

Media Release



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Quad Bike OPD Winners Announced

Victorian agricultural communities will be supported with lifesaving quad bike operator protection devices (OPDs) thanks to the Victorian Farmers Federation's (VFF) Making Our Farms Safer (MOFS) project.

VFF President Emma Germano today announced that 23 sets of OPDs and helmets will be delivered to remote communities across Victoria in the coming weeks.

"We are thrilled to announce the winners at a time when life-saving technology like this has never been more important to support our local farming communities."

"We believe that it is vital that OPDs are fitted on all quad bikes and users are well trained", Ms Germano said.

Olivia Lineham, a dairy and horticulture farmer from Cora Lynn in Gippsland was one of the winners and said having this OPD will keep her and her employees safe on farm.

"Richard from the VFF's Making our Farms Safer Team recently visited our farm and it was the best business decision we made."

"He pointed us in the right direction and gave me the confidence I needed to make practical safety changes," Ms Lineham said.

Alex Stravakos, a beef cattle grower from Berringama in Victoria's north-east was another lucky winner of the OPD.

"We are expecting our first child soon and I'm now looking at the farm through a safety lens."

"Keeping our child safe on farm and making sure that I get home safely is my number one priority," Mr Stravakos said.

To find out more about the VFF MOFS project, visit the VFF website.

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