

Are
women
better
placed?

# Australia's Spatial Sector



An action plan for boosting innovation and collaboration in the **spatial sector** through diversity and inclusion

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# Current state of Australia's Spatial Sector

#### **OUR SECTOR NOW**



Gender pay gaps in key roles (e.g. women surveyors earn on average around \$27,000 less than men)



Sector is characterised by a high proportion of small to medium size organisations who are not required to have gender equality plans\*



**ONLY 17%** 

of private sector organisations with more than 100 employees have a gender equality or flexibility strategy



Limited evidence

of employees from non-Anglo and indigenous backgrounds, and employees with disability.



17%

workforce over 55 years



Concentrated market focus on service, property and infrastructure sectors



25%

female representation



15-20%

of surveying course participants are women

# Diversity Benefits

- Positively impacts performance
- Encourages innovation
- Higher levels of employee satisfaction
- Lower turnover

# Diversity Barriers

- Anglo-male cultural stereotypes
- Recruitment bias
- Limited focus on diversity in workplaces
- Lack of mentoring

# Actions for Change



Find out Statistics about industry



Conference panels equal representation



Hire different life/ work experiences



Communicate what diversity and inclusion is about



Get male champions involved



Educate about unconscious bias



Conduct a pay equity audit



Provide a flexible working environment



Mentoring



# Who are Women in Spatial NZ?

- Find us on LinkedIn: Women In Spatial (NZ)
- Follow our **blog**: https://womeninspatial.wordpress.com/
- Contact Us: spatialwomen@gmail.com

Why would I join a networking group?



Build your networking skills



Gain confidence



Hear from a variety of speakers



Find career opportunities



Discover industry trends & best practices



Make connections & friends

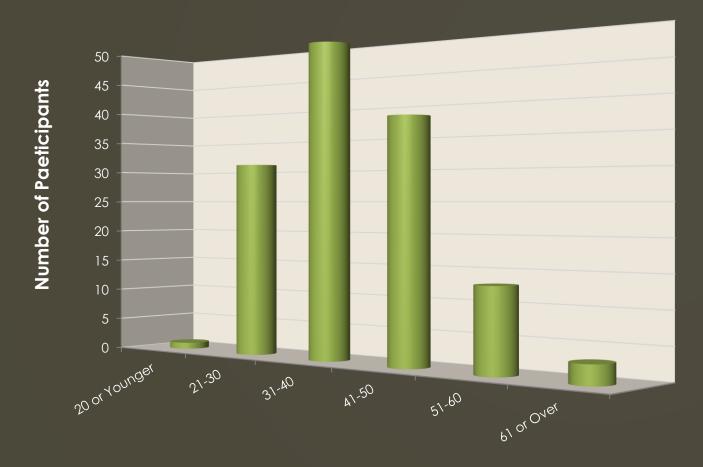
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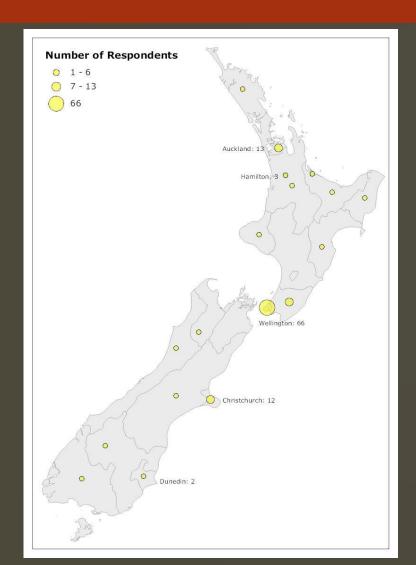
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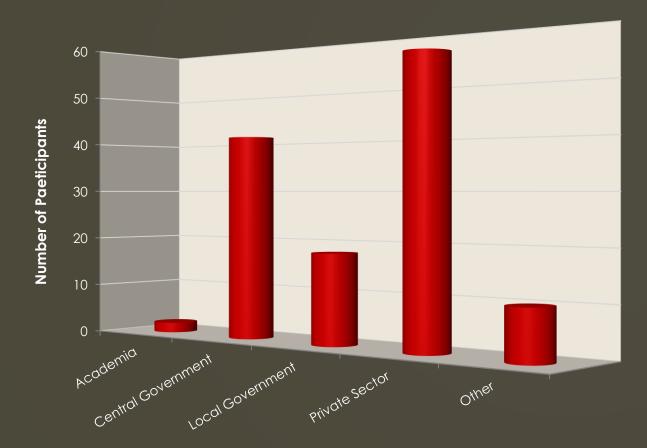
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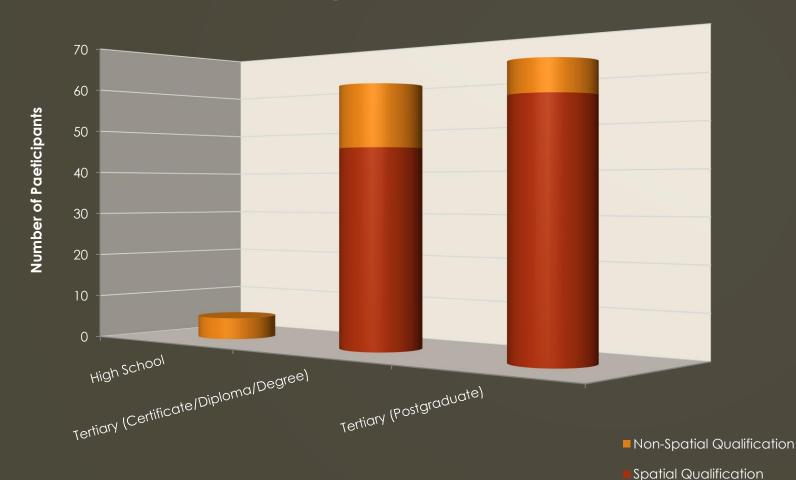
#### **Sector of Employment Distribution**





