



Good morning

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

It's been a busy few weeks for the IPAA office, seeing Drew Baker off in fine style whilst continuing to deliver amazing content. There is a spring-like buzz in the air! Don't forget you can still catch the [Williams Oration](#) delivered by Christine Morgan, CEO of the National Mental Health Commission. Christine's oration is a wonderful exploration of values-based leadership with a focus on compassion, followed by a pragmatic panel discussion around mental health and support in the public sector. Mental health is an issue that touches many of us in our professional and personal lives and this is a discussion not to be missed.

Thanks to those of you who have reached out, welcoming me on board and offering suggestions. IPAA ACT is a for-purpose, member-focused organisation, so I'm keen to hear from as many of you as possible. If you have any ideas you'd like to discuss, you can contact me [here](#).

**Caroline Walsh**  
Chief Executive Officer  
IPAA ACT

## WORK WITH PURPOSE

### 'LAST DRINKS' WITH DREW BAKER, CAROLINE WALSH AND CARMEL MCGREGOR PSM

From the first floor of a Belconnen Tavern to the shadows of Parliament House. Drew Baker's transformative term as Chief Executive Officer of IPAA ACT, was one of energy, strategy and opportunism. After more than five years in the role, Drew has moved on to new challenges. He leaves the organisation in great hands, with a capable new CEO and dedicated team excited to take IPAA from strength to strength. In this week's episode, Drew is joined in conversation with his successor Caroline Walsh, the new Chief Executive Officer, and Carmel McGregor PSM, former IPAA ACT Deputy President and former Deputy Secretary. Listen to the podcast on our [website](#).



EPISODE # 24  
**Last Drinks**

with  
Drew Baker,  
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## WORK WITH PURPOSE: UPCOMING PODCASTS



### Tuesday 6 October

**Andy Penn** | Chief Executive Officer, Telstra

### Monday 12 October

**Innovation Award Winners** | Australian Taxation Office and Services Australia

### Monday 19 October

**Rosemary Huxtable PSM** | Secretary, Department of Finance

**Chris Moraitis PSM** | Secretary, Attorney General's Department

### Monday 26 October

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

Tell us what you think about Work with Purpose and help guide the future of the podcast series by completing this short [survey](#).

## WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



### GARRAN ORATION | THE HON GREG HUNT MP

21 OCTOBER 2020 | 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, who will deliver the 2020 *Garran Oration*. Details [here](#).



### IPAA ACT | 2020 - LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD

29 OCTOBER | LIVE-STREAMED EVENT

Chaired by members of the IPAA Future Leaders Committee, this event will showcase adaptation and innovation as demonstrated by some of our cultural organisations and how they responded to the challenges and opportunities presented by 2020. Details [here](#).



### IPAA SA | VIRTUAL ON THE COUCH WITH RODNEY HARREX

30 OCTOBER 2020 | ONLINE EVENT

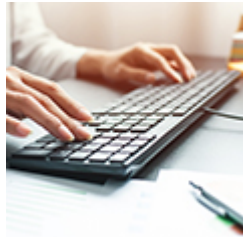
Rodney Harrex, Chief Executive of the South Australian Tourism Commission, will talk about the way COVID-19 has impacted the tourism industry in South Australia as well as the initiatives that will assist its recovery. Details and registration [here](#).

## USEFUL TOOLS



### IPAA ACT 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

IPAA ACT's [2019-20 Annual Report](#) was tabled at the Annual General Meeting last Wednesday night. The report highlights our achievements and performance for the reporting year and outlines priorities going forward.



### AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT STYLE MANUAL LAUNCHED

The Australian Government Style Manual is now [online](#) for everyone who writes, edits or approves Australian Government content. The manual promotes the use of clear and consistent content and includes sections on digital media and content design.



### SORRY, WHAT WAS THAT?: SIX LEVELS OF GOOD LISTENING

Despite it being the prerequisite for being a good manager, being a good listener is not as easy as it seems. This Harvard Business Review [article](#) describes six levels of listening and uses a great trampoline analogy to describe the conversational benefits that come from good listening: energy, acceleration, height and amplification.

## AT WORK WITH IPAA



After a pause in our normal program of events and with our governance meetings making a shift to the remote world, we were thrilled to catch up in-person recently with the IPAA ACT President, Dr Steven Kennedy PSM. Steven visited the IPAA Office Studio to record his recent 'Work with Purpose' episode, and then joined us a few days later to Chair our Annual General Meeting last Wednesday.

We were pleased to be able to deliver a physically distanced AGM in-person at the National Portrait Gallery, which was also live-streamed to those attending virtually. It was great to reconnect with Steven and other Councillors, as well as our supportive members.

## PARTNERS



BANNER PHOTO: Sculpture at the National Aboretum, Canberra.

### IPAA EVENT RESOURCES

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