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IPAA NSW welcomes new board members

The Institute of Public Administration Australia (NSW Division) has announced the appointment of Pheona Twist, Kylie Cochrane, Tim Farland, and Matthew Schroder to the IPAA NSW Council, the governing and policy-making body of IPAA NSW. Ms Twist has been appointed Vice President, Ms Cochrane and Mr Farland have been appointed Councillors, and Mr Schroder has been appointed Young Councillor. Mr Peter Achterstraat – the Institute’s President since 2009 – was successful in securing another two-year term.

In welcoming Pheona Twist’s appointment, IPAA NSW President Peter Achterstraat highlighted Ms Twist’s career which has spanned the non-government, private and public sectors.

“Pheona is currently the Director, Corporate Communications, for the Office of Communities in the NSW Department of Education and Communities, and is a strong believer in the education and development of public sector employees. She has strong financial management, governance, communications and marketing skills and will use these skills to further raise the profile and membership base of IPAA NSW with a particular focus on the younger members,” Mr Achterstraat said.

IPAA NSW is currently governed by an elected Council of 11 members and the Chief Executive Officer. Elections are held in the lead up to Annual General Meeting in November of each year and Councillors are appointed for a two-year term.

Newly appointed Councillor Kylie Cochrane has been an active member of IPAA for many years. Her involvement began in 1997 when she was one of the inaugural young professionals who created the IPAA NSW CEO and Young Professionals Breakfast – an event which now attracts over 600 people each year.

“Ms Cochrane is currently the NSW & ACT Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Sinclair Knight Merz – an Australian firm that consults to local, state and national governments – and will bring a new perspective to the board,” Mr Achterstraat said.

“Equally, we are very pleased that Tim Farland, an IPAA NSW Councillor since 2005, was returned for another two-year term,” Mr Achterstraat added.

Mr Farland has over twenty five years of public service and in 2007 was made a National Fellow of the Institute for his outstanding contribution to the study and practice of public administration. Since 1996 he has worked within the NSW Premier’s Department managing issues and projects at the direction of the Director General and the Premier.

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Newly appointed Young Councillor Matthew Schroder is an Advisor with the Public Service Commission and is also Co-Convenor of IPAA NSW's Young Professionals Network. Prior to commencing with the Public Service Commission, Matthew worked for the Department of Premier and Cabinet as a Performance and Development Advisor.

The new IPAA NSW Council will meet for the first time on 21 February 2012.

IPAA is the nationwide professional association of the public sector and has divisions in all states and territories. Biographies and photos of new IPAA NSW Councillors can be found at <http://www.nsw.ipaa.org.au/Meet-our-Council.aspx>

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