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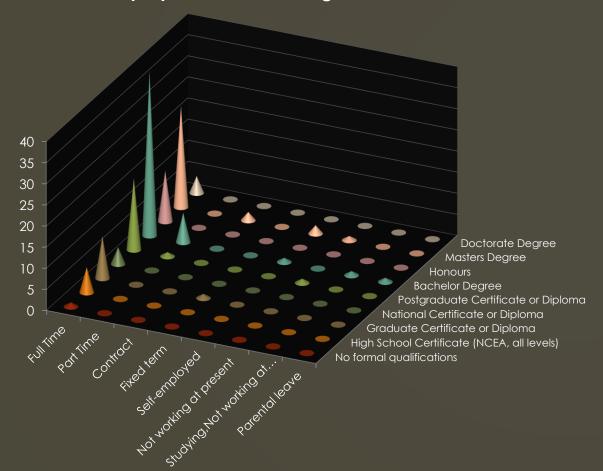
#### **Qualifications**





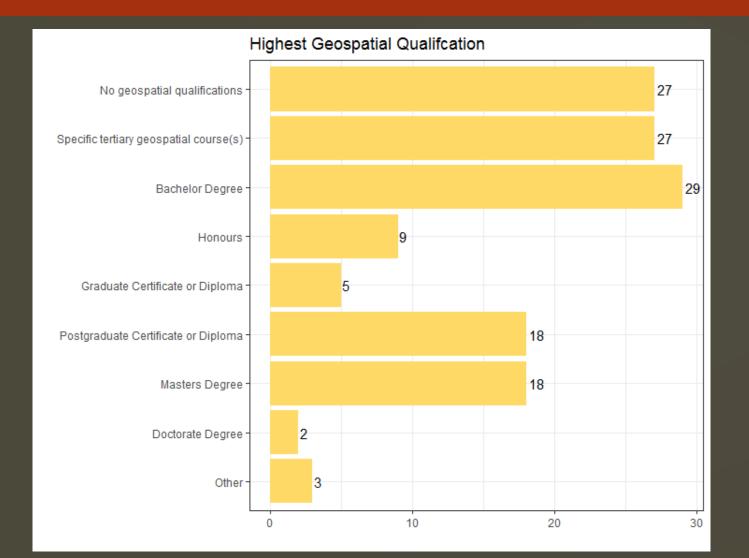
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#### **Employment Status vs Highest Educational Qualification**



