The 2016 VDIT Forum explores the strategic issues of most interest to the senior ICT leaders working in the higher education and research sector in Victoria and Tasmania. The issues being explored have been determined by the Victorian and Tasmanian representatives votes for the Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT) [2016 Top 10 Issues](https://www.caudit.edu.au/caudit-top-ten-issues).

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| 9:30 | **Welcome**  ***Peter Nikoletatos***, Chair VDIT & CIO La Trobe University  **Student Success Technologies:** Improving student outcomes through an institutional approach that strategically leverages technology **&**  **Emerging Technologies:** Facilitating and supporting the application of emerging and existing technologies to improve the 'University experience' for students and staff  ***Sally Parker,*** Executive Partner, Gartner ANZ | |
| 10:30 | Morning Tea | |
| 11:00 | Concurrent Lightning Rounds: Sharing Experiences & Plans | |
| **Cloud Services:** Leveraging cloud services strategically for integrated services to students and staff  ***Denver Sansoni***, Senior Manager Technology & Security, Open Universities Australia  ***Daniel Buttigieg,*** Director Applications Management & Technology Management, University of Melbourne  ***John Parry***, Director, Enterprise ICT, La Trobe University  Chair: ***David Preiss***, Chief Technology Officer, RMIT | **IT Agility:** Creating structures, roles and development strategies that are flexible enough to support innovation and accommodate ongoing changes in higher education, IT service delivery, technology and analytics  **Tim Hetherington**, Project Manager, eSolutions, Deakin University  ***Paul Oppenheimer***, CIO (or alternate), RMIT  & another speaker to be advised  Chair: ***Rob Pickering***, Head of IT, Open Universities Australia |
| 12:00 | **Meaningful. How Shared Belief Creates Extraordinary Results.**  ***Patricia McMillan***. | |
| 12:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 | **Digital Strategy:** Developing a fit-for-purpose digital strategy for the institution's future  ***William Confalonieri***, Chief Digital Officer, Deakin University | |
| 14:15 | **CIO Panel - Business Transformation:** Positioning IT as a catalyst to transform the business functions of the institution  ***Paul Oppenheimer***, CIO, RMIT  ***Peter Nikoletatos***, CIO, La Trobe  & one other CIO TBA  Panel Chair: ***Angela Smith***, Senior Manager, Business Partnerships & Service Governance, Federation University | |
| 15:00 | Afternoon Tea | |
| 15:30 | **Workforce Evolution:** Reshaping the workforce to position IT as an agile enabler and strategic business partner **&**  **Demonstrating Value:** Demonstrating business value to show how IT can help the institution achieve its goals  ***Lou Markstrom***, Author[[1]](#footnote-1) & Practice Leader IT Culture & Talent Development, DDLS | |
| 16:15 | **Close**  ***Zoran Sugarevski***, Deputy Chair VDIT & Executive Director Information Technology Services, Victoria University | |

1. Lou Markstrom is the co-author of *Unleashing the Power of IT: Bringing People, Business, and Technology Together*, published by Wiley as part of its CIO series. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)