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*Vic Hub*  
**DROUGHT &  
INNOVATION**

**VICTORIA DROUGHT  
RESILIENCE ADOPTION  
AND INNOVATION HUB**



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## Our university and state government partners



## Our regional node partners



2 Gippsland



3 South-West



4 North-West



5 NW Irrigated Horticulture



6 North-East



## Activities (Drought Resilience)

*Activity 1:* Leadership and coordination (**UoM HQs**)

*Activity 2:* Knowledge Brokering (**Deakin University**)

*Activities 3, 4, 5:* Node Collaboration, Identifying Regional Needs, *Trialling Options* (**Node Partners**)

*Activity 6:* Capacity Building (**LaTrobe University**)

*Activity 7:* Synthesis and communication (**UoM, Federation, Deakin**)

*Activity 8:* Monitoring and Evaluation (**UoM, Deakin**)

## AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION PROGRAMME

- Same partner organisations

- **Activities:**

*Activity 1:* Leadership and coordination

*Activity 2:* Strengthening the Australian brand name through increased adoption of food traceability systems

*Activity 3:* Assessing the efficacy of climate adaptation options proposed by local innovators

*Activity 4:* Effective surveillance and traceability systems for beehives

*Activity 5:* Increasing the adoption of digital agriculture solutions and digital agriculture awareness and education

*Activity 6:* Communication ('Ag Innovation' podcast)



Picture: Impression of activity 3 'understanding local impacts of climate change'; Jim Castles from Sensand Technology, Professor Ruth Nettle from the University of Melbourne, and Nick Moore from SuniTAFE

Source: <https://eng.unimelb.edu.au/mric/news/understanding-local-impacts-of-climate-change>

*In alignment with the four National Agricultural Innovation Priorities*



## **BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE VICTORIA AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION HUB**

**Addressing identified weaknesses in the Australian agricultural innovation system**

**Employing the following strategies:**

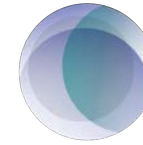
- Establish the Hub as a recognised leadership and coordinating body
- Establish and build foundation activities addressing key gaps in grand challenges
- Provide access for innovators
- Broker and support initiatives addressing key gaps in grand challenges where there are market failures
- Act as an honest and transparent broker



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