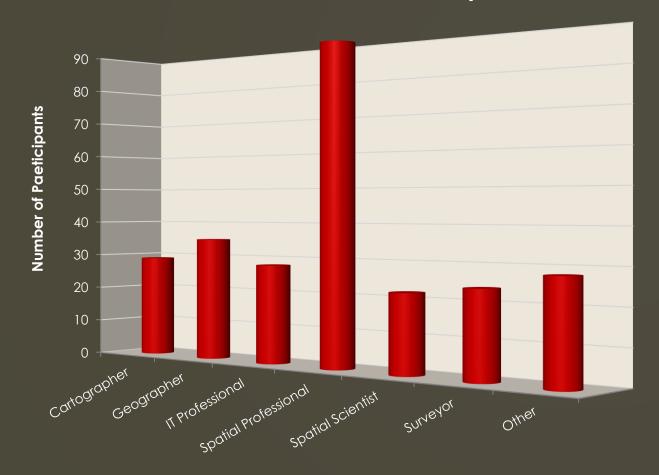


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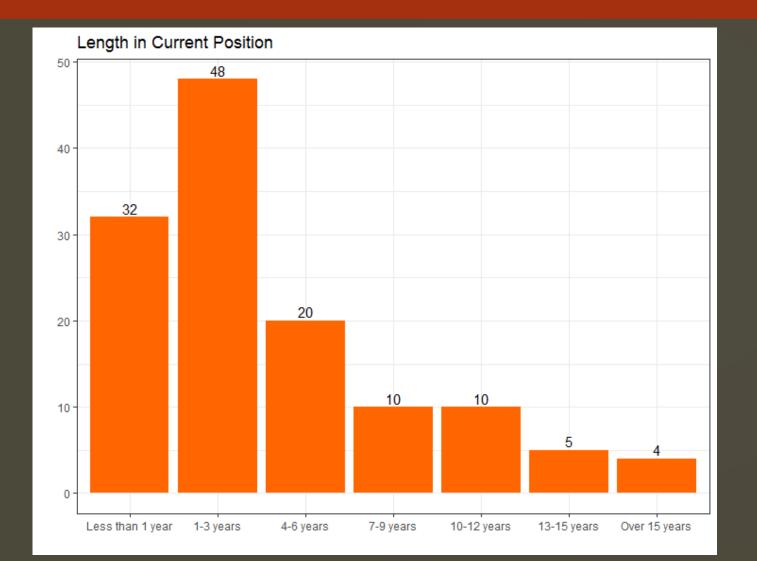




