



Media Release

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NVIRP Directors tour Pyramid-Boort region

Directors and staff of NVIRP toured the East Loddon and Pyramid-Boort region recently to examine modernisation projects being undertaken in that region.

The tour incorporated some on-farm discussions and a visit to the Bridgewater Weir on the Loddon River. At the Loddon River discussions occurred with Loddon Water Service Committee members and Loddon Shire Councillors in consideration of a pipeline to deliver water for farming properties in the East Loddon area as well as the Serpentine township.

The project, managed by G-MW and Coliban Water, will receive an NVIRP contribution in return for water savings achieved. The connection for the scheme would be the Waranga Western Channel and the water savings will be achieved by piping the water instead of the open channel system currently servicing these properties.

The next site involved discussions with a Pyramid-Boort landowner and the Board, Pyramid-Boort Modernisation Coordination Committee members, NVIRP and G-MW staff in relation to a significant connections project currently under investigation. The project would result in considerable avoided modernisation costs and substantial water savings albeit the potential impact on a local lake was noted and the need to involve the Catchment Management Authority in discussions early in the project was highlighted.

Later in the day, the Loddon Shire provided a presentation to the Board on their Planning for Change project. The project will evaluate the challenges and opportunities facing agricultural industries within the region and aims to identify regional irrigation resource opportunities and encourage investment into these opportunities. The clear linkages with NVIRP's modernisation program were noted.

Throughout the year the Directors meet with local Modernisation Consultation Committees and are always keen to meet with farmers who have issues in relation to their farm designs or water delivery as well as those who enthusiastically embrace the NVIRP concepts.

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