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IPAA ACT CONNECT

22 SEPTEMBER 2021

WHAT'S ON AT IPAA



IPAA | 28 SEPTEMBER 2021

SHAPING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH IN YOUR WORKPLACE

A panel of senior leaders will share their experiences in shaping positive mental health outcomes in their organisations. They will talk about the challenges of COVID-19 and the heightened need for leaders to take action to improve workplace mental health. [More >>>](#)



IPAA ACT | 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

2021 HELEN WILLIAMS ORATION WITH DR CATHY FOLEY AO PSM

Join Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM, as she reflects on our progress in normalising diversity in the workforce. Dr Foley will explore how we can better recognise the contribution older workers make, and how the pandemic may help address systemic issues that have stymied women's advancement. [More >>>](#)



IPAA ACT | 4 NOVEMBER 2021

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 >>>](#)



IPAA ACT | 3 DECEMBER 2021

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 >>>](#)



IPAA NSW | 7 OCTOBER 2021

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY: SOCIAL OUTCOMES

A panel of NSW Deputy Secretaries will share details of the reform area they are leading including the objectives, initiatives, and barriers to be overcome. They will also share lessons other parts of the sector can apply to improve results and build productivity. [More >>>](#)



This two day conference hosted by IPAA Queensland, provides a valuable opportunity for public servants to hear the latest thinking and best practice on a topic that is profoundly impacting the design and delivery of public purpose work – the transformation of service through digital technology. You can participate in this important discussion through an engaging, online experience that includes:

- Live stream of the plenary conference (including the Garran Oration delivered by leading anthropologist and technologist **Professor Genevieve Bell AO**).
- Live Q&A and chat functions to engage with the virtual audience.
- Opportunities to meet conference sponsors and partners via the virtual exhibition.
- Post-event access to all session recordings to view on-demand.

[Details and registration >>>](#)

PODCASTS

WORK WITH PURPOSE

LATEST EPISODE

THE FIRST 90 DAYS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LEADERSHIP

This special Future Leaders inspired episode features guests **Jill Charker**, Associate Partner at McKinsey & Company and **Stephen Barrow-Yu**, Assistant Secretary of Performance, Safety and Integrity at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, who speak with **Holly Noble**, Director, Strategic Planning and Performance at the Department of Finance and Chair of IPAA ACT's Future Leaders Committee. They explore the importance of growth and broadening horizons, managing career change and adjusting to new roles, cross sector relationships and leadership learnings from other sectors. [Listen to the podcast or read the transcript >>>](#)

UPCOMING EPISODES

MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

DISABILITY AND INCLUSION IN THE WORKPLACE

Cain Beckett | Assistant Secretary, Policy Projects and Taskforce, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Catherine Seaberg | Assistant Commissioner, Inclusion, Australian Public Service Commission

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER

EA SERIES: THE EA JOURNEY

Martin Elliffe | Diary Manager for Minister Stephen-Smith, ACT Health

Rhana Crago | Executive Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Finance

Courtney Djerke | Executive Assistant, MinterEllison

MONDAY 25 OCTOBER

UPDATE ON AUSTRALIA'S BORDER PROTECTION

Michael Outram APM | Commissioner, Australian Border Force

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 ONE | UNDERSTANDING INTEGRITY

Understanding Integrity features guests **Peter Woolcott AO**, Australian Public Service Commissioner, **Jaala Hinchcliffe**, Integrity Commissioner and APS Academy Faculty member for Integrity, and **Andrew Colvin APM OAM**, Partner at Deloitte Australia and APS Academy Faculty member for Integrity. They speak with the Series host, **Rina Bruinsma**, First Assistant Commissioner at the APSC, about the concepts of personal and institutional integrity, the APS pro-integrity culture, and how the APS integrity framework supports employees to identify and manage risks and make the right decision, irrespective of level and agency. [Listen to the podcast or read the transcript >>>](#)

NEWS AND RESOURCES



IPAA ACT'S SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS LAUNCHING SOON

SAVE THE DATE! Nominations for IPAA ACT's newly designed Spirit of Service Awards open on 18 October. All Commonwealth and ACT public sector agencies are eligible to participate. Further details will be posted on our website soon. [More >>>](#)



OCTOBER IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Next month we're all encouraged to consider our mental health and wellbeing, regardless of whether we have a lived experience of mental illness or not. It gives us the opportunity to understand the importance of good mental health and encourages us to seek help if needed. Check out these mental health calendars for ideas on how to look after yourself. [More >>>](#)



INDEPENDENT FISCAL PROJECTIONS

The Parliamentary Budget Office has released their *Beyond the budget 2021-22: Fiscal outlook and scenarios* report which provides independent projections of key budget outcomes such as debt and the budget balance over the next decade, and assesses fiscal sustainability over the next forty years. [More >>>](#)



MERIT PROTECTION COMMISSIONER WEBINARS

Did you know you can seek review of an action or decision that affects your employment, or apply for a promotion review if you're an APS or Parliamentary Service employee? The Merit Protection Commissioner has launched a new website with free webinars and educational resources to help you with issues that may affect you in the workplace. [More >>>](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

THE ROLE OF AI IN AUSTRALIA IN 2030: POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND THE NATURE OF INDUSTRY IN SOCIETY

18 AUGUST 2020

A future-focused event on Artificial Intelligence presented by IPAA ACT and the Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA). The event was opened by Australia's former Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel AO, followed by a panel discussion with Government officials leading AI implementation. The conversation focused on the role of AI for innovations in industry and service delivery, and the implications this will have on society for 2030, including how AI will reshape government delivery and the importance and need to harness AI in Government.

Watch the event on our Vimeo channel [here](#), via the video below, or view more event resources on our [website](#).



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