



Good morning

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

The IPAA Council met last week for the first time since April, where we reflected on how much has changed over the intervening months. One of the updates I provided was that during the April to June quarter we had over 10,000 listeners on our 'Work with Purpose' podcast – to put it in context, that's more people than our typical event attendance over an entire year. It serves as a useful reminder of how rapidly delivery models have shifted in 2020.

Our Future Leaders group are on fire this month, with an update to Council last week and a hackathon yesterday on the topic "What could or should the APS look like one year from now?" which included an opening address from Katherine Jones PSM. The outcome from the hackathon will feature in an upcoming event, which I will share with you in a future update!

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

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WORK WITH PURPOSE

EP#17: OCEANS-19 - A NEW APPROACH TO WORKING IN THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE WITH MICHAEL PEZZULLO AO

This week we're joined by Michael Pezzullo AO, Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs. Secretary Pezzullo draws on Hollywood to illustrate his ambition for the Department, describes the inspiration he gets from working with our political leaders, and speaks of his desire to leave the APS in a better place than when he started. Listen to the full episode on our [website](#).



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WORK WITH PURPOSE: UPCOMING PODCASTS

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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

Monday 24 August | Dr Steven Kennedy PSM

Secretary, The Treasury

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

INNOVATION MONTH



A final big week to bring #innovationmonth2020 home. Check out what's happening [here](#), including the live stream of the [Public Sector Innovation Award Ceremony](#) on 31 July.

WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



2020 PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARD CEREMONY

31 JULY 2020 | LIVE STREAM EVENT

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 and registration [here](#).



IPAA ACT | THE ROLE OF AI IN AUSTRALIA IN 2030

18 AUGUST 2020 | LIVE STREAM EVENT

IPAA and [ACOLA](#) are bringing together the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Expert Group and key Government officials leading AI implementation to speak on opportunities and challenges of AI in Government operations and service delivery. Details and registration [here](#).



IPAA ACT | ECONOMIC RECOVERY SCENARIOS

10 SEPTEMBER 2020 | VENUE TBC AND LIVE STREAM EVENT

Deloitte's Chris Richardson, and DFAT's Chief Economist, Dr Jenny Gordon, will deliver an update on the economic scenarios and impacts for Australia's COVID-19 recovery. Details [here](#).



IPAA WA | INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

26 AUGUST 2020 | FOUR-PART ONLINE EVENT

IPAA WA presents this important conversation confronting existing challenges of culture and accountability within the public sector; identifying where current practices may have fallen down; and discusses how proposed new strategies are fit to serve the sector in the future. Details and registration [here](#).

USEFUL TOOLS



IS AUSTRALIA STILL THE LUCKY COUNTRY?

Democracy 2025 recently published [Is Australia still the lucky country?](#), a report on political trust in times of COVID-19. It finds that for the first time in over a decade, Australians are exhibiting high levels of political trust in federal government (54 per cent from 29 per cent), and the Australian Public Service (54 per cent from 38 per cent).



INDIGENOUS EVIDENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IS A WAY FORWARD

The latest issue of the [Australian Journal of Public Administration](#) contains a gem of a research paper by Catherine Althaus on the exciting contribution that Indigenous evidence and knowledges can make to public administration in the fields of engagement, sustainability, and policy innovation. More on the national IPAA [website](#).

SPIRIT OF SERVICE



JACK MILNE

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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 hear from Jack Milne, a graduate at the Attorney-General's Department. Jack was seconded to Services Australia during May, and was humbled by the opportunity to expand his knowledge around policy implementation and impact. He also strongly believes that COVID-19 has brought out the best in the Australian Public Service.

AT WORK WITH IPAA



Meet the amazing Jess Bereth, who's monitoring the streaming of the Future Leaders Series Hackathon. Jess coordinates our Future Leaders Program, balancing all the changing circumstances around it, thanks to COVID-19.

Jess came back to IPAA in March after nine month's maternity leave, then was sent home three weeks later with the rest of the team for lockdown, at the exact moment when her son Franky started walking.

"For a second I was living the new-mum-working-from-home dream, and then Franky found his legs and the dream was crushed. Be careful what you wish for..."

EVENTS CATCH-UP

2016 PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARDS CEREMONY

27 JULY 2016

This week we're taking you way, way back to the inaugural Public Sector Innovation Awards Ceremony in 2016. The Hon Greg Hunt MP, then Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, presented awards to four category winners, selected from 83 nominations from across the APS.

We reckon this award acceptance speech from the Department of Finance's Sharyn Clarkson, captures the essence of the PS Innovation Awards superbly: "There's a lot of things that when you're a public servant you think you can't do and you can't change. And what I'd like to say to everybody is, you should test those assumptions, because most of the time they're like bubbles - once you touch them, they evaporate."



PARTNERS



IPAA EVENT RESOURCES

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

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