



## WHAT'S ON AT IPAA



[IPAA ACT | 27 OCTOBER 2021](#)

### **LEAVING LOCKDOWN: ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ADJUSTING TO LIFE AFTER LOCKDOWN**

IPAA ACT and Steople present Australasia's preeminent child psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, to discuss the impacts of the months-long closing of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and advice on how to navigate the transition out of lockdown. [More >>>](#)



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### **STATES OF MIND | MENTAL HEALTH IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

Hear distinguished panellists Dr Steven Kennedy PSM, Professor Patrick McGorry AO and Professor Pat Dudgeon, share their mental health experiences and work on improving and strengthening the public sector and the outcomes for the Australian community. [More >>>](#)



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### **WHO WANTS TO BE THE NEXT OMBUDSMAN? HINTS FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS**

IPAA ACT is pleased to host a Valedictory Address by Michael Manthorpe PSM, the former Commonwealth Ombudsman, who retired from his role at the end of July. [More >>>](#)



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### **VALUING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SPACES**

Hear from an expert panel on how we can better value and account for the benefits of green infrastructure and public spaces in long term government investment decision making. [More >>>](#)

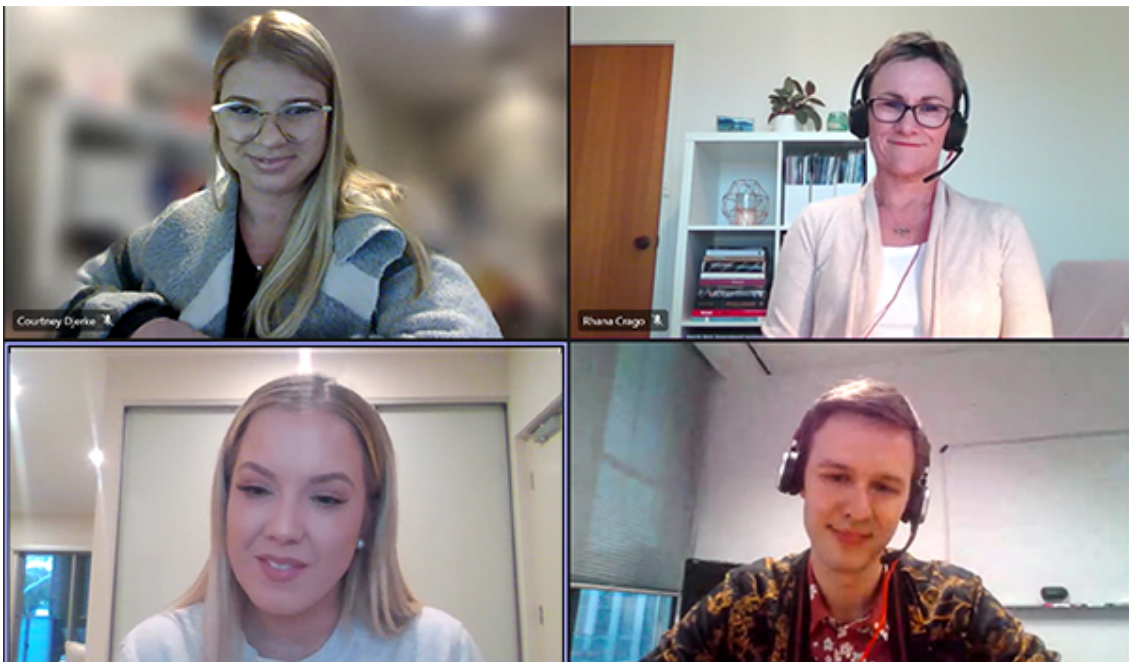
## PODCASTS

# WORK WITH PURPOSE

### LATEST EPISODE

#### EA SERIES: THE EA JOURNEY

This edition of Work with Purpose is brought to you by the IPAA ACT Executive Assistant (EA) Committee. It brings unique reflections and experiences from three EAs who have provided crucial support to executives and teams throughout the pandemic's dispersed and uncertain environment. We hear from Martin Elliffe, Office Manager for Rachel Stephen-Smith, the ACT Minister for Health; Rhana Crago, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Courtney Djerke, Executive Assistant at MinterEllison. They speak with Alyssa Broomby, Executive Assistant to the Head of Simplified Trade System Implementation Taskforce and Deputy Chair of IPAA's ACT EA's Committee on how lockdown has impacted the EA's role, supporting change and mental health within your team and managing a healthy work life balance. [Listen to the podcast or read the transcript >>>](#)



### UPCOMING EPISODES

MONDAY 25 OCTOBER

## UPDATE ON AUSTRALIA'S BORDER PROTECTION

**Michael Outram APM** | Commissioner, Australian Border Force

MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER

### WORKING THROUGH CARETAKER

**Dr Stein Helgeby** | Parliamentary Budget Officer, Parliamentary Budget Office

**Peter Rush** | Assistant Secretary, Parliamentary and Government, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Rina Bruinsma** | First Assistant Commissioner, Australian Public Service Commission

**Katrina di Marco** | First Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis Division, The Treasury

MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER

### INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND WORKING ACROSS JURISDICTIONS

**Alison Playford** | Director-General, Transport Canberra and City Services, ACT Government

**Dr Rachel Bacon** | Deputy Secretary, Regional, Cities and Territories, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

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The Integrity Series is a four-part podcast series produced in partnership between IPAA ACT and the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC). It explores the meaning of integrity and the importance of harnessing integrity as an APS craft to build a high performing and trusted public service.

