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FINALS FINISH FOR REDGUM FURNITURE MAKER

The Victorian Association of Forest Industries (VAFI) congratulates Braidon Vinecombe, 19, apprentice redgum furniture maker, on his top two placing at the 2008 Furnitex Exhibition in Melbourne.

Mr Vinecombe's 'Fat Boy Buffet Unit' placed second in the Furnishing Industry Association Australia (FIAA) VIC/TAS Awards after being chosen from a range of entries across the two states; an achievement that the VAFI CEO, Philip Dalidakis, says is testament to Mr Vinecombe's hard work and training.

"Congratulations to Mr Vinecombe on his truly excellent work which displays both a tremendous amount of skill and craftsmanship, and also serves as a great showpiece of the Victorian River Redgum industry," Mr Dalidakis said.

"Braidon's work is a fantastic example of the high quality products that can be produced through a sustainable forest industry in the Victorian River Redgum region; an industry that supports local businesses and provides skills and training to local residents."

"It is especially pleasing to note that the wood used from the project was sourced from Arbuthnot sawmills, a member of the VAFI that has operated sustainably in the Koondrook region for over 100 years."

Mr Vinecombe, a fourth-year apprentice at River Red Gum Furniture in Murrabit, received his award at a gala dinner in Melbourne's Arts Centre on Monday night, saying it was a genuine compliment to be acknowledged.

"Being selected as a finalist meant my piece was lucky enough to be displayed at the Furnitex trade show from Thursday right through the weekend," Mr Vinecombe said.

"It was a great honour to be displayed at such a prestigious trade show alongside some of the best furniture of the past year."

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