

# Monaro Timber

# NEWS

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## Tassie Trip

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Well the latter part of March was fantastic for me personally as I managed to spend a week in Tasmania. What a great place. Not having been there before it was all new to me and in many respects very different to what I had expected. We travelled over quite a bit of the state but really only saw a tiny bit of it. The whole place is a holiday destination and you could easily spend a month or two looking about. Most importantly I had a look at some sawmills. Of course! I couldn't go to the home of some of the worlds best timbers and not check them out. And what did I see? Well I found some very nice Myrtle with great figure in it, so I bought it! These boards are still green and we have them in strip drying out. They are for sale now at a discounted rate or you can wait until we have dried them, but you will have to pay a little more. I also found some very good Huon Pine, Black Heart Sassafras and Blackwood. We are about to place an order for some once I have finished working out what I would like. There were other goodies on offer too which I will look into later. Also to be found in Tasmania were lots of woodwork galleries. While I found some excellent work I expected to see more of a higher standard of work. Maybe I didn't look in the right ones. Finally on Tassie, I visited the Australian School of Fine Furniture at Launceston. This is a school of woodwork run by David Uphill-Brown. The school is housed in a lovely old building right in the city and originally shared facilities with the TAFE but now pretty well stands alone. David has done a great job getting it all set up and I know the guys there are

turning out some exceptional work. If you are looking to learn some traditional woodworking skills with an emphasis on contemporary design then you should consider taking yourself of to the ASFF. Look them up at [www.asff.com.au](http://www.asff.com.au)

To provide a good all round training the school regularly employs visiting lecturers. At the moment they have none other than Greg Peters. He runs Patinations, a furniture restoration and conservation business right here in Canberra. Greg is a wiz with all sorts of stains and chemical treatments on timber. If you are in need of some furniture conservation work give Greg a call. He should be home very shortly.

### Newsletter by email.

We have been contacting our account customers recently to see who would like to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter via email. Many have requested this and over time our email list will grow. This service is open to anyone who would like it. Simply send an email to [info@mww.com.au](mailto:info@mww.com.au) with the subject as Monaro Timber Newsletter and ask to be added to the mail out list. Easy!! If you run a business or are part of a school, woodwork club etc, then please let us know. Due to the cost of post and print we can't offer this via snail mail but anyone is welcome to drop in and pick up a hard copy from our yard.

### 501.6 is back.

Our Polyurethane glue has proven to be

a real winner. And why not, it's good stuff. It's been so popular that Australian stocks of 501.6, the glue which gives you around 50 minutes work time, ran out and new stocks were urgently sent over from Germany. The drought may have been caused by us. We gave tonnes of the stuff away in February and now everyone wants it. This is the glue of choice for our benchtop manufacturing.

### New Stock.

I have already mentioned the Myrtle. We have also taken delivery of more Blackwood, Jarrah, Blackbutt, Spotted Gum, Silvertop Ash, Hoop Pine and Danta. Stocks of our other standards are in good shape as are stocks of oils and glues. We also have some excellent flooring around including Jarrah, Ash, Silvertop Ash, Brush Box and Cypress Pine. Don't forget that we can supply a full range of flooring and decking and for bearers and joists you should consider either kiln dried F27 Hardwood or Cypress Pine. We can also supply green sawn hardwood cut to order. In fact, if it's in timber, we can probably do it.

### MBA Display.

After a long delay due to a million factors we have finally got our display in at the MBA building on Northbourne Ave. If you are looking for building products do yourself a favour and start here. The staff are particularly helpful. That's it for another month.

Regards

*Shaun*