



# Media Release

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## VicForests donates timber to local community group

VicForests has donated Ash and Acacia timber to the Eildon and District Woodworkers Guild/Alexandra Community Shed to support their local wood craft activities.

The Eildon and District Woodworkers Guild are a community group in Alexandra which are part of the Australian Men's Shed Association that looks after men's health in regional communities.

The Guild supports its members by providing materials and tools to produce wood working pieces, as well as the opportunity for them to socialise and feel part of their community.

Max May, Secretary of the Eildon and District Woodworkers Guild, said that they are very grateful to VicForests and their contractors for this generous donation.

"VicForests have donated both Ash and Acacia logs.

"The Ash timber will predominantly be used to make woodworking benches for a new Guild workshop and the Acacia logs will be used for appearance pieces such as bowls and platters to utilise the good colour.

"Our new workshop will hopefully be ready soon so it will be great to have some fine looking wood working benches for our members to create serving platters, furniture and other household products.

VicForests contractors, Eddy Haulage and Johnson Logging, assisted in the harvesting and delivery of the timber to the Guild.

Jim Anderson, VicForests Planning Officer, said that it's great to see this timber being put to use in the local community.

"A number of the Guild members have worked in the timber industry and it is great for them to be able to keep a connection to the industry.

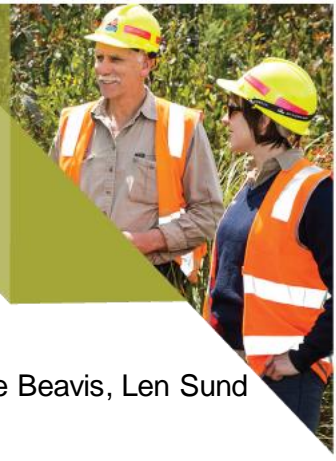
"They have a wealth of experience and knowledge and I'm sure they will put this timber to good use.

"I hope this relationship can continue but none of this would have been possible without the help of our contractors," Mr Anderson said.

The Guild has outgrown its present site behind the Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum and will soon be moving to a new location.

"We currently have 65 members and are now looking for a new and larger place. We would be grateful for any assistance towards this move, Mr May said.

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**Image left to right:** Jim Anderson of VicForests with Guild members Paul Smith, Steve Beavis, Len Sund and Nigel Adams with the ash logs



**Further information**

<http://www.vicforests.com.au/>

**Eildon and District Woodworkers Guild/Alexandra Community Shed**

<https://www.facebook.com/Eildon-District-Woodworkers-Guild-Inc-Alexandra-Community-Shed-884789928280896/>

**ASH Timber**

<http://www.woodsolutions.com.au/Wood-Species/Victorian-Ash>

**Acacia Timber**

<http://www.woodsolutions.com.au/Wood-Species/species-blackwood>