



Good morning

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

For our next [Innovation Month](#) activity we're partnering with the APS Data Network for a live-streamed event this Friday - [Delivering Data Differently](#), which explores the development and possible outcomes of the new data professions model.

Rebecca Skinner, Chief Executive Officer at Services Australia, is our guest on [Work with Purpose](#) this week. Rebecca started in this role at the beginning of the pandemic, and speaks about managing the pressure, maintaining momentum and supporting her staff's wellbeing during this demanding time.

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

**Drew Baker**

Chief Executive Officer  
IPAA ACT

## EP#15: UNDER PRESSURE - REBECCA SKINNER

In this week's Work with Purpose, Rebecca Skinner, Chief Executive Officer of Services Australia, shares her memories of the earliest days of the COVID-19 crisis and how she prepared her team to not just cope, but thrive. She reflects on the importance of sharing the load, taking it one day at a time and always remembering that no matter how bad things looked, the sun would always rise the next morning. Listen to the full episode and read the transcript on our [website](#).



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Under Pressure

with  
Rebecca Skinner

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## WORK WITH PURPOSE: UPCOMING PODCASTS



### Monday 20 July | Jane Halton AO PSM

Commissioner, National COVID-19 Coordination Commission  
Chair, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations

### Monday 27 July | Michael Pezzullo AO

Secretary, Department of Home Affairs

### Monday 3 August | A National Perspective | Sharyn O'Neill

WA Public Sector Commissioner and State Recovery Controller

### Monday 17 August | Chris Jordan AO

Commissioner, Australian Taxation Office

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



We're half way through #innovationmonth2020 and there are still lots of activities to explore including the live-stream event of the [Public Sector Innovation Award Ceremony](#) on 31 July.

Check out what else is happening [here](#).

WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



**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 VIC | INTEGRITY, GOVERNANCE AND BETTER PRACTICE**

17 JULY 2020 | LUNCHBOX SESSION

Join Jo-Anne Moorfoot, of the Victorian Healthcare Association to hear about the *Integrity governance framework and better practice assessment and reporting tool* developed for Victoria's public purpose sector. Details and register [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 ACT | FUTURE LEADERS SERIES HACKATHON**

28 JULY 2020 | INVITATION ONLY: LIVE-STREAMED

The IPAA Future Leaders Committee invite members of the Future Leaders Program Community to a digitally-delivered Hackathon event, 'What could or should the public service look like in a year?' encouraging Australian Public Service collaboration and innovation. Details [here](#).



## 2020 PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARD CEREMONY

31 JULY 2020 | LIVE-STREAMED

IPAA ACT and the Public Sector Innovation Network (PSIN) invite you to join us virtually and share in the excitement as we announce the winners of the *2020 Public Sector Innovation Awards*. Details [here](#).

### USEFUL TOOLS



## OPPORTUNITIES EMERGING FROM COVID-19

Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM, IPAA National President, explores the opportunities and risks presented by COVID-19 for the Public Sector. This includes the significant shifts in decision-making structures and processes, leadership, and service delivery. Watch the presentation [here](#).



## NEW SA PUBLIC SECTOR DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

[IPAA South Australia](#) recently hosted an event launching the [South Australian Public Sector Disability Employment Strategy, Plan and Toolkit](#). These resources offer a framework to create a more inclusive, accessible, safe and informed Public Sector that respects and values the contribution and experience of employees with disability.

### SPIRIT OF SERVICE



## LEO GORDON

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

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.

This week we talk to Leo Gordon, from the Economic Division at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Leo shares with us his 'baptism of fire' secondment story to the COVID-19 Recovery Taskforce at The Treasury.

## AT WORK WITH IPAA



Thanks to our Work with Purpose partners, contentgroup, the IPAA team are rugged-up this winter in #workwithpurpose hoodies.

Until COVID-19, one of IPAA's key offerings had been face-to-face event delivery, so branching out into the world of podcast production has been a learning curve. However, thanks to contentgroup and the Australian Public Service Commission it's been a great success. We've really enjoyed hosting such an exceptional range of speakers on the program, and look forward to future episodes.

In saying that, we can't wait to see you in person at an IPAA event!

## EVENTS CATCH-UP

### 2019 PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARDS | AWARD CEREMONY

Here's the highlight video of last year's Public Sector Innovation Awards Ceremony. It's impossible not to feel the infectious buzz in the room, and get a sense of the excellence in creativity and innovation delivered by all the finalists. We are looking forward to this year's [Award Ceremony](#) live-streamed from Questacon on 31 July.



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### IPAA EVENT RESOURCES


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