



Good morning

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

A must-watch event this Thursday is our [Economic Recovery Scenarios](#) live-stream featuring Deloitte Partner Chris Richardson, AlphaBeta Director and former economic adviser to Prime Minister Rudd during the GFC Dr Andrew Charlton, DFAT's Chief Economist Dr Jenny Gordon and ANU Professor of Economics Renee Fry-McKibbin. This panel will provide a comprehensive overview of Australia's economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic, chaired by IPAA's Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM.

This week we're recording a podcast with Philip Gaetjens, Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, which will be aired next Monday afternoon. I also encourage you to listen to our just-released 'Work with Purpose – Global Perspectives' episode, featuring Bernadette Welch PSM who provided extraordinary insights into Fiji's response to COVID-19.

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

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WORK WITH PURPOSE - GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

'FIJI'S COORDINATED RESPONSE TO COVID-19' WITH BERNADETTE WELCH PSM

Welcome to 'Work with Purpose – Global Perspectives'. This new program in our podcast series explores the incredible work Australian public servants do around the world, to deliver not just for Australians, but for the people of other countries.

In this first episode, IPAA's National President, Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM, is joined by Bernadette Welch PSM. Bernadette has held numerous roles across the Australian Public Service, including Head of Operations for Australia's G20 Presidency in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and until recently, was the Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services, Government of Fiji. Listen to the podcast on our [website](#).



The image is a promotional graphic for a podcast episode. On the left, there is a black and white photograph of Bernadette Welch PSM, a woman with short blonde hair, smiling and speaking into a microphone. Behind her is a backdrop with the IPAA logo and a play button icon. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'EPISODE #1', 'Fiji's coordinated response to COVID-19', and 'with BERNADETTE WELCH PSM'. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the following elements from left to right: the hashtag '#workwithpurpose' in white, the text 'GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES' in smaller white letters below it, the 'contentgroup' logo in white, the IPAA ACT logo in white, and the Australian Government Australian Public Service Commission logo in white.

WORK WITH PURPOSE: UPCOMING PODCASTS



Monday 14 September

Philip Gaetjens | Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Monday 21 September

Dr Steven Kennedy PSM | Secretary, The Treasury

Matt Comyn | Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Monday 28 September

Innovation Award Winners | Australian Taxation Office and Services Australia

Monday 5 October

Andy Penn | Chief Executive Officer, Telstra

Recommend a future speaker [here](#). 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



IPAA ACT | ECONOMIC RECOVERY SCENARIOS

10 SEPTEMBER 2020 | LIVE-STREAM EVENT

Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM will chair a discussion featuring Chris Richardson, Deloitte Partner, Dr Jenny Gordon, DFAT's Chief Economist; Dr Andrew Charlton, AlphaBeta Director and Renée Fry-McKibbin, Professor of Economics at the ANU. Register [here](#).



IPAA ACT | APS POLICY THROUGH COVID-19

15 SEPTEMBER 2020 | LIVE-STREAM EVENT

This event will capture the perspectives of senior policy leaders from across the public sector during the COVID-19 pandemic, including drivers of innovation, creative solutions, changes to process, and other new or re-imagined ideas. Details and registration [here](#).



WILLIAMS ORATION | DR CHRISTINE MORGAN 22 SEPTEMBER 2020 | LIVE-STREAM EVENT

IPAA is pleased to host Christine Morgan, CEO of the National Mental Health Commission and National Suicide Prevention Adviser to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, to deliver the 2020 Williams Oration. Details [here](#).



IPAA VICTORIA | CARING FOR COUNTRY SERIES 11 SEPTEMBER 2020 | WEBINAR

Hear from Victorian Traditional Owners, talking about the importance of protecting cultural heritage and what needs to occur at government level to help Traditional Owners (and all Victorians) better care for Country. Details and registration [here](#).

USEFUL TOOLS



NEW APSC SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) has released a [guide](#) on public service employee use of social media. The resources focus on the risks that employees' online behaviour can pose to public confidence in the APS, and includes a video introduction from APSC Commissioner, Peter Woolcott AO.



SECRETARIES BOARD REFORM PRIORITIES

Philip Gaetjens and Peter Woolcott AO released an [Open Letter](#) last Friday outlining three reform priorities of the Secretaries Board. These are: continuing support to Australia's COVID-19 response and recovery, accelerating APS digital transformation and strengthening APS workforce and capability.



WILL WORKING FROM HOME REALLY BE THE NEW APS NORMAL?

A recent [article](#) published in IPAA's *Australian Journal of Public Administration*, questions whether working from home will become a 'new normal' for the APS. The research paper considers the timing of policy responses to the pandemic as one indicator of resistance to, or acceptance of, widespread working from home.

AT WORK WITH IPAA



Last week we were warmly welcomed into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to film *Diplomacy on the Front Line* with Frances Adamson, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, General Angus Campbell AO DSC, Chief of the Defence Force and host Michael Manthorpe PSM, Commonwealth Ombudsman and IPAA ACT Deputy President.

The whole experience was great and the DFAT and CDF staff were a delight to work with. We were also thrilled to host Frances at an IPAA event again - the second time since she stepped down as IPAA ACT President last September.

We highly recommend watching the event [online](#).

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