Create from a Crate will exhibit furniture and other wood art made by skilled furniture makers, sculptors, turners and carvers from timber provided by recycler Waste Converters Recycling. The competition is open to artists and craftspeople from all states throughout Australia. Participants will each receive two wooden crates/pallets which will then be deconstructed, redesigned and reconstructed into functional or artistic objects. There are no constraints on the design and making process, the only limitations are the wood components of the crate and your imagination!

Awards will be presented in several categories and will be judged by a panel of woodwork professionals and recycling experts. Awards include: First prize of $3,000, second prize of $2,000, third prize of $1,000 and a Waste Converters Award of $1000.

Create from a Crate is an innovative competition aimed at highlighting the inherent beauty of wood while actively promoting recycling and waste reduction.

Waste Converters Recycling & the Victorian Woodworking Association have teamed up once again to bring you the competition Create from a Crate.

**EXHIBITION DATES:**

An exhibition will take place in 2014 in both metro Melbourne and regional Victoria.

- **February 8th - 23rd 2014**
  The Hatch Contemporary Arts Gallery
  14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe, Victoria, 3079.
  **Open:** Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm.

- **February 27th - March 16th 2014**
  Ballarat Back Space Gallery
  Huyghue House, Alfred, Deakin Place.
  15 Camp Street, Ballarat.
  **Open:** Thursday - Sunday 12pm - 4pm.

**HOW TO ENTER:**

Entries are open until 31st October 2013.

For registration forms and for more information visit www.vwa.org.au/exhibitions/create-crate or call 03 9799 1935.

Crates can be collected from Waste Converters Recycling Depot. 185 Dandenong - Hastings Road, Lyndhurst, 3975.
A BIT OF BACKGROUND...

The Victorian Woodworkers Association and recycler Waste Converters of Dandenong South joined forces back in 2002 to initiate an innovative competition aimed at reducing waste. Create from a Crate ran from 2003 through to 2006. Now, in 2013 after a 6 year hiatus, Create from a Crate will once again be held.

Every year hundreds of thousands of crates and pallets containing goods and components from all over the world are imported into Australia. Much of the timber used in overseas packaging is from *exotic* timber species. The pallets used for the 2013 Create from a Crate competition are from North America and the species used to construct them include oak and elm. Such timbers are widely used in furniture making and wood art.

For many years crates and pallets such as these have been sent to landfill sites or pulverised into low-grade mulch. In Victoria alone, over 500,000 tonnes of timber waste are disposed of each year. However, much of this timber has the potential to be recycled into new and value added products.

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