### EPISODE THREE | OVERSIGHT AGENCIES

This episode explores the different roles, responsibilities and relationships of oversight agencies as a mechanism critical to supporting a consistent approach to integrity across the APS and maintaining public trust. We're joined by Michael Manthorpe PSM, Deputy President of IPAA ACT and former Commonwealth Ombudsman, Graeme Head AO, Partner at EY Port Jackson Partners and former NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner, and John Hoitink, Chief Executive Officer of the ACT Integrity Commission. They speak with the Series host, Rina Bruinsma, First Assistant Commissioner at the Australian Public Service Commission. Our guests reflect on the importance of a steadfast integrity system and challenges and opportunities ahead, including how to best support APS employees in their understanding of, and engagement with the system. [Listen to the podcast and read the transcript >>>](#)

IPAA ACT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCIL

The 2021-2024 IPAA ACT Council were appointed at our AGM last Tuesday. The Council reflects a rich diversity in skills and experience from across the APS, the ACT Public Service, academia and corporate sectors.

While introducing the new Council, IPAA ACT President, Dr Steven Kennedy PSM noted, "Eleven of the total 21 positions are new Councillors which results in a healthy 52% turnover. This is a great position for IPAA to be in, as it provides for new ideas and perspectives while also ensuring strength in continuity." [See who's on Council >>>](#)

### THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING COUNCILLORS

We would like to acknowledge the nine Councillors who stepped down from their position, and thank them for their outstanding support of IPAA and public administration in Australia.



### 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT

IPAA ACT's 2020-21 Annual report was tabled at our AGM last Tuesday. It includes a report from our President, Dr Steven Kennedy PSM, and CEO, Caroline Walsh. It also highlights performance against our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, acknowledges IPAA ACT's Board, Councillors, Committee members and partners, and summarises the year that was. [Read the Annual Report >>>](#)

## NEWS AND RESOURCES



### 2021 SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

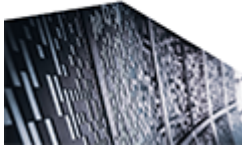
Nominations for the 2021 Spirit of Service Awards are NOW OPEN! The Awards feature four categories - Collaboration, Community Engagement, Breakthrough and Learning - and all IPAA ACT Commonwealth and ACT public sector members are eligible to participate. Nominations close at 5:00pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021. Find out how to participate on the IPAA [website >>>](#)



### 2023 SIR ROLAND WILSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sir Roland Wilson Foundation PhD Scholarship program enhances the capability of the Australian Public Service. It awards three-year full pay PhD scholarships to high-performing APS employees to complete research at the Australian National University on topics of national significance. Information on the 2023 scholarships is now [available >>>](#)

**Future of Work  
Literature Review:**  
Emerging trends and issues



### FUTURE OF WORK REPORT

UNSW's Public Service Research Group has released a literature review on the future work in the APS. It examines a range of issues including staff experiences of working remotely, how managers manage in this new environment, productivity, emerging trends in accommodation and digital infrastructure, and work health and safety. [More >>>](#)



### SURVEY | WORK ATTIRE AND APPEARANCE DURING COVID-19

The University of Sydney's Dr Briony Lipton is conducting a survey on work attire and working from home during the coronavirus pandemic. Her research findings will offer insights into emergent place-based workplace cultures of work attire as well as the impact that appearance and aesthetics have in understanding notions of productivity, professionalism and career progression. Find out more and complete the survey [here >>>](#)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### WORK WITH PURPOSE PODCAST | MAKING THE LIVES OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS EASIER 12 OCTOBER 2020

How do you cut a government form down from 164 questions to 10 without losing the rigour? How can you leverage existing business information systems to take the hassle out of payroll and superannuation guarantees?

As we've just launched the *2021 Spirit of Service Awards*, we thought it fitting to take you back to a Work with Purpose episode featuring two of the innovations recognised in the *2020 Public Sector Innovation Awards*, developed by public servants to make Australians' lives easier. The episode features Helen Bailey, Manager of the Public Sector Innovation Network, and *Innovation Award* winner representatives, Ailsa Borwick from Services Australia and Jason Lucchese from the Australian Taxation Office.

Listen to the podcast and read the transcript [here](#), and access other Work with Purpose episodes on our [website](#).



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK.

If there are events, content, speakers and themes you would like on our program, please [reach out](#) and let us know!

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

