



WHAT'S ON AT IPAA ACT



VALEDICTORY: PETER WOOLCOTT AO **3 MAY 2023**

Join us for a valedictory address by Peter Woolcott AO, Australian Public Service Commissioner, who will retire from the APS on 10 May 2023. This event will provide a platform to reflect on his time in the role, following his retirement announcement after four decades of public sector and diplomatic service. [Register now >>>](#)



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DATA FORUM **17 MAY 2023**

The Australian Government Data Forum is your opportunity to hear from senior thought leaders and academics from the public and private sectors about how data can be used to inform the delivery of policy and programs. [Register now >>>](#)



APS DATA AWARDS DINNER 2023 **17 MAY 2023**

Let's celebrate achievements across the data landscape together at the inaugural APS Data Awards Dinner! The awards highlight innovative and resourceful solutions across the APS that use data to make a difference to the Australian community. [Register now >>>](#)

PODCASTS

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HOW GOVERNMENT EXPERTS SELF-SABOTAGE

In this episode, we hear from ANU academic **Dr Christiane Gerblinger** about her recently released book 'How Government Experts Self-Sabotage: The Language of the Rebuffed'. Along with host David Pembroke, Dr Gerblinger unpacks why policy advice is sometimes rejected, and looks at why experts can be reluctant to disclose information to accommodate political circumstances. She also suggests ways to improve the structure and presentation of official advice to make it clearer and more accessible for those who receive it. [Listen to the episode >>>](#)

PREVIOUS EPISODES

- [Rebuilding trust and integrity after robodebt with Kathy Leigh and Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM FIPAA | 10 April 2023](#)
- [Empowering women in the workplace: Why mentoring matters with Tania Rishniw, Nina Davidson, and Caroline Walsh | 27 March 2023](#)

NEWS AND RESOURCES



NOMINATE FOR THE 2023 SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS

Nominate a public sector initiative in one of our *2023 Spirit of Service Awards* categories: Breakthrough, Collaboration, Learning, and Community Engagement. The awards are open to all IPAA ACT members from commonwealth and ACT public sector agencies. Nominations close on **Friday 5 May**. [Learn more >>>](#)



STRENGTHENING 'INTEGRITY BY DEFAULT' IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

How can the public sector more deeply embed integrity culture, and rebuild courage and pride in the service after robodebt? Two public service leaders, Kathy Leigh, Director-General and Head of Service of the ACT Government, and APS Reform Secretary Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM FIPAA share their advice. [More >>>](#)



USING MENTORING TO SUPERCHARGE WOMEN'S CAREERS

In the face of a persistent gender pay gap and continuing barriers for women to reach senior leadership roles, mentoring has emerged as one piece to solving the gender equity puzzle. Read about the benefits of mentoring to women in their careers and what a great mentoring

relationship looks like. [More >>>](#)



ENGAGEMENT IN THE VOICE REFERENDUM: GUIDANCE FOR APS EMPLOYEES AND AGENCIES

In 2023, Australians will have their say in a referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. This guide outlines how APS employees might engage with the referendum while upholding APS values and integrity of the public service. [More >>>](#)



ENABLING PERSONAL GROWTH THROUGH THE FUTURE LEADERS COMMITTEE

In a special Q&A series, we introduce the members of IPAA ACT's Future Leaders Committee (FLC) who work closely with us in delivering events throughout the year. Get to know FLC Chair Anthony Pronin [here >>>](#).

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