

## Origin to Object: Do you know where your timber comes from?

The question of the origin of our timber is becoming increasingly difficult to answer. CERES Fair Wood has collaborated with 12 local furniture makers all on sustainable timber journeys to create a truly local piece of furniture as part of Melbourne Design Week 2023.

The final pieces will form part of an exhibition, Origin to Object. The exhibition will show the origin of the tree next to the finished piece and invites people to think about their connection to materials.

Origin to Object will include an opening night launch and a makers panel discussion. All objects will be available for purchase during the exhibition period with all profits donated back to CERES Earth and Education programs.

Origin to Object seeks to highlight the connection made when carrying forward the story and knowledge of a tree, and caring for it through responsible material selection.

The final pieces tell the story of the tree, the grower, the miller, and the maker, connecting people to 'place'.

In a climate of anonymous timber supplies, CERES Fair Wood supports agroforesters, small-scale farm foresters, and millers to get their sustainable timber to market.

**“This exhibition helps us delve deeper into designers' and makers' material choices and question where our timber comes from. It aims to highlight the importance of sustainable timber provenance and showcase our amazing sustainable makers network”** says Chris Ennis, Director of Innovation at CERES.

Fair Wood gives equally to growers, processors, and customers and encourages growers to plant more trees, including trees purposefully planted on open pasture land for conservation and profit. The organisation champions transparency, acting as an honest broker of timber.

Fair Wood is part of CERES Brunswick who builds markets for purposeful trade through a network of not-for-profit social enterprise models.

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Title: **Origin to Object**

Exhibition Dates: **22nd – 28th May 2023**

Opening Night: **Wednesday 24th May 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

Panel Talk: **Saturday 27th May 11:00am – 12:30pm**

Venue: **Industrial School, Abbotsford Convent, 1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford VIC 3067**

For more information about the event and to register for free tickets, please visit:

Melbourne Design Week Event Page: <https://designweek.melbourne/events/origin-to-object/>

Opening Night: <https://events.humanitix.com/origins-objects-opening-night>

Panel Discussion: <https://events.humanitix.com/origins-objects-meet-the-makers-panel-discussion>

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