



Monaro Timber News

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New Floor Looks Great.

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Our new office and showroom is close to completion. It should have been finished by now but we have been rather busy with a range of jobs, settling into our new shed and I had some time off with one of those nasty bugs going around. As a result we still have some work to finish off in the office and showroom. The floor is down though and looks great. Thanks very much to Blue Ridge Hardwoods for the timber. We have used a mixed hardwood, wide board Silvertop Ash and Yellow Stringy Bark. All of these timbers are very tough and should stand up to a lot of punishment. As no one ever wipes their feet or takes off their shoes before coming into our place it's just as well the timber is tough! If you are thinking of a timber floor in your place then here are a few tips to help you keep it looking great.

- 1 Put good floor mats at the entry ways to encourage people to clean their shoes.
- 2 Try and stick to soft shoes, without deep treads which can hold stones, or better still, bare feet or socks.
- 3 Buy one of those big brooms which is more like a mop. They charge with static electricity when pushed around and attract dust particles. Simply take outside and shake to clean. Use regularly, they are very fast.
- 4 For mopping, a cup of cleaning vinegar and a cup of metho in a bucket of water is cheaper and more user friendly than most of the commercial cleaning products. You only need to mop when the floor is grubby and then use a good sponge mop.
- 5 If using Organoil, re-coat and buff two or three times a year or as looks dull. If you have a modified Tung Oil or Polyurethane coating refer to specifications but don't allow the coating to completely wear away. Most can be re-coated easily these days and if yours cannot be easily touched up, pick another coating system.

Timber floors are very easy to maintain and with the wide range of coatings available you can achieve all sorts of effects from low sheen to a full gloss. Just remember that the more gloss you have the more the dust and scratches will show. Our new samples will shortly be coated in a number of different products to help explain your options.

New Stock.

This month has seen a lot of new stock arrive. We have had flooring from Tas, Vic, WA, QLD and NSW in all sorts of species. Stocks of Jarrah, Ash, Tas Oak, Lemon Scented Spotted Gum, Northern Beech and more are in good supply. Brush Box is very tight but we do have 44m² in store now. More stock will be some time away. We have a fantastic mixed Reds Hardwood in store and of course as I've mentioned the Blue Ridge Mixed Hardwood is also available. This is a much lighter mix of Silvertop, Messmate, Stringy and Ash.

Just arrived is some more fantastic F27 Hardwood. As I've said before, much of this is really appearance grade but comes at structural prices. We have quite a few sizes on hand now. We have seen new American Walnut come in, we liberated some QLD Walnut from a pack we have had buried, a pack of 100mm thick Maple arrived a few days ago along with some 32mm dressed boards and some 200 x 25 sawn boards. We have a greater selection of dressed and sawn Tas Oak and Ash in the racks now including 285 x 19. On order is more Danta at 50mm thick and Silky Oak in 38mm boards. I am also chasing some 100 x 100 Silky Oak so fingers crossed. We have 38mm Hickory due in before Christmas so if you are a bow maker or want to smoke the turkey then come and see us.