



## STEVE O'MARA

### Woodworker

Stephen John Leslie O'Mara (also known as Harvey) was born in Sydney and is the second youngest of a family of eight. His family travelled from Kempsey to Penrith where they lived hard by the banks of the Nepean River for a few years. The family then settled in Oxley Park where Stephen attended Oxley Public School.

Stephen and his family have always had a strong connection with the land and Stephen developed his bush skills early in life. He relocated to Lithgow NSW with his family and that's where he started to explore his creativity.

Stephen is a self-taught artist with a passion for woodworking and sculpture. He enjoys cooking and has won many prizes for his pickles. Stephen is a member of the Metropolitan Axemen's Association and can be found most weekends participating in wood chops across NSW.

The artwork Stephen creates encapsulates the Australian way of life with the many animals that feature in his work. His artwork can be found in NSW Parks and Wildlife Centres and many fine wood working galleries including Gannon House in Sydney.

