

Learn to make it

EVEN though former high school teachers David Howlett and Michael Scarfone have given up teaching children, they are continuing their use their teaching skills – but instead of children, they have decided to teach adults.

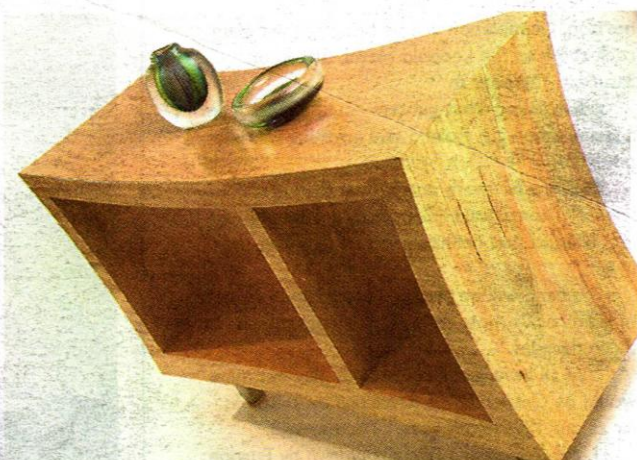
The pair – who are both highly experienced woodwork teachers – have just opened the Perth Wood School, which teaches adults woodwork.

The school conducts workshops and courses for people who have always dreamt of learning how to make furniture or just being able to do some basic DIY.

At the moment, the pair are conducting introductory woodwork courses at Perth College every Monday and Wednesday evening.

Howlett said the introductory courses were all about getting people familiar with the power tools and equipment, before taking things further by attempting larger projects.

“The good thing is that people without any knowledge or skills can come along and we can teach



them basic projects like breadboards, jewellery boxes and CD racks,” Howlett said.

The idea for the school came about one day when the pair, who had gone to university together, were at a barbecue and were talking about how they both had the desire to do something different.

“We were both asked regularly by adults where they could do or learn woodwork as there were not really any options for people in Perth apart from Tafe,” Howlett said.

“The school has been 18 months in the making, but it is great that we have been able to put something together that allows people to make and enjoy fine furniture.”

Apart from the introductory classes that are available at Perth College, the school’s main premises in Welshpool also offers woodwork lovers a whole range of advanced skills and courses.

■ For information on Perth Wood School, call 9358 0500

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