

# Spruiker

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## Quirky woods shine, by gum

THERE'S something a little magic about Vince Cosentino - and it's not just his world famous magician nephew.

The Keysborough craftsman is a whiz when it comes to bespoke furniture, and his creations will be on show at FURNITEX connect at the Royal Exhibition Building on this weekend.

An electrical engineer for more than 30 years, the 62-year-old started his furniture design business, Frank Audrey Gus, 12 months ago specialising in quirky, one-off pieces made from mostly recycled timber.

"I describe my creations as 'sculptural furniture'," he said.

"I love creating really unusual, unique pieces.

"I recently made an entire entertainment unit by upcycling my old red gum fence posts.

"Red gum is my favourite wood to use because it is a solid timber and it affords incredible character and



Vince Cosentino is making sculptural furniture to exhibit at the Australian Furniture Industry Awards.

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warmth to furniture."

His famous nephew, Cosentino, International Magician of the Year, will lend support to his uncle at FURNITEX connect, signing au-

tographs between 1-2.30pm on Saturday.

More than 50 furniture and furnishing designers and manufacturers will be at the event this year at

Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton Gardens, Melbourne.

Entry is \$10, or print a free entry voucher from the website at [furnitex.com.au](http://furnitex.com.au)