



## The Team

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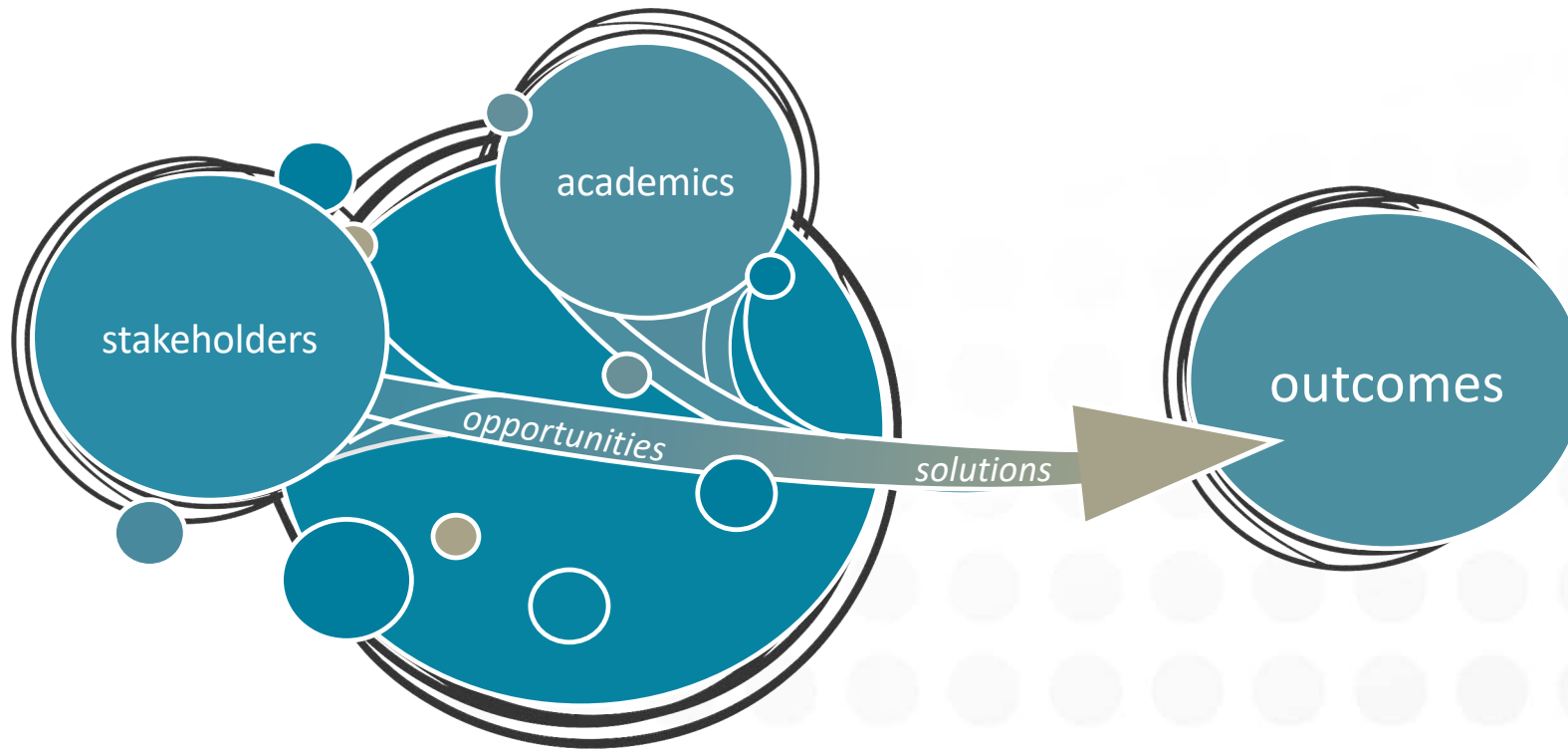


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# THINK TANKS

## Knowledge-Brokering



## Think Tank Process

- **1) Topic selection and knowledge gap identification** (Node surveys informed by regional consultations)
- **2) Connecting key stakeholders across research, farming and industry** (The Think Tank event)
- **3) Identifying and Pursuing Outcomes**



# Pilot Think Tank: Farm Finances

## Why 'Farm Finance?'

- Identified through survey and Stakeholder Working Group
- Clear "drought resilience and preparedness message"
- Complex problem without a linear solution



## Webinar & Think Tank



Financial Decisions & Drought:  
Examining the Role of Farm  
Advisors

**Wed July 13, 9am - 11:15am**  
**Online & Free!**

Speakers include:

- Richard Heath - Australia Farm Institute
- Neal Hughes - Senior Economist, ABARES
- Rebecca Casey - The Nature of Business



## Think Tank: Achieving Outcomes

- **Farm Business Resilience Networking Series**  
(Events for farmers and farm advisors across 5 Node regions in Victoria)
- **Improved Pathways for Higher Degree Research** (Research on farm finance, drought resilience and business strength)
- **Internships**
- **List of free farm financial resources**



# INNOVATION AG PODCAST

## Building a Community of Innovators



## INNOVATION AG: Early Episodes

- Ep 1) What is innovation and what motivates people to do it?
- Ep 2) Innovation and Decision Making: **Implementing change without betting the farm**
- Ep 3) Funding Innovation and Building Your Network



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