



MELBOURNE  
WOODWORKING COURSES

# Furniture Restoration Course

with **Ben Hodgetts, Master Restorer**

**Duration:** This is a two-day course – 10am to 5pm – (1/2 hr lunch)

**Fees:** \$630 incl. gst (you will need to bring some supplies. See list below)

**Payment:** Full fee payment is required for all courses with your application.

## **Description:**

Join Master Restorer, Ben Hodgetts for this two-day Furniture Restoration intensive. You will work on your own period or modern furniture / items and learn the techniques required to bring them back to life, in an enjoyable and supportive environment.

For over 30 years Ben has worked as a furniture restorer in Australia and England and conveys his wealth of experience in an engaging and informative way peppered with anecdotes and historical facts.

Some techniques taught are: Antiquing Mirrors, Fabulous Fakes, French Polishing, Fretwork, Furniture Distressing, Furniture Repairs, Gilding, Veneering, Key Making, Marquetry and Upholstery (repairs only). It really depends on the projects brought along and what is required to restore them.

Please feel free to ask questions throughout the day.

## **Materials to Bring:**

You will need to bring the following basic supplies (all available from Bunnings):

- 1 litre of 100% Methylated Spirits
- Grade 00 steel wool
- a couple of glass jars with lids
- Wet & Dry Sandpaper (black in colour) – available in grades 120, 240, 400 & 600. Please bring 1 sheet of any 3 of these grades.
- ½-1 litre Raw Linseed Oil
- clean cotton (lint-free) rags
- Latex Gloves

Please also bring a Notepad & Pen (there are no handouts).

You will finish the course knowing how to restore the items you have brought along and will be able to continue on similar projects at home using these materials.

## **Your Project:**

Bring along antique items, family heirlooms or contemporary projects that require rejuvenating and learn the techniques required to restore them. Are you are looking for a project to take on? Why not spend a few weekends travelling around op shops, second-hand stores and markets. You may get lucky and find a forgotten gem. You could also check out some of the these auction houses in Melbourne - [www.abbeysauctions.com.au](http://www.abbeysauctions.com.au) (Burwood), [www.philipsauctions.com.au](http://www.philipsauctions.com.au) (Malvern), [www.leonardjoel.com.au](http://www.leonardjoel.com.au) (South Yarra) and [www.ainger.com.au](http://www.ainger.com.au) (Richmond).

**Make sure you bring at least 3, 4 or more projects to work on** to get the most out of the course. There may be down time while waiting for something to dry and you can get started on your next project. Prior to the course, you will be asked to email photos of your projects with any questions so Ben can respond and also advise if extra materials are required.

No previous experience required.

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## Payment Information

Full fee payment is required for all courses with your application.

**Confirmation:** You will receive a confirmation email of your enrolment along with a paid in full tax invoice.

**Cancellation:** Course places are limited. If a course has to be cancelled due to insufficient enrolments, we will notify you and issue you with a full refund or arrange a transfer to another class.

### Refunds:

- If you need to withdraw from a class, please notify us immediately.
- For withdrawal less than 3 weeks prior to the course and where the booking cannot be refilled OR failure to attend the course – NO refunds or transfers are allowed.

**GST:** All prices include GST

*See our website for other courses scheduled during the year.*

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