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Executive Leadership Program

Executive Master of Public Administration



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- Manaia King, EMPA Class of 2019 and Deputy Secretary, Organisational Support, Te Puni Kōkiri | The Ministry for Māori Development, Aotearoa New Zealand

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE - 1ST YEAR

SUBJECT	Subject leader(s)	Delivery mode / location	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
Program Orientation	Chris Walker	Zoom	3									
Delivering Public Value	Chris Walker Avery Poole	Zoom / Christchurch (TBC)		24-28								
Government in a Market Economy	Ross Guest	Zoom				6, 13, 20, 27						
Designing Public Policies and Programs	Christopher Walker Rob Manwaring	Zoom						1-2, 9, 16				
Decision Making Under Uncertainty	Kimberley Isett	Zoom / Melbourne							26 (Zoom)	2-4 (Melb)		
Managing Public Sector Organisations	Todd Bridgman Ben Walker	Zoom / Wellington									16, 23 (Zoom)	11-14 (Wellington)

PROGRAM STRUCTURE - 2ND YEAR

SUBJECT	Subject leader(s)	Delivery mode / location	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
Program Orientation	Chris Walker	Zoom	11									
Leading Public Sector Change	Paul 't Hart	Melbourne			1-4							
Work Based Project	Zina O'Leary	Zoom / Melbourne and Wellington		31 (Melb)						18 (Zoom)		11-12 (Wellington)
Governing by the Rules	Veronica Taylor	Zoom / Melbourne				12 (Zoom); 20-22 (Melb)						
Public Financial Management	Brad Potter	Zoom / Melbourne						22, 29 (Zoom)	5-6 (Melb)			