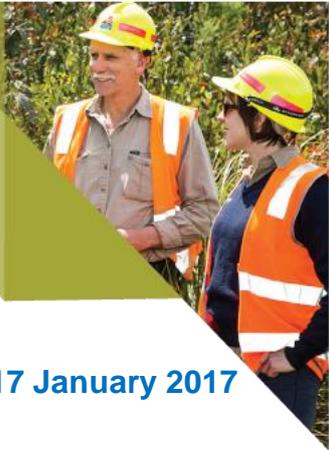


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A photograph of two woodchoppers wearing yellow hard hats and orange safety vests, standing outdoors in a wooded area.

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Champion Woodchoppers to compete in Marlo

Some of Australia's leading woodchoppers are making the trip to East Gippsland to be part of the Marlo Woodchop this weekend.

It will be game on for world champion woodchopper Glen Gillam this Saturday with rising stars Andrew Kelly and Vinny Williams taking him on for a chance at the state title in standing block.

With over 50 entrants and a range of different skill levels, the woodchop is expected to once again draw a large crowd of locals and holiday goers.

Liz Langford, VicForests Regional Engagement Manager, said that VicForests is a long-standing sponsor of this popular event.

"We have sponsored the Marlo woodchop for more than eight years now and event goers usually enjoy visiting our display to collect a free seedling," she said.

"It is also a good chance for people to come and learn more Victoria's native timber industry.

"Woodchopping has a long and proud history in Victoria, just like our timber industry, and VicForests sponsorship of events like the Marlo woodchop allows us to show our support in the regional communities that we operate in.

"All of the timber used as part of the Marlo woodchop has been provided by VicForests from our sustainable harvesting operations," she said.

The Marlo woodchop will hold two different types of competitions for various skill levels over the day, standing block and underhand.

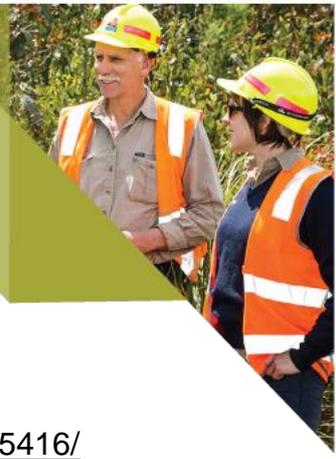
Standing block is where the participant chops through the middle of a block of wood about breast height and with underhand they stand on the wood and chop from above.

The winner of the Standing block will be awarded the Victorian title and each competition winner will receive \$1000.

"We are looking forward to watching some of Australia's top woodchoppers compete," Ms Langford said.

"This year has also drawn a large number of beginner woodchoppers with an impressive 22 of the entrants competing this year as new comers to the sport," she said.

VicForests is proud to support woodchop events in Victoria and provide the high quality wood required to hold such competitions.



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More information

Marlo Woodchop event details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/139799089855416/>

Date and time: Saturday 21 January 2017 10am-5pm

Location: Marlo Hotel, 17 Argyle Pde, Marlo, Victoria, Australia 3888

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Images: (TOP) Standing block competition 2016 (BOTTOM) VicForests staff at display 2016