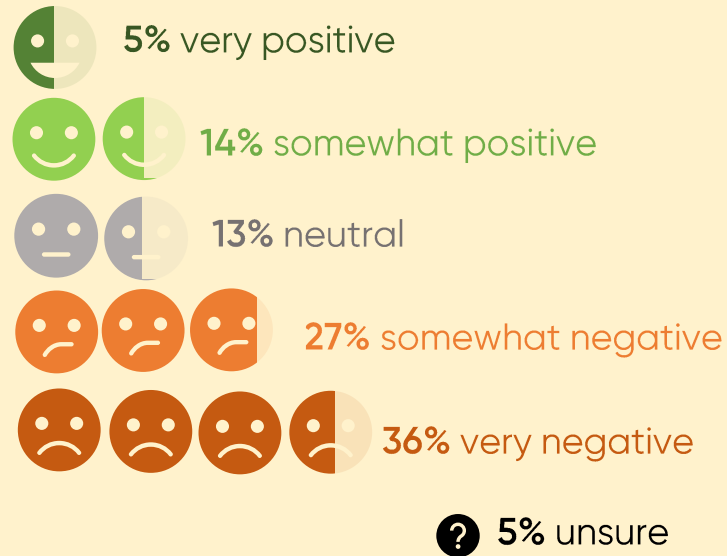


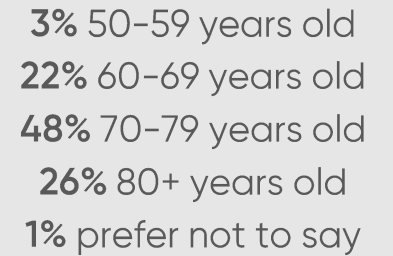
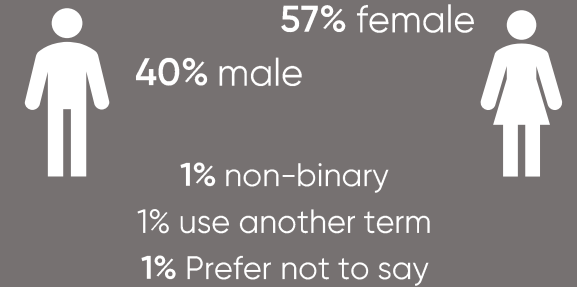
# COTA SA 2026 Federal Budget Survey Results

## How do you feel about the 2026 Federal Budget?



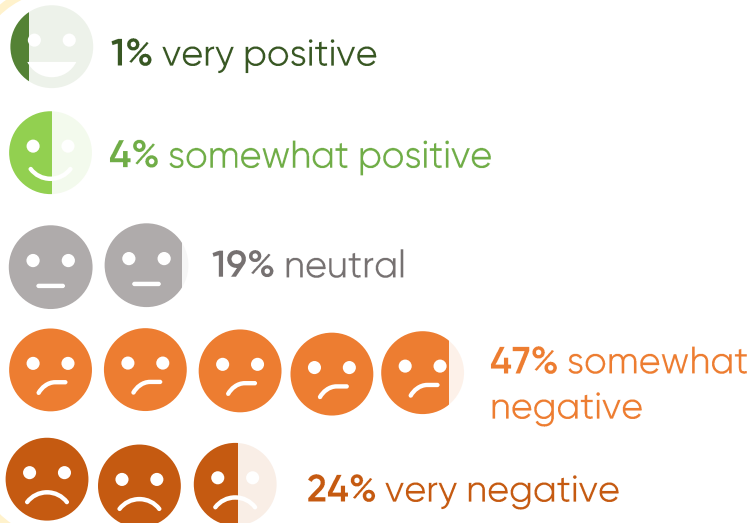
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older people completed our survey



1% Prefer not to say

## How do you think this year's Federal Budget measures will impact your life?



*“It is perhaps the most ageist budget in Australian history. Worse than that it’s dressed up as intergenerational equity, when the reality is younger Australians will be hit by a raft of unintended consequences.”*

Survey respondent

# COTA SA 2026 Federal Budget Survey Results (cont.)

Nearly half of respondents feel "nothing was positive" about the budget.



## Cost-of living relief

- × Wider application of cost-of-living relief (groceries, petrol, council rates, insurance) measures were not addressed.
- × Increase in aged pension was missed.



## Health

- ✓ New PBS listing and Free RSV Vaccination was welcomed.
- × Reduction of private health rebate to impact negatively.
- × Free dental care was missed.



## Aged Care

Aged care increased funding was acknowledged but dominant view from respondents is that it falls short of what is needed.



## Tax reform

Changes to Capital Gains Tax, negative gearing and trusts were met with mixed responses based on respondents' living situation.

"Nothing that I can quickly think of for people such as myself, i.e. private renters with little or no assets. I will have to return to work, but who's going to employ a 73-year-old?"

"The cost of living is biting hard. I don't think there is much help for me."

"As a pensioner, keeping my hospital cover will become very difficult now that the Fed. govt has increased premiums."

## What are your views on how different generations were considered in the lead up to and the announcement of the Federal Budget?

*"The narrative of all 'boomers' being wealthy property owners is incorrect – there are many struggling, especially women. We never had superannuation or were in the work force as long as other generations"*

*"I am pleased to see greater consideration for younger generations and an attempt to improve conditions for young people to get into their own home"*