OVERVIEW
VICTORIAN DIRECTORS OF IT/CIOs (VDIT)

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ABOUT VDIT

History that goes back to the early 1990s and has created advanced state based telecommunications solutions.

Un-incorporated entity

ACU, Federation, Deakin, Latrobe, Monash, Melbourne, RMIT, Swinburne, Victoria, University of Tasmania, OUA

Scope of current interests:
• Shared Services (VUSSI)
• As an advisory group to VERNet Pty Ltd - VPAG
• Annual seminars
• Informal discussion esp. procurement
• Engaging with Higher Ed and Victorian based entities
ABOUT VDIT

Aim includes:
• Lean forum
• Regular engagement between leaders of University ICT functions
• Issues unique to Victorian Universities
• Leveraging the knowledge and resources for the benefit of members and the greater good of all Victorian Universities
• United and influential voice on IT matters

VDIT wants to avoid:
• Duplicating what is being done by others (eg CAUDIT)
• Non-value adding activity best done by others
SHARED SERVICES

• Network
  • Established VERNet in 2005
  • Partnered with State based entities to build the VERN network linking hundreds of sites statewide
  • Recently worked with VERNet to help establish a layer 3 research network linking research entities throughout Victoria

• VUSSI
  • Data Centres – some successes with 1 site established, another being explored
  • Storage – not adopted
  • VDI – not adopted
  • Considering the management of campus network
ANNUAL SEMINARS

• ‘Building partnerships between IT and functional areas of universities’
  • Learning management (LMS)
  • Business intelligence
  • CRM
  • Learning outcomes and Student experience
• Mid-sized, focussed
PROCUREMENT & VENDOR ENGAGEMENT

• Shared Procurement difficult to initiate
• Pragmatic ‘Co-operative procurement’ approach
  • leveraging greater spend
  • Faster procurement
  • Reduces risk
• Telco Services pilot benchmark about to commence
• Engagement with AARNet, VERNet and other suppliers as a group
ENGAGING WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND VICTORIAN BASED ENTITIES

• Health sector
  • Initiated a Working Party to review common services used between hospital and universities
  • Joint staff appointments – 1000’s
  • Medical students learn in both environments - many 1000’s
  • Greater interoperability and easier access

• eResearch community

• Various government funded initiatives (eg RDSI, ANDS)

• TAFE

• VERNet is very active – Victrack, TAFEs, Hospitals, research entities, regional Victoria