

# Media Release

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## NVIRP Directors see modernisation first hand

The seven directors of the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project last month took a tour of the Lockington Irrigation region and Campaspe Weir area to visually acquaint them with the project's progress in that region.

The tour organised by the Modernisation Coordinators based in Rochester also included members of the Campaspe Shire and staff members from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, the North Central Catchment Management Authority and Goulburn-Murray Water.

NVIRP Chairman Richard Guy said, "Seeing the very practical aspects of the modernisation really galvanises our Directors opinions and knowledge of the extent and overall regional benefits of this once-in-a lifetime irrigation upgrade.

"The tour included seeing a project that avoided the modernisation of a four bay regulator and removed four Dethridge wheels which created a dry block and compensation was paid to the landowner.

"Another project involved six landholders, who rationalised many regulator gates, and backbone outlets, as well as outlets on a 1.8 kilometre spur channel to generate over 180 megalitres of water savings whilst improving their water delivery on farm.

"Our Modernisation teams and the Farm Irrigation Designers are working with landowners to gain the best benefits from this modernised irrigation system and this trip highlighted to my Directors that the NVIRP concepts are being enthusiastically embraced," Mr Guy said.

NVIRP Directors will undertake a tour of the Murray Valley region prior to their August board meeting in Shepparton and further meetings will be held in other irrigation districts throughout the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District.

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