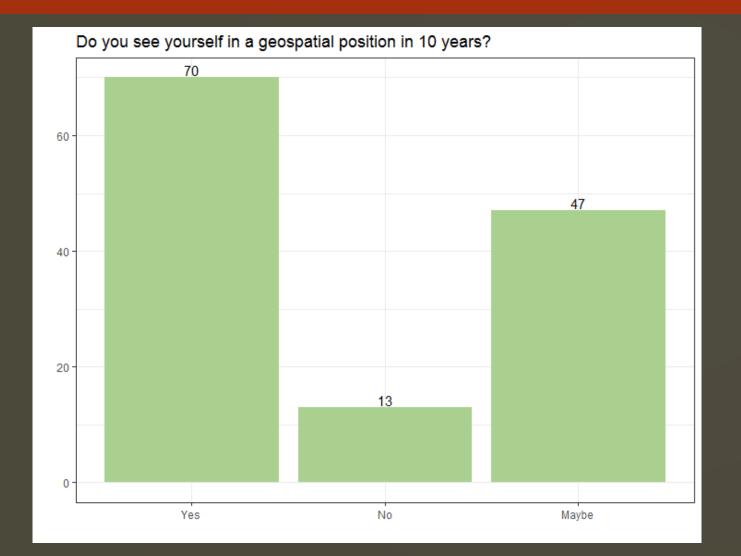
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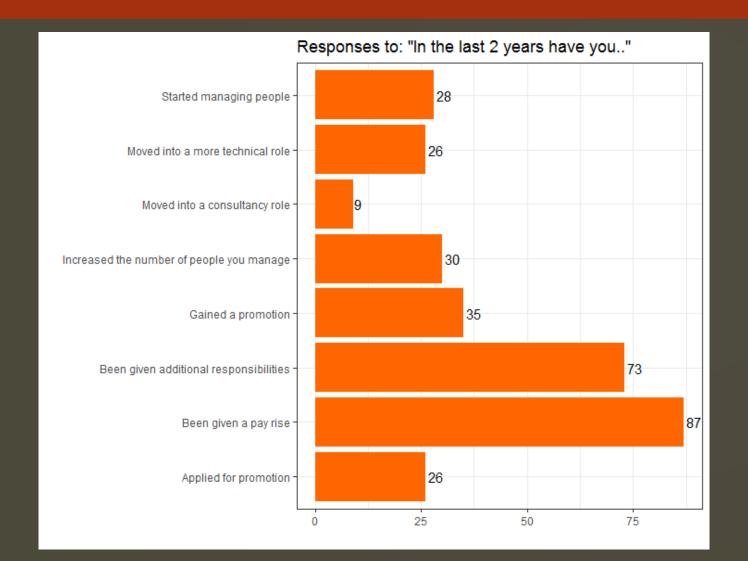




