



Monaro Timber News

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Welcome Back?

I trust you all had a good break and in fact I know many are still enjoying some time off. We are back on deck with a few holiday absences but still plenty of capacity to take care of your requirements. Organising flooring orders will be a bit tricky for some products due to the fact that several mills will be running on skeleton staff for a few weeks and full production won't commence until later in the month. Delays won't apply to everything so please call us if you need anything and we will follow it through for you. Our workshop is almost back to full speed and this year we welcome Chris who joins us one day per week undertaking a school based apprenticeship. While only attending one day means it will be difficult to really achieve a lot it will give both Chris and Monaro Timber a good opportunity to really decide if a career in the workshop is the right way to go. Chris has also been helping in the yard on Saturdays and during his school holidays. He has already proven a willingness and aptitude so we all wish him well.

Positions Vacant.

We have a couple of jobs open at present. One is a yard hand / truck driver. We haven't been lucky with this position since Ron left us last year. Several starters just didn't work out. For any applicants, I will say now the ability to deliver customer service in an organized and timely fashion are essential. The job isn't particularly hard or onerous but it does have it's moments and will suit someone who enjoys a few challenges. Those seeking recovery time from the hurly burly of their personal lives need not apply! In these times of economic hardship you can either shrink back or push forward. We have chosen to push so to achieve this we need a dedicated sales professional. This person will have primary responsibility for all walk in customers and flooring / decking enquiries. Amongst other things you will need to demonstrate excellent organisational skills, be a good communicator, complete regular reports and make yourself available for week ends and after hours work. If you have the aptitude we will provide the necessary training. Could this be your next job? If you think so, contact me personally to discuss.

What Kills Us Aussies?

Every year Aussies are dying in all manner of ways. I was reading recently some interesting figures in my

latest issue of Australian Geographic. They didn't cover everything but a few numbers were quite interesting and a little surprising. For instance, you may think that sharks take out few people annually. Try 1.2. Snakes? Only 2.6 people per year. I know a lot of you like to fish. Rock fishing deaths account for 9.8 each year. Obviously these figures are averages over several years. The two big ones on the list are falling off ladders at 18.3 deaths per year and top of the list, home DIY accidents a whopping 60. The moral to all this? Get yourself a builder or other suitable tradesman, especially if you have two left feet and are all thumbs!!

New Stock.

With the lead up to Christmas and an anticipated slow start in January, our plan was to not buy in too much timber. Yep, great plan! As it happened we managed to buy in quite a bit of fresh stock in December. Grey Iron Bark for step treads has always been a bit of a problem. No more. A pack of 100 x 50 recently arrived so those of you looking for treads to match your flooring will be under control. We also stock 200 x 25 boards we can use for risers. In our last newsletter I told you that stocks of F27 and F17 were good. Well, they are better still now with more packs arriving in December. It is mostly Black Butt and Blue Gum. Our Aussie Reds and Black Butt decking has proven a winner in the 88 x 19 size. Stocks are pretty good at present.

As I write this I am chasing up fresh Jarrah in 25mm. We do have stock of 38 and 50mm including some 300 x 50.

Did you know we do a range of structural plywood with an exterior bond. Most of this ends up as underlay between timber flooring and concrete but it does have other uses. It makes a cost effective wall lining for sheds, can be used to construct shelving, storage boxes or kids furniture. If you want something even cleaner then try BB grade Hoop plywood. All the best for 2009.

Cheers

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