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Clean sweep of Woodchop Championship

Sixteen year old Broadford resident, Brayden Meyer, has taken out the 2011 VicForests' Junior Woodchop Championship.

VicForests' Acting CEO, Robert Green, made a presentation to Brayden during the woodchop events at this year's Royal Melbourne Show.

"VicForests is very proud to again be part of this year's Junior Woodchop Championship," Mr Green said.

"Woodchopping has a long and proud history in Victoria, just like our timber industry, and VicForests sponsorship of the Junior Championship allows us to support the up and coming stars of the sport.

"All of the timber used as part of the woodchopping at the Royal Melbourne Show and at various other events around the State in 2011 has been provided by VicForests from our sustainable harvesting operations.

"We look forward to continuing our association with such a uniquely Australian sport and one that has such strong links to the rural communities which are crucial to Victoria's native timber industry," he said.

Eloise Meyer, Secretary of the Victorian Axemen's Council said Brayden had made a clean sweep of this year's title, winning all five Junior Woodchop Championship events.

"The Victorian Axemen's Council would again like to thank VicForests' for their support," Ms Meyer said.

"The VicForests' Junior Championship provides the only opportunity for juniors to cut in a championship environment outside of the Royal Melbourne Show and it simply would not be possible to hold these events without the backing of VicForests.

"Brayden had a fantastic year, also winning all the junior events held at this year's Show and representing Victoria at the Australian championship in Sydney in April.

"His performances caught the eye of many seasoned woodchop watchers and earned a pat on the back from legends of the sport, Laurence O'Toole snr and Dave Foster," Ms Meyer said.

In other results from the 2011 Royal Melbourne Show, Laurence M O'Toole took out the coveted 'Golden Axe' award as the overall open age Champion.

Multiple Australian Champion, Dale Beams, was the convincing winner of the VicForests' Australian Tree Felling Championship.

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