



WHAT'S ON AT IPAA



[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 | 26 NOVEMBER 2021](#)

IPAA ACT FUTURE LEADERS SUMMIT: RESILIENCE, DIGITAL NETWORKS, LEADERSHIP

Join future and senior leaders to interrogate and workshop tips and strategies around resilience, wellbeing, burnout, creating networks in the digital era and leadership at all levels. A three-hour virtual event. [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 >>>](#)



[IPAA VICTORIA | 22 NOVEMBER 2021](#)

MANAGING DECISIONS AND UNCERTAINTY: RISK 101

An interactive, jargon-free chat that demystifies risk management. Risk professionals from Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) and the public sector explain why risk is about more than compliance, and the

practical steps you can take to make better decisions about the future. [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

OPENING THE BORDER WITH MICHAEL OUTRAM APM

The Australian Border Force (ABF) – Australia’s law enforcement agency responsible for offshore and onshore border control, enforcement, investigations, compliance and detentions – has tirelessly managed this challenge of delivering on its mission to protect while enabling legitimate trade and travel during COVID-19. In this latest episode we’re joined by Michael Outram APM, Commissioner of the Australian Border Force, who talks about the important work of the ABF, challenges and achievements during COVID-19,

and the impending trade and travel landscape as our borders reopen. [Listen to the podcast](#)
[or read the transcript >>>](#)

UPCOMING EPISODES

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

MONDAY 6 DECEMBER

WORKING FROM HOME

Michael Brennan | Chair, Productivity Commission

Dr Sue Williamson | Associate Professor Human Resources Management, School of Business, University of NSW, Canberra

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 FOUR | GETTING PRACTICAL

This episode explores initiatives, approaches and learnings that Commonwealth agencies have undertaken to strengthen and uphold their integrity capability. We're joined by Heather Cook, Deputy Director General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Chris Birrer, General Manager of Services Australia and Iain Scott, First Assistant Secretary at the Department of Finance. They speak with the Series host, Rina Bruinsma, First Assistant Commissioner at the Australian Public Service Commission. Our guests take a deep dive into what their organisations are doing to protect their institutional integrity, the role of leadership in shaping integrity culture and how to support employees to raise their integrity awareness and capability [Listen to the podcast and read the transcript >>>](#)

NEWS AND RESOURCES



BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS FOR POLICY PROJECTS

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government (BETA) has released a free online course, the *4D Framework*, on their project methodology. Learn how a behavioural insights project progresses from start to finish and apply BETA's methodology to your own policy work. [More >>>](#)



NOMINATE FOR THE 2021 SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS

One month left to nominate for the Spirit of Service Awards. All IPAA ACT Commonwealth and ACT public sector members are eligible to participate and can nominate for one or all of the following four categories - Collaboration, Community Engagement, Breakthrough and Learning. Nominations close at 5:00pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021. Find out how to participate on the [IPAA website >>>](#).



THE SOCIAL FUTURE OF AUSTRALIA SYMPOSIUM

International relationships, climate change, reconciliation with First Nation peoples, violence toward women, and changes in the way we work and interact with technology are just some of the major challenges to which the disciplines of the social sciences contribute evidence and expertise to policy development. Learn more at the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia's Symposium on 22-23 November. [More >>>](#)



RECONNECTING AT WORK

We've probably grown more distant from and less accustomed to each other's rhythms during lockdown. To reboot our in-person working relationships as we begin to return to the office it's helpful to go back to the basics of human connection. This article presents four steps to help you manage the many feelings you may have as you return to in-person work and how to make your communication more effective. [More >>>](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

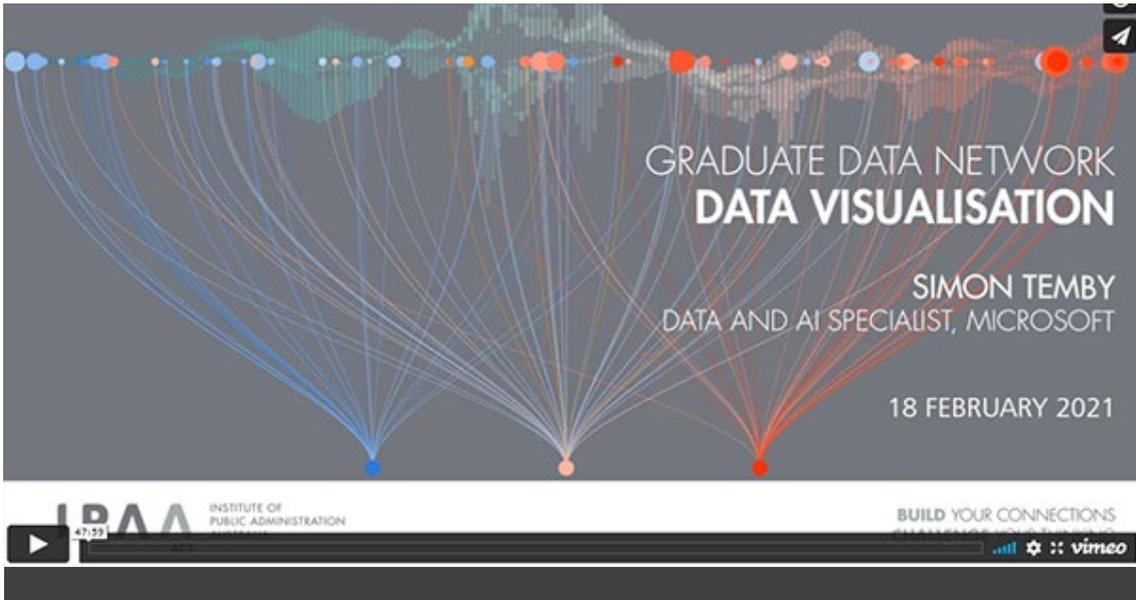
GRADUATE DATA NETWORK | DATA VISUALISATION

18 FEBRUARY 2021

Data visualisation is the graphical representation of information and data. It enables us to grasp difficult concepts, identify patterns, and ultimately help us to understand and improve our engagement with others. In today's big data saturated landscape, government needs to organise and simplify data graphically, to foster an improved understanding of mass information to drive better policy development and outcomes.

This event, featuring Gavin Styles and Pip Clark from the Graduate Data Network (GDN) and guest Simon Temby, Data and AI Specialist from Microsoft Australia, offers an informative and entertaining discussion on data landscape and data types, the five Vs driving data visualisation, data visualisation in a government context and creating engaging and effective data graphics.

Watch the video below or listen to the podcast and read the transcript on the [IPAA website](#)



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