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## CEO UPDATE



Dear <<First name>>

As August wraps up and spring is coming to the capital, we reflect on a month of great events and honest conversations at the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) ACT.

There's no question about our highlight this month – the Garran Oration delivered by **Margaret Crawford PSM, the first female Auditor-General of NSW**. Margaret spoke with great candour about integrity and how public services around Australia can enhance accountability practices and build trust. Her words, “audits are a gift”, will continue to resonate with us, and we invite you to [listen to her full speech](#). We thank QUT Business School for

supporting this year's oration.

Integrity remains on our radars, with our upcoming [IPAA National Summit on 26 September](#). In collaboration with IPAA divisions across Australia, we're bringing together federal and state/territory public sector leaders to discuss strengthening integrity and maintaining pride in public service work. The event is online and entirely free.

Finally, our Senior Executive Leadership Conversations (SES program) wrapped up for the year with a panel discussion featuring **APS Commissioner Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM FIPAA, Kathy Leigh, Director-General and Head of Service, ACT Government, and Stephanie Foster PSM, Associate Secretary Immigration, Department of Home Affairs**. They shared their genuine insights into what public servants will need to succeed in the future and reminded us to maintain passions outside of work to find balance – a sentiment we can all share, I believe. We look forward to bringing the SES program back in 2024.

See you at one of our events soon!

Best,

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### WHAT'S ON AT IPAA ACT



#### **SECRETARY SERIES: GRANT HEHIR, AUDITOR-GENERAL, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE** 12 SEPTEMBER 2023

Don't miss **Auditor-General of Australia Grant Hehir** in our upcoming [Secretary Series](#). Hear more about the Australian public sector transparency and accountability framework and the role of the Australian National Audit Office in improving the effectiveness of public administration. [Register now >>>](#)



#### **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT SERIES: THE CONTEMPORARY EA** 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

Join us for this [Executive Assistant Series](#) event and step into the future of administrative excellence. Hear from an impressive panel of executive assistants as they share real-world experiences and personal insights into elevating skills to unlock pathways to a successful future. [Register now >>>](#)



#### **IPAA NATIONAL SUMMIT: PRIDE IN PURPOSE** 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

Strengthening the integrity of our institutions is a hot topic in all Australian jurisdictions. Join us for this [online panel discussion](#) to hear from public sector leaders and experts about integrity, trust, and pride in public service. [Register now >>>](#)



#### **2023 SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS GALA DINNER** 8 NOVEMBER 2023

The [Spirit of Service Awards](#) aim to promote and recognise public sector initiatives that drive positive change for the Australian community. Join us in celebrating outstanding work in the public service at this year's *Spirit of Service Awards* Gala Dinner. [Register now >>>](#)

### PODCASTS

# WORK WITH PURPOSE

**CONNECT, CARE, CONTRIBUTE: PUBLIC SERVICE FOR PUBLIC**

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Environmental Governance at the University of Canberra. Together, they delve into the complexities of public service and the essence of the public good. Drawing lessons from the unprecedented challenges of the 2019/2020 bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic, our guests explore collective decision-making and question what truly shapes it. Tune in as they highlight the sometimes-overlooked successes of the public service, the essential need for genuine community connections, and the nuanced relationship between public servants and politicians.

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

### NEWS AND RESOURCES



#### INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC SERVICE HIGHLIGHTED AT THE 2023 GARRAN ORATION

This year's Garran Oration delivered by NSW Auditor-General **Margaret Crawford PSM** underscored the need for fair, consistent, and transparent public service, upholding integrity in serving the Australian community, and more. [Catch up on her insightful speech here >>>](#)



#### LESSONS FROM RETIRING AGRICULTURE SECRETARY

During his valedictory address, retiring Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry **Andrew Metcalfe AO** shared his wisdom from more than four decades in public service. He also reflected on the people who influenced his career, future leadership in the APS, and more. [Catch up on his speech here >>>](#)



#### WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICALLY SAFE?

Everyone wants to work in organisations where they are valued, supported, and free to voice their views. How can workplaces create this safe space for employees? [Here are some practical steps >>>](#)



#### WHY AUSTRALIA'S WELLBEING FRAMEWORK MATTERS

Australia's first wellbeing framework, *Measuring What Matters*, introduces new wellbeing pillars that go beyond economic indicators. Learn what this means for Australian communities and how it can make a difference on the ground. [Read more >>>](#)

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### LOOKING AHEAD: THE FUTURE OF FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

On 19 July, we hosted our second [NAIDOC Week hackathon](#) sponsored by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). Based on our participants' vast insights, we tell the story of a better future, when government organisations have been transformed and are effectively engaging with First Nations peoples. [Read more about it here >>>](#)

### OUR PARTNERS



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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