

# As the Coast grows, council has a big question on its mind



# Where's the noise to go?

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AS the Sunshine Coast grows, so too does the noise.

And as residential developments encroach, it gets harder to accommodate noisier recreational activities such as motocross, jet-skiing and car racing.

Coast councillors will discuss, in detail on Monday, a draft plan to ensure all existing sporting and recreational activities are housed in areas which will not impinge on the majority of residents who have chosen the Coast as a quieter destination to live.

Planning spokesman Russell Green said the discussion will precede extensive community consultation.

"Locations for activities have not been determined yet, but we have a number of options," Mr

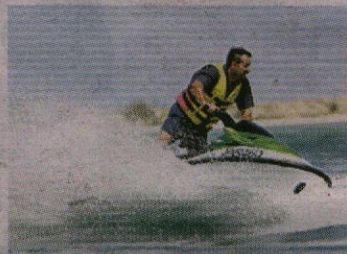
Green said.

"These recreational sports are an important part and play a real role in Coast activities, whether they are motocross, aero clubs, water sports or shooting clubs."

Key issues to be looked at include the possible relocation of Sunshine Coast Junior Motorcycle Club and Suncoast Model Flyers, currently at Coolum Industrial Estate; a water sports venue for possible water and jet skiing activities; a shooting precinct to resolve a location for the Sunshine Coast Clay Target Club and Shotgun activities; and an education precinct to address driver education and other motor sports.

A draft council report had its origins in the former Caloundra council, triggered by the expiry of the clay target shooting club's

**CLAMOROUS PURSUITS:** The council is seeking a home for events such as motocross.



lease in Pierce Avenue in 2007, and the failure to find a new suitable location.

Council umbrella group Sun-Roc began an investigation and established a working group to produce the Sunshine Coast Noisy and Hard-to-Locate Sports Study.

In five years, leases for the clubs north of Coolum's Quanda Park will expire and the state government is not interested in renewing them.

"We need to find space for them," Mr Green said.

He said most could be accommodated on the Coast.

The draft study will be made available to the public, coinciding with the community consultation period which runs from April 24 to June 1.