

Monaro Timber

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Happy New Year

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And a little Christmas cheer.

We have survived another year and if you are like us the break was something you were looking forward to. Hopefully Santa was generous and all your Christmas wishes were granted. I know some of mine were. I also know I ate too much, drank too much and need to get back to work to lose a few kilos!! As I write this it is just before I head off for three days hiking in the Snowy Mountains. That might help a bit.

It will be good to see how the bush has regenerated since last summers' fires. I know the area at the south end of Namadgi, where my local Bush Fire Brigade spent a lot of time, has not come back too well. The fires were so intense everything was killed stone dead. Some parts of the Snowys I had a chance to look at earlier in the year were already coming back. Hopefully more has regenerated since my last visit. I'm looking forward to seeing in the New Year from the highest point in Australia. Hope your own celebrations are / were good fun too.

Congratulations.

We have a workshop as part of our timber yard. Any regulars would be aware of this. There are two guys currently in the shop and a new fellow starts in January. One of the guys, Josh, has just completed stage three of his Cabinetmaking apprenticeship and at the final exhibition was successful in taking out the Cabinetmaking prize. This prize is awarded to the apprentice who shows the highest degree of technical ability and workmanship. Shaun Kenny from Leader Joinery was one of the judges and prize sponsor. He was heard to say, when referring to Josh's job, that they couldn't fault it. So well done Josh and thanks to all the judges and sponsors who keep supporting the training of our future trades people. It's my belief that in this world of machines and automation it is more important than ever to maintain a traditional skills base. Without it quality concepts become lost and the imagination to push our machinery to the limit disappears.

Back on January 5th

New equipment.

Speaking of new machinery, we have just bought some. For a long while now I have wanted to upgrade the thicknesser to a wider machine. Well, we can now run a 620mm wide board through in one go. The new toys don't end here. We also bought a five head moulder. This machine will be able to run a wide range of products from simple square dressed boards through to skirtings, architraves, flooring and beading. We only took delivery just before Christmas and haven't had a chance to really get into it yet. I expect it will take us awhile to get the machine sorted out and learn its, and our, capabilities. As we are able to do more with it I will let you know. Should you have any specific requirements such as a special hand rail or some other moulding then please talk to us. As always, we are keen to help in any way we can. As our repertoire of cutters grows we will put together a display of mouldings, and if we don't have a cutter to match your requirements then we will make one. Santa was very good to us wasn't he? Cheers *Shaun*.