

# Please be aware

## Push bikes converted to Motorcycles



Hi everyone, a message from your local pro-active police officers.

It has come to the attention of local police that some members of the community are attaching a petrol driven purpose built 2 stroke motor to push bikes.

If the attached motor exceeds 200 watts the converted push bike would then be deemed to be a Motorcycle.

### Road Safety Act 1986;

**Miniaturised motor cycle** means a motor vehicle with 2 axle groups and an internal combustion engine or electric motors that are capable of giving the vehicle a top speed in excess of 25 kilometres per and that -

- a) Has not been certified through the Commonwealth Road Vehicle Certification System; and
- b) Has not been conditionally registered by the Corporation; and
- c) Is not excluded from the definition of motor vehicle.

### Please also note, as per VicRoads definition;

A motorised bicycle is not classed as a bicycle if;

- ◆ the motor's power output exceeds 200 watts (**whether or not the motor is in operation**) unless certified as a Pedalec (a Pedalec is rated to 250 watts).

These are considered to be motorcycles. The rider will be required to hold a motorcycle licence and have the vehicle registered before it can be used on the road network.

Motorcycles cannot be ridden on footpaths or bicycle paths. Motorcycle riders must wear an approved motorcycle helmet.

Infringement penalties if caught riding a converted motorised bicycle include:

Unlicensed Driver (RSA 18—**\$793**)

Unregistered Motorcycle under 60CC (RSA 7—**\$159**)

Ride Motorcycle without approved helmet (RSA 270 (1) - **\$317**)

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