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IT'S official – on Monday October 26, the Vegetable Growers Association of Victorian and the Department Of Primary Industries launched a joint partnership program that see's the return of Industry Development Officers to Victoria.

The new program, called the Horticulture Industry Network, is a joint initiative of the Victorian Department of Primary Industries and Victorian Horticulture Associations.

The program was officially launched at Wandin by the Victorian Agriculture Minister, Joe Helper.

"This is a major step towards ensuring producers have ready access to targeted and relevant support services", said Mr Helper.

A total of 13 Victorian horticulture industries and associations were awarded IDO Grants.

"The IDO's will assist industries and associations increase their ability to respond to issues such as low water availability, climate change and biosecurity", Mr Helper said.

VGA Victoria recently appointed; **Ken Orr** as IDO for Western Victoria and Robinvale with **Katie Fisher** as the Central IDO contact. An IDO for the Gippsland and Peninsula districts is expected to be appointed soon.

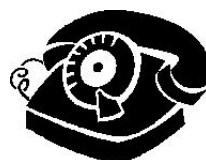


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