



Good morning

Welcome to our first 'IPAA Connect' which is a weekly collection of content, resources and all things public administration. Just like many of you, we're adapting to a new normal, so we're keen to work with all of you to reshape our offer in the months ahead.

This is a challenging time for the public service. It's also a stark reminder about how critically important effective public administration is for this country and our citizens. In the coming weeks we'll bring you content that highlights different approaches being taken by our members, large and small, public and private.

We'll also focus on the challenges of working from home and with remote teams. This week we share some great content from Microsoft, including reflections from their team in Seattle after a fortnight's experience with new ways of working.

Best wishes to you all.

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OUR CURRENT SITUATION

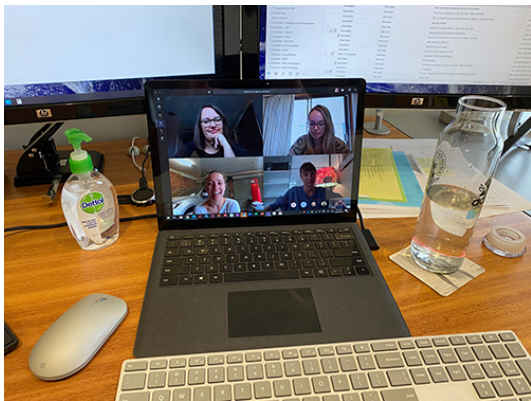
OUR EVENTS AND SERVICES



All IPAA events and programs that involve face-to-face interactions are currently deferred, with a number being moved online.

We're ramping up our digital content offering and also looking at ways we can support the public service during this challenging time. If you have an idea you'd like to share with us, reach out and we'll see if we can make it work!

OUR TEAM AND OFFICE



The team has moved to remote working arrangements, with our office in Barton closed for the foreseeable future.

We're cheering that our ICT and digital upgrade last year means that we're 100% cloud-based, with the whole team working on portable devices. We're a big fan of 'Teams', with our daily stand-up at 9:30am working beautifully via video.

What platforms are you using to stay connected?

NEW APPROACHES



2 WEEKS IN: WHAT WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT REMOTE WORK

Jared Spataro, Corporate Vice President for Microsoft 365, shares some important [learnings](#) he and his team have discovered while working remotely. You may find his tips useful as you navigate through your own work from home experience.



(MORE) TIPS FOR WORKING FROM HOME THE CANBERRA TIMES

In case you missed it, last week our local paper published an excellent [snapshot](#) of different ways you can make working from home, work for you. It's a good read and the IPAA team have been following a few points ourselves as we all setup our home offices!

EVENTS CATCH-UP

SECRETARY SERIES WITH ROSEMARY HUXTABLE PSM FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY – NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

If you didn't get the chance to come to Rosemary's event in February, catch-up by **watching the full video** below (or even listen to it in the background while you work) or **read a highlights [article](#)** recently published on the IPAA National website.



IN THE PRESS



GETTING ON WITH PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM DR GORDON DE BROUWER PSM

Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM, IPAA National President, reflects on the debate about public service since the Government released the Independent Review of the Australian Public Service on 13 December 2019. Read Gordon's article [here](#).

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