



# Monaro Timber News

The monthly newsletter from Monaro Timber Pty Ltd

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## Another year bites the dust.

For those in business you are probably just finishing another busy time with the end of financial year chaos. Anyone who runs an inventory usually grizzles about the annual stock take. It is a pain having to go around counting everything and then checking it all against your data base, but it is a good exercise. In our case we found a whole bunch of things that weren't lost as such, just forgotten about. We have a lot more flooring in stock than we thought, especially small part packs. We have always kept loose flooring in the racks for the times you need a few pieces, not whole packs, and we are now set to increase the amount of rack stock flooring. We also have a few other products that have been hidden away and we have a few empty bays in the racks so expect to see some new boards on show shortly.

As far as years go we have had a pretty good one. Our workshop underwent an overhaul and though it has some more work to be done it is operating more efficiently than ever. We have also made improvements in the yard with changes to the racking, improved signage, increased stock levels and other little things you probably wouldn't notice. I hope your financial year went well and if you are retired or not involved with any end of year stuff then lucky you!

## Monaro Timber's New Van

A few months ago I mentioned how we had the use of a new Mercedes van after making a donation to the MS Society. Well the first two months went so well we decided to keep it. You may see it getting around, as it has done 18000km already, so it is out there!

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## New Stock.

As I already mentioned, you can expect to see some unearthed treasures from our pack stocks making their way into the racks shortly. We have also seen a lot of new stock arrive lately including some 38mm NG Rosewood, 200 x 25 Jarrah, mixed width 25mm Blackwood, 200 x 25 Spotted Gum, 38mm Brush Box and various sizes of Tas Oak. Have you looked at our slabs lately? We had some unidentified slabs which we now believe are Incense Cedar. They are a warm yellow colour with good tight knots. This timber is quite stable and easy to work. There are several 50mm slabs around 450mm wide available.

That's all for another month.

Regards *Shaun*

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### Positions vacant.

We still require the services of a professional to join us in a business development / customer service role. If you have some industry experience and would like the opportunity to really achieve something give me a call.

Our workshop requires a Cabinetmaker or Wood Machinist to join us full time. Timber experience is required and the position is full time.

### Acclimatising timber.

A number of times recently we have been asked for advice about acclimatising timber, especially considering the current weather patterns. I'm talking mainly about solid flooring. When a new floor arrives at site it should be checked by the layer to establish its moisture content. Then the decision to acclimatise or not can be made. Secondly, it's no use acclimatising timber in the garage or house where the conditions are vastly different to those expected in service. With all the rain we are getting it is possible to see a dramatic increase in moisture content of your flooring. Of course, when the house is finished and heaters turned on the flooring then dries and shrinks. Some movement is always going to happen with timber flooring but the idea is to minimise it as much as possible. Acclimatising under the wrong conditions can create a problem instead of avoiding one. A good floor layer will assess all of the factors and then decide a suitable approach. For our part, we guarantee all flooring to be less than 14% MC which then gives the layer good place to start.