



# Monaro Timber

## News

The monthly newsletter from Monaro Timber Pty Ltd

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### Timber Certification evening

We sent out an invitation to a number of Architects and Builders to join us on Thursday 6th of December to find out the latest on the new Australian Forestry Standard. We have David Head from Australian Solar Timbers to tell us what it means for AST to be the first sawmill in the country to be accredited under this standard. Also joining us will be Simmonds Lumber who will bring us up to speed with the new DNA testing of Merbau in SE Asia. Certification, Chain of Custody and other verification measures will become the norm shortly and at Monaro Timber we are aware of this and aim to keep ahead of the pack. It's a lot easier for us to do this with the great levels of support we receive from our suppliers. If you wish to join us, ring quick and let us know. Kicks off at 6.00pm, will run for half hour or so and finish off with a few Christmas drinks and question / answer session.

### Christmas Countdown.

It's nearly here!! Our workshop is now fully booked and can't fit another job in. In fact, we will struggle to get through what we have before shutting down for a much needed break. We were lucky to win the job of supplying all the flooring for the Canberra School of Music refurbishment and on top of this we will also be supplying literally tonnes of timber trims and step nosings. Much of this needs to be done before Christmas so the pressure is on. On top of the big jobs we have lots of small ones to get through too. It is great to be busy but disappointing when we have to decline work. If you need our workshop services let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. If you need rough sawn timber, decking or flooring then despite the Christmas rush things are going quite well.

### New Stock.

Red Iron Bark Decking, fantastic stuff. Spotted Gum, Mixed Hardwood and Yellow Stringing Decking. Lots of kiln dried structural hardwood to fix it all to and dressed, laminated Merbau posts to hold it all off the ground.

Furniture timbers. Euro Beech, Jarrah, Tas Oak, Myrtle, Blue Gum and Spotted Gum. We are well stocked with most items. Checked out the offcuts area? Try a ten dollar box for something new.

Have a great and save Christmas, thanks for all your support, see you all again next year.

That's all for another month.

Regards *Shaun*

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### Christmas Closure.

Our last day this year will be Saturday 22nd December. This will give our customers an opportunity to pick up any orders or grab any last minute sticks for the holiday projects. We will close at 12.00 noon as per normal Saturday hours. Monaro Timber will return for business on Monday 7th of January.

### New Machinery.

Just when we thought we had all the toys we found some more!! In December we will commission a new Felder saw spindle combination machine. Although our moulder can run all sorts of profiles it has limitations, especially with small runs. The new moulder will solve many problems for us and with the interchangeable spindles coming with it we will be able to use a range of cutters including router cutters. The rubber rolled power feed will allow us to re machine dressed timber without serious bruising.

The new saw will have the ability to accurately cut almost any angle. Our current machine works well at 90 and 45 degrees but after that it is a fiddle. With two saws on hand, dedicated to different jobs, we will be able to process timber faster. This will be a win for everyone.

With new machines comes more pairs of hands. January will see at least two new apprentices starting with us. Due to a lack of skilled labour and our commitment to training, this is a logical next step for us.