



Good morning

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

This week our [Work with Purpose](#) podcast features the tireless leaders of 'Team Health': Professor Brendan Murphy, the Chief Medical Officer and Caroline Edwards, the acting Secretary of the Department of Health. It's a truly remarkable discussion that covers their personal and professional experiences and insights during the COVID-19 crisis.

Next week's podcast features three Australian Public Service leaders responsible for oversight: Michael Manthorpe PSM, the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Grant Hehir, the Auditor-General of Australia and Angelene Falk, the Australian Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner. I look forward to sharing it with you.

In this edition we've also included a [survey](#) to gauge your views on attending face-to-face events as distancing restrictions start to ease. Please take a couple of minutes to provide your feedback.

If you have any ideas you'd like to discuss for future editions, [email me here](#).

**Drew Baker**

Chief Executive Officer  
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## WORK WITH PURPOSE

### EP#11: THE DYNAMIC DUO - PROFESSOR BRENDAN MURPHY AND CAROLINE EDWARDS

In this week's episode of Work with Purpose, we speak with the partnership that helped to subdue the COVID-19 health crisis in Australia: Professor Brendan Murphy, Chief Medical Officer, and Caroline Edwards, acting Secretary of the Department of Health. Listen to the full episode and read the transcript on our [website](#).



The graphic features two black and white portraits of Dr. Brendan Murphy and Caroline Edwards speaking into microphones. To the right of the portraits, the text reads: 'EPISODE # 11', 'The Dynamic Duo', 'with DR BRENDAN MURPHY & CAROLINE EDWARDS'. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the hashtag '#workwithpurpose', the 'contentgroup' logo, the 'IPAA ACT' logo, and the 'Australian Government Australian Public Service Commission' logo.

## WORK WITH PURPOSE UPCOMING PODCASTS



Upcoming 'Work with Purpose' episodes include:

**Monday 22 June** | A special edition on oversight  
**Michael Manthorpe PSM**, Commonwealth Ombudsman  
**Grant Hehir**, Auditor-General of Australia  
**Angelene Falk**, Australian Information and Privacy Commissioner

**Monday 29 June** | Launch of Innovation Month 2020  
**David Fredericks PSM**  
Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
**Dr Michele Bruniges AM**  
Secretary of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment

**Monday 6 July** | In lieu of NAIDOC week  
**Ray Griggs AO CSC**, Chief Executive Officer  
**Letitia Hope**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
National Indigenous Australians Agency

**Monday 20 July** | **Michael Pezzullo AO**  
Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs

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

## WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



### IPAA ACT | DESIGN + SYSTEMS THINKING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

24 JUNE 2020 | LIVE-STREAMED

Join IPAA ACT and the Australian Taxation Office for an expert panel discussion via live stream, on addressing large scale and complex government challenges using design and systems thinking. Details and registration [here](#).



### IPAA NSW | BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS FORUM

30 JUNE 2020 | ONLINE EVENT

Behavioural Insights (BI) - the understanding of how people actually think and behave - is emerging as a key tool for policy makers. The BI forum will share the results of recent trials that leverage the power of BI to help solve complex societal problems. Details and registration [here](#).



### IPAA SA | LUKE BROOMHALL

29 JUNE 2020 | ONLINE EVENT

Forensic Psychologist Luke Broomhall, is the guest at IPAA South Australia's next *COVID-19 Mental Wellbeing - Interview Series* event. Further details [here](#).



### IPAA ACT | WORKING ACROSS SECTORS

ONLINE EVENT NOW AVAILABLE

Last week Dr Stephanie Fahey, CEO of Austrade and Dave Pepper, Deputy CEO of the ACT Government's Canberra Health Service, joined us for an informative and inspiring discussion on their learnings from working across the public and private sectors. Watch it [here](#).

## USEFUL TOOLS



### ATO COVID-19 TAX INFORMATION

Just when we thought the world couldn't spin any faster, it's nearly tax time again! The ATO has [published](#) some useful COVID-19-related information to help you with your tax return, such as working from home deductions and expense claims.



### DTA's CROSS-AGENCY DIGITAL ARCHITECTURE

The Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) has established a taskforce to develop a [whole-of-government architecture](#) to streamline government services across agencies. The focus is to provide tools and capabilities to support agencies and government to invest in integrated capabilities.

## IPAA SURVEY | WOULD YOU ATTEND A FACE-TO-FACE EVENT?



Now that more than three month's of restrictions are starting to ease, we want to know if you would like to begin attending face-to-face events again. Your feedback will help guide the course and structure of our future events program.

Rest assured as we begin to introduce physical events into our program, we will be taking special care to ensure they follow the most up-to-date health and physical distancing guidelines.

Access the survey [here](#).

## SPIRIT OF SERVICE



### TOM PEARCE

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

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 visit Tom Pearce, a Director in the Finance Division in DFAT.

Tom talks about his experience leading the DFAT crisis centre earlier this year to return Australians from Wuhan.

## AT WORK WITH IPAA



### CHANTELLE KRETI

Meet Chantelle (AKA Telle) Kreti, our amazing Event Coordinator...and her gorgeous feline Mimi.

While she worked from home full-time at the beginning of lockdown, Telle's hours have more recently been divided between home and the office.

"Initially the thought of working from home seemed such a burden, especially squeezing a desk into an already very full, small apartment. The upside has been watching my cat love having her human home!"

"Lately I have had the pleasure of diving into a whole new digital world with the set up of our IPAA office studio and filming our very first in-house produced event. This new environment has been excellent for self-development and incredibly rewarding."

## EVENTS CATCH UP

### INTERNATIONAL SERIES | UK CIVIL SERVICE AND THE POLICY PROFESSION

20 JUNE 2019 – NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

A year ago we were pleased to host Sir Chris Wormald KCB, the UK Permanent Secretary for Health and Social Care, at an event on the *UK Civil Service and the Policy Profession*. Sir Chris analysed UK learnings from the [Twelve Actions](#) review, and considered how the review supported the wider development and agenda of their Civil Service.

Sir Chris' presentation was followed by a discussion with Renée Leon PSM, then Secretary of the Department of Human Services and Alison Larkins, then Deputy Secretary at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Their conversation provided comparisons between the British and Australian public and civil services with a focus on developing the Policy Profession and linkages to reform and review activities.

Check out the event [here](#), the full video below, or view more event resources on our [website](#).



## PARTNERS



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