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Public servants honoured at awards ceremony

Public administrators and academics from across the nation were honoured last night at the 2011 IPAA National Conference dinner and awards ceremony in Hobart.

National President of the Institute of Public Administration Australia, Percy Allan, said the awards were about acknowledging individuals from across Australia who have made an outstanding contribution to public administration.

“Australia is fortunate to have dedicated, talented and passionate public administrators at all levels of government, and it is appropriate that IPAA – the professional association of the public sector – acknowledge and celebrate their achievements. To be made a National Fellow of the Institute is the highest accolade for IPAA members,” Mr Allan said.

Recipients of the 2011 IPAA National Fellow award were:

- Don Challen (Tasmania)
- Dr Kerry Schott (New South Wales)
- Illana Halliday (New South Wales)
- Peter Achterstraat (New South Wales)
- Ian Stewart APM (Queensland)
- Gerard Vaughan AM (Victoria)
- Professor Peter Dawkins (Victoria)
- Erma Ranieri (South Australia)
- Eric Lumsden PSM (Western Australia)
- Christopher Williams (Western Australia)
- Lynne Tacy (Australian Capital Territory)
- Stephen Bartos (Australian Capital Territory)

“The 2011 recipients join a pre-eminent group of leaders from across jurisdictions and agencies, who capably demonstrate the qualities and attributes required of the profession. These individuals have dedicated their careers to serving the public interest and have made a significant contribution to the work of IPAA,” Mr Allan added.

Other awards presented at the 2011 IPAA National Conference included the Sam Richardson Award for the most influential article published in the Australian Journal of Public Administration, and the IPAA Young Public Sector Leader Award.

Arjen Boin and Paul t’Hart picked up the Sam Richardson award for their AJPA article *Organising for effective emergency management: Lessons from research*.

Matthew Kendall, Sian Leathem and Alison Garrod received the IPAA Young Public Sector Leader award which recognises the achievements of outstanding public servants under the age of 40 who have just completed the Executive Master of Public Administration program.

Information on award recipients follows. Further information about IPAA awards can be found at www.ipaa.org.au.

Information about the 2011 IPAA National Conference – Learning to Power Share - can be found at www.ipaanationalconference.org.au

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About the award recipients – 2011 IPAA National Fellows

Don Challen

Don Challen has been and continues to be an outstanding servant of the State of Tasmania. Mr Challen's contribution to public sector development spans 25 years – he was the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Managing Director of the Tasmanian Development Authority.

Since leaving the Tasmanian State Service, Mr Challen has chaired a range of public sector bodies including the Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation, Transend Networks (Tasmania's electricity network infrastructure provider) and the Motor Accidents Insurance Board. He is a trustee of the Tasmanian State Service's major superannuation provider – the Retirement Benefits Fund – and is a Director of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra. Mr Challen has also been widely published on topics ranging from new public sector reporting frameworks to macroeconomic reform.

Dr Kerry Schott

For over 40 years, Dr Kerry Schott has contributed to the study and practice of public administration by applying her knowledge of infrastructure and economics to improve the quality of services in the public sector.

Over the last decade, Dr Schott has served in five senior public sector leadership roles – at Sydney Water, NSW Treasury, the Environment Protection Authority, Water Services Association of Australia, and Infrastructure Australia.

Illana Halliday

Illana Halliday has taken a lead role in introducing and driving sector wide reforms across state and local government in NSW. These reforms have included introducing and measuring program performance, establishing performance indicators, leading strategic planning and business planning, as well as supporting senior executives in their use of performance information.

Ms Halliday has had over 20 years experience in senior positions and her work as a change agent has been published in several places, including Public Administration Today.

Peter Achterstraat

Peter Achterstraat is the Auditor-General of New South Wales, and the President of IPAA New South Wales. As President, Mr Achterstraat has lifted the profile of IPAA, introduced modern governance systems and processes, and continued to promote informed debate on public sector issues.

