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Water savings from irrigation modernisation mean Goulburn and Murray irrigators don't have to suffer the savage cuts proposed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's plan guide.

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Happy family no more: Seven Careful Cobbers will be sold separately at auction in Altona tomorrow.

Picture: Ray Sizer

## Cobbers being broken up

A golden part of childhood for many Shepparton residents goes under the hammer tomorrow. Seven Careful Cobbers will be auctioned off one at a time, effectively separating the unique fleet of driver education vehicles.

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## Hatchings of locusts are here

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# Careful Cobblers up for sale

By Jordan Oliver

Part of Shepparton's history will go under the hammer tomorrow.

Seven of the city's beloved Careful Cobblers will be auctioned in Altona tomorrow by automotive auctioneers Manheim Fowles at 10 am.

The Cobblers, listed as "Go Karts" by the auction house, will go up for sale one at a time in a salvage auction, effectively separating the last of the fleet.

Now in varying states of condition, Manheim Fowles auctioneer Mark Harrison said there was no way to tell what price the colourful two-seaters would fetch.

"I've got no idea — it's an auction so anything could happen," he said.

Mr Harrison said he did not know who owned the Careful Cobblers.

Complete with painted-on faces and powered by small petrol engines, the Careful Cobblers were the cornerstone of a driver education and road safety program for primary school-aged children for almost 30 years.

The program began in 1981 at Shepparton's DECA site and more than 250 000 students from across Victoria and southern NSW have taken part over the years.

The brightly coloured cars even "trained" Prince Charles and Princess Diana in the art of careful driving



**Royal chauffeur:** Camille Montgomery, 8, drives Princess Diana on the royal visit in 1983.



**Receiving instruction:** Jane Davey talks to Harrison Gill in 2004.



**Going it alone:** Prince Charles opted to chauffeur himself.

during a 1983 royal visit. In August 2008, the Victorian Government sent letters to more

than 150 primary schools which participated in the program to inform them funding would be "redirected

into other student learning and teacher professional learning programs".

Despite a series of

protests, lobbying and petitions during 2008, the Careful Cobblers went for their final drive on December 17.

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