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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new committee of the Northern Territory Division of the Institute of Public Administration Australia is actively working to secure interesting and challenging seminars for its members. We are keen to hear our members' views and will be distributing a survey shortly to gauge how you wish us to focus our energies.

We are broadening our thinking to encompass all three tiers of Government and have committee members for both the Local Government and Commonwealth Government areas. This is encouraging an understanding of the interrelation between each tier and where we as a Public Service fit.

Following the highly successful 2006 National Conference in Alice Springs, the Committee has been considering all of its activities. In addition to the normal programs, it has been decided to place greater emphasis on professional development and research activities. A proposal is being developed for consideration by the Northern Territory Government to support public sector employees at Charles Darwin University for a period of three months. When these arrangements have been finalised, an approach will be made to the Commonwealth to support a similar arrangement. We will keep you informed as the concept is developed.

Heather Dunkel, Murray Redman and Steve Blake have retired as Committee members. A function hosted by the Chief Minister was held at Parliament House on 24 April 2007 to thank them for their contribution and hard work on the committee. We wish them well in their future pursuits.

I am always interested in ideas about how we can do things better and can be contacted at john.carroll@nt.gov.au.

John Carroll
President
NT Division
Institute of Public Administration Australia

About IPAA

The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Northern Territory Division is a voluntary, non-profit organisation enabling people with a common interest in public administration and public sector reform to exchange ideas on trends, practices and innovations in public administration. The Institute seeks to promote good governance and excellence in public administration.

Membership IPAA NT

\$120.00 each financial year and is tax deductible.

Benefits for members

- Seminars on cutting edge topics involving key public and private sector speakers
- Discounted registration to all IPAA functions with members often attending for free
- Professional development workshops and training sessions in a diversity of disciplinary areas
- Quarterly issues of the Australian Journal of Public Administration and Public Administration Today
- Newsletters and other communications
- Discounted access to the National Conference which rotates around Australia

Your Committee is:

Executive:

President – John Carroll
Vice President – Ian Thynne
Secretary – Karen Simpson
Treasurer – Desirée Ng
Public Officer - Gail Fleay

Members:

Sue Davy
Helen Jones
Valerie Whitmore
Luchi Santer
Matt Darcey
Tanya McGregor
Ann Jacobs - Alice Springs Representative



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YPN Representatives:

Aaron Watson – President
Sarah Galton – Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The ongoing support by NTPS CEs, the heads of the Australian Public Service in the NT, the Australian Defence Force, in particular NORCOM and the Chief Minister, the Hon Clare Martin, the IPAA NT Patron and Ms Jodeen Carney, the Vice Patron is appreciated.

We also acknowledge the support the traditional owners have provided when we have held forums and workshops in the Territory, their support, including the welcome to country is appreciated. We value this partnership.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE

The Council's objectives for the year are consistent with those of previous years:

- To conduct a program of events throughout the year to promote public administration and professional development;
- To encourage professional development by supporting activities which recognize excellence in public administration and by co-operating, where practical, with other professional bodies;
- To promote the objectives of the Institute in regional and remote areas of the Territory;
- To support National Council initiatives; and
- To maintain and grow membership levels.

To achieve these objectives the Council plans to undertake a range of activities during the year.

EVENTS PROGRAM

A well attended *Meet the CEs* event was held at the Museum and Art Gallery on 14 February. Helen Garnett from Charles Darwin University, Margaret Banks from DEET and Jeannie Herbert from Batchelor College gave insightful accounts of their

journeys to become CEs of large organizations. The audience was entertained with metaphors and a stimulation question time.

April 26th

Summers, Gleeson, Munday Panel discussion "Culture Shock or Liberation Day" - public vs private sector challenges

May 16th

Meet the CE Series - Mr Greg Shanahan DOJ

May 15th – 16th

L21 Public Sector Leadership Program – Sydney (See below)

June 5th

Meet the CE Series - Alice Springs – David Ritchie from NREATA

June 8th

Good Decision Making – “Keeping your Minister out of Strife” – Barry Dunphy, Partner Clayton Utz, Brisbane

June 14th

Annual Report Awards - Deloitte/IPAA cosponsored for CEs and invited guests.

July 10th

Alice Springs - Breakfast Meeting. The address given by Chris Libreri, Regional Director of ABS

July – to be confirmed

Alice Springs - The initial Presidents Public Policy Forum. This is a new initiative sponsored by Newmont and will take the form of an interactive dinner meeting aimed at exploring a current topical issue.

