

A photograph of a forest with tall trees and green foliage, partially obscured by a green geometric shape.

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## VicForests Supports Quilting for Those In Need

VicForests is supporting Patchwork Collections Yarra Valley Inc. with a \$2000 contribution toward the purchase of backing fabric, wadding and threads.

The grant, delivered under VicForests' Community Support Program, ensures Patchwork Collections Yarra Valley can continue their vital work providing quilts to those in need.

Since 2010, Patchwork Collections Yarra Valley has provided hand-made quilts, free of charge, to local community members impacted by hardship, illness and given to very sick children at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Patchwork Collections Yarra Valley President, Pat Biggs, said the group lovingly produced up to 300 hand-made quilts per year.

"Quilts give comfort and hope to members of the community who are seriously ill and in need," Mrs Biggs said

"There is a lot that goes into making every quilt with thousands of dollars' worth of fabric, wadding, backing and thread used by the group each year.

"VicForests' contribution is a huge help towards continuing our work over the coming year."

VicForests Regional Engagement Manager, Liz Langford, said 34 community groups and organisations across Central and East Victoria had received funding under the VicForests Community Support Program 2018.

"The Community Support Program is an important part of VicForests' connection with local communities, particularly in rural and regional Victoria," Ms Langford said

"We are proud to support Patchwork Collections Yarra Valley and the work they do offering kindness and hope to those in need."

VicForests Community Support Program has provided over \$350,000 in funding to more than 200 community groups and organisations across regional Victoria.

For more information on the VicForests Community Support Program including a full list of recipients, visit the VicForests website at [www.vicforests.com.au](http://www.vicforests.com.au).

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