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VicForests' puts ink in Noojee pens

The *Noojee News* is one of fourteen community projects in Gippsland and the Central Highlands to receive a grant as part of VicForests' Community Support Program.

Liz Langford, VicForests' Community Relationship Manager, Central Highlands, said the program had provided grants totalling more than \$18 000.

"There has been a terrific response from the community to VicForests' Community Support Program," Ms Langford said.

"VicForests received more than 80 applications from a wide range of local groups including schools, sporting groups, local charities and events.

"Of these applications, fourteen were successful in receiving grants of between \$500 and \$2000.

"The Noojee News is an important source of information for the community in the region and this grant will be used to cover the expenses associated with producing this type of magazine.

"There is a long history of timber harvesting operations in the State forests around Noojee and VicForests looks forward to continuing to build on the strong ties between the timber industry and the local community," she said.

Ms Langford said VicForests' Community Support Program offered not-for-profit organisations the chance to access grants of up to \$2000 to undertake activities which enhance the community's quality of life.

"All applications received in relation to grants from the program were assessed by a selection panel against set criteria," she said.

"These criteria included how the project would benefit the community, how it would assist VicForests to educate the community and how well the project fits in with VicForests' aims and corporate objectives.

"The native timber industry remains an important contributor to regional communities in Victoria, in particular those in the Gippsland and Central Highlands regions.

"VicForests looks forward to keeping the community updated throughout the year regarding the progress of initiatives which have been assisted by the Community Support Program," Ms Langford said.

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