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IGPA’s Education Program has been a hive of extensive activity.

Graduate Certificate in Public Administration

Students from the ACT Government (ACT) and from the Department of Agriculture (DA), are about to commence their 3rd unit on Managing Government Finance with Mick Shadwick.

Students from the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (DI&RD) have begun their 3rd unit on Public Policy with Brendan McCaffrie and their 4th unit on research with Anthony Hogan.

In their research unit, students undertake a research project on a key issue facing the Department. They work in teams to research and draw policy implications from that research. Each team is mentored by IGPA staff who guide them through the research process. Completed reports are presented to senior DI & RD staff.

ACT EDD Evaluation Workshop —
Evaluation for the Real World

Bill Burmester and Mark Evans successfully delivered a one day in-house workshop for the staff of the ACT Government Economic Development Directorate (EDD). The aim of the workshop was to provide an understanding of policy evaluation as a process of organisational learning and an insight into how it is practiced.

Some comments received from the participants:

“I thought the course was great – very engaging with some theory and good practical information that I will use in my course. I think the presenters were of a very high quality and that it was the best training done by the ACT.”
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The China National Audit Office (CNAO) Development Program

Report from Ian Maclean, Program Director:

A delegation of 17 staff of the Chinese National Audit Office (CNAO) arrived in Canberra at the end of May for a 5-month long program on Public Sector Auditing in Australia.

On 27 May, the Institute hosted a welcome dinner for the group which was attended by Minister Counsellor Xu Xiao, Mr Kang, Second Secretary and Mr Zheng from the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China.

The program has been specifically developed for the CNAO to provide in-depth knowledge on public auditing in Australia. The delivery of the program includes lectures and seminars, workshops and practical exercises, site visits, guest speakers and team projects.

The delegation has enjoyed three visits to Parliament House—firstly to hear Stephen Bartos deliver a Senate Occasional Lecture; secondly to observe a Senate Estimates Hearing, and thirdly to observe a review of Auditor-General reports by the Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit.

With members of the delegation coming from provincial audit offices within China, a visit to Sydney to discuss audit processes at the second tier of government is planned for July.

Yanzhe (Scottie) is providing sterling support to the delegation as IGPA’s Chinese Program Convener.

Singapore Civil Service College Program

Paul Porteous and Mark Evans delivered the Singapore Civil Service College Program in Canberra from 27 April to 3 May for ANZSOG at the Novotel Hotel. This course was extremely well received by the high profile participants.

Leadership for Change Agents

Paul Porteous conducted a one day course on 12 June for staff of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on Leadership for Change Agents. Paul received excellent feedback:

‘Clear, engaging presenter’

‘It was not generic training—the facilitator was very experienced and used this experience to provide insightful and relevant examples.’

‘The useful part of the course was the examples and anecdotes dealing with a real issue; challenging assumptions, and providing different ways to analyse issues’

Staff News:

Justin Wilson will be on leave between 3 July to 28 July, on a well deserved holiday. He has ensured that this break includes a Collingwood game in Melbourne. Juliana Rocha will step-in to help out in the program during his absence.

We wish Justin a relaxing holiday.