

Monaro Timber

NEWS

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Canberra Fires.

The recent fires in the region have been very devastating for many people and for those of you who have been affected our thoughts are with you. Personally, I've been involved with my local bush fire brigade working in the area between Michelago and Bredbo. The bottom end of the Canberra fires have been threatening our area but fortunately there hasn't been too much serious damage. Because of the bush fire emergency I haven't been around much at Monaro Timber during the past few weeks. If you've been trying to catch me and missed out then I apologise. I hope things will be back to normal shortly.

The Move.

Last newsletter I told you about the workshop move. We are now up and running with the workshop under the same roof as the yard. Unfortunately the set up is still happening as we have been delayed by the fires. Hopefully all will be sorted soon. Already the new shop has proven a positive step as our ability to serve our customers has improved quite a bit. We have also managed to skip dress a lot of our stock to assist you with timber selection. The display area is progressing but the wall frames we have built still need cladding. We are also waiting on our electrician to wire up the lights and we will be under way. It all takes time to get these things in place but we know the changes will help us and our customers.

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Collano Adhesives.

We have added more adhesives to the range. Collano are a Swiss manufacturer who produce a broad range of adhesives. We are stocking some of their polyurethanes and also using them in our workshop. These glues have open times ranging from 15 minutes through to 60 minutes. Our Kleiberit 501 gives you around 20 minutes open time which sometimes is just not enough. With the new adhesives we reckon we can cover you for most applications.

Abrasives.

Don't forget the abrasives we stock now. If you are using Organoil (and why wouldn't you be?) then you will need fine papers down to at least 1200 grit. We also stock 2000 grit for that ultra fine finish. If you need some info or a demo on the use of the oils and the fine papers then give us a call and we will show you how it's done. In the workshop we are finishing a lot of our timber bench tops with oil and the results are fantastic.

Master Classes.

Many of you would know David Upfill - Brown. David operated a wood workshop in the ACT up until a couple of years ago when he became the Academic Director of the Australian School of Fine Furniture (ASFF) in Launceston. He is among the leading designer /

makers of fine furniture in the country and would hold his own amongst the worlds best. David is also a well regarded teacher. If you are interested in learning about furniture making then you may wish to undertake the full time course on offer. If that's not feasible, maybe the short courses are the go for you. ASFF offers a number of these covering several disciplines from marquetry to steam bending. We have information in our office if you would like to know more.

New Stock.

We have lots of Jarrah, Brush Box, Silver Ash and Danta recently arrived. Due in by the time this newsletter hits your office desk is Ash, Western Red Cedar, Cypress Flooring, Iron Bark Decking and Kauri Pine. Our Red Gum Slabs are looking great and the moisture content is down to 14% so they are about right to use. Also in slabs we have some Alpine Ash and Cypress Pine. We have just sold a Cypress slab for use as a post for a letter box. The slab was sanded up both sides and then a hole cut into it for the metal box. The customer will then set the bottom of the slab into the ground (Cypress is a class 1 white ant resistant species) and the whole lot will be finished with Organoil Garden Furniture Oil. This will be a stand out letter box. If you are chasing anything please don't hesitate to call.

Regards

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