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Wooden it be fine... innovative furniture on display

A hall table inspired by the Gorge Bridge and a huon pine coffin with secret joinery feature in an impressive exhibition by the 2009 UTAS Australian School of Fine Furniture.

Opening tomorrow (Friday 14 November) at the Powerhouse Gallery at Inveresk, *Wooden it be fine ...* displays 18 pieces of new furniture made by students completing the Associate Degree in Fine Furniture.

The School's Director, Simon Ancher, said the exhibition is the culmination of two years of furniture design and craftsmanship training: "It's great to see new and innovative takes on ordinary household items. I'm proud to see how far some of the students have come over the past two years."

Exhibited furniture includes:

- **A hall table** made of myrtle and inspired by the shape of Launceston's Gorge Bridge, past which craftsman Esmaeil Valamanesh drives every day;
- **A huon pine coffin** made by Marcus Hall of St Mary's for his wife (who will use it as a blanket box in the meantime!) from timber he'd stored for 15 years, and whose work-intensive hidden dovetail joints are a labour of love;
- **A coffee table** whose king billy pine form is organic and sculpture-like, by Craig Ashton of Ulverstone;
- **A writing desk** by Matthew Prince of Hobart. Its sleek kauri pine curves are eminently touchable;
- **A cabinet** made of East African walnut with contrasting white legs and hinges, made by Andrew Bartlett of Deloraine;
- **A hall table** whose square-honeycombed pattern in nitens creates a lightplay – by Byron Pappas;
- **A sideboard** by Daniel Welsby of Perth WA. Created to sit on tapered legs beneath a window, its body is of blackwood while the undercut top is made from creamy celery top pine;
- **A mood lamp** creating a diffused light from moulded Perspex pipe, by Hadas Miszelowski.

Wooden it be fine ... opening at 6pm by Jodie Campbell MHR. Runs until 23 November. For more information contact Andrew Bartlett, ph. 0420 502110.

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