



Good morning

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

[Innovation Month](#) is in full swing and we're proud to be partnering with the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources and the [Public Sector Innovation Network](#) on a number of online activities over the coming weeks. One highlight is a fascinating discussion around building participatory futures and communities, as recently outlined in a [Nesta report](#). The [Public Sector Innovation Awards](#) are also gaining traction with the finalists gearing up to present their ideas to a panel at a Pitch session in a couple of weeks.

At [Work with Purpose](#) this week we're joined by the National Indigenous Australians Agency's Chief Executive Officer Ray Griggs AO CSC, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer Letitia Hope, during what would have been NAIDOC Week. Their discussion includes servicing regional communities during COVID-19 and the unique value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people bring to the APS.

As the production of live-stream events and podcasts ramps-up in our office studio, we're quietly working on face-to-face events, which we hope (COVID-19 permitting) to deliver to you across this second half of the year. Details will be available shortly.

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

Drew Baker

Chief Executive Officer

IPAA ACT

WORK WITH PURPOSE

EP#14: FOOD FOR THOUGHT - RAY GRIGGS AO CSC AND LETITIA HOPE

In this episode we speak with the leaders of the National Indigenous Australians Agency, Chief Executive Officer Ray Griggs AO CSC, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer Letitia Hope. We explore the decisions, partnerships and networks that were deployed to keep the people in, and the virus out, of our most remote communities. Listen to the full episode and read the transcript on our [website](#).



EPISODE # 14

Food for thought - working with Australia's first peoples to keep communities safe.

with
Ray Griggs
& Letitia Hope

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WORK WITH PURPOSE UPCOMING PODCASTS



Monday 13 July | Rebecca Skinner

Chief Executive Officer, Services Australia

A National Perspective | Sharyn O'Neill

WA Public Sector Commissioner and State Recovery Controller

Monday 27 July | Michael Pezzullo AO

Secretary, Department of Home Affairs

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



We're now enjoying the second week of Innovation Month, an APS-wide initiative showcasing and celebrating creativity, thinking differently and trying new approaches in government. Innovation Month convenors, the [Public Sector Innovation Network](#), have curated an outstanding program of activities and free online events which are open to everyone. Check it out [here](#).

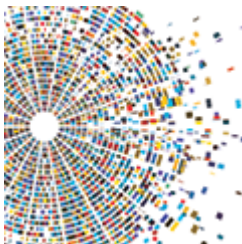
WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



IPAA ACT | OPPORTUNITIES EMERGING FROM COVID-19

9 JULY 2020 | ONLINE EVENT

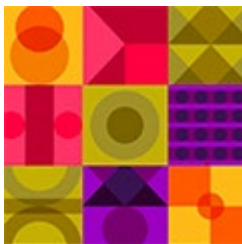
New ways of working and delivering services – across agencies and levels of government – have emerged as public servants implement policies to support Australians. Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM will explore the prospects of this new 'public service normal'. Details [here](#).



IPAA ACT | DELIVERING DATA DIFFERENTLY

17 JULY 2020 | LIVE-STREAMED

Join IPAA and the APS Data Network to explore the role data and data skills play in ensuring the Public Service is fit for purpose. Thought leaders discuss lessons learnt from the recent crises, and provide an update on the APS data professions model. Details and registration [here](#).



IPAA ACT | NESTA'S PARTICIPATORY FUTURES REPORT

21 JULY 2020 | INNOVATION MONTH ONLINE EVENT

Jose Ramos, co-author of think-tank Nesta's [Our Futures: By the people, for the people](#), will present this report on participatory futures, and discuss how governments, citizens and society can work together to create more inclusive futures for our communities. Details and registration [here](#).



IPAA NATIONAL | FREE SPEECH AT WORK

22 JULY 2020 | ONLINE EVENT

Free speech for public and private sector employees is increasingly being challenged. IPAA and the ANU College of Law are bringing together a distinguished panel to consider the issue of free speech from practical, theoretical and policy perspectives. More details and register [here](#).

USEFUL TOOLS



NEW INDIGENOUS APS CAREER PATHWAY

The [Commonwealth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2020-2024](#) sets out a vision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait employment opportunities and experiences across the Commonwealth public sector. Focus includes cultural integrity, career pathways and career development and advancement.



THE FOUNDATIONAL FOUR APS DATA GUIDE RELEASED

The Office of the National Data Commissioner has released guidance on data use in the APS. [The Foundational Four](#) provides guidance for agencies on how to improve their data practices and address the technical and cultural challenges that can limit their ability to get the most out of their data.



