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# OUR WEEKLY CHECK-IN 12 AUGUST 2020



Good morning

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

We're excited to have a full event program for August and September.

Next Tuesday we're partnering with <u>ACOLA</u> on a live-stream panel discussion on the *Role of Artificial Intelligence in Australia in 2030*. The conversation will focus on how AI will reshape government delivery, with a keynote from the Chief Scientist followed by a great panel. We encourage you to join the 350+ guests who have already registered for the live-stream.

Over the next six weeks we are also hosting an Executive Assistant Series panel; an economic recovery discussion with speakers including Chris Richardson and Andrew Charlton; the annual Williams Oration with Christine Morgan; and our next Future Leaders Program. We're also hoping to bring you a discussion with Frances Adamson. Watch this space!

If you have any ideas you'd like to discuss, you can <u>contact me here</u>.

Drew Baker Chief Executive Officer IPAA ACT

## WORK WITH PURPOSE

#### FUTURE LEADERS WITH KATHERINE JONES PSM - THE APS IN 2021

This week we feature a conversation with the IPAA Future Leaders who undertook a hackathon to explore the question "What could, or should the APS look like one year from now?"

Hosted by Matt McMahon, the Assistant Commissioner at the Australian Electoral Commission, with guest Katherine Jones PSM, the Associate Secretary of the Department of Defence. Matt and Katherine are joined by two of IPAA's Future Leaders Committee members - Holly Noble, Director at the Department of Finance and Rachel Martin, Associate Director at KPMG. Access the podcast and video on our <u>website</u>.



#### WORK WITH PURPOSE: UPCOMING PODCASTS



#### Monday 17 August

Chris Jordan AO, Commissioner, Australian Taxation Office

#### Monday 24 August

Dr Larry Marshall, Chief Executive, CSIRO Steve Worrall, Managing Director, Microsoft Australia

#### Monday 31 August | A National Perspective

Erma Ranieri, SA Commissioner for Public Sector Employment

Recommend a future speaker here.

#### WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



#### **IPAA ACT | THE ROLE OF AI IN AUSTRALIA IN 2030** 18 AUGUST 2020 | LIVE-STREAM EVENT

IPAA and <u>ACOLA</u> are bringing together the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Expert Group and key government officials leading AI implementation, to speak on the opportunities and challenges of AI in government operations and service delivery. Details and registration <u>here</u>.



# EA SERIES | BEING AN EA IN COVID-19 TIMES

25 AUGUST 2020 | LIVE-STREAM EVENT

This event features the people who have directly supported senior executives throughout the pandemic, including a Secretary, Director-General and Chief Operating Officer. Details and registration <u>here</u>.





#### **IPAA ACT | ECONOMIC RECOVERY SCENARIOS** 10 SEPTEMBER 2020 | LIVE-STREAM EVENT

Deloitte's Chris Richardson will deliver an update on the economic scenarios and impacts for Australia's COVID-19 recovery. He will be joined by Dr Jenny Gordon, DFAT's Chief Economist; Andrew Charlton, Director of AlphaBeta Australia; and Renée Fry-McKibbin, Professor of Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy. Details here.

# IPAA QLD | WESTMINSTER SYSTEM'S CARETAKER CONVENTIONS

18 AUGUST 2020 | WEBINAR

This complementary webinar will deepen your understanding and appreciation of Australian caretaker conventions and the important role they and the caretaker period play in supporting professional public services in Westminster systems. Details and registration <u>here</u>.

#### USEFUL TOOLS



#### **IT'S TAX TIME**

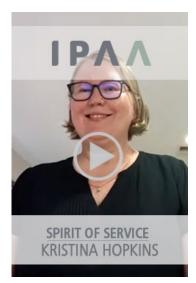
Not that we probably have to remind anyone... we're six weeks into the new financial year and the tax clock is ticking! The ATO has <u>published</u> some useful COVID-19-related information to help you with your tax return, such as working from home deductions and expense claims. IPAA Partner, Commonwealth Bank, also has some useful tax tips.



# HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE APS

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources has made their BizLab Academy Human-Centered Design (HCD) <u>course materials</u> available to the APS on their GovTeams site. Human-centred design refers to solving problems by putting the user at the heart of designing solutions. There's also a chat room where you can ask HCD questions of the Academy Alumni.

#### SPIRIT OF SERVICE



# **KRISTINA HOPKINS**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Enjoy the latest video in our <u>Spirit of Service</u> series, which showcases the diverse personal experiences of passionate and hardworking APS staff responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This week's SoS features Kristina Hopkins, Branch Lead in the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Division in the Department of Finance.

Kristina is one proud public servant, and is thoroughly impressed by how connected and flexible the APS workforce has been throughout the pandemic.

# AT WORK WITH IPAA



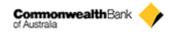
There's something uber special about staff birthdays at IPAA. We have the usual bonhomie and fanfare and a massive card with warm and fuzzy birthday messages from everyone. But it's the cake that nudges IPAA birthdays up to a whole new level of bliss.

Take this cake our Program Director, Sunny "quickly whipped up" to celebrate our Office Manager, Rachel's birthday the other week. We're talking five layers of creamy sponge, fresh raspberry and white chocolate ganache goodness. O...M...G.

And if Sunny's not in the baking mood - which luckily for us never happens - Gemma, our Corporate Director, is a top-notch professional cake maker and decorator; our Events Coordinator, Telle makes the most divine bespoke cupcakes; and our Projects Officer, Shen, bakes seriously manna from heaven brownies.

It's just oh so good to be on the IPAA team...

## PARTNERS





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#### IPAA EVENT RESOURCES

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