Statistics

• Transforming Industries
  – $16.65M in new contracts during 2013, up from $10.6M in 2012

• Creating New Businesses
  – 3 new start-up companies launched in 2013: Saluda, See-Out, Performance Assurance
  – NICTA's 13 start ups have captured a combined capital of over $67.9M, revenues of over $28.7M, and have produced over 100 new jobs in the ICT sector
  – New 2014 NICTA start-up company Yuruware acquired by Unitrends, a US-based data protection company which will establish an Australian R&D office
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• Building ICT Skills and Capacity
  – NICTA currently supports 285 PhD students via supervision and scholarship funding in collaboration with affiliated Australian universities
  – To date NICTA has provided enhanced research training and scholarships to over 400 graduated PhD students
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Main research points:

• Rebuilding Victoria:
  – Optimisation (Melbourne and Monash – continuing as before); Machine Learning (Melbourne, Monash, RMIT involvement); Software Systems (Swinburne lead).
  – Kate Pounder is external relations manager in Victoria – get to know her.
  – Strategy day tomorrow [Friday 4 July] in Victoria.

• Telstra strategic partnership. Workshop next week. Welcome involvement in future projects from UPC partners.

• Future strategic partnerships are likely.

• Great outcome on Machine Learning research group review – top 5 in the world.

• Computer Vision will be last research group to be reviewed.
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Other points:

• Federal budget confirmed next 2 years of NICTA funding without cuts.
• However, a statement that NICTA must look for other funding beyond middle 2016.
• NICTA management is looking at a number of plans for the future beyond the next two years. As these firm up, we will be discussing with UPC for their input.
• Perhaps surprisingly NICTA has funding capacity at the moment. So, if there are good students or ideas beyond the current program, please discuss with us.
Improving the UPC – Some items from recent meeting

• Discuss national initiatives that involve us all; hot topics and big picture ideas.
• Bring issues for discussion and advice (“what cheeses me off”). Bring some problem to the table and get advice from others around the table.
• Commercialisation. How can NICTA support commercialisation of university IP particularly where university is not in a position to do so. Also sharing commercialisation experience, knowledge, advice, etc.
• Research Theme Leaders and Business Group Leaders roadshows to universities (or to all the major cities).

Workshop proposed for Thursday 28 August in Melbourne at NICTA Techfest.