

# From the President

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As we get to this part of the year it always astonishes me how much we can fit into each year and it is no different at DLTV. It is a great time, as we sit down to reflect on our strategic goals and start to consider what 2018 will bring for our DLTV members.

The 2017 strategic plan focus was to build on the benefits for members. The first step was to launch our new website with member access to past webinars, keynote presentations and resources. We are looking forward to adding to the resources package next year and sharing more webinars, videos and case studies. Along with the website we also launched the DLTV podcast where we talk to teachers, leaders and industry experts and hear about everything digital learning.

Since our last journal we have celebrated the dedication and passion of the Committee of Management at the Annual General Meeting. In an effort to make this more than just the formalities of the meeting we invited Paula Christophersen (Who writes Think before you code: Digital Technologies in the Victorian Curriculum in this journal) and Michael Henderson to share their thoughts on the future of Digital Technologies. It was a great night with members enjoying the opportunity to network and hear about what DLTV have been up to.

At the AGM we also said thank you to the long standing members of the committee, Michael Henderson and Donna Gronn who have spent many, many hours volunteering for DLTV and previously at ICTEV but have decided to step down from the committee. It was a wonderful opportunity to thank them for the dedication and time they have put into the committee and we wish them well in the future.

The AGM is also that time when we welcome new members to the committee. This year we have had Narissa Leung, Catherine Newington, Victoria Hare, Clark Burt and Matthew Harrison join the committee and we welcome their varied expertise. We know they will all be great additions to the committee and look forward to working with them.

We also welcomed Roland Gesthuizen and Pennie White who have taken on the role of Journal Editors. As I am sure you will agree from this first issue, they are an exceptional editorial team who have managed to bring together a valuable range of articles.

Of course, a highlight of the year is always DigiCon and once again the conference was a great opportunity to showcase the outstanding knowledge and expertise we have in Victoria. The two days were packed with sessions on digital pedagogy, makerspaces, STEM and coding and it was wonderful to hear great feedback about these sessions once again.

It was also a privilege to have Tony Brandenburg, a DLTV life member join us to share his experiences with the global world

of IT and hear from DLTV member Bec Spink talking about her journey to become Assistant Principal and Co-founder of Code the Future.

One of my highlights of DigiCon is when we get to present the DigiCon awards. The awards are always a special part of what we do at DLTV when we get to recognise the outstanding educators and leaders we have in Victoria. This year we recognised Steve Brophy as the DLTV Leader of the Year. Steve is an educator with over 17 years experience who always strives to break new ground and lead positive change in the promotion of ICT use in the classroom. In his current role as the Director of ICT & eLearning at Ivanhoe Grammar, Steve drives the strategic development of technology use for learning across two campuses. He has worked tirelessly to embed technology into the fabric of school life and was the 2016 DigiCon keynote presenter.

Narissa Leung was the recipient of the DLTV Educator of the Year and has been a presenter for DLTV on many occasions and is always happy to share her own experiences. Narissa is a principal at Campbell's Creek Primary School in central Victoria and her professional commitment clearly extends beyond her own school context as she expands her Professional Learning Network through the DLTV, ACCE, MAV, and various levels of the Department of Education and Training.





As part of our affiliation with ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) DLTV were very excited to present a Making IT Happen award to Paula Christophersen in 2017. The Making IT Happen award honours outstanding educators and leaders who demonstrate extraordinary commitment, leadership, courage and persistence in improving digital learning opportunities for students and Paula's long time dedication to technology education has certainly demonstrated all of these qualities.

Also receiving the Making IT Happen award was DLTV member Anne Mirtschin, who in this issue of the journal talks about ISTE. She was lucky enough to be at the ISTE conference to receive her award for her dedication to building global connections and networks.

As the holidays approach I hope everyone has an opportunity to reflect on their year as we recognise the enormous contribution you all make to our students in the area of digital learning. We look forward to working with you in 2018.



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