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EUCALYPT VENEER DESIGN CHALLENGE

The wood centre site now being built, is aimed at higher value-added processes of wood from the Southern Forests. It will focus on processing the regrowth resource, mostly eucalypt species, into new products such as rotary peeled veneer and later, laminated veneer lumber.

In Tasmania, we have been working on developing high quality products from regrowth eucalypts and new-style veneers have been made here since 1993.

Here's your challenge ...

There are many fine examples of Tassie wood design and craftsmanship in solid wood and special species, but few using eucalypt and veneers. That's the challenge.

Gunns Veneers has supplied the Wood Centre Shop with sliced regrowth eucalypt veneers for use in the Eucalypt Veneer Design Challenge. Some Sassafras and Myrtle veneers are also available, although the wood in entries must be mostly regrowth eucalypt.

What can you do with sliced and peeled wood? Drop into the Wood Centre to get your free samples. Be quick for the best choice. There are cash prizes of \$300.00 for 1st, \$200.00 for 2nd and \$100.00 for 3rd together with family passes to the AirWalk.

Closing date is 4pm Tuesday September 30th 2003. Product and design remain the property of the designer, but the Wood Centre would like to display the product in the shop to show everyone what can be done with veneers.

Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL)

The Wood Centre shop's current window display showcases peeled veneers and samples of the construction grade laminated veneer lumbars that are made from them.

The LVL on display was produced from Tasmanian Eucalyptus veneer at Washington State University. Come in and have a look at this product, there are also sample blocks available.

We have done some designing of our own – next month we will have new furniture made from standard sheets of construction quality LVL.