

Monaro Timber NEWS

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Bowl Blanks

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I thought I'd start off this month by letting you know about our new bowl blanks. These will suit not only woodturners but also those of you who need a big block of timber. We had a fellow in recently looking for a base for a trophy and he ended up with a fantastic block of Camphor Laurel. It was around 280mm in diameter and 130mm deep. The colours are great in Camphor with shades of cream, green, brown and sometimes almost black streaks. The gentleman who bought it is going to mount to it a pedal and sprocket from a push bike and it will become a memorial trophy for a racing club. Our new batch of bowl blanks include Red Cedar, White Cedar, Rosewood and Camphor. There are some good size blanks for salad bowls and the like so if you are into turning then it will be worth your while to check them out. They will also be great for woodcarvers.

Speaking of trophies, we made a base for one in the workshop the other week. The head of the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation is moving on and some of his workshop staff got a big nut about 150mm across, sliced it through at an angle, polished it to a bright silver finish then we made a Blackwood base for it. The Blackwood was very dark and finished in the Hardburnishing Oil looked a treat. You never know what the workshop is going to look at next.

Triton Convention.

If you are a part time woodworker you may be aware there are clubs devoted to

the use of Triton equipment. Triton make all that bright orange gear available from Fitch Sharpening in Whyalla St in Fyshwick. The clubs got together recently and had a convention out at CIT in Bruce. People came from all over and I was asked to speak about timber. Someone came up with the snappy title "All you need to know about wood" and I had an hour and a half to cover it! It would take about thirty years to cover that topic well! Anyway, it was a good afternoon and I hear the rest of the convention went well. If you would like to find out about the Canberra Club then give us a call.

Flooring Sale.

One of our sawmills has an abundance of wide Ash flooring. The boards are 133 x 19 and end matched. You can have Select Grade, Light Feature and Medium Feature. There are several thousand metres available at the moment but it is not expected to last very long. The prices have been reduced to clear the stock so if you are in the market for some excellent flooring at rates not normally offered then give us a call. If you need your flooring laid then we can also help you with this.

April Fool.

Did you get caught out this year? One of the radio stations in Cooma ran a story that a toll was going to be introduced on a bridge in the main

street. I know it got a few people sucked in before they realised it was prank.

New Stock.

The influx of new stock hasn't slowed much lately. Fortunately we are also sending a lot out so we haven't quite reached bursting point for space just yet! Our Coachwood as promised last month has arrived and looks very good. If you haven't used this classic Australian timber then now's your chance. The Rose Gum in 150 x 38 has also arrived and looks fantastic. This timber offers warm pink / brown colours but is neither too dark or too light. It works fairly easily and takes a good polish. We have plenty of stock. Stocks are also good at present in Jarrah, Blackwood, Danta, Rock Maple and others. We have more European Beech expected in any day, 50 x 50 Leatherwood and Rosewood on order. Did you know we also offer plywood for the base of a solid timber floor over concrete. If you are buying the timber we can now send out the plywood with it.

looking for a different hand basin for your next vanity? We can offer hand made originals that are guaranteed to draw admiration from your friends. These basins are also very well priced and much cheaper than the top range European numbers which in many cases are fairly ordinary. Have a look at ours and try something unique. That's it for this month.

Happy woodworking. *Shaun.*