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VicForests offers community support

VicForests' 2011 Community Support Program is offering grants of up to \$2000 to not-for-profit organisations to support projects which will benefit local communities.

Amanda Clark, VicForests' Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, said: "From June 6th, local groups can apply to VicForests for funding to assist with activities designed to enhance the quality of life in their area."

"More than 40 schools and groups throughout eastern Victoria received grants as part of VicForests' Community Support Program during the last 12 months.

"Groups such as the Salvation Army in Healesville, Toolangi Primary School and Healesville Junior Football Club were amongst the recipients of funding as part of last year's program.

"Grants were used to support a variety of initiatives such as the re-establishment of a native garden, uniforms and equipment for sports clubs, and a Christmas lunch for disadvantaged members of the community.

"This year's Community Support Program is open to a wide number of groups including schools, sporting organisations, local charities and various not-for-profit organisations.

"The program will assist these groups to undertake various activities with a community focus.

"VicForests and the native timber industry have strong links with local and regional communities.

"The industry continues to play an important role in these communities and VicForests' Community Support Program is another way of supporting initiatives which directly benefit local community members," Ms Clark said.

Applications open on Monday, June 6th 2011 and close on Friday, June 24th 2011.

"VicForests has always provided sponsorship to support community groups and events," she said.

"The Community Support Program enables us to expand that commitment to accommodate the great work of a broader range of groups in the communities in which we operate."

Application forms for the VicForests' Community Support Program can be downloaded online from the VicForests website – www.vicforests.com.au

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