

Company's golden hunt a core focus

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A RETRENCHED Stawell Gold Mine geologist will join Navarre Minerals on the company's hunt for gold this year.

Managing director Geoff McDermott said the company was happy to pick up geologist Sarah Heard to bolster its numbers.

"I have worked up at Stawell Gold Mine and finished in 2007 and I know there are a lot of skilled workers there," he said.

Ms Heard said she was pleased to find work where she could still use the skills gained from the Stawell Gold Mine.

"I was working at the mines for 10 years and the redundancies came as a big shock," she said.

"I was working on projects

that are still ongoing at the mines today and would have liked to continue to work on but now I am starting a new chapter."

Mr McDermott said Navarre Minerals' major projects will continue to focus on the state's golden triangle between Ballarat, Stawell and Bendigo.

"Around 70 to 80 million ounces of gold has come out of this area," he said.

"All the indications so far is that our drilling program at the Irvine Prospect part of the Stawell Corridor Gold Project near Great Western has been very successful in finding gold mineralisation at surface and at depth.

"We have drilled over 100 drill holes which we have got results back for, we have reported about 40 or 50 of those holes so far."

Mr McDermott also said the drilling program would be followed up with diamond drilling in a similar area, which would start in February.

"We are pushing ahead with gold and base metals this year," he said.

"There are three areas that we are targeting and the main one is this Irvine Prospect where we are putting all our focus on at this stage."

Navarre Minerals is working with Monash University to co-sponsor an honours student with an opportunity to work on its drilling program at Glenlyle, south of Moyston.

"We are awaiting final results from the Irvine Prospect but so far we have seen strong results and only hope for similar finds this year," Mr McDermott said.