



Good morning

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

We've rounded the corner and hit November, which means it's nearly NAIDOC Week! [NAIDOC Week](#) celebrations are normally held in July, but were delayed this year due to COVID-19. Between 8-15 November 2020, events will be held virtually and in locations all around Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The NAIDOC theme this year - *Always Was, Always Will Be* - recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Our partner, IPAA SA is hosting a thought-provoking, hybrid event (in person and live-streamed) discussing the Uluru Statement from the Heart on 10 November. Details on how to register are [here](#).

If there are events, content, speakers and themes you want on our program, please [reach out](#) and let us know!

Yours
Caroline

Caroline Walsh
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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](#).



PUBLIC POLICY LESSONS FROM THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

8 DECEMBER | NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

This event coincides with the release of papers on the observations of key policy makers during the GFC. Chaired by Dr Steven Kennedy PSM, speakers Dr Ken Henry AC, Dr Malcolm Edey, David Tune AO PSM and Meghan Quinn PSM will discuss GFC lessons learnt and parallels for policy makers confronting today's economic challenges. Details and registration [here](#).



IPAA VICTORIA | INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION

13 NOVEMBER | ONLINE EVENT

This webinar with the Victorian Department of Education and Training and EY, explores how local and global government agencies are scaling their intelligent automation capabilities away from transactional type work to enhance the focus on serving the citizen. Details and registration [here](#).

WORK WITH PURPOSE: UPCOMING PODCASTS



Monday 9 November

Liz Cosson AM CSC | Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs

Monday 23 November

Sandra Parker PSM | Fair Work Ombudsman

Sue Weston PSM | Chief Executive Officer, Comcare

Monday 7 December

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

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

IPAA SURVEY RESULTS | WHAT YOU WANT FROM IPAA ONLINE



Thanks to everyone who participated in our recent survey on what you want from our online content. Here's a snapshot of what you shared with us - some of which we're already implementing!

Frequency - 77% are happy for the Work with Purpose podcast and IPAA Connect to be released fortnightly, on alternate weeks.

Length - 50% like 35 minute podcasts, and 30% would prefer shorter episodes. While 52% are happy with 60 minute online events, a third would prefer 30 minute events.

Respondents also provided excellent topic ideas – such as cross-agency collaboration, leadership and managing teams, and partnering with the private sector, not-for-profit and academia – which we're integrating into our events programming discussions for 2021. Watch this space!

USEFUL TOOLS



HOW'S YOUR HEAD TODAY?

The Department of Health has just launched the national COVID-19 mental health campaign – [How's your head today?](#) The campaign aims to help Australians experiencing mental health impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic through a collection of video and audio resources.



AGILE IS NOT A DIRTY WORD

We're sure you'll agree that the term agile has been thoroughly overcooked, particularly since the onset of COVID-19, where to cope we've all had to be, well, agile. This Public Sector Innovation Network [case study](#) looks beyond the buzzword, as it explores the principles of Agile (note the capital 'A') project management, and the benefits you can reap from applying them to your work.



THE PERSUASIVE ART OF STORYTELLING

Storytelling is a powerful and proven tool to enhance your influencing skills. Explaining concepts and ideas through stories gives the listener context and helps them organise a mass of data into a form that is engaging and compelling. This Harvard Business Review [article](#) outlines five key characteristics of effective storytelling.

AT WORK WITH IPAA



Here's Gemma, our Corporate Director, and friend Ellie Carmichael from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment 'Working out with Purpose'.

When remote working began in March, Gemma and Ellie met a few times a week for lunchtime boot camp - a perfect (though some may say insane) excuse to get out of the house into the fresh air.

As both of them are now spending more time in the office, they are trying to keep up the regular workouts doing yoga or pilates after work. The oval and yoga studio are five minutes from each of their homes so they have no excuses not to go!

PARTNERS



BANNER IMAGE: Rene Kulitja, *My Country*.


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


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