



WHAT'S ON AT IPAA



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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 >>>](#)



[IPAA NSW | 15 OCTOBER 2021](#)

BREAKING DOWN PUBLIC SECTOR BOUNDARIES

This event brings together three of NSW most senior public sector leaders to discuss their experience of collaborating across departments, what that experience has taught them about leadership and the mindset that helps makes collaboration possible. [More >>>](#)



[IPAA VICTORIA | 26 OCTOBER 2021](#)

JEREMI MOULE ON THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS

Hear from the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet and head of Victoria's public service, as he reflects on how government communication has evolved to become a vital strategic function and the challenges that lie ahead for the profession. [More >>>](#)

PODCASTS

WORK WITH PURPOSE

LATEST EPISODE

STEPPING TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE APS

Only 4% of the APS workforce identifies with having a disability, according to the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC). Why is this, and what can be done to improve this statistic and make the APS a more enabling and inclusive workplace for those with a disability? In our latest episode we're joined by **Catherine Seaberg**, Assistant Commissioner, Inclusion at the Australian Public Service Commission, and **Cain Beckett**, Assistant Secretary, Policy Projects and Taskforces at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, as they explore how to improve employment outcomes for those with a disability in the APS. [Listen to the podcast or read the transcript >>>](#)



Cain Beckett



Catherine Seaberg

UPCOMING EPISODES

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

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

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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 TWO | EXTERNAL PERSPECTIVES

External Perspectives offers a lens on integrity from outside the public sector. It explores the meaning of integrity, how the Australian public perceives integrity in the APS and what integrity means across other sectors. It also looks at the relationship between integrity and public trust. Guests include **Dr Simon Longstaff AO FCPA**, Executive Director at the The Ethics Centre, **Commander Jason Kennedy APM**, Commander Professional Standards at the Australian Federal Police, and **Philippa King**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the Australian Trade and Investment Commission. They speak with the Series host, **Rina Bruinsma**, First Assistant Commissioner at the APSC [Listen to the podcast and read the transcript >>>](#)

NEWS AND RESOURCES



NATIONAL SAFE WORK MONTH RESOURCES

This National Safe Work Month, Comcare is offering webinars, resources, guidance and training to 'Think safe. Work safe. Be safe.' Register for their webinars or download their content to promote and enable healthy and safe work. [More >>>](#)



THE CULT OF COLLABORATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

According to Janine O'Flynn from the Australian National University, a 'cult of collaboration' is emerging in Australian public policy circles. Her article looks at what collaboration actually is, reintroduces collaboration as other forms of 'working together' and questions whether we have taken a collaborative turn in public policy. [More >>>](#)



GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

Australian Information Commissioners and Ombudsmen have released a Statement of Principles jointly developed to support proactive disclosure of government-held information. They encourage all levels of government to commit to being *Open by Design* to prioritise, promote and resource proactive disclosure to build a culture of transparency. [More >>>](#)



ACT NATIONAL CLOSING THE GAP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The ACT Government has committed to ambitious targets in its first Implementation Plan under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. The Plan aims to deliver positive life outcomes for First Nations peoples living in the ACT, including a commitment to reducing experiences of racism and discrimination for First Nations peoples working in the ACT Public Service or engaging with their services. [More >>>](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

WORK WITH PURPOSE PODCAST | SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH IN A CRISIS

15 MARCH 2021

This Mental Health Month we revisit an episode with Andrew Colvin APM OAM, former National Coordinator of the National Bushfire Recovery Agency, and Christine Morgan, Chief Executive Officer of the National Mental Health Commission and the National Suicide Prevention Adviser to the Prime Minister.

2020 will be forever remembered as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic, but in Australia the ferocious bushfires that were the burning at the beginning of the year will never be forgotten. Our guests discuss what the bushfires and COVID-19 has taught us about mental health and how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the National Bushfire Recovery Agency. They also give advice on what we can all do to improve the stigma around mental health.

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



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