the following areas: - please accept all that apply 85 ⓘ



Q16: Other

- Ancient languages
- Use of technology e.g. Lidar, satellite imagery, ground penetrating Radar etc.
- Use of modern science and technology in archaeological sites.
- Archaeo-astronomy

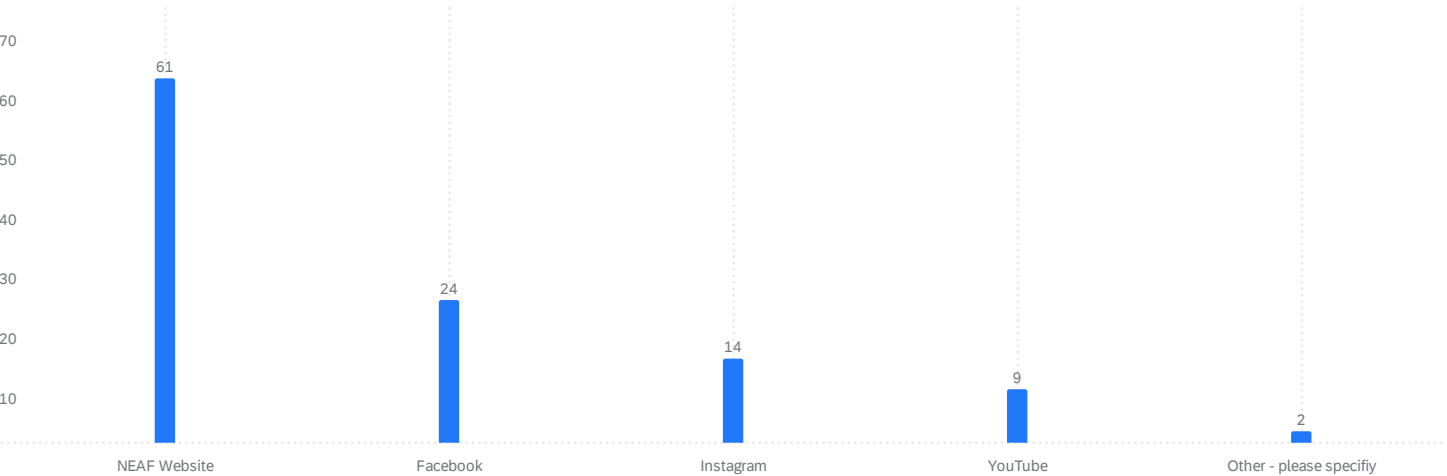
Q17: Over the next three (3) years I would like to see NEAF offer more/new -please select all that apply 80 ⓘ



Q17: Other:

More Evening lectures x 3

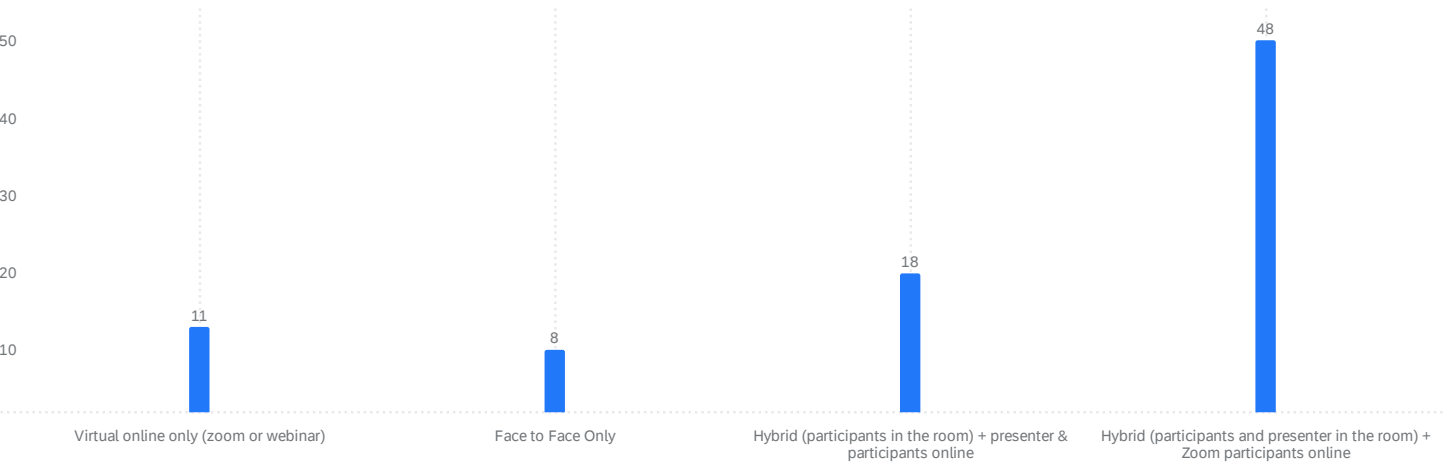
Q18: My Online Interactions with NEAF: Over the next three (3) years, I would like NEAF to be more visible on - please select all that apply 73 ⓘ



