



# Monaro Timber News

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## Decking, sunshine and BBQ's.

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With the warmer weather upon us ( some days at least! ) the inevitable rush to get the new deck built for the BBQ season begins. We have always stocked a good range of decking board options and this year we have the following.

**Spotted Gum.** This super tough Aussie hardwood is a favourite with many people as it has a good range of warm brown tones and a fantastic fiddle back figure that is quite common. Available in either 85 x 19, 65 x 19 and 140 x 25, there is a size to suit all tastes and applications. We offer matching flooring if you are planning a floor that will flow out to a deck area. Boards are random in length and we make packs up to suit any size job. All timber kiln dried.

**Silver Top Ash.** A local hardwood ( Sth NSW ) with light to medium brown tones. Apart from being a tough durable species, it is also fire rated and very well priced. Plenty at the mill now but this popular species will be in short supply next month so don't wait too long. All timber kiln dried.

**Mixed Hardwood.** A blended selection of timbers like Iron Bark and Spotted Gum. Excellent durability and greater variation than a single species offering the ultimate in interest. All timber kiln dried.

**Northern Box .** A hardwood from south east Asia, this red brown timber has very uniform colour and excellent durability. It is available in 90 x 19 and 140 x 25

sizes. The boards are reeded ( ribbed ) on the reverse face though some people lay with the reeded face up. All timber is kiln dried.

**Merbau.** We only stock dry material. Quality and price varies tremendously and you really need to ask what you are buying. Our Merbau is purchased from certified sources ensuring there is a high level of control over the logging operations that produce it. This applies to the sawn sizes we keep too. If you want a quality product and care about sustainability then talk to us.

**Cypress Pine.** An Aussie classic that has the termites running for cover. Build a deck from Cypress and you can be sure they will eat out the neighbours first!! This timber is also a Class One durability species meaning it will be around for better than 25 years in the ground. It comes green and dressed but with low shrinkage rates the movement is quite manageable. Forget Treated Pine, try the chemical free alternative that is very hard and better looking. ( well we think so ) Cypress also prices up better than anything else we stock making it a sensible choice for those seeking a good long term option on a tight budget.

As I'm nearly out of room I will quickly mention that we also stock Forest Red Gum and Karri. These are red species offering excellent durability. The Karri comes 65 x 19 and in set lengths. **Quick Tip.** Always screw a deck down, use kiln dried hardwood for joists and finish off with Organoil decking oil.

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## New Stock.

Where to start. The past month has seen some wonderful new stock arrive including more 25mm Tas Myrtle. This timber is getting harder to get but we currently have good stocks. Don't miss out. Our 25mm Blackwood is as good as you will see too. Just arrived was some new F27 in Spotted Gum, Blackbutt and Keruing. We separate our structural hardwood by species allowing you to mix and match with your decking to create joists, steps, handrails etc. I could spread to two pages this month but will spare you! Stocks are as good as we have seen for a long while so as always, call us if you need **anything**.

That's all for another month.

Regards *Shaun*