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Orbost cemetery upgrade works

Work on a project to upgrade the Orbost Cemetery is progressing well.

Michael Sutton, VicForests' Community Relationship Manager, East Gippsland, said the project had received a grant through VicForests' Community Support Program.

"Plans are being finalised and much of the material has been purchased to allow for the construction of a new shelter and improvements to the paving within the cemetery to take place," Mr Sutton said.

"The shelter will be a place where family and friends can gather to reflect and have some quiet time when visiting the cemetery.

"The Orbost Cemetery Trust is extremely active in maintaining the cemetery and does a large amount of work to ensure the area remains in good condition.

"VicForests is very happy to assist the group's work through our Community Support Program," he said.

Mr Sutton said VicForests' Community Support Program had provided grants totalling more than \$15 000.

"The native timber industry remains an important contributor to regional Victoria, particularly in East Gippsland," he said.

"VicForests is looking to build on this contribution by supporting projects such as the work at Orbost cemetery which improve the quality of life for local communities.

"VicForests will keep the community updated throughout the year regarding the progress of initiatives which have been assisted by the Community Support Program," Mr Sutton said.

The Orbost Cemetery Trust is also asking for the community to contribute to the project through its 'Buy a Brick' campaign to assist with paving work.

Orbost Cemetery Trust representative, Judy Balmer, said support from the local community through donations or sponsorships would also be greatly appreciated.

For more details please contact Judy from the Orbost Cemetery Trust on (03) 5154 2595.

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