



CEO UPDATE



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Integrity and trust in the public service have shaped many of our conversations at IPAA ACT over the last month. The Royal Commission Report into the Robodebt Scheme is a sobering read for those of us who are committed to the public good and public service, and the need for compassion for those affected cannot be underscored enough.

IPAA ACT is committed to working with the public service on strengthening integrity and providing a platform for public servants to have discussions. IPAA National has issued a [statement](#) and a list of resources if you'd like to find out more about what IPAA divisions across Australia are doing in this space.

Trust, accountability and integrity are also at the centre of our upcoming [Garran Oration](#) delivered on 18 August by the first female Auditor-General of New South Wales, **Margaret Crawford**. Margaret has a track record of success leading and guiding public sector agencies in diverse areas such as housing, homelessness and community services, transport policy and regulation, and more.

On 19 July, we hosted an insightful hackathon on exploring innovative approaches to community consultation and policy development in the public sector, specifically concerning First Nations peoples. We're excited to share a report on this special event with you in due course.

We hope to see you at Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry **Andrew Metcalfe AO's** [valedictory](#) speech next week!

Best,
Caroline Walsh
CEO, IPAA ACT

WHAT'S ON AT IPAA ACT



VALEDICTORY: ANDREW METCALFE AO **2 AUGUST 2023**

Hear from **Andrew Metcalfe AO**, retiring **Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry** in this valedictory address. He will reflect on his career of more than four decades in Australian public administration and public policy, particularly in the areas of immigration and citizenship, national security, agriculture, and more. [Register now >>>](#)



THE 2023 GARRAN ORATION - TRUST, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INTEGRITY **18 AUGUST 2023**

Don't miss this year's Garran Oration to be delivered by the first female **Auditor-General of New South Wales, Margaret Crawford**. Drawing on her distinguished public service experience, she will underscore trust, accountability, and integrity in the service. [Register now >>>](#)



SAVE THE DATE: 2023 SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS GALA DINNER **8 NOVEMBER 2023**

Our Spirit of Service Awards recognise and celebrate public sector initiatives that drive positive change for the Australian community. Make sure to block out your calendar on 8 November, when we'll be celebrating this year's winners at the National Arboretum. [More>>>](#)

PODCASTS

WORK WITH PURPOSE



In photo (L-R): podcast recording with Alex Allars, Caroline Walsh (host), Lisa Kelly, and Robyn Shannon

MAKING AUSTRALIA'S WORKPLACES CARER-INCLUSIVE

In this episode of [Work with Purpose](#), our host Caroline Walsh, CEO of IPAA ACT, has a meaningful conversation about carers and how workplaces can support them with our guests, some of whom also share their own personal experience as carers. Joining us are **Robyn Shannon**, acting deputy secretary for the Department of Social Services, **Lisa Kelly**, CEO of Carers ACT, and **Alex Allars**, executive branch manager, Whole of Government Industrial Relations & Public Sector Employment, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, ACT Government. This episode examines the public support mechanisms for carers at both the federal and ACT levels and explores how these systems may need to evolve in the future.

[Click here to listen to the episode](#)

NEWS AND RESOURCES



HUMANITY AT THE CORE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

This year's Frances Adamson Oration delivered by **Dr Chris Sarra, Director-General of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland Government**, was an incredible deep dive into humanity and how it applies across the public service and for each of us individually. [Catch up on his powerful speech here >>>](#)



LESSONS FROM RETIRING HEALTH AND AGED CARE SECRETARY

Professor Brendan Murphy AC shared key lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, advice to current and future leaders in the public sector, reflections on achieving reform, and more as he retired as Secretary of the Department of Health and Aged Care. [Watch his valedictory address here >>>](#)



SUPPORTING CARERS IN THE WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITY

While caring duties can add to someone's skill set, carers also shoulder significant pressures such as financial hardship and emotional stress. Here are some practical ways to support carers close to you. [Read more >>>](#)



HOW CAN ORGANISATIONS DRAW THE ATTENTION OF TOP TALENT?

In today's skills short market, a good employee value proposition (EVP) will help you draw the attention of top talent and encourage candidates to view the APS as their preferred employer. Read Hays' [tips for defining your EVP or reach out to them directly >>>](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



FUTURE LEADERS BREAKFAST - THE BIG QUESTION | 20 JULY

How can public servants stay resilient in a challenging environment? **Greg Moriarty**, Secretary of the Department of Defence, talked about stewardship as everyone's role in the APS, building trust, improving appetite and management of risk, and more at 'the big question' event with **IPAA ACT Future Leaders**. [More >>>](#)

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