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Gippsland 'Shows' up champion

Gippsland resident, Colin Eaton, has been crowned the VicForests' Junior Woodchop Champion at the 2010 Royal Melbourne Show.

Colin, from Eagle Point near Bairnsdale, received his title as part of the woodchop events at this year's Show.

Amanda Clark, VicForests Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, applauded Colin on his win.

"On behalf of VicForests I would like to congratulate Colin on winning the VicForests' Victorian Junior Woodchop Championship for 2010," Ms Clark said.

"Colin was the winner of the title after accumulating the most points at VicForests' junior woodchop events held across the State during the year.

"Woodchopping is a uniquely Australian sport and VicForests recognises the important role it plays in many rural communities throughout Victoria.

"VicForests is proud to continue its support of woodchop events held by the Victorian Axemen's Council and provide the high quality wood required to hold such competitions," she said.

Eloise Meyer, Secretary of the Victorian Axemen's Council, said it was another successful year for the junior axemen.

"Colin received his title as VicForests' Victorian Junior Champion at the Royal Melbourne Show after a fantastic season.

"Another of our junior competitors, Brayden Meyer, also took out the 'Golden Axe' award as the highest point scorer across all events at the Show.

"Despite only turning 15 in August, Brayden follows in the footsteps of woodchopping legends such as Dave Foster and Jack O'Toole. To win this prestigious event at such a young age is a fantastic achievement.

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

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