

# Scott's award win a glittering experience



**Touch of gold ... Asquith craftsman Scott Zeller with one of his creations**

ASQUITH antique furniture restorer Scott Zeller will soon expand his trade knowledge and add a touch of gold to it.

The 26-year-old craftsman travels to Italy tomorrow to learn the expert art of gilding.

His 17-day tour of Florence is part of the Queens Trust for Young Australians awards.

"It's something I haven't done before, it will be like an extension of my interest in the trade," he said. "There aren't a lot of people doing

it these days, whereas over there there are so many good pieces of gilded furniture — it's everywhere."

The beautiful Tuscan city of Florence is an ideal classroom to learn gilding — the application of a thin layer of gold, gold leaf or gold paint.

Scott will learn the age-old gilding techniques at the restoration studios of Techne and Medela.

A cabinet maker for the past nine years, Scott runs Zellers Resto-

rations in Asquith and has been constantly rewarded for his meticulous work.

He won the NSW Workskill Australia Foundation title in 1992 and the national title in 1993.

He was placed sixth in the world in his trade at the International Youth Skill Olympics at Taipei in 1993.

Scott's apprentice, Charles Smith, followed in his footsteps, competing in the international competition in Switzerland last year.