

\$199,000 payout

A FARMHAND knocked off his bicycle by a car on a country road at night was awarded \$199,473 in an out-of-court settlement at Morwell yesterday.

The bike had no lights or reflectors and the cyclist, Stephen Cox, wore dark clothes, his solicitor said.

The accident occurred at 6pm on August 1, 1996, at Traralgon, as Mr Cox, then 18, rode home from work.

Mr Cox, who was hit by the overtaking car's side mirror, received a severe injury to his right arm.

The car driver, who was not charged, said he did not see Mr Cox until the last moment.

Lee Flanagan, [REDACTED], said the case demonstrated the very high standard of care of drivers needed to ensure the safety of other road users.