Q18: Other

Non specific answers given x 2

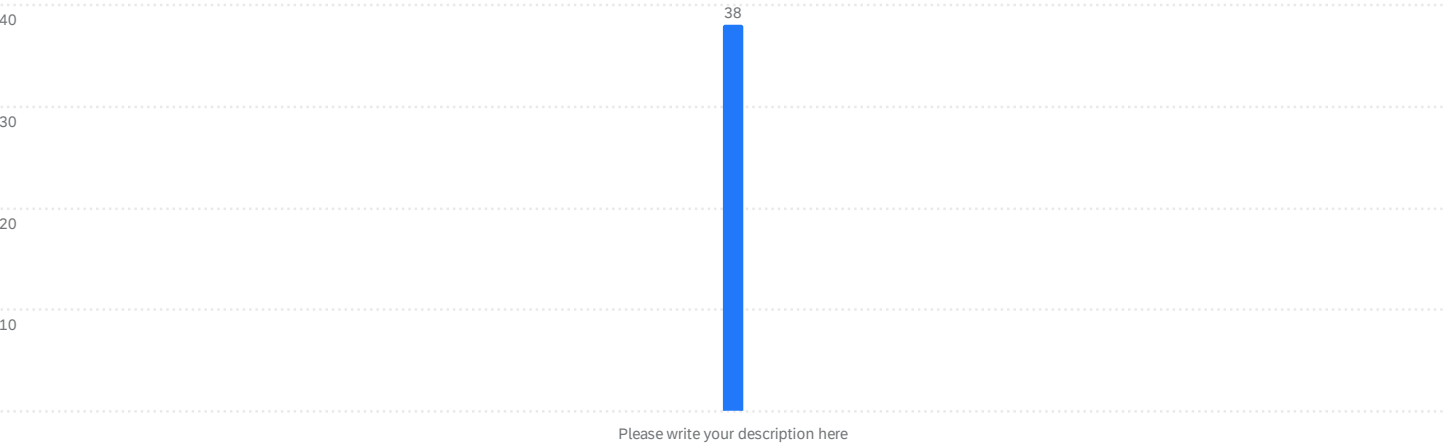
Q19: My Preferred NEAF Delivery Method for Evening Lectures: - please select all that apply 85 ⓘ



Q20: My Preferred NEAF Delivery Method for Saturday Morning Series or Saturday Study Days -please select 81 ⓘ



