



Good morning

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

This week is our seventh edition, and it's hard to believe it's only just two months since the scale and impact of COVID-19 really hit home. Thanks to everyone who's provided IPAA with feedback over recent weeks, it's great to hear people are finding this useful.

This week our [Work with Purpose](#) podcast features **Frances Adamson**, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and a former IPAA President. Frances shares with us some of the challenges around bringing home Australians from overseas—I hope you enjoy the episode.

Next week we're looking forward to hearing from **Greg Moriarty**, Secretary of the Department of Defence, and **General Angus Campbell AO CSC**, Chief of the Defence Force. It will be great to hear their reflections on the role Defence played in the summer bushfire crisis, and now the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any areas you're keen for us to feature, [email me here](#).

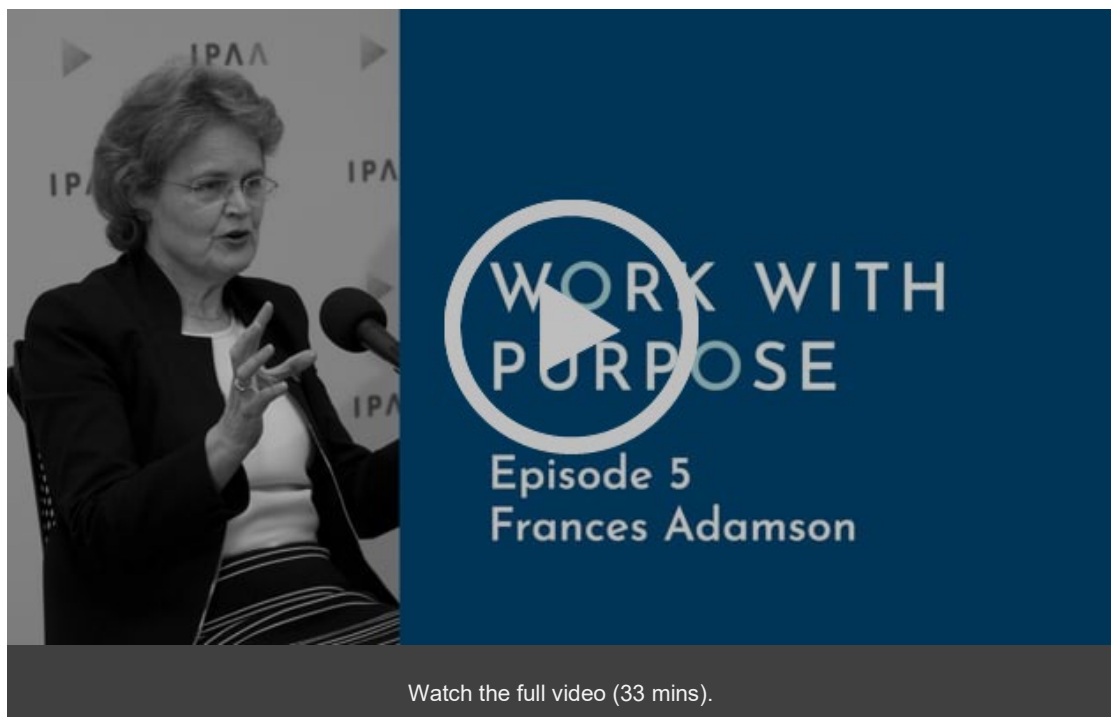
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## WORK WITH PURPOSE

### EP#5: MAKING GOOD DECISIONS IN A TIME OF OVERLOAD - FRANCES ADAMSON

In this episode, which has been produced as both a podcast and a video, we are joined by Frances Adamson, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We are also joined by Holly Noble as co-host, who is Chair of IPAA's Future Leaders Committee and a Director at the Department of Finance. Listen to the full episode and read the transcript on our [website](#) or watch the video below.

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## WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



### IPAA ACT WEBINAR | STUNNING DIGITAL COLLABORATION 22 MAY 2020

This webinar will explore how to create digital environments which encourage effective collaboration. Facilitators from global consultancy ThinkPlace, will share their vast experience and lessons they've learned from designing, delivering and facilitating online workshops. More details [here](#).



### IPAA ACT | GRADUATE DATA FORUM SUMMATION SESSION WITH CELIA MOSS

Join us for the [final session](#) of our Graduate Data Forum with **Celia Moss**, Deputy Chair of the Data Champions Network and Program Manager of the Statistical Data Integration Division at the ABS. Celia delivers the Forum summation and takes us on an APS data journey. Access all of the Forum videos on the [IPAA website](#).



