

# Trail Bike Project

Newsletter

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## Statewide Information

### Trail Bike Visitor Area Taking Shape

The first Trail Bike Visitor Area funded as part of the Trail Bike Project is under construction near Noojee in Gippsland. This pilot project is the result of many months of community consultation in respect of location, design and facilities to be provided. Trail bike riders, local residents, and other outdoor recreation user groups have all provided input to the development.

Providing visitor facilities for trail bike riders in appropriate locations will reduce the use of less suitable areas where noise, environmental damage, parking congestion and public safety issues have increased. Riders will be encouraged to use the new visitor areas, which will provide comprehensive information on responsible riding, legal requirements for riding in State forest and some suggested riding routes.

### Trail Bike Compliance Training

More than 70 DSE and Parks Victoria Authorised Officers attended trail bike specific compliance training at Marysville, Sale and Horsham during October and November. Compliance operations will initially focus on providing riders with information on responsible riding practices and legal obligations, but will move towards prosecutions for off-road riding, which is an increasingly common offence in some areas.

### Rider Information Initiatives

With the support of the Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council, more than 1000 people attending the Australian Motorcycle Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre went home with DSE trail bike riding information packs which included practical guidance on where to ride, legal requirements for riding in the bush, and responsible riding practices.



### New Trail Bike Signs

VicRoads and DSE have worked together to develop a new set of information signs specifically designed for trail bike riders. The new signs will designate advisory Low Noise Zones close to residential and recreation areas, areas where riding is discouraged and directional signage to Trail Bike Visitor Areas.



*Some of the new trail bike information signs*

### Environment Protection Authority Trains DSE Staff in Noise Emission Testing



*Lou Raffa (EPA), Wally Notman (DSE), Sr. Constable Anthony Wolfe (Victoria Police) and Adrian Parker (DSE) conduct a noise test on a police Special Solo Unit trail bike.*

DSE staff are working with the EPA to reduce the number of excessively noisy trail bikes being used in State forests. Nominated DSE staff will be trained by the EPA to conduct indicative noise tests in the field. Riders whose bikes are found to be excessively noisy will be required to have their bikes tested at an EPA approved noise testing centre to ensure they comply with the 94dB(A) maximum noise limit.