SATELLITE DATA SHOWS COVID-19's GLOBAL ACTIVITY SHIFTS

Space agencies have [teamed up](#) to monitor and chronicle planet-wide shifts in socioeconomic activities and the environment as the world responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. They hope that it will enable health officials and policymakers to explore COVID-19's short and long-term impacts on the planet and society.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE



HOLLY NOBLE

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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 Holly Noble, Director of Business Transformation at the Department of Finance, and Chair of the IPAA Future Leaders Committee. Holly shares with us what her experience responding to COVID-19 has been like, and how the ability for the APS to innovate has made her proud.

AT WORK WITH IPAA



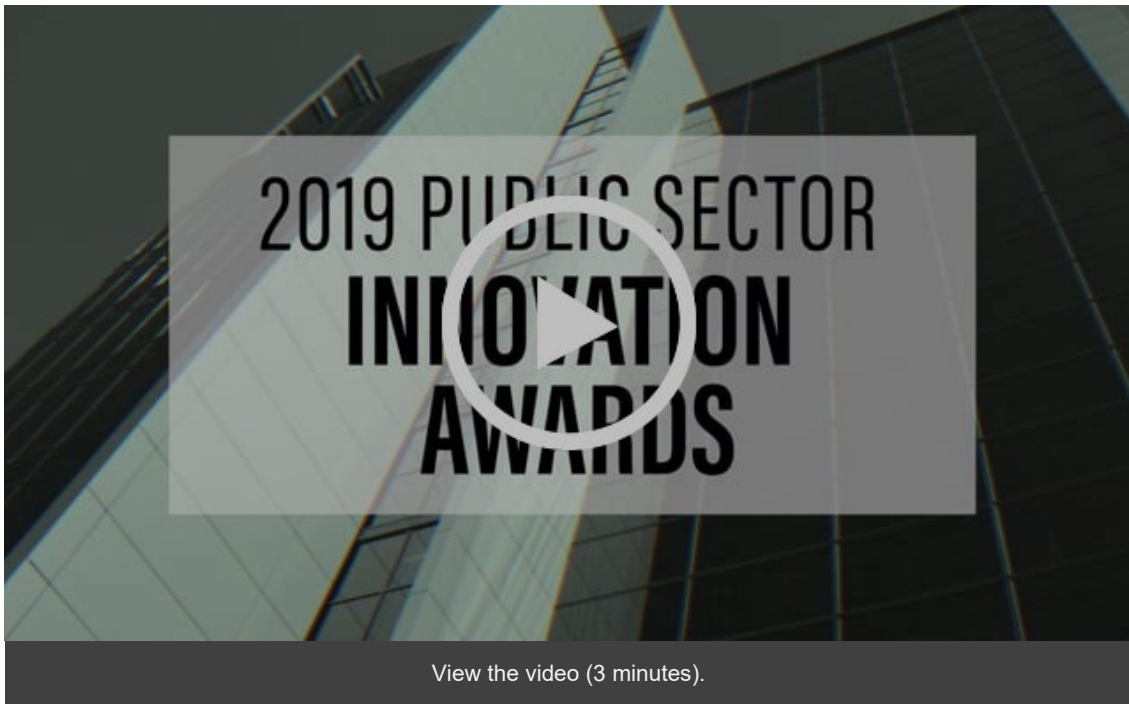
PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARDS PITCH TRAINING WORKSHOP

Here we have Nick Ellis from the [Public Sector Innovation Network](#) presenting to the 2020 Innovation Award Finalists as part of yesterday's 'Pitch Training Workshop'. The virtual workshop was delivered by the [Canberra Innovation Network](#) to 42 participants from across the Finalist agencies. The [12 Finalists](#) are now charging ahead with creating their five-minute video pitches which will be presented to the Judging Panel on 21 July.

EVENTS CATCH-UP

2019 PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARDS | THE PITCH

Continuing in the spirit of #innovationmonth2020, this week we're looking back at the 2019 Public Sector Innovation Awards Pitch session where twelve finalists had ten minutes to pitch their ideas to a panel. As you'll see in this highlights video, each idea is oozing ingenuity, creativity and are excellent examples of innovation in practice in the public sector. We can't wait to see the pitches from this year's finalists!



[View the video \(3 minutes\).](#)

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