



CEO UPDATE



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This month was all about data at the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) ACT. On 17 May, we delivered the Australian Government Data Forum and inaugural [APS Awards Dinner](#) in partnership with the Graduate Data Network, the APS Data Profession, and the Office of the National Data Commissioner. Over 770 people attended online and in person to discuss using data effectively, the future of artificial intelligence, managing cybersecurity, and much more. We loved how many of you engaged in the room and shared your insights with us later via [social media](#).

Artificial intelligence was also the topic of our most recent episode of [Work with Purpose](#), where we look at how the public sector is currently using AI and unpack some of the benefits, risks and limitations of the technology. It's a worthwhile listen if you're considering using AI in your role or organisation. If you don't have time to listen to the whole episode, we've made sure to summarise our guests' tips for you in a [short article](#).

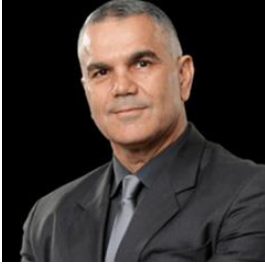
Lastly, we invite you to join us for our upcoming [Frances Adamson Oration](#) delivered by Chris Sarra, Director-General, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Queensland Government on 23 June. His oration will mark United Nations Public Service Day.

Talking about Public Service Day, we'd love to hear from you. Paint us a picture of what the future public service looks like to you – that could be more flexibility, greater use of emerging technologies, or whatever else you have in mind! Share your vision (200 words maximum or in a short video) with our communications team via membership@act.ipaa.org.au by 13 June – we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Caroline Walsh
CEO, IPAA ACT

WHAT'S ON AT IPAA ACT



FRANCES ADAMSON ORATION 2023

23 JUNE 2023

To mark United Nations Public Service Day, join us for the Frances Adamson Oration on 23 June as we celebrate the critical role of the public service, and reflect on the institutional and individual integrity, resilience, and challenges in the service. The oration will be delivered by **Dr Chris Sarra**, Director-General of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland Government. [Register now >>>](#)

PODCASTS

WORK WITH PURPOSE

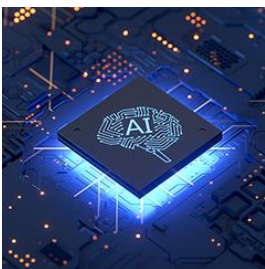
HOW IS AUSTRALIA'S PUBLIC SECTOR USING GENERATIVE AI?

In this [episode](#), **Caroline Walsh**, IPAA ACT CEO hosts a conversation that explores the potential and challenges of using generative AI in the Australian public sector. **Sally Bayley-Nelson**, manager of the AusIndustry Insights team, and **Anthony Murfett**, head of division for Technology and Digital at the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, share their experiences using generative AI tools for their work and discuss the benefits and limitations of the technology. They also talk about the risks that the public sector needs to be mindful of when working with AI and the importance of putting guardrails in place to regulate its use. [Listen to the episode >>>](#)

PREVIOUS EPISODES

- [Building digital capability in the public sector with Moira McLoughlin and Samuel McMurray | 8 May 2023](#)
- [How government experts self-sabotage with Dr Christiane Gerblinger | 24 April 2023](#)

NEWS AND RESOURCES



INTRODUCING AI TO YOUR PUBLIC SECTOR WORKPLACE

The emergence of generative AI tools has created even stronger momentum and awareness of the great potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in improving public services. Learn expert tips on how you may start using AI in your role and convince your senior executives of the advantages of AI in public sector work. [More >>>](#)



WHY YOU SHOULD SEEK A DATA CAREER IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR NOW

Data skills and literacy have emerged as key areas for the future of the public service since reliable data is critical to creating policies and programs that meet the needs of Australian communities. Know more about the endless opportunities of working with data and these just might encourage you to develop your digital and data skills. [More >>>](#)



ELEVATING DATA CAPABILITY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Using data in improving public administration and policymaking has become a growing concern for the government. Read this article from *The Mandarin* about Australian Statistician Dr David Gruen AO's keynote on elevating data capability in the public sector at the recent Australian Government Data Forum. [More >>>](#)



CHECK OUT COMCARE'S GOOD WORK DESIGN: RESOURCES FOR MANAGERS

Comcare has produced a suite of evidence-based resources to help raise awareness and build manager capability to design good work for their teams. These resources address known risks to worker health and wellbeing, as well as participation and productivity in areas including return to work, absenteeism, performance, work demands, and change. Explore them [here >>>](#).

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What does the future public service look like to you? 🤔

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