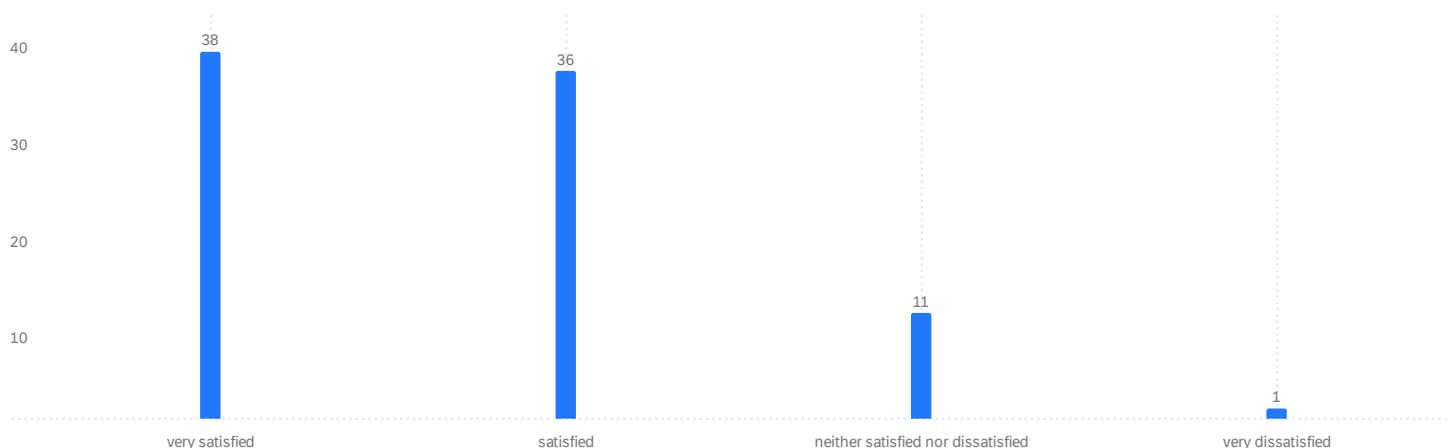
Q21: My Description of NEAF: A brief statement that I would use to describe NEAF: (optional) 38 ⓘ



Q21: Answers

1. NEAF keeps me updated on events in the archaeological community
2. Opportunity to gain extensive insight to life and times in the Middle East
3. I am very pleased to learn of research progress and learn more of ancient history
4. NEAF has opened the door to the world of archaeology for me; where civilisation was born and where mankind was created and where history whispers to me.
5. Great organisation - love the initiatives of the Saturday series and it being online so you don't have to travel to USYD - would be good if these and other even lectures are recorded so they would be watched on demand - make the lectures cheaper for members
6. Great Organisation
7. Brilliant lectures!
8. Bringing ancient Near Eastern cultures to Australia
9. Lectures from experts in their fields are what differentiates NEAF from the general run of media programs on historical sites.
10. Continued association with NEAF & the embracing of new technologies in interpretation & re-visiting the interpretations of past archaeologists.
11. I have an exceptionally high regard for NEAF and the Pella Excavation and related activities and would like to see NEAF do more of everything.
12. An organisation for people interested in Archaeology and supporting Archaeology in the field
13. My 8 seasons at Pella satisfied a youthful interest and belied any "Wish I'd done that!" in older times!!!
14. An important portal to our society's appreciation of the past, previous cultures and contact with successor states.
15. Struggling to remain relevant as a "usable" skill
16. Fabulous
17. a wonderful organisation, still true to its founding principles while steadily modernising
18. An eclectic and diverse group united by a common interest in the Ancient Near East.
19. I am extremely satisfied with NEAF in the quality of the presentations, interest level, staffing and atmosphere.
20. It is by far my favourite activity at this stage of my life and is very much appreciated.
21. It's so good to see NEAF keeping up the tradition of archaeological learning and increasing support for students and research.
22. NEAF is a great organisation and offers a lot currently.
23. I think it could do more on social media and needs to remember not everyone is based in Sydney.
24. An organisation where learning is valued and shared
25. I think that NEAF should have their grant applications open to support not necessarily postgraduates wanting to pursue their own research, but any archaeological student wishing to travel overseas for an excavation or dig - even if they are simply a volunteer or participant. You cannot get anywhere in this field without experience and most students cannot afford to spend upwards of \$10000 every year to go on a dig. Also, grant applications should be open at all times. Otherwise it provides a tiny window of opportunity for those that do comply with current requirements.
26. The Pella dig is also way too expensive.
27. A good medium for the layperson to learn about ancient history.
28. Offers travellers like us with archeological interests an academic background to enhance our travel and give us much to think over.
29. I like to read about things as I am not able to travel to Sydney Uni much
30. A community that links professional archaeologists with well educated amateurs, all with a shared interest in the archaeology of the Near East and surrounding regions
31. Lectures offering an exceptional way to keep up with the latest archaeological developments in the Near East.
32. Terrific range of topics, often with world experts reporting on their findings in the field.
33. An engaging entity for pursuing our understanding of the ancient past while providing the unique opportunity for academics and non-academics to share a common platform.
34. An opportunity for non academics to discover more about the past
35. I know there is a big treadmill of organisation behind the scene, but as a general member I'm drawn to all the lectures given by people high up in their field. Some lectures on glass, etc were excellent! As I'm still working in my own field and find it difficult to attend lectures I really appreciate the hybrid and online ability to attend.
36. Very supportive in advancing research in Cyprus, Egypt and the Near East and encouraging universal awareness and access.
37. In depth understanding of ancient issues.
38. A catholic organisation addressing both professional and the merely interested participants in its area of specialism
39. Important to the future of Archaeology in its chosen areas
40. NEAF satisfies my curiosity and knowledge of Archaeology. It is wonderful to emerge oneself with likeminded people as most of my friends have not a clue about Archaeology. I really appreciate all the NEAF lectures and events.
41. Accessible high quality source of information, engagement and continuing education on Near East Ancient history for non academics (but enthusiasts) like myself.

