

## Media Release

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### **A summit for Queensland's best and brightest – who would have thought?**

It seems that Kevin Rudd isn't the only one having a summit for the best and brightest.

The Institute of Public Administration Australia - Queensland, Queensland's peak organisation for public servants, is holding a one day conference on Tuesday 8 April for the best and brightest public sector leaders of tomorrow.

The conference, which is for 'young professionals' within the public service, is framed around *Leaders building leaders and developing the leaders of tomorrow today*.

Held at the Hilton Hotel it will be attended by young professionals from NGO's, commonwealth, state and local governments within Queensland (a young professional is described as under the age of 35 years.)

The young leaders will hear how to build their career in the public sector and what makes a good leader - from various high profile speakers from within the private and public sectors.

It possibly is a new concept to focus on fostering the professional careers of young people, normally an area left to senior management, CEO's and the like. However, with staff retention issues and a stronger focus on the changing needs of Generation Y, a conference of this type is delivering exactly what young executives want.

IPAA Queensland CEO Peter Rumph said that their organisation had identified a real need to foster professional development and training within this group - especially considering that young professionals in the Queensland Public Service will one day be governing this state.

"Our Young Professionals conference is providing a specific focus to the needs of young professionals within the public service and delivering a training and professional development focus that is tailored to their issues and mindset," Mr Rumph said.

Queensland's Governor, Quentin Bryce AC will kick off the proceedings with an opening address. Other highlights of the day include panel discussions on directions in the public sector; a debate between CEO's and Young Professionals and a leading private sector CEO, Katie Patrick of Green Pages delivering an address on what makes a good leader.

The day will also commence with a breakfast where each government department Director-General will host a table of their best and brightest young professionals.

#### **Photo Opportunities:**

9.35am: Governor of Queensland Opening Address

1.40pm: Debate - CEO's vs Young Professionals

4.40pm: Networking Drinks

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