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VicForests to increase support for local communities

VicForests has announced plans to work more closely with local communities.

Local resident, Liz Langford, has been appointed as Community Relationship Manager for the Central Highlands region, based in VicForests' Healesville office.

Amanda Clark, VicForests' Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, said the role will provide greater support to help meet community needs, as well as increasing community understanding of VicForests' activities.

"Liz's position will include working with a wide range of local community groups to foster a greater understanding of the role forestry, wood and wood products play in their lives, as well as supporting community activities," Ms Clark said.

"This will be an important link between VicForests and local residents, both as a contact point for queries about our operations and as a co-ordinator of support for local events.

"Liz has a background in education and with the CFA, and has been involved with a variety of community groups," Ms Clark said.

Liz has lived in Launching Place for more than 25 years and has also spent time with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

"This position with VicForests presents a terrific opportunity to work with the community," Liz said.

"Being a long term local I am aware of the concerns some people have around the forestry industry and I have a keen environmental interest myself.

"My previous roles have allowed me to develop strong links with the community and enabled me to build a strong network of relationships.

"I look forward to working with the community and helping people to better understand the work done by VicForests," Liz said.

VicForests will be launching a number of community initiatives over the coming months within the Central Highlands region.

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