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Get quad bike safe

NSW farmers and workers are gaining valuable quad bike safety skills through the NSW Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Tocal College as part of the NSW Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program.

NSW DPI Principal Tocal College Darren Bayley said the 2018 quad bike safety training courses are being rolled out across the state, in partnership with SafeWork NSW.

"Subsidised accredited training and instruction courses are offered to eligible farmers and farm workers to build their skills and capabilities to safely operate four wheel motor bikes on farms," Mr Bayley said.

"This week, our courses commence at Dorrigo, where we have engaged with the dairy industry to boost workplace health and safety on quad bike use.

"Later this month courses specifically developed for the dairy industry will also run on the NSW south coast. We are keen to work with any agricultural industry to meet their particular training needs.

"The one-day practical course will assist participants to safely and effectively operate four wheel motor bikes and to carry out routine checks and maintenance. All eligible participants also receive a free helmet.

"Tocal has delivered 122 courses to 593 people across the state since the program began.

"These courses are part of the SafeWork NSW state-wide safety improvement program aimed to reduce the high rates of death and injury through quad bike accidents that have devastating effects on families and communities.

"Quad bikes will be provided for each participant during the training."

To see if you are eligible or to register for the quad bike safety training, visit www.tocal.nsw.edu.au

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