

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

# Recreational Vehicles on Private Property

Clause 38 of the  
General Local Law 2024



To protect neighbourhood amenity, there are restrictions on the use of motorcycles (as defined under the *Road Safety Act 1986*) and Recreational Vehicles (such as miniaturised motorcycles, trail bikes, farm bikes, go-karts etc.) on private property.

An owner of any property under two hectares must obtain a permit for any motorcycle or recreational vehicle use. If the applicant is not the owner of the property, but a tenant or leaseholder, they may apply for the permit but will require all owners to sign a Landowner Consent Form to submit with the application.

View the clause by visiting: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/locallaw](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/locallaw)

## Considerations

When applying for a permit, please include times of day you wish to undertake the activity and the duration. This is so Council can be sure the activity isn't excessive or likely to cause a nuisance to adjoining neighbours.

Council will consider any history of nuisance complaints and use this information when considering the application. If required, Council will help develop a program that works for all parties.

## How to Report Recreational Vehicles

If you are being detrimentally impacted by the use of these vehicles on an adjoining property, you can report to Council by:

 (03) 5662 9200

 [council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

You can also use Snap Send Solve.



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## Tips and Hints

Keep use of motorcycles and recreational vehicles to a reasonable level, avoiding early morning and late evening, and keep sessions short. Before 7.00am, after 8.00pm or riding for extended periods are discouraged.

Speak to your neighbours if you have any concerns and be considerate of each other's activities and amenity.

## When is a Permit not Required?

Motorcycles and recreational vehicles may be used for usual farming activities on any property over two hectares such as moving stock, checking fences and as transportation around the property. However, use must not cause a detrimental effect to neighbouring properties.

## Possible Penalties

Our first priority is to work with you to achieve compliance. However, if you fail to take necessary steps to reduce your impact on your neighbours, Officers may take enforcement action.

### **Penalty for using motorcycles or recreational vehicles on private property without a permit:**

Two penalty units (\$407 for 2025/26).

### **Penalty for using motorcycles or recreational vehicles on private property and causing a detrimental effect on the amenity of adjoining landowners:**

Two penalty units (\$407 for 2025/26).

### **Penalty for failing to comply with a Notice to Comply:**

Five penalty units (\$1,018 for 2025/26).

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