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## VicForests signs up for the 'chop

VicForests has confirmed it will be the major sponsor for woodchopping events held by the Victorian Axemen's Council for the next two years.

Amanda Clark, VicForests Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, said VicForests had signed a sponsorship agreement to formalise an arrangement which began in July 2009.

"VicForests will continue to provide approximately \$50 000 worth of high quality timber each year to be used in woodchop events across Victoria," Ms Clark said.

"VicForests recognises the cultural importance of woodchopping to many rural communities throughout Victoria and Australia.

"We are proud to support the events held by Victorian Axemen's Council and help to ensure this uniquely Australian sport continues to have a place on the sporting landscape.

"The VAC is the peak governing body for woodchopping in Victoria and plays a crucial role in organising woodchop events throughout the State," she said.

Eloise Meyer, Secretary of the Victorian Axemen's Council, said the Victorian Championship Title was decided last weekend at the Alexandra Truck & Ute Show.

"The Victorian Axemen's Council is very thankful for VicForests' ongoing support of woodchopping in Victoria," Ms Meyer said.

"Without the support of sponsors such as VicForests we simply would not be able to hold these woodchop events.

"More than 50 woodchops are held each year in towns stretching from Colac in western Victoria right through to Albury and Wangaratta in the north-east," she said.

"Laurence O'Toole took out the Victorian State Title 300mm Standing Block Championship following the final event in Alexandra.

"Laurence defeated a high quality field including Brad Haines (second), David Coffey (third) and Brad Turner (fourth)," Ms Meyer said.

The presentation of the overall Victorian Champion of Champions will be made at the Royal Melbourne Show.

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