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Flooring still a roller coaster ride.

Last month we mentioned some changes with timber grading and pricing. A number of these changes have occurred and already the mills are looking at each other to see who is doing what with regards to pricing. One of the mills we deal with have increased Blackbutt prices twice in the past week. The next month or two will see several more adjustments until the dust settles and then we will see prices stabilize. As a local distributor it is frustrating not knowing what rates we are paying from one week to the next for certain products. To avoid some of the pain we have stocked up on a few flooring products and as for the rest of the species we are doing our best to keep on top of things for you.

I can confirm the outlook for southern Spotted Gum is still bleak with only limited quantities available. I can source the Queensland Spotted Gum more easily but with the southern material in short supply the Queensland production has been under pressure. The bottom line is don't assume anything, check availability and if you want it, **order it!**

AWISA.

Many of you who run joinery shops would have made it to AWISA this year. For those who don't know, this is an exhibition which showcases machinery, tools and products used in the joinery industry. The show fills four halls of the Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour and runs for four days every two years. This year we shut the workshop for a day and the boys and I travelled up the Hume to spend a day in the big smoke. Working in a solid timber business our guys don't see the equipment used in the sheet and board side of the industry. Massive edge banders, CNC routers, cabinet assembly machinery and much of the hardware on offer was all new for the boys. We also saw some woodworking equipment such as the latest thicknessers and a new rotating clamp rack they wanted to bring home. All in all it was a good show and without doubt the highlight for the guys was meeting several of the young ladies handing out brochures and for James, winning the GPS as a door prize. It was a good prize because we used it to get us out of Sydney.

New stock.

The 25mm Blackwood I mentioned last month arrived and is now in the rack. There are some wide boards up around 250mm which is something we

haven't seen for awhile. The stocks of American Walnut that arrived look good and after filling orders we have a fair bit left. A new pack of random width 25mm Tas Myrtle has just arrived and will be broken in a day or two. After we pull an order from it the rest goes in the racks for sale. Turpentine isn't a timber you generally see in furniture boards but we have received a pack of 150 x 50. The workshop made up some step treads from it to match a floor we supplied earlier and they look sensational. We will shortly be doing some capping for some half walls and a few other bits and pieces because the customer liked the steps so much he decided he should use a bit more.

On the flooring front we have 4000Lm of Select Brush Box due in any day. We have sold 1000Lm already and I don't expect the rest to last too long. This material is 80 x 19mm. Also due shortly is some Select Blackbutt in the same size.

The end of financial year stock take showed a number of small packs I need to move so if you have a job for between 10 and 30m² we may have some cheap options for you. As these part packs are older stock the prices are pre current rises.

We have a pack of 130 x 19 Select Vic Ash going at a good rate due to over ordering. It will cover around 40m².

Are you a wood club member?

Many of our customers are members of the various woodworking clubs or school students. We provide all club members with a discount on most products so long as we know you are a member "before" we run the invoice. Be sure to let us know what club or school you are a member of so we give you the right price. Shortly we will be offering some special prices on a wide range of items especially for club members. Stay tuned for more info on this one.

As always, if you need anything let us know.

Cheers

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