Q22: How Satisfied am I with NEAF: When I think of how satisfied I am with the work of NEAF in supporting research in the archaeology of the NEAR EAST, EGYPT, CYPRUS AND CENTRALASIA and bringing the world of Near Eastern Archaeology to the public: I am - 86 ⓘ



Q23: Why I feel this level of satisfaction/dissatisfaction with NEAF: This question is optional. 32 ⓘ

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Please describe the reason you selected your answer in Q21.

Q23: Answers

- I am generally happy with NEAF however I would like to see more bulletin publications and generally more support for publications.
- Further, it has provided invaluable opportunity to volunteer on site at Pella, Jordan, and work closely with, and learn from, experts in the field.
- Additionally, regular and ongoing critical knowledge can be accrued through study days and zoom lectures
- Still work to be done - as mentioned above making the online lectures cheaper for members
- Excellent administration - great lectures
- -Meets my needs well
- I'd like more face-to-face events, to build connection and NEAF community
- There is a great deal of personal passion by many people in the field of archaeology and NEAF provides an avenue for this to be shared with like minded people for education and interest purposes.
- NEAF lectures are usually informative and interesting and widen one's horizons.
- Profile is high in USYD landscape yet public profile could scoop up the regional & interstate university cultural heritage management projects &/or departments that give into our areas of passion! Also profiling our up & coming Masters' & Doctoral students' projects & trajectories in the NEAF geographical purvey in Oz Museums & Universities.
- -Very professional and welcoming of volunteers.
- Making sure I wasn't taken as a "Bucket Lister"/"One-timer"!!!!
- I took the subject as a middle aged "student" - found it very interesting and have continued my interest in the options offered by lectures
- Don't know what other organisations are doing to compare and probably not really that au fait with all the work that NEAF does to give a more definitive answer.
- NEAF allows me to keep up to date with archaeological work currently undertaken by Sydney University as well as well as other institutions.
- lecture topics can be specialised
- To show my complete satisfaction with NEAF and how it is run. In particular, the dedication and friendliness of the staff and management.
- I love how NEAF brings together people who share a passion for and knowledge of archaeology of the ancient Near East.
- It has always had learning at heart
- The lectures are great, but I think that NEAF could do more in making members aware of its activities, particularly the awarding of grants. How is NEAF 'supporting research in the archaeology of the Near East'? Apart from Pella, I don't know. And more information about what happens to Pella material and information in between seasons would be useful.
- It is a volunteer organisation and I do not think more should be expected of it than it offer insights to interested people and support the training of future archeologists.
- There are few other associations which welcome professional and amateur alike, which give scholarships to students, and provide thoughtful lectures and fun social events
- I would have added I would like them to attract more interest from a wider audience - including younger people. Perhaps looking at a publicity strategy.
- As a mature student, I had studied archaeology and wish I had discovered this 20 years earlier. Yes, the level of positive satisfaction is multi-faceted - exploring through NEAF how people once lived in the ancient world, opportunities to participate in digs, join tours, furthering knowledge with study days, etc., and meeting such interesting people from a diverse range of backgrounds - some of whom have become good friends.
- Really enjoyed last years Saturday morning series and would love to see that format return
- NEAF has given me an amazing opportunity to develop further my interest in archaeology and support my post graduate studies in Ancient History, Late Antiquity, Early Religious Studies, Ancient Art and Architecture
- I know very little of NEAF support in research.
- I feel like a student again, able to mix with people with similar interests
- I simply feel it is worthwhile
- I think NEAF is doing a wonderful job in bringing knowledge of the Ancient World to the public.
- For me the only thing NEAF could improve is to make recorded Zoom lectures available (for a limited time) to members who has enrolled, so they can view them. I cannot attend most fixed time lectures (Zoom or otherwise) due to time zone or other commitments. Other organisations e.g British Museum, AGNSW do this.