Peter is a recognised leader in public sector governance, a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and a keen believer in higher education. He has held teaching roles at the University of Canberra, the University of Sydney, and the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Ian Stewart APM

Ian Stewart APM, is Deputy Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service. He has led significant organisational change to replace 234 legacy applications with

one integrated solution, QPRIME. He is a sponsor and champion for the Policelink Contact Centre, a member of the National Counter Terrorism Committee, the Indigenous Champion for the Queensland Police Service, and was the State Disaster Coordinator during the 2010-11 floods and cyclone disasters.

An IPAA Queensland member for 16 years, Mr Stewart has given his time and energy to support the Institute through keynote presentations as well as promoting IPAA professional development programs to a wide range of staff.

Gerard Vaughan AM

Gerard Vaughan AM is the Director of the National Gallery of Victoria.

Since becoming director and CEO of the National Gallery of Victoria, Mr Vaughan has been responsible for redevelopment programs and has increased fundraising from the private sector. When he came to the gallery in 1999, capital totalled \$9 million. It's now more than \$94 million as the gallery celebrates its 150th year.

Professor Peter Dawkins

Professor Dawkins is the Vice Chancellor and President of Victoria University in Melbourne, a role he assumed in January 2011. His disciplinary background is economics, however he has played a key public role in the fields of teaching and research, management and leadership both in Australia and Britain.

Professor Dawkins was the former Secretary of the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, and Deputy Secretary of the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance. He has undertaken extensive research and published widely on economic and social issues especially relating to labour markets, human capital and education and training policy, as well as welfare to work issues and the economics of industry and innovation.

Erma Ranieri

Erma Ranieri is the Deputy Chief Executive of Primary Industries and Resources in South Australia. She has led the agency's change management and development agenda to address critical business issues such as the attraction and retention of people in a competitive labour market, and create value in an environment of competing stakeholder expectations.

Ms Ranieri is regularly asked to provide leadership in events sponsored by the private sector, and is considered an inspiring, thought provoking and passionate speaker.

Ms Ranieri has been a personal member of IPAA for 14 years and a Divisional Councillor for one year.

Eric Lumsden PSM

Eric Lumsden PSM is the Director General, Department for Planning in Western Australia. He commenced his local government career in 1973 and was listed on the Queen's Birthday Honours List when he was awarded the Public Service Medal for his contribution to local government in 2005. He was the CEO of the City of Melville before he left local government to join the state public service in 2007.

Mr Lumsden has been a member of the WA IPAA for 12 years and is a regular guest speaker for the Institute. He has served on 29 committees and boards over the course of his career.

Christopher Williams

As a regional adviser with the Australian Public Service Commission, Christopher Williams provides consultancy, recruitment, training and facilitation services to Australian Government agencies.

As Adjunct Professor he has tutored in strategic management and HR management at Notre Dame, and while at Curtin, undertook a variety of research, teaching and consultancy work, including the delivery of public administration programs.

Mr Williams has been, and still is, a long standing supporter and personal member of the Institute in WA and has served as a councillor, vice president and president.

Lynne Tacy

Lynne Tacy has nearly 40 years of public sector experience with over 25 years of senior management responsibilities in the areas of industrial relations, employment and workplace relations. From 2000 to 2008, she was the Deputy Australian Public Service Commissioner.

Ms Tacy has been a significant contributor to central and whole-of-government reviews of public service matters and in 1994 was awarded the Public Service Medal for services to IR reform.

Stephen Bartos

Stephen Bartos is the Director of Sapere Research Group and has been a member of IPAA ACT for 26 years. He is a former Deputy Secretary of Australia's Department of Finance and Administration, and has worked at senior levels in Departments of Transport and Communications, Housing and Construction and the then Public Service Board.

Mr Bartos was an economic and policy advisor to the Fraser, Hawke, Keating and Howard governments – and is a Visiting Fellow in the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government in the Australian National University.

IPAA Young Public Sector Leader award

The 2011 IPAA Young Public Sector Leader award went to:

- Matthew Kendall, General Manager of the Sustainable Water Management Group, National Water Commission
- Sian Leathem, Registrar, NSW Workers Compensation Commission
- Alison Garrod, Director of Borders New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria, Department of Immigration and Citizenship