

Monaro Timber NEWS

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Glue Night

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Last month we hosted a glue info night at our workshop. The evening was attended by around 100 people from the Triton Club of the ACT. During the evening I demonstrated the techniques we use in our workshop to prepare the material prior to glueing. Many people get into trouble because of poor preparation. Simply using a good quality adhesive is not necessarily enough to achieve top results. I explained that although we have been glueing timber together for quite awhile now, with the arrival of our polyurethane glues we have recently been on a steep learning curve. Our techniques have changed a bit and our results have improved. As mentioned before, we are now offering bench tops and other products in species such as Brush Box and Spotted Gum. The polyurethane glues we are using have made this possible. These glues are also waterproof and suitable for out door and marine applications. We have data sheets available at Monaro Timber if you would like to know more. Thanks to all those who attended the glue info evening. I hope it helped you out.

Parliament House Handrails.

You may recall we have been working on handrails for Parliament House over the past year. The current contract has just about been completed. This job was quite interesting and again we found out more things about glueing and laminating. We pushed some of the materials beyond their limits and found out what we could get away with and which things simply wouldn't work. With some of the bends we were getting our laminations down to 1.4mm. We found that at 1.6mm we were getting some failures with certain timbers on the tight bends. It was pretty good fun but at times frustrating when things wouldn't go to plan. I guess that's what woodworking is all about. Thanks to Cercol and VB Joinery for using us on this project.

Ash Supplies.

Are you using Vic Ash or Tas Oak? We are now stocking large volumes in a range of sizes. Our production is from Neville Smith, one of Australia's largest producers. We are buying in bulk

and can forward order specific products for you. I know some people see us as the supplier of bits and pieces to the industry but let me assure you that we are much more. We aim to keep our prices competitive with the Sydney and Melbourne suppliers but we offer more. You can select your own material from our yard or if you have us select it for you we strive very hard to meet your requirements. Now with our new Ash supplies we will be able to service your needs with this product more fully whether you need one stick or a pack lot. Please feel free to call us to discuss your requirements.

Other New Stock.

We have had all sorts come in recently. Various sizes of Jarrah, Danta, Blackwood and Red Stringy Bark. We also have quite a bit of flooring in stock too. Due in shortly we have more Euro Beech, Blue Gum, Rose Gum, Blackbutt, Spotted Gum and Blackwood. Our glue has been moving fast and more is due in a day or two.

That's it for this month.

Regards Shaun.