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Welcome to our third edition of 'IPAA Connect', a weekly collection of curated content and resources from across the IPAA network!

This week we feature our first [Work with Purpose](#) podcast, which focuses on the critical role the APS is playing in the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Produced as a partnership between IPAA and contentgroup with the support of the APSC, we look forward to your feedback. We're already looking forward to next week's edition with Andrew Metcalfe AO, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

Next week we'll include the first in a series of webinars we're launching, working with IPAA partners including LinkedIn, Thinkplace and more. Drop me an [email](#) if there's something you'd like included in the next edition!

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WORK WITH PURPOSE

EP#1: COVID 19 RESPONSE ACCELERATING REFORM OF THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE WITH PETER WOOLCOTT AO AND KATHERINE JONES PSM

For our first podcast in the 'Work with Purpose' series we sit down with Australian Public Service Commissioner, Peter Woolcott AO and Deputy Secretary at the Department of Finance, Katherine Jones PSM, to discuss how COVID-19 is forcing reform of the APS. Listen to the full episode now on our [website](#) and a full transcript will be available shortly.



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WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



GRADUATE DATA FORUM

A DATA-BASED APS: REFLECTIONS AND NEW DIRECTIONS

Running throughout April, this is a free, four-part digital forum for APS graduates and new starters to build data literacy. Get the full Forum line-up including session release dates, overviews, speakers and video links on the [IPAA website](#).



INNOVATION AWARDS | GET NOMINATING TODAY!

Have you done something different in government? Have you helped people with a new idea? Nominations for the [Public Sector Innovation Awards](#) are now open and we want to hear what you've been up to. By sharing and celebrating your ideas, you can provide the spark for other teams do similar things. Submit your nomination by 15 May!

USEFUL TOOLS



APSC: PUBLIC SERVICE WORKFORCE UPDATES

Check out the latest COVID-19 workforce information from the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) including [information](#) on looking after your mental health and supporting others in times of uncertainty, along with a revised [circular](#) on evolving working arrangements.



COMMUNICATING AND TRUSTING IN A COVID-19 WORLD

In a COVID-19 world, we face “business unusual” through constant change and uncertainty. In these times, trust matters. Produced by the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), this [webinar](#) shares evidence-based, good practice principles for communicating crisis narratives to maintain trust or re-orient for trust.



GOVERNMENT'S REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS UPDATES

The Australian Government has published a revised [Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis](#) to strengthen the framework and ensure high-quality analysis underpins major decision-making. For more information and help navigating the analysis process, contact the Office of Best Practice Regulation in PM&C at Helpdesk-OBPR@pmc.gov.au or on 6271 6270.

IPAA SURVEY RESPONSE: WORKING FROM HOME



Thanks to everyone who participated in our 'Working from home' survey last week—we were blown away by the response! Here's a snapshot of some of what you shared with us:

- 49% are coping OK with working from home.
- 24% love the new work arrangements and are achieving more.
- 27% are finding it more difficult to adjust to this new way of working.

But the increased technology is bringing some challenges:

- 48% of you say technology and connectivity are your biggest issues.
- half of you need healthier ways to manage increased screentime.

We'll review your feedback and will be back with another survey in next week's IPAA Connect!

EVENTS CATCH-UP

IWD BREAKFAST WITH SENATOR THE HON LINDA REYNOLDS CSC TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY – GREAT HALL, PARLIAMENT HOUSE

IPAA International Women's Day events always rate in the Top 5 of our favourites of the year, and 2020 was no exception. We highly recommend watching the Minister for Defence, **Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC**, delivered an insightful keynote address and then joined **Greg Moriarty**, Secretary of the Department of Defence in candid conversation. It's well worth watching or having on in the background to listen to as you work.



LOOKING BACK



ADMIT IT! THERE'S SO MUCH HAPPENING IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS THESE DAYS...

Today we flash back to an advertisement in the Australian Journal of Public Administration in the mid 1980s, from OTC Telecommunications—remember them pre-millennials?

The fine print talks about advanced technologies such as private telephones, telex, data and facsimile links, and 'international electronic messaging'. Ahh, if only life was that simple! Download the flash back [here!](#)

AT HOME WITH IPAA

FAREWELL JESSIE MAZLIN!

Our lovely IPAA colleague and friend Jessie Mazlin has left us for a new calling in Melbourne. Jessie coordinated many key IPAA events, including our largest International Women's Day Breakfast event in February, November's Improving Employment for People with a Disability in the APS and the Maximising Value from Data Conference, not to mention the Future Leaders Program to name just a few. We'll miss Jessie's professionalism, warmth and wit, however she hasn't quite left the IPAA fold—her new role is with IPAA Victoria.

Here's a few of the IPAA family enjoying a Friday farewell vino with Jessie :-)



[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.
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