



Good morning

Welcome to the latest edition of 'IPAA Connect', a weekly collection of curated content and resources from across the public sector.

[Innovation Month](#) kicks-off today and it's based on the theme 'delivering differently'. Innovation Month convenors, the [Public Sector Innovation Network](#), have coordinated an outstanding program of events and activities dedicated to showcasing and celebrating creativity, thinking differently and trying new approaches in government. Throughout July we'll bring you updates on Innovation Month activities, including how the [Public Sector Innovation Awards](#) finalists are going.

[Work with Purpose](#) this week officially launches Innovation Month, and we're joined by David Fredericks PSM, Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources, and Dr Michele Bruniges AM, Secretary of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment. They reflect on the innovation that has been displayed within the public service this year and consider the importance of a culture where creativity is celebrated and valued.

If you have any ideas you'd like to discuss, you can [contact me here](#).

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WORK WITH PURPOSE

EP#13: NEED DRIVES INNOVATION

DAVID FREDERICKS PSM AND DR MICHELE BRUNIGES AM

To launch Innovation Month 2020, David Fredericks PSM, Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources, and Dr Michele Bruniges AM, Secretary of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, reflect on the power of collective work and reaching out to colleagues in an open and transparent way. Listen to the full episode, watch the video and read the transcript on our [website](#).



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Need drives innovation

with David
Fredericks PSM
& Michele
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WORK WITH PURPOSE UPCOMING PODCASTS



Monday 6 July | National Indigenous Australians Agency

Ray Griggs AO CSC, Chief Executive Officer

Letitia Hope, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Monday 13 July | Rebecca Skinner

Chief Executive Officer, Services Australia

Monday 20 July | Michael Pezzullo AO

Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs

Click [here](#) if you'd like to recommend a future speaker.

INNOVATION MONTH



Innovation Month officially kicked off today, with a huge range of exciting events available online. After many challenging months, it's time to hear some creative and inspiring stories. And that's what Innovation Month is all about. This year's theme is 'delivering differently', reflecting the public sector's outcomes-focused response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more [here](#).

WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



IPAA ACT | OPPORTUNITIES EMERGING FROM COVID-19

9 JULY 2020 | ONLINE EVENT

New ways of working and delivering services – across agencies and levels of government – have emerged as public servants implement policies to support Australians. Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM will explore the future prospects of this new 'public service normal'. Details [here](#).



IPAA ACT | DELIVERING DATA DIFFERENTLY

17 JULY 2020 | LIVE-STREAMED

Join IPAA and the APS Data Network to explore the role data and data skills play in ensuring the Public Service is fit for purpose. Thought leaders discuss lessons learnt from the recent crises, and provide an update on the APS data professions model. Details and registration [here](#).



IPAA ACT | NESTA'S PARTICIPATORY FUTURES REPORT

21 JULY 2020 | INNOVATION MONTH ONLINE EVENT

Jose Ramos, co-author of think-tank Nesta's [Our Futures: By the people, for the people](#), will present this report on participatory futures, and discuss how governments, citizens and society can work together to create more inclusive futures for our communities. Details and registration [here](#).



IPAA NATIONAL | FREE SPEECH AT WORK

22 JULY 2020 | ONLINE EVENT

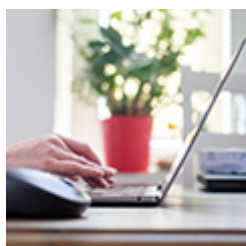
Free speech for public and private sector employees is increasingly being challenged. IPAA and the ANU College of Law are bringing together a distinguished panel to consider the issue of free speech from practical, theoretical and policy perspectives. More details and register [here](#).

USEFUL TOOLS



DESIGN AND SYSTEMS THINKING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Last week we partnered with the ATO for a live-streamed event on building knowledge, capability and advocacy for addressing large scale and complex government challenges through the use of design and systems thinking. Watch the video and access the event resources on the [IPAA website](#).



APSC SUPPORTING PUBLIC SECTOR LEARNING

The APSC's Centre for Leadership and Learning has partnered with APS agencies and organisations to support public sector learning. The [APS Online Learning Catalogue](#) features articles, podcasts, webinars and training courses. Designed for those new to the APS, and those looking to build their core skills and further develop leadership capabilities.



COPING WITH AN ALWAYS-ON CULTURE

How can we take advantage of modern technology while minimising the disadvantages of an always-on culture? The Myers-Briggs company surveyed 1,000 people on their personality type, behaviour, and views about the always-on culture. [Find out](#) how your personality type copes with the pace of life today.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE



RYAN THOMPSON

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Here's the latest video in our [Spirit of Service](#) series, which showcases the diverse personal experiences of passionate and hardworking APS staff responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ryan Thompson, a Senior Biosecurity Officer at the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, shares his COVID-19 response experience in assisting with repatriation flights from Wuhan along with a personal challenge!

AT WORK WITH IPAA



WEI SHEN TAN

Meet Shen, our Projects Officer, who started with us as an ANU [intern](#), and now works with us part-time. Shen feels working from home was a challenging but interesting experience, both as a graduating master's student and as part of the IPAA team.

"With the lockdown not allowing us to meet for face-to-face lectures or for work, I discovered new ways of engaging collaboratively with my fellow students, lecturers and IPAA colleagues."

Now that he's finished his postgraduate degree at ANU - he had his final exam last week! - Shen is shifting his focus to securing a full-time job. With restrictions easing and things returning to normal, for now he's quite happy to be back working from our office.

EVENTS CATCH-UP

This week we take you back to the launch of Innovation Month in 2018. Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, then Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, led the festivities with a keynote presentation. Here's a snippet from his speech to peak your interest in watching the full video:

"Whether we're seeking out the views of the people we serve, or scrutinising huge and complex datasets of numbers to figure out patterns of behaviour, or automating some processes to make life easier and save money – all of this is innovation in way or another. And this holds us in good stead to face the challenges of the future.

But technology alone will not get us there. And data alone will not get us there. Innovation is about our imaginations, and it's about our attitudes. What's yours?"

ENJOY!



View the video (55 minutes).

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IPAA EVENT RESOURCES


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