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Bendigo Bustles with Young Water Professionals

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Over 60 young water professionals from across Victoria gathered in Bendigo over the weekend to network and learn about local water management issues.

The event, A land of drought and flooding rains, opened with a technical presentation by Coliban Water on the Bendigo Sewer Duplication Project. Attendees were briefed on the \$12.4 million major sewer upgrade for Bendigo, which is an investment to create more capacity for the city's growing population and increase capacity in the pipeline during times of extreme high rainfall events.

Coliban Water General Manager Operations Neville Pearce said events such as this provided great development opportunities for young water professionals.

“Engineers have an opportunity to network, are exposed to a variety of experiences and by hosting the event regionally, broaden their horizons to diverse operating environments.

“We have been able to share our experiences and our challenges,” Mr Pearce said.

Those attending also had an underground mine experience of the Deborah Gold Mine. The young water professional descended 61 metres beneath the surface of Bendigo and walked in the footsteps of past miners. They then returned to the surface where that attempted to strike gold while panning.

The weekend also included a tour of local water management sites including Lake Eppalock Reservoir, Axe Creek Pump Station and Sandhurst Water Treatment Plant.

This event was coordinated by the Young Water Professionals Victorian Branch of the Australian Water Association – Australia’s leading membership association for water professionals and organisations. The event was hosted by Coliban Water, with support sponsorship provided by Tyco Water.

Note: Photos are available on Monday and journalists are welcome to attend.

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