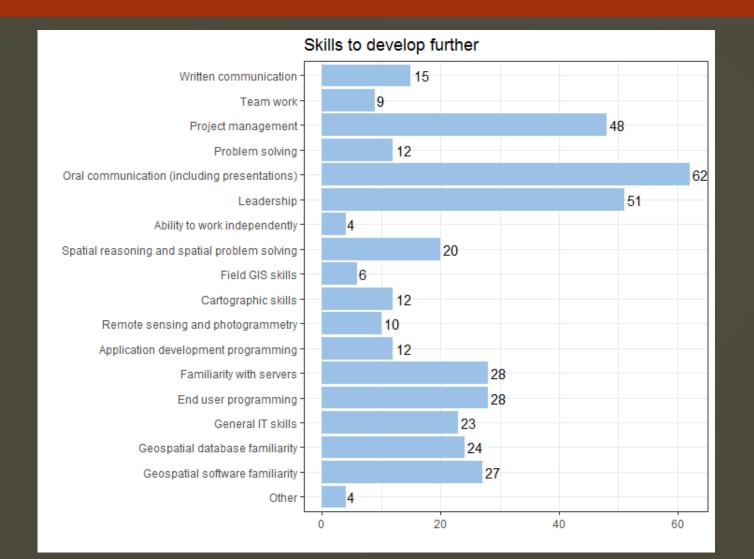




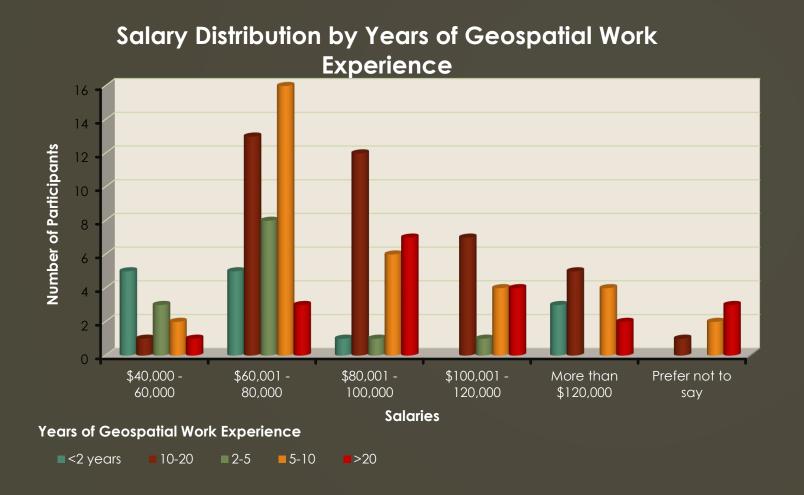




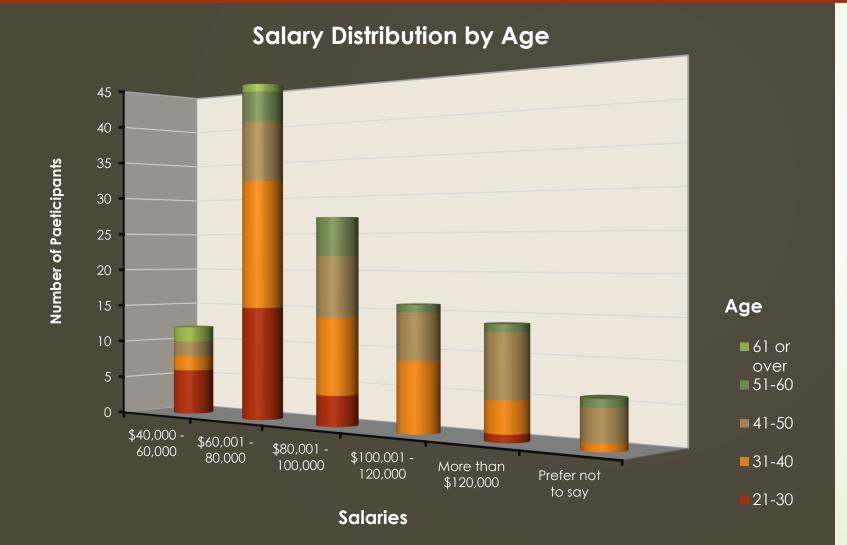






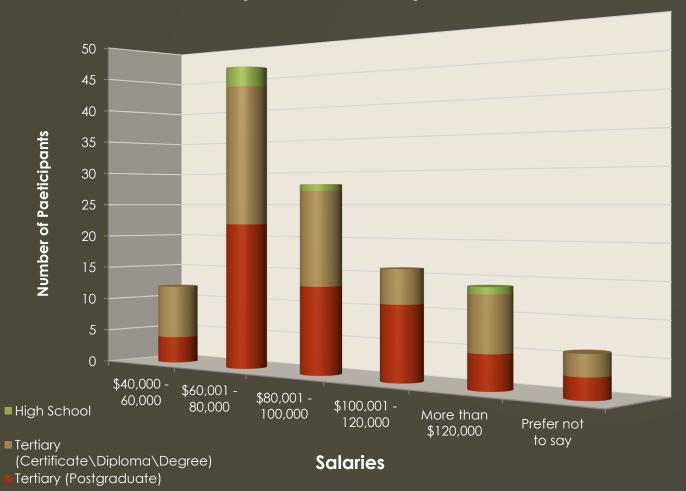






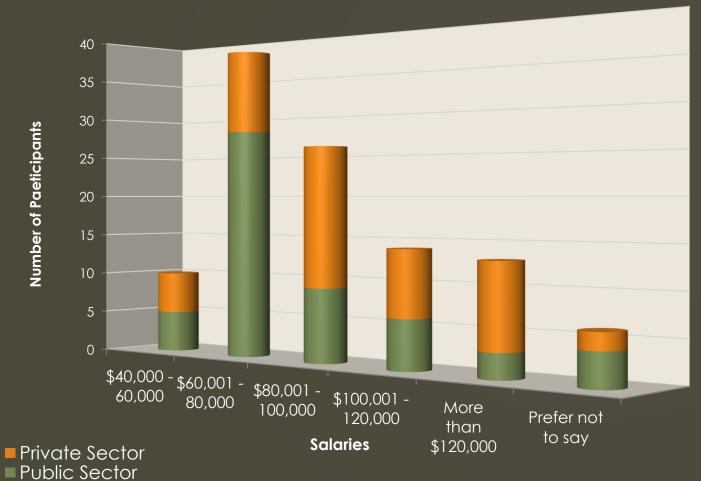


#### Salary Distribution by Qualifications



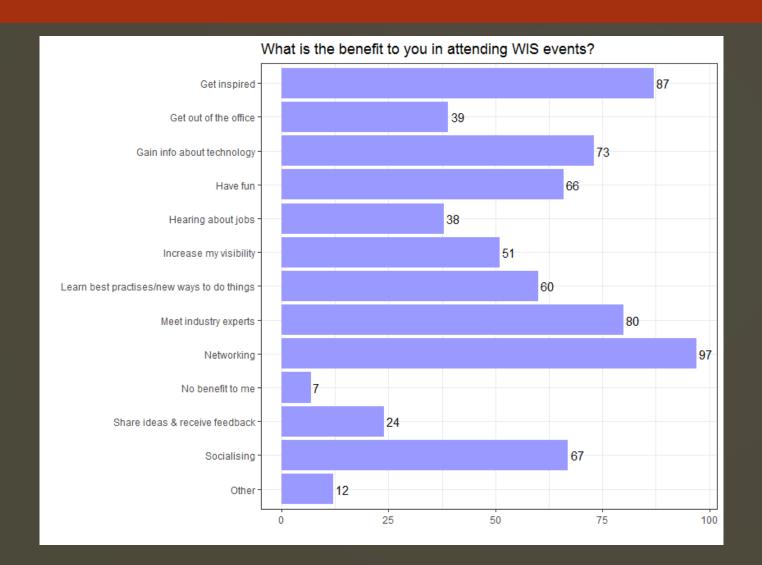








#### 2018 Survey Results- WIS Group





## What do women need to progress?

- More flexible working hours
- More opportunities for leadership roles
- Better pay transparency
- Equal treatment
- Mentors and role models



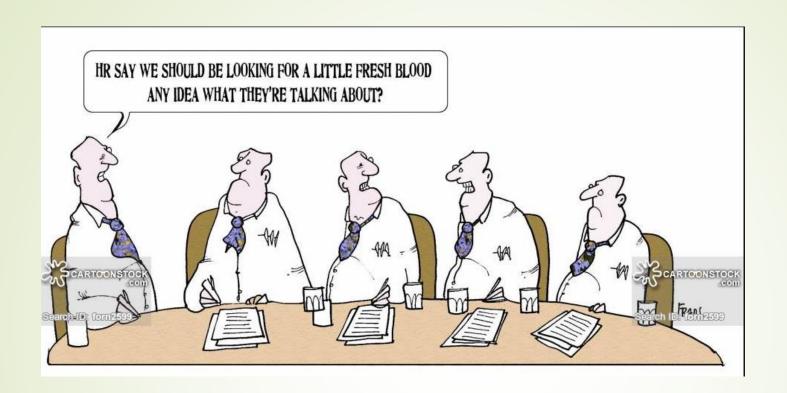
## Has is been a success - the good

- Filled a niche
- Provides a comfortable environment
- Free
- Comments from Survey......
  - Excellent well run group that I enjoy being part of
  - ► WIS is an awesome institution and long may it continue
  - ■Thanks for the events and energy thus far
  - Great work WIS team! Amazing you have built a strong community.
  - I think compared to other industries women are well voiced in Spatial

# How can it improve - the bad

- Mentoring
- More geographically diverse
- **■** Comments from Survey......
  - There isn't much in the way of WIS events in Hamilton
  - It's usually in wellington bit hard to get to
  - ► I live rurally so do not have much chance to go to a WIS event.





Thank you