Q24: Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey which will inform future directions of NEAF. More Information about NEAF can be found at: <https://neaf.sydney.edu.au/> To submit your responses and to exit this survey, please click the black arrow on the right hand bottom of the page. 15 ⓘ



Please add any additional comments you may have below:

Q24: Additional Comments

- Only my suggestion above about lecture recordings. They are a valuable resource so should be considered. Thank you!
- I would like to continue to see a wide range of people from the university and community on the NEAF board.
- You are doing a great job. Thank you.
- I don't live in Sydney so difficult for me to attend events. If I did, I would. As such zoom meetings/lectures are very important for me. I often think you charge for too many of the events that you run and that the charge is too high. Maybe that's because I can't attend any in person. However, I'm aware that you're also trying to raise funds so it would be interesting to know exactly how those funds are being spent. Thanks.
- Thank you to Karen for her superlative work running NEAF. NEAF enriches many lives and I hope will always continue!
- Thank you for running this survey and thank you for providing open-ended question response boxes. All the best.
- Good luck as the new President Ruth - well deserved!
- I would love to see a return of the NEAF Bulletin although I appreciate that Ben mightn't share this sentiment. Perhaps a talented assistant could help Ben to revive the Bulletin with a view to taking over the editorship. Given the 'maturity' of many NEAF members, a focus on attracting younger members seems essential to the organisation's medium-to long-term survival. Perhaps a discounted or part-year membership could be offered to outsiders attending Academy Travel talks given by NEAF personnel. I would like to see more funding directed towards supporting students in the form of grants or volunteering at Pella, to help train the next generation and attract them to Near Eastern archaeology. The Near East is not just the southern Levant, and I'd like to see lectures and content including Anatolia, Cyprus and Mesopotamia. It's great that you're surveying members, and I hope that you are receiving useful responses. Best of luck.
- Thanks Karen - You're amazing!! - this took 5 mins
- Keep on the work
- I have no objection to hybrid events, but selected zoom only as that is how we prefer to attend in most cases, unless there is a reason to be physically present to inspect something.
- There is a huge range of 'styles' and professionalism in the speakers and their PowerPoint presentations. I suggest a template with some recommendations and rules. And in the case of younger local presenters providing a knowledgeable person to edit, advise and rehearse their presentation in advance - providing invaluable professional development if they have a future career teaching or presenting their findings.
- I would like to access recorded lectures as I am not always available to view them live
- I would like to attend NEAF lectures in person more however am unsure of current availability of parking.
- Love all the events. Just a small thing, would love more enticing appealing food at events if possible!