



This Maori carving by a man who took up carving only after damaging his hands is to be presented to the City of Adelaide, Australia this month.

The carving was made by Ronald Williams of Christchurch who took up the craft only at the age of 26 after an accident. The accident crushed his hand badly but as he comments, "It is said that to gain something one must first lose something".

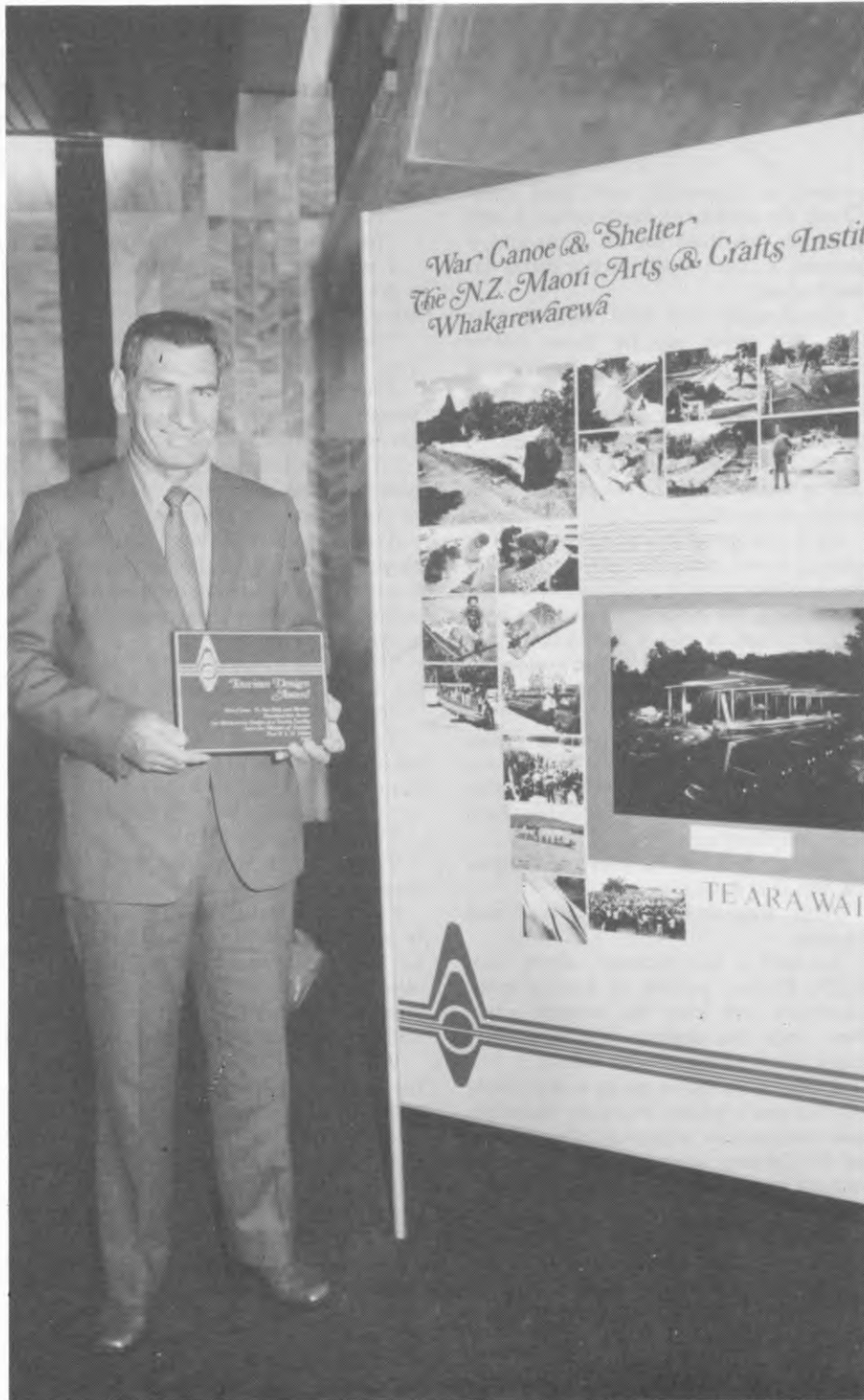
Commissioned by the New Zealand Sawmillers' Federation, the carving will be presented during South Australia's annual Wood Week celebrations.

Each year a different national organisation has offered a timber gift to the city and the New Zealand presentation is destined to appear in Adelaide's prestigious Festival Centre complex.

The carving is of the head of the Maori god Tane and the spirals emerging from his head are representations of the rising whirlwinds by which he ascended to the overworld.

According to Maori lore, Tane's ascent to the overworld was made at great personal risk. He returned to earth with three baskets containing sacred knowledge which has subsequently been passed down from one generation to the next.

Recognition of Mr Williams' ability came in 1973 with a Queen Elizabeth II



**Mr R J MacFarlane, of the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, received an award for the Maori war canoe, Te Ara Wai and its Wharewaka (canoe shelter) in the tourist facility section of the Tourism Design Awards, 1982, presented by the Hon R L G Talbot, Minister of Tourism.**

**Mr R J MacFarlane stands with the awards beside the display panel designed by the National Publicity Studios for the Beehive presentation.**

Art Award which allowed him to study full time for a year.

During the past three years he has been experimenting with contemporary Maori art. "This is essential if the art is to become an integral part of contemporary society and not merely some-

thing we associate with our past," Mr Williams says.

The presentation is expected to be made on behalf of the Sawmillers' Federation by the New Zealand High Commissioner in Australia, Sir Laurie Francis.