



Media Release

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Look out for large machinery travelling local roads

Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians should exercise caution over the next few months while extra traffic shares local roads in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District.

Shepparton Police Senior Sergeant Des Wright and NVIRP CEO Murray Smith have joined forces to urge the public to watch for construction trucks and slow moving large machinery.

These vehicles will be used to carry out irrigation upgrade works in the district until August when the next irrigation season opens.

"The concern is that people know their local roads extremely well and are accustomed to low traffic levels which can cause complacency," Mr Smith said.

"We are asking all road users to be aware that cranes, earthmoving trucks and excavators will be sharing these roads to carry-out the program of Winter Works along the district's major channels."

Snr Sgt Wright said lack of attention was a major cause of road accidents and particularly during foggy mornings, all road users needed to be aware that they would be sharing the road with others.

"Often country roads are narrow and unsealed which adds to the risk of accident," Snr Sgt Wright said.

"We urge drivers to be alert to the extra traffic which could be moving slowly throughout the region."

During the Winter Works around 600 regulator gates will be installed by contract workers for NVIRP, as well as new meters on farms.

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