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Work role: Director Risk and Audit, eHealth Queensland
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Professional role: Risk Manager and Audit Coordinator

Community role: Member of the Youth Leadership Committee for
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How did you get a start in internal audit?

My first role out of Uni was as a Graduate Internal Auditor in the Queensland Government Graduate Program. I hadn't heard of Internal Audit before applying for this role, but it turns out I really love it and have been doing it ever since.

What's the coronavirus drama effect on you?

Working in Risk Management for Queensland Health, things got very hectic when the pandemic took hold in Australia. Now we are moving towards the 'new normal' and working out what the impact will be on Queensland Health going forward. There are still many unknowns.

Working from office or home?

Usually 3 days in the office and 2 days at home.

How has coronavirus changed the way you work?

Far fewer face-to-face meetings and working from home is now a normal part of life. Working from home has been great for me as I have a new baby in my family, and I get to spend a lot more time with him than I otherwise would have.

What risks would you say are heightened by coronavirus?

The public health system in Australia is always on the knife-edge of keeping up with demand from chronic disease, aging population etc. COVID19 has the potential to throw out the fine balance we have in the system, with effects for years to come.

What is the biggest challenge facing internal auditors?

Understanding what is important to management so that we meet the mark and really add value. It's easy to make the same old findings and recommendations and fail to be a catalyst for real change.

What has the IIA-Australia been doing lately?

Lost of virtual engagement. It's great, but I am kind of missing meeting people face-to-face.

What is your most memorable internal audit moment?

Conducting an audit with my team on discharge processes that made some real changes to the care of vulnerable people in Cairns Hospital.

What are you working on at present?

I am working on a process to assist management in risk rating technology to allow a risk-based process to prioritise infrastructure spend.

What are you reading at present?

I am reading 'The Karamazov Brothers' by Fyodor Dostoevsky – it is a hard slog at 900 pages.

Concert or event you would most like to attend?

I would like to attend a European football game again, hopefully travel will be back up and running again soon.

