



Good morning

Hello and welcome to IPAA Connect, our weekly collection of curated content and resources from across the public sector.

This week, the ABS and other number-lovers celebrate the third [World Statistics Day](#), with the theme “Connecting the world with data we can trust”. I think we can all agree that the importance of data in everyday lives has never been more relevant than in 2020.

The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet, will deliver the *2020 Garran Oration* this afternoon. You can still [register](#) to watch this important annual address online.

We are also pleased to offer a limited number of tickets to attend our cyber security [event](#) in-person on 6 November at the National Portrait Gallery, which will also be live-streamed, with registrations open now. Abigail Bradshaw, Head of the Australian Cyber Security Centre, and an expert panel will talk about Australia's cyber security priorities during a global pandemic and beyond.

Don't forget to complete our [survey](#) on online content. Tell us what we can deliver to help and inspire you in your role. Thanks to those who have taken the time to finish the survey and share their ideas. If you have any suggestions you'd like to discuss, you can contact me [here](#).

**Caroline Walsh**

Chief Executive Officer  
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## WORK WITH PURPOSE

### 'STRONG TEAMS, STRONG INSTITUTIONS' WITH ROSEMARY HUXTABLE PSM AND CHRIS MORAITIS PSM

In this episode we're joined by Rosemary Huxtable PSM, Secretary of the Department of Finance and Chris Moraitis PSM, Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department. From their unique perspectives leading the teams that underpin much of Government's services, they talk candidly about the challenges of navigating uncertain times, and share their pride in the strength of their people and the institutions they support. Listen to the podcast on our [website](#).



EPISODE # 27

Strong teams, strong institutions

with Rosemary Huxtable, PSM & Chris Moraitis, PSM

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## WORK WITH PURPOSE: UPCOMING PODCASTS



### Monday 9 November

**Liz Cosson** | Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs

### Monday 23 November

**Simon Atkinson** | Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

### Date TBC

**Professor Mark Evans** | Director, Democracy 2025, Museum of Australian Democracy

**Michelle Grattan AO (host)** | Chief Political Correspondent, The Conversation and Professorial Fellow, University of Canberra

### Date TBC

**Sandra Parker PSM** | Fair Work Ombudsman

**Sue Weston PSM** | Chief Executive Officer, Comcare

## WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



### GARRAN ORATION | THE HON GREG HUNT MP

21 OCTOBER | STREAMED EVENT

IPAA is pleased to host the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet, to deliver the 2020 *Garran Oration*. Details and registration [here](#).



### CYBER SECURITY IN AUSTRALIA - A TEAM SPORT

6 NOVEMBER | PHYSICAL AND LIVE-STREAMED EVENT

Abigail Bradshaw CSC, Head of the Australian Cyber Security Centre, will outline her priorities during a time of emerging cyber threats and a global pandemic, followed by an expert panel discussion. Held at the National Portrait Gallery and online. Details and registration [here](#).



### EMERGING TECHNOLOGY: AI AND FUTURE DECISION MAKING

17 NOVEMBER | LIVE-STREAMED EVENT

AI is already an integral part of our daily lives, however what are the implications for government and industries? Join IPAA and the Graduate Data Network for a discussion on ethical and regulatory implications of AI for the public and private sectors. Details and registration [here](#).



## IPAA VICTORIA | IN CONVERSATION WITH GRAHAM ASHTON 22 OCTOBER | LIVE-STREAMED

Former Victorian Police Chief Commissioner, Graham Ashton AM APM, will share personal and professional reflections on his time as Chief Commissioner, the challenges he overcame in the role, and his approach to and support of mental health. Details and registration [here](#).

## USEFUL TOOLS



### AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT

The Australian Public Service Commissioner [2019-20 Annual Report](#) is now available. Incorporating the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner's Annual Report, it covers delivery of the APSC's planned activities and accomplishments that support the APS during the bushfire and COVID-19 crises.



### BLOCKCHAIN IN A GOVERNMENT CONTEXT EXPLAINED

The elusive 'blockchain'. What is it and what does it mean in a government context? The APS Blockchain Network welcomes all APS employees to join their [launch event](#) online on 5 November. Hear expert opinions, ask questions about blockchain and build your network.



### STAYING SMART ONLINE

In advance of IPAA ACT's [Cyber Security in Australia - A Team Sport](#) event, be sure to check out the Australian Cyber Security Centre's [Stay Smart Online](#) program. The program gives Australians the skills and knowledge to be more secure and confident in the digital age by protecting themselves from cyber security threats such as software vulnerabilities, scams, malicious activities and risky online behaviours.

## AT WORK WITH IPAA



Last week we held a responsibly distanced, well-sanitised all-staff meeting in the IPAA office. It was the first time we've come together for a staff catch-up since lockdown, and it was like we never left the building!

Being an organisation that in non-COVID times delivers face-to-face events, we're true advocates of the in-person experience and covet any opportunity to spend time together as a team.

And to ice the cake (pardon the uber predictable pun) we also celebrated Caroline, our CEO's, birthday with a divine dark chocolate, raspberry and pistachio creation whipped up by our Program Director, Sunny Hutson.

## 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.

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