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QUAD BIKE VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE COMING TO HENTY FIELD DAYS

Farmers from southern NSW and surrounds will have access to the latest innovative safety training when the SafeWork NSW quad bike virtual reality (VR) experience comes to the Henty Machinery Field Days event next week.

Member for Albury Greg Aplin said the VR experience gives farmers unique insights into the risks of driving a quad bike.

“Quad bikes are the biggest killer on Australian farms, with 118 people killed since 2011, including 32 in NSW alone,” Mr Aplin said.

“The quad bike VR experience demonstrates how easy it is for quad bikes to roll, and the real impact it that can have on the livelihood of farmers.

“I encourage all farmers and farm workers visiting Henty Field Days to visit the SafeWork stand and have a crack at the VR experience, it might just save your life.”

Since SafeWork started the Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program in July 2016, more than 900 farmers and workers have completed quad bike training and received free quad bike helmets.

“SafeWork has now paid \$1.7 million in rebates to farmers to replace their existing quad bike, or have it fitted with safety equipment. That’s resulted in more than \$23 million of farm safety investments,” Mr Aplin said.

“SafeWork offers two rebates worth up to \$1,000 each to farmers to replace their existing quad bike, or have it fitted with an operator protective device or helmet.

“The SafeWork Small Business Rebate Program also offers an additional \$500 rebate to eligible businesses for safety improvements,” Mr Aplin said.

Henty Machinery Field Days is being held from 18-20 September at the site on the Henty-Cookardinia Road, Henty. Financial and educational support for farmers will also be available throughout the Field Days event. The SafeWork stand will be located at Block D, site 113-114.

The NSW Quad Bike Safety Industry Action Group will also meet in Henty during the Field Days to discuss additional ways to further encourage adopt safety practices around quad bike use on farms.

For further information, visit www.safework.nsw.gov.au or call 13 10 50.

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