



Monaro Timber News

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Best accommodation deal ever!!

Last month we introduced to you our special accommodation deal with our Jindabyne unit. A number of our customers will shortly be enjoying a relaxing break in Jindabyne so if you would like to be in on it then come and see us for the full details.

Step up.

Recently we have been making a lot of timber step treads. While we don't fabricate full stair cases we do a lot of timber treads on steel spines. The treads may be screwed to a steel plate, the plate may be housed into the bottom of the treads or the treads can be screwed to plates welded onto steel stringers. There are many things you can do with open rise stairs but is important to support the treads for as much of the width as possible with the steel plates. It is important to remember that if the timber is going to split it will do so along the grain, so a plate close to the full width of the tread will support the timber if it fractures. On a standard rectangular tread a plate of at least 200mm in width is a minimum. If you have winders, (triangular shapes) make the steel to suit. We recently fabricated a set of treads in American Walnut to match a Walnut floor we supplied. More common timbers include Jarrah, Ash, Brush Box and Spotted Gum. We have a set in Hoop Pine in the workshop at present so almost whatever timber you want can be turned into treads, so long as we can get the rough sawn boards. Nearly, forgot, we did a set in Turpentine for Bellevue Building recently that turned out fantastically well. So did their floor by the way. Whatever you need, feel free to call and discuss.

Imported timber pricing.

Interest rates have taken another fall and the price of crude oil is as low as it has been for ages and yet the bowser price hasn't dropped much. This affects the price of everything including timber and then there is the Aussie Dollar. As I write this it has just hit 73 cents so if you are thinking of purchasing something like Merbau decking expect to pay a lot more than you would have a month or two ago. Why not look at the Aussie decking products? We have excellent timbers such as Spotted Gum, Red and Grey Ironbark, Yellow Stringy Bark, Blackbutt, Mixed Reds, Forest Red Gum and Silver Top Ash. Then of course there is Cypress Pine which is both a class one

durability species and white ant resistant. Class one means it is good in the ground for at least 25 years. That is as long as most people want a deck for and above ground the durability ratings increase dramatically. Envelope seal all your timber with oil prior to installation a you can further increase the life of the timber.

We have a range of decking profiles in stock including our mixed hardwood in a 136 x 32 size. This is a brilliant product that will last for ages and is about as strong as you can get. Don't forget we have a range of kiln dried hardwood you can use for bearers, joists, handrails and steps if you want a really special job.

Flooring Specials

We are currently well stocked with a number of species of timber flooring. Here are few specials.

Select Brush Box 80 x 19 \$99.00/m²

Grey Ironbark Light Medium Feature 80 x 19
\$80.00/m²

QLD Spotted Gum 80 x 19 Select Grade
\$85.00/m²

Mixed Whites 80 x 19 Medium Feature Grade one
pack only \$70.00/m²

Mixed Reds 80 x 19 Select Grade half pack only
\$68.00/m²

Mixed Reds 80 x 19 Select Grade 30m² only
\$64.00/m²

If you are looking for a small quantity of flooring we have numerous part packs which we will sell at full pack rates. Please call us to discuss the options.

Cheers

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