

Monaro Timber NEWS

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Flooring madness

Flooring sales have been very strong this past month. We have really picked up in this area as more and more people realise the benefits of a solid timber floor. For starters, timber floors don't allow dust to hide deep within like carpets. Have you ever seen the filth that comes out of a carpet when it's been professionally cleaned? Even the cleanest homes harbour all sorts of dirt and gremlins in the carpet. This can be particularly problematic with asthma and other allergy sufferers, creating a mini dust storm as you walk on it. The other major benefit with timber flooring is improved resale value on your property. Take a look in the real estate section of the paper and you will notice that timber flooring and timber kitchens are always focussed on as features of a home. In my experience people will want to change carpets, curtains, paintwork etc, when they buy a house but if it has a timber floor they will nearly always stick with it. In fact many people will purchase a house because of this feature.

Finally, timber flooring is a long term option. It does generally cost more up front but if done correctly and maintained properly the floor will

last the life of the house. That is usually longer than the life of the owners! Our flooring display is soon to be revamped so if you or your customers are considering a timber floor come and check out the range.

New Stock

Our new Silky Oak and Qld Maple has turned up. Great stuff. The Maple comes in 25, 38 and 50mm thicknesses but no 50mm Silky at this stage. Hopefully won't be too far off. The promised stocks of Silver Ash are due to come out of the kiln soon so we should see material in the next week or two. Fingers crossed on that one. We have also seen Sydney Blue Gum, Tassie Myrtle, Blackwood, Jarrah, Red Gum and Ash make their way into the racks. I am waiting on more Blackwood, which is due in the first week of June. Hey, that's this week! We have also picked up a big job in Jarrah, so after we have sorted through all the packs we will have a bit left over.

I mentioned a couple of months ago that we had new slabs of various species available. Most have been sold so I am chasing up more. If you

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are looking for something a little different then this is the place to look. Borree, Cypress, Greivillia robusta, Red Box and Silver Wattle are just some of the timbers available.

New Glue.

In response to a number of people asking what glue they need to stick some of those tricky hardwoods, we have introduced the Kleiberit range of glues to the line up. I have used these glues in our own workshop with excellent results and the feedback from those customers who have already tried them is very positive. We currently have in stock a PVA and two polyurethane glues, there are many more we can source but these will do for starters. The Polyurethane is the way to go for timbers such as Spotted Gum, Red Gum etc. It is a single part moisture cure available as either a 5 minute open time through to 20 minute open time. Either way you don't have all day but if you are organised you should be right. We have data sheets for all these glues in the office.

That's all this month. *Shaun*