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The five winners of the **IPAA Victoria Leadership in the Public Sector Awards** were announced by Helen Silver, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet at a presentation event at Parliament House on Monday 15 February. The winners are :

- **Support for Emerging Leaders Award**

Museum Victoria – Emerging Leadership Program

- **Healthy and Safe Workplaces Award**

Department of Human Services – Youth Justice Custodial Services Clinical Group Supervision Program

- **Indigenous Employment Initiative Award**

Parks Victoria - Indigenous Employment Program

- **Innovation in Policy Development Award**

Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority - Donations Management Needs-based Points System

- **Innovation in Service Delivery Award**

Department of Planning and Community Development - Victorian Family Violence Reform

“Each of the Awards acknowledges important and distinctive achievement and leadership by talented public servants. We congratulate them tonight and wish them every success in their continuing good work,” says IPAA Victoria Vice President and Awards Committee Chair, Peter Allen.

A new Award recognising agencies that increase the workforce participation of Indigenous People in the Victorian public sector was won by Parks Victoria. This Award builds on the success of IPAA Victoria's *Young Indigenous Leader Scholarship* awarded last year.

Helen Silver also commended the two finalists from the Department of Justice in this category for its longstanding leadership in promoting Indigenous Employment across the sector.

Innovation was also featured in the Awards this year with two categories - Innovation in Policy Development Award and Innovation in Service Delivery Award. These Awards are the first outcome of recommendations in the VPS Innovation Action Plan.

IPAA Victoria President, Fran Thorn, observed that reflective practice requires an awareness and appreciation of the work of our colleagues. “Recognising what we do well is the linchpin of continuous improvement. We at IPAA know that a successful public sector needs to be nurtured and encouraged.”

IPAA Victoria's Leadership in the Public Sector Awards are supported by WorkSafe, Department of Premier and Cabinet and the State Services Authority.

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