### IPAA QUEENSLAND EVENT WITH SCOTT MCDUGALL FREE LIVE STREAM | 12 MAY

IPAA Qld's first 'Stewards On the Couch' for 2020 features Queensland's new Human Rights Commissioner **Scott McDougall**. Scott will share insights on his distinguished career, his commitment to and stewardship of human rights, and the relevance to public purpose work. Details and register [here](#).



### SHANE FITZSIMMONS TALKS TO IPAA NSW

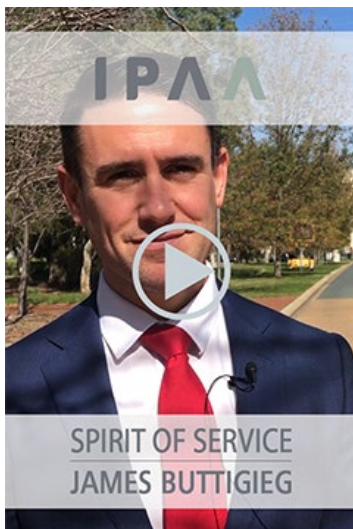
**Shane Fitzsimmons** AFISM is one of NSW's most trusted and respected public servants. As part of IPAA NSW 'In Conversation Series', and on the eve of his new role heading up Resilience NSW, Shane shares his personal story, his thoughts on leadership and the importance he places on public service. Read an IPAA National [feature](#) on this event.



### PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARDS ONE WEEK LEFT TO NOMINATE!

Have you done something different recently? You have one week left to get your nomination in for the Public Sector Innovation Awards. Share and celebrate your ideas. [Submit](#) your nomination by 15 May.

## SPIRIT OF SERVICE



### JAMES BUTTIGIEG DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Here's the next 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 visit James Buttigieg, Acting Assistant Secretary at DFAT's Crisis Management Operations Branch which has been helping to bring Australians overseas, back home. James also led the teams that managed the Wuhan and Princess Diamond assisted departures.

James speaks about his personal challenges and what makes him proud to be part of the public service.

## IPAA SURVEY RESULTS | JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF THE NEW NORMAL



### HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE NEW NORMAL?

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 'Joys and Challenges' survey last week. We're heartened by how many of you are taking positives out of this crisis. Here's a snapshot of some of what you shared with us:

- 78% are enjoying the flexibility of working from home.
- 62% are exercising more.
- 60% love the extra time with their family.

But aspects of COVID-19 are still of concern to many:

- 52% feel anxious about the state of the world.
- 48% are feeling isolated and disconnected.
- 29% are struggling with the WFH balancing act.

We'll be back with another survey in a couple of weeks!

## USEFUL TOOLS



### PM&C: OPEN LETTER TO THE APS

If you missed it last Friday, PM&C published an [open letter](#) from their Secretary, Philip Gaetjens and the Australian Public Service Commissioner, Peter Woolcott AO. The letter thanks the APS for their outstanding service during this crisis, and encourages the sector to help protect the safety of the community by downloading the [COVIDSafe app](#).



### ADDRESSING THE DIGITAL CAPABILITY NEEDS OF THE APS

It's great to see last week's launch of the [APS Digital Professional Stream](#), the second Stream now in play after the launch of the [APS HR Professional Stream](#) last year. Randall Brugeaud, CEO of the Digital Transformation Agency, is leading the new strategy, which aims to lift the digital expertise of the workforce to transform government services.



### ABS SURVEY ON THE EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON HOUSEHOLDS

The ABS has released data from a [survey](#) looking at household impacts of COVID-19. The survey covered financial impact, changing patterns in how Australians are keeping in touch with each other and differences among age groups and changes in emotional and mental wellbeing. Check out this [infographic](#) for survey highlights.

## AT HOME WITH IPAA



Here's a glimpse at a COVID-19 rendition of IPAA's Program and Events Committee meeting. Drew, our CEO, and meeting participants from across the federal public sector, ACT government, academia and consultancy have dialled in to plan a program of podcasts and online content for the month ahead.

We're excited about delivering our content digitally, however we also can't wait to catch-up with you at our face-to-face events down the track.

*[Send us](#) your working from home photo, plus a sentence or two on the highs, lows, or quirks like having to deal with unexpected co-workers such as pets or kids. #athomewithIPAA*

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