



Monaro Timber News

The monthly newsletter from Monaro Timber Pty Ltd

December 2005

Marist Exhibition

As I mentioned last month we helped out with this years exhibition. I must say the standard was very high and it was interesting to see what some of the guys were working on. As the exhibition encompassed technology as well as woodwork there was everything from surfboards to anemometers. I have seen all types of furniture over the years but one of the most original was Josh Carmody's fish tank chair. Seeing a lounge chair with fish swimming around in the arms was a first for me!

Congratulations to all the guys for a great show. It's also worth noting the exhibition was organized by four of the boys with I believe minimal assistance. I have seen several exhibitions run by more experienced people fall short of this one. Well done.

Timber tip.

Do you need to produce some very thin strips for curved lamination work or edges on veneer board? If you are trying to produce an edge to glue with the saw is generally not good enough. You could hand plane the strips but this is pretty difficult. If you don't have a thickening sander then you will have to thickness conventionally. Pick a good clean board to start with to avoid tear out. Place the strips on a base board then run through your thicknesser. Make sure the grain direction is correct. If you get stuck, we can produce very clean strips down to 1.5mm thick.

New Stock.

The past month has seen a lot of timber come and go. New stock includes African Mahogany in 25 and 38mm thicknesses. We also have some 75mm squares for legs or turning. More Blackwood has arrived so stocks are quite reasonable at present. We also took delivery of several packs of Jarrah in a range of sizes. We have also received our long awaited pack of 38mm Hickory. All you archers, come on down. Hickory also makes great chips for smoking meat and it's cheaper to chop up a board than buy the ready made chips. Two packs of Myrtle also turned up, 38 and 50mm. Soon we hope to have our racks for Tassie timbers built so we can get the Myrtle off the floor!

End of Year Deadlines.

The workshop has pretty well closed off for this year. We are squeezing in some small machining jobs but other than that any larger jobs taken on from now will be a 2006 delivery. The past six weeks has been a bit frantic with some delays for which we are sorry but they have been unavoidable. Really is the silly season. The plan is to re-arrange the workshop in the new year. Hopefully this produces some efficiencies allowing us to cope better when it gets really busy.

That's all for another month.

Regards *Shaun*

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Apprenticeship available

Currently we are looking for an enthusiastic person to join the team as a first year cabinetmaking apprentice. The successful person will need the ability to learn on the job, problem solve, possess good basic maths and a desire to work with wood. If this sounds like you then email a resume to the address on this page.

Secret nail gun

For those of you who lay floors for a living we have available a new flooring gun which is a direct copy of the Bostich at less than half the price. These guns have been tested by a couple of layers with great results. If you are in the market for a new gun or planning to have a go at laying one for the first time you should check out this gun. Comes in a carry case too. (The Bostich doesn't)

We also have a gun for hire should you wish to do a one off and not want to buy one. Remember though, if you lay your own floor, you should have it professionally sanded and sealed.

New email:

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Christmas Trading.

We are closing for the Christmas break on Friday 24th of December. We will re-open on Tuesday 4th of January, 2006.

Thankyou for your support this year. From all the crew at Monaro Timber we hope you have a fantastic, and most of all, safe Christmas.

We are looking forward to catching up with everyone in 2006.