

Premier's Award for Excellence Presented at the 2006 Tasmanian Craft Fair

Woodcarver and artist Michael Reeve has won the Premier's Award for Excellence for the Most Outstanding Exhibitor at the 26th annual Tasmanian Craft Fair at Deloraine.

Mr Reeve's exhibit featured many examples of his work, including exquisitely carved fish, hats, and a wall plaque featuring an American Indian.

Presenting the award, Labor Member for Lyons Heather Butler, said the fair is a showcase of crafts made by some of Tasmania's most skilled and talented craftspeople.

"Tasmania has a well-established reputation for crafts, particularly for the use of fine and unique timbers in well-designed furniture and decorative objects," she said.

"Tasmania is privileged to be hosting an exhibition from the Danish Association of Cabinetmakers exhibiting alongside our own designers in this year's Tasmanian Craft Fair.

"Tasmania's reputation for excellence in craftsmanship is shared by our Scandinavian colleagues who demonstrate the same courage to experiment and a commitment to excellence," Ms Butler said.

With more than 200 local, national and overseas artists and craft workers exhibiting at 12 venues, Ms Butler said the Tasmanian Craft Fair at Deloraine is the largest working craft fair in the southern hemisphere.

The fair will run until 6 November 2006 and is open from 9am to 5pm Sunday and from 9am to 4pm on Monday. A free shuttle bus service operates between venues.

2006 Tasmanian Craft Fair details can be viewed on the Tasmanian Craft Fair website at: www.tascraftfair.com.au.