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TRAIL BIKE COMPLIANCE OPERATION ALONG THE MURRAY

Last weekend 3 trail bike riders using bushland along the Murray River were issued with fines up to \$1000 for unlicensed and unregistered riding of motorbikes on public roads.

The joint operation conducted by Department of Sustainability (DSE) in cooperation with Victoria Police from the Nathalia, Yarrawonga and Cobram stations targeted illegal trail bike activity along the Murray River between Barmah and Bundalong.

The most common trail bike offences were riding without a licence, riding an unregistered trail bike, riding underage and riding off designated tracks. Other forest users also received fines for off-road driving of four wheel drive vehicles.

“This operation provided a good opportunity to educate trail bike riders and the public to ensure the proper use of forests and public land” said Felicity Wardlaw, North East Trail Bike Project Officer.

“Trail bike riders can ride in State forests and parks provided they are licensed, the bikes are registered, and they must stay on the designated roads and tracks to protect the environment. Riders are also asked to show respect for other bush users by slowing down and reducing noise near other people”

“The weekend’s operation is an example of what’s to come with over twenty four state wide trail bike operations planned for the coming year.” said Miss Wardlaw

The operations are part of the State Governments \$5 Million Trail Bike Project to improve the management of trail bikes on public land.

“The four year trail bike project will be working with riders, local residents and other forest users to guide the delivery of education, compliance and infrastructure and rehabilitation programs.” said Felicity Wardlaw

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