



Good morning

Welcome to the final IPAA Connect for 2020. This year, we have been inspired by stories from across the public sector of purpose, pace and problem-solving. We've seen amazing examples of our members serving their communities with compassion and innovation. We have been delighted to share those stories with you through [Work with Purpose](#) podcasts and [videos](#) of our events – which you can access anywhere, anytime. We'll be sharing some of our favourites again with you over the summer.

After a year like no other, we are pleased to be looking forward to fresh opportunities for 2021. We have identified seven themes that resonate across the public sector, which will drive IPAA's events, podcasts and programs. If you have ideas for speakers and stories to explore, please get [in touch](#).

The IPAA team are looking forward to a well-deserved break, and our office will be closed from Thursday 24 December until Monday 11 January 2021. We hope you too get to spend some time with friends, family, loved ones and beloved pets this season.

Yours  
Caroline

**Caroline Walsh**  
Chief Executive Officer  
IPAA ACT

## 2020 IN REVIEW

It's been a successful year of sharing ideas, expertise, professional development and delivering new digital products. Here's a snapshot of what 2020 looked like.



## WORK WITH PURPOSE: LATEST RELEASE

### 'TRUST IN GOVERNMENT AFTER 2020: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?' WITH PROFESSOR MARK EVANS AND MICHELLE GRATTAN AO

Trust in the Commonwealth Government rose to new heights during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this episode, Director of Democracy 2025, Professor Mark Evans FIPAA, and one of Australia's most distinguished political journalists, Michelle Grattan AO, explore this increase in political trust and how levels of trust could be shaped in the future. Listen to the podcast or read the transcript on our [website](#).



#### EPISODE # 31

Trust in Government  
after 2020: Where do we  
go from here?

with Michelle  
Grattan AO &  
Professor Mark  
Evans

#workwithpurpose

contentgroup

IPAA  
ACT



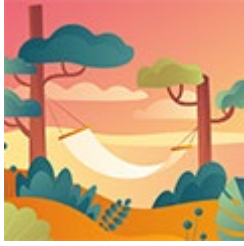
For our Work with Purpose podcast next Monday and throughout January we'll be featuring some of your favourite episodes from 2020. We have a feeling that after getting through and reflecting on the year, these episodes will deliver very different perspectives for you. Enjoy!

## NEWS AND RESOURCES



### DECEMBER AJPA ISSUE NOW AVAILABLE

The latest [edition](#) of the Australian Journal of Public Administration is now available and is free for IPAA Members. It includes articles and reviews written by authors drawn from leading universities and research institutions across Australia, the US, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Israel and New Zealand.



## NOT TAKING A BREAK OVER SUMMER?

It's been a really big year at work (and home), though some of us still feel the need to plough on through the holiday season. This Harvard Business Review [article](#) tells us why it's so important to take a good break, and also provides tips on how to maximise your relaxation time.

## AT WORK WITH IPAA



To get into the Christmas spirit we had a tree decorating shindig at the IPAA office. Some of our kids joined the fanfare and did an amazing job dolling up the tree, with Tom assuming the honour of placing the star on top.

Huge thanks to Telle and Shen for their divine baked goods, which we all devoured faster than a herd of nine magical reindeer crossing Lake Burley Griffin. (Looks like Santa's bringing gift vouchers to the dentist this year!)

Happy holidays everyone.

## PARTNERS



*IPAA ACT acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.*

### IPAA EVENT RESOURCES


You can access past event photos, videos, transcripts and more on the IPAA website.


[FIND OUT MORE](#)

### KEEP IN TOUCH

 Follow on Facebook

 Follow on Twitter

 Follow on Instagram

 Follow on LinkedIn