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Future Drought Fund

Victorian Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub



The Victorian Hub is led by the University of Melbourne (UoM). The hub will give farmers and communities the tools to address the state’s vulnerability to drought.

Funding

The Australian Government will contribute \$8 million over 4 years through the Future Drought Fund. Hub partners will provide co-contributions of \$22.5 million over 4 years.

Locations

The core site is at UoM’s regional campus in Dookie. Hub nodes are in the North-West, North-East, South-West, Gippsland and NW Irrigated.

Key industries

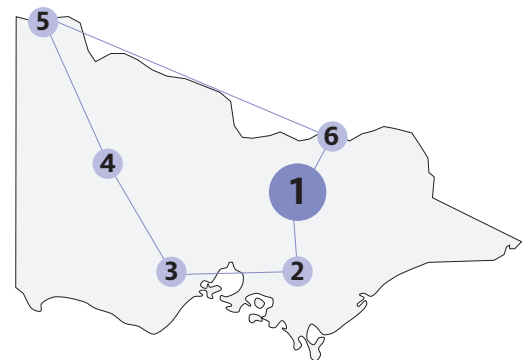
Key industries include dairy, horticulture, cropping, beef, sheep and viticulture.

Major focus

The hub’s vision is to see an innovative and profitable agricultural sector in Victoria. This means sustainable landscapes, and resourceful and adaptable regional communities.

Through the hub, farm businesses will be better informed, more productive, and more profitable in the face of future droughts.

Victorian Hub and node locations



- 1** **VIC Hub Dookie**
University of Melbourne
- 2** **Gippsland node**
Food and Fibre Gippsland
- 3** **South-West node**
Southern Farming Systems
- 4** **North-West node**
Birchip Cropping Group
- 5** **NW Irrigated Horticulture node**
Mallee Regional Innovation Centre
- 6** **North-East node**
Riverine Plains Inc

Victorian Hub leaders

Directors: Professor Tim Reeves and Professor Ruth Nettle

Knowledge Broker: Associate Professor Rebecca Lester

Hub members

Agriculture Victoria, Birchip Cropping Group, Deakin University, Federation University, Food and Fibre Gippsland Inc, La Trobe University, Riverine Plains, Southern Farming Systems, Mallee Regional Innovation Centre.

Further information

For more information, see [Future Drought Fund](#). You can also register for updates at haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund.

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