



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

This week we feature our second [Work with Purpose](#) podcast with Andrew Metcalfe AO, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. Andrew speaks with us about how COVID-19 is forging stronger relationships.

We've got two webinars below that might be of interest. One is from LinkedIn about building a professional brand online, while the other is from our IPAA colleagues in Victoria to discuss wellbeing and leadership.

I also encourage you to watch the first of our [Spirit of Service](#) quick videos below, where each week we'll feature someone from the IPAA network and hear their reflections on our current environment!

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## WORK WITH PURPOSE

### EP#2: RELATIONSHIPS MATTER WITH ANDREW METCALFE AO

For our second podcast in the 'Work with Purpose' series, we sit down with Andrew Metcalfe AO, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. Andrew talks about his love of Italy, collaboration with industry, and the inspiration he gets every day from working with his fellow public servants on this major crisis. Listen to the full episode or read the transcript on our [website](#).



EPISODE #2  
Relationships matter  
with  
**ANDREW  
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## WHAT'S ON @ IPAA



### **BUILDING YOUR PROFESSIONAL BRAND ONLINE WITH LINKEDIN** FREE WEBINAR | FRIDAY, 17 APRIL

Cultivating and promoting your professional brand in an over-saturated online environment takes careful consideration and design, however it's well-worth the effort. During this webinar, LinkedIn will share expert tips on how to best position your values, and showcase your knowledge and experience online. More details and register [here](#).



### **IPAA VICTORIA WELLBEING LEADERSHIP SERIES 2020** APRIL TO JUNE

Targeted at senior leaders and people leaders, the series launches with two webinars in April, followed by a four-part workshop series in May and June. The series equips leaders with a better understanding of the psychological impacts of COVID-19 and skills to better support people in the 'new normal'. Find out more and secure your place [here](#).



### GRADUATE DATA FORUM KEYNOTE ADDRESS | DR DAVID GRUEN A DATA-BASED APS: REFLECTIONS AND NEW DIRECTIONS

Join Australian Statistician, Dr David Gruen, as he delivers the [keynote address](#) on the importance of data, including some commentary on how data is informing the COVID-19 response. Get the full Forum line-up including session release dates, overviews, speakers and video links on the [IPAA website](#).



### INNOVATION AWARDS | FOUR WEEKS TO NOMINATE!

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. Share and celebrate your ideas, and inspire other teams do similar things. Submit your nomination by 15 May.

## SPIRIT OF SERVICE



Here's the first of our [Spirit of Service](#) video series, showcasing personal experiences from a diverse range of APS staff involved in the COVID-19 response.

Each week we invite a guest to share their thoughts and insights - for a maximum of 60 seconds - on what drives their service. We hope you enjoy these snippets and that they encourage others who are perhaps having similar experiences.

This week we hear from Megan Aponte-Payne, an Adviser in the Economic Division at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

## AT HOME WITH IPAA



The IPAA Future Leaders Committee is a group of fifteen emerging and future leaders from across the public sector. It's made up of people who attended our Future Leaders Program, which you can read about [here](#).

We're pleased to introduce **Holly Noble** from the Department of Finance, who chairs the Future Leaders Committee, after having been involved for several years. She's accompanied in this photo from a Zoom chat with her furry helper Dexter!



We'd also like to introduce **Matt McMahon** from the Australian Electoral Commission, who mentors the Future Leaders Committee. No furry helpers, just an epic Star Wars collection in the background!

*[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*

## USEFUL TOOLS



### APSC: PUBLIC SERVICE WORKFORCE UPDATES

Check out the latest COVID-19 workforce information from the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) including answers to [FAQs](#) for public service employees and [practical tips](#) from Comcare on looking after your physical health, while working remotely.



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

If you missed it last Thursday, PM&C published an open letter from their Secretary, Philip Gaetjens and the Australian Public Service Commissioner, Peter Woolcott AO. The letter updates the APS on the government's response to COVID-19, including secondments and the APS reform agenda. You can read or listen to the letter [here](#).



## HOW TO ACTUALLY WORK ... WHEN YOU'RE WORKING FOM HOME PRACTICAL ADVICE FROM HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW

Not sure about you, but we're starting to find there's too much being written about working from home! But this short explainer [video](#) from Harvard Business Review is great, offering four easy tips to help you stay productive and sane while getting the job done.

## EVENTS CATCH-UP

### IPAA NATIONAL 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY – KING'S HALL, MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY

We kicked off our 2020 event series at MoAD, celebrating IPAA National's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable **David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)**. Watch the video below, and access other event resources including the transcript, and the book 'A History of the Institute of Public Administration 1980–2020' [here](#).



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