



Monaro Timber

News

The monthly newsletter from Monaro Timber Pty Ltd

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Fantastic Flooring.

I received a very welcome phone call a few days ago. Bellevue Building's foreman Laith rang just to say thanks for the last batch of Brush Box flooring we delivered to them. He was laying it and it was going together so well he had to call and tell me. It really is great when someone takes the time to do this. We passed on the compliment to the mill too so they could take a pat on the back for producing such a good product. Bellevue are doing a couple of places in the same street and a call from owner Andrew a short time later confirmed they want more of the same for the next place. All we can say is when you're on a good thing!!

Cold Weather and Finishing.

Regular readers of our newsletter would be aware we recommend an oil finish on our solid timber benchtops. In particular we use the Organoil Hardburnishing Oil. Organoil don't use any solvents or dryers in their oils so they rely on the burnishing action and mother nature to cure. With the very cold weather the oils can be slow to dry so we suggest that you work in a warm room. You probably want to anyway! If you have a cold workshop it is a good idea to move the finished timber to a warm room afterwards. If you are using lacquers you can still have problems with the cold so it could be worth spraying after lunch and again, warm the area up. Be careful not to create a fire hazard though and if you don't have a proper booth you should send your spraying to a specialist shop.

Finishing timber at this time of year is always problematic. If you are experiencing problems try raising the temperature and talk to the coating manufacturers.

New Stock.

The timber has been flowing almost constantly recently. We scored some fantastic wide boards of Maple around 400mm wide. Also with it was some BIG boards of Vic Ash, Ramin, Oregon and Silver Ash. This material is around 35 years old. Also new in stock are some big birds eye Messmate slabs with a natural edge. They are over ten years old too. Other special items to arrive recently include Black Heart Sassafras, Blackwood squares, Aussie Cedar slabs up to 100mm thick and some really excellent Tas Myrtle 150 x 38. Our racks are full of great run of the mill (pardon the pun) boards but we also have a huge range of really special timbers for those more unusual or prestigious jobs. Take a moment to have a good look around one day.

That's all for another month.

Regards *Shaun*

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Positions Vacant.

Last month I mentioned we had some positions vacant. We almost filled a couple of them but unfortunately we haven't found suitable solutions to our staff shortages.

Positions are full time. Check out the web, give me a call.

Specifying Timber.

If you are in the business of specifying products for buildings or other construction projects I have a tip for you that may well save a lot of problems as the project progresses. Talk to your suppliers first! We are currently working on a project which is quite large and has had stair material specified in unobtainable sizes. Some of the construction methods specified don't allow for available materials either. We have spent several frantic days having specs changed and as the project is now time critical every day spent discussing these changes is another day we don't have to fabricate the components.

At Monaro Timber we have always given freely our time to help designers find solutions to their problems. Many other suppliers of all sorts of materials will do the same. The idea being the problems are solved, not created, and we, the supplier, hopefully win the job. If a specifier can tell a builder exactly what they need and where to get it the job usually goes more smoothly and the risk of getting it wrong is reduced. Please call us if you think we can help out.