August 8th

Meet the CE Series (Cwlth) Ms Anne Bradford Defence Support Group and Mr Joachim Schoen Dept of Industry, Tourism & Resources



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L21 Public Sector Leadership Program – Sydney

The program organizers are offering a 30% discount to applicants from the Northern Territory. The 2007 theme is Becoming a Better Leader: Defining, Developing and Nurturing Leadership in Today's Public Service.

Outstanding keynote speakers, presentation and Q&A sessions are included.

IPAA NT does not run its professional program at a profit, in doing so we keep the cost at an affordable level. What we do is differentiate the cost between member and non members, which in part seems to be assisting our steady increase in membership numbers. The issue we have now faced for the second year in a row is oversubscribing, which is problematic for those programs that have to be limited/caped for quality reasons. The NT trait for registering late has meant that many members and non members have missed out attending some session in 2006. We encourage you to register for IPAA events early to avoid disappointment and to assist the organisers with venue and catering.

2007 IPAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2007 National Conference will be held in Perth, 18 - 21 September 2007. The theme of the 2007 IPAA Conference is Western Reflections: conversations on the place of Australian public services in a changing world. See the web page at <http://www.ipaaconference2007.com.au/> for further details.

2007 COMMISSIONER'S AWARDS FOR EQUITY & DIVERSITY

The Awards pack for the 2007 Commissioner Awards for Equity and Diversity will be available by mid 2007. For further information please contact the Equity and Diversity unit in OCPE. A major goal of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment is to promote that importance

of valuing workplace difference and to encourage agencies to include equity and diversity principles in everyday workplace practices. The Awards aim to promote, stimulate and inspire better management practice in the area of workforce equity and diversity through the recognition of outstanding initiatives.

Each year the Awards are run in partnership with the Institute of Public Administration Australia (NT Division) and have 3 categories, Open, Regional, and Special. The Open Category is open to all NT Government equity and diversity initiatives. The Regional Category is for initiatives designed to meet the needs of NT Government regional or remote staff. The focus for the Special Category changes each year.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK (YPN)

The Young Professionals Network is a sub-branch of IPAA NT and aims to provide a forum for professional development and network building opportunities for the young and young at heart within the public and private sectors.

YPN Membership details:

President – Aaron Watson
Vice President – Sarah Galton
Secretary – Natalie Merida
Treasurer - Desirée Ng

YPN members pay a \$15 Annual membership and \$80 (a \$40 discount!) on the annual IPAA subscription for the first 2 years of joining (valid to June 2009).

The main aims of YPN are to:

- Provide professional development opportunities through facilitating guest speakers in specific areas of interest to members and guests.
- Facilitate formal, informal and social networking events.
- Give young people an opportunity to get involved in organising YPN activities and to work closely with peers from other agencies.
- Share knowledge and skills, and affect change and innovation.



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If you'd like to find out more about the Young Professionals Network e-mail ypr_nt@yahoo.com.au or phone any of the committee members.

2007 IPAA ESSAY COMPETITION

Are you competent at essay writing and keen to attend the National Conference in Perth from 18th – 20th September? IPAA is sponsoring 1xOPEN and 1xYPN member to attend the conference subject to submitting the successful essay entry.

Watch this space for further information.

DID YOU KNOW THAT by being a member of IPAA, you have saved \$205.00 in discounted functions this past financial year as well as receiving journals that are worth over \$100.00? WHAT A GREAT INVESTMENT!

As a professional organisation, the membership fee is tax deductible. The membership fee is considerably less than in other States and as a bonus, includes subscriptions to the Australian Journal of Public Administration, an excellent publication with contributions from leading academics and the Public Administration Today, which has a greater contribution by practitioners. Other benefits include:

- The opportunity to network with other members at all levels of the NTPS and Commonwealth Public Service.
- Availability of personal development through excellent seminars with first-class speakers, particularly on government policy and the latest in administration.
- Discounted admission to IPAA seminars and functions.

When your yearly renewal notice arrives, feel free to photocopy the form and encourage your colleagues to join. If you prefer, please use the renewal form at the end of this newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Committee members with any ideas or suggestions

you may have for improving our newsletter or programs.

Kay Pisani is our Membership and Minute Secretary. Kay's phone number is 8945 1668, fax number is 89451679 and email address is kpis5971@bigpond.net.au.

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