

Monaro Timber News

The monthly newsletter from Monaro Timber Pty Ltd

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Oiling your timber tops.

Anyone who has purchased an oiled timber benchtop from us knows how good this finish can be but as I say to nearly everyone I talk to about it, there is no perfect timber and no perfect finish. All have pros and cons but on balance I believe the oil is generally better. Recently we had an instance where a freshly oiled and installed top was subjected to high humidity due to a lot of rain over a couple of days. The humidity caused the grain to raise, something that can happen before the oil has fully cured, and the whole thing felt rough. Only on the horizontal surfaces though, not on the vertical ones. Anyhow, the immediate response of the home owner was to apply more oil. Big mistake. Our workshop had already put on all the oil needed. What this top required was a light sanding to denib it then a buff. After the customer had oiled, twice, he realised he wasn't getting far and called me. I spent three hours removing the excess oil, resanding and buffing. All this was done with minimal fuss, on site and no mess. While the need to repair the top was a nuisance it wasn't difficult and now it looks as good as new. Not a feat easily achieved with polyurethane. The information we supply from Organoil is very good but we are working on some more which we can supply with our tops to clarify some of these situations. Stay tuned.

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Our crane truck in action standing up a house frame.

Web site contributions.

Last month I asked if anyone had any photos they would like to contribute to our web page that is currently in development. We have had a couple of responses but would really like to see more examples of your work. Don't be shy, send them in!

New Stock.

Decking stocks have been topped up so mixed hardwood, Yellow Stringy and Merbau are on hand. Oops, nearly forgot the Cypress Pine. We have had new stocks of Karri dressed all round in 240 x 45 recently, up to 5.1m long. This material makes great step treads and hand rails for outside work. This month has seen more Blackwood and Jarrah put into the racks as well as Tas Oak. Flooring sales have started off well for the year and the good news is the mills are all back and producing product. January is always hard with saw mills as many shut for holidays and maintenance. As always, if you need something, call us.

Position Vacant.– Filled.

As you may know we have been searching for an apprentice for the past couple of months. Recently we advertised and as a result two candidates have just joined our workshop for a work trial. Zane and Josh were the successful ones in a strong field of hopefuls. We wish them well. Also joining us is Monica in the office. Monica doesn't have a timber background but is learning fast. She is responsible for whipping the office into shape and may well take your next call. Just before Christmas Paul joined us too. His job covers customer service and deliveries. You may have already met if you've dropped in recently. We wish all our new crew the very best and know they are committed to continuing and improving the service we offer. Until next month. *Shaun.*

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