



Monaro Timber News

The monthly newsletter from Monaro Timber Pty Ltd

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Woodie get together

In March we hosted an afternoon visit from the Eurobodalla Woodies, Goulburn Woodworkers and the Canberra Triton Club. After kicking off with some lunch we toured the racks and the workshop discussing various timbers, their uses and things to be mindful of when selecting them. We also ran a little hand planing exercise again and a few people had a go at peeling off 5m long shavings of Hoop Pine.

All in all the day went very well and I understand the clubs made good use of the opportunity to mix with the members of the other clubs. Special thanks to Richard and Robert for taking care of the catering.

We also hosted a visit from some of the students at St Francis Xavier school. This visit presented a chance for the guys to see timbers other than pine and to get an idea about sizes etc for some up and coming projects.

Coming up over the next couple of months I will be addressing three classes of design students at CIT and the group of small practice Architects here in Canberra. This is all part of our commitment to helping people use timber wisely and effectively.

Email problems.

Just over a week ago our email fell over big time. It took many phone calls, most never returned, to our ISP before something was finally sorted and not even a simple sorry for the hassle. The hassle was that for five days we could neither send nor receive email and I know that we lost forever quite a few. If you are one of the people who sent us email during this time then I'm sorry for the lack of reply. Technology is fantastic isn't it? In fact we were mostly let down by an apathetic SERVICE provider.

New Stock.

Jarrah has been coming thick and fast lately and we have more on the way. March also saw the arrival of some lighter coloured Vic Ash. We took delivery of some great 150 x 38 and 200 x 25 Brush Box with 150 x 50 due in any day. Our stocks of 25mm Danta are in good shape with some boards up to 28mm wide. If you are looking for single board shelving we can help you with Kauri Pine at 310mm wide and Tas Oak in 285 x 19 dressed and laminated. We also put away a pack of 150 x 38 Fijian Cedar which is nice and clean and pretty cheap.

That's all for another month.

Regards *Shaun*

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Floor glue sticks.

Unfortunately one of the floors we were involved with was flooded recently only weeks after completion. Nearly 50m² had to be pulled up and replaced. A very slow leak in some plumbing in the roof allowed water to run down an internal wall and into the floor. The water worked its way between the plywood and concrete as well as into the timber itself. Needless to say it swelled up tremendously but the encouraging part is that even after several weeks of drowning the Kleiberit 567 flooring adhesive was hanging on tight. Although it did let go in the extreme areas all things considered it worked extremely well. When the floor was pulled up there was some fibre tear in places and it didn't all come up easily. This unfortunate event has been a good test for the product.

CIT Exhibition.

The third year students from CIT Cabinetmaking recently displayed their work at a showing in the Canberra Centre. This is the second time the exhibition has been in Civic which is a break from the traditional venue of the CIT library. The big benefit is the greatly increased number of people who see it. The apprentices have to design and build a piece of furniture as part of their third year assessment and the overall standard was again very high. It is worth considering the guys generally make little or no furniture at work so the achievements reflect their real ability. Along with Michelle from Choice Cabinetworks and Peter from Schiavello I was privileged to judge the pieces and I must say the task wasn't easy. Congratulations to all involved.