



# Monaro Timber News

The monthly newsletter for people who love timber



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## The move is done!!!

Welcome to the September / October edition of Monaro Timber News. The astute readers amongst you will notice the absence of a September issue. I confess to being totally disorganized and I simply didn't manage to get one done. Our move was all consuming and some things fell by the way. The newsletter was one of them, which is why this is a double issue. The great news is that we are now operating 100% from Queanbeyan. We still have a lot of work to do to get things in order but at least I have all of my staff at the one address. We have tried to minimize the impact of the move on our customers and generally it went pretty well. The wheels did fall off a few times and some of you had to wait a bit for timber to arrive, machining to get done or for us to get to the timber to get it out. I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and apologise to those few who were inconvenienced. We are constantly looking at how we do business and ways to improve our service delivery. Getting it right all the time will never happen but aiming for that goal is our commitment to our clients.

## Sustainable House Day 2009.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September hundreds of people visited houses throughout Australia to see how everyday Aussies are using wood and other sustainable products to do their bit for climate change. FWPA's Wood. Naturally Better. program sponsored "Sustainable House Day 2009" to help bring the message of wood and sustainable houses closer together.

"This is a terrific opportunity to highlight the environmental credentials of wood to thousands of people who will visit these homes around Australia," said Ric Sinclair, Managing Director of Forest and Wood Products Australia. People who attend this event are generally looking for ways to make their houses more sustainable. They may be looking at extensions on their existing homes, building new

houses or retrofitting and renovating old ones."

"By educating more people about the environmental qualities of wood, people can make conscious choices about building materials," said Mr Sinclair. "This has a flow on effect to choices such as house construction, flooring choices, wood panel lining, kitchen cupboards, outdoor decking and even timber furniture. It's all about driving demand for wood products by giving people the right information and knowledge to make educated buying decisions," said Mr Sinclair.

For more info look up [www.fwpa.com.au](http://www.fwpa.com.au)

## Monaro Timber now distributes Polycure waterbased finishes.

Polycure are an Australian manufacturer of timber floor coating systems. They are a division of the Mirotone group, which was established in Sydney in 1935. Mirotone make a broad range of coating systems for many applications, not just flooring, and have operations in Asia, Europe and America. Not bad for an Australian company.

Until recently to buy Polycure water based coatings here in Canberra you had to order them in. No local suppliers actually stocked water based. We saw this as quite a problem so after some discussions an arrangement was made for Monaro Timber to carry Polycure waterbased on the shelf. Have a look at what's on offer.

AQUAPRO 8068 HITEK water based floor finish. This is a single pack water based floor finish that exhibits outstanding abrasion resistance that is superior to most water based floor finishes. AQUAPRO 8068 HITEK displays excellent resistance to a range of household and industrial chemicals including nail polish remover, alcohol, mineral turps, beetroot, coffee and oil.

Being a water based product it is much safer for contractors and the homeowner.

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## Polycure continued.

AQUAPRO 8068 HITEK is available in a full range of gloss levels. We are keeping 5 and 10 litre bottles in stock.

One of the benefits of water based floor coating systems is the fact they generally dry much faster than traditional oils or moisture cure polyurethanes. This means you can get up to three coats down in a day. For the floor finishers this represents less time on the floor and for the builder or home owner it means the floor can take traffic a lot earlier. This fast drying can be a problem for the operator as the coats can dry as they are going down, especially in warm weather. To assist with the application of their water based coatings in warm weather Polycure have the Wet Edge Extender. This is an additive for the polish which retards the drying, making it easier to get the coats down. With summer coming on we have Wet Edge Extender in 1 Lt bottles.

Another product that every user of the water based coatings should have is Revive. Revive is a clear, sacrificial water based maintenance coating for your flooring. This product is also compatible with many other coating systems and is available in two types, the 4412 and the 4450 UV. The later product is specially designed to coat pre finished floors such as the Boral Silkwood. The idea with Revive is to regularly apply to your floor, say every three to six months depending on traffic, and the Revive protects the coating underneath. It is a simple mop on job and dries in about an hour. By keeping up regular maintenance with Revive the times between proper recoats are greatly extended and floors will look newer for longer.

For more information on the range of Polycure products visit [www.polycure.com.au](http://www.polycure.com.au)

## Workshop services.

Just at the moment the workshop has got a lot on. There are a lot of benchtops in the system, many of which are being polished in Organoil Hardburnishing

Oil. Recently we finished a set of step treads in Tassie Blackwood with a Latham non slip carborundum insert fitted to the front edges. We have produced a number of interesting mouldings and currently we have 15500Lm of Tas Oak dowels being run for the National Gallery of Australia. These are all being cut to length then they will be given a special surface treatment by Greg from Patinations in Fyshwick. The workshop has another big Tas Oak job involving the manufacture of timber screens. We will be using nearly 6000 domino joiners in this project!! Dominos are a timber joiner which is a sort of cross between a dowel and a biscuit. Festool make a special tool to cut the slots for them. We are finding this system more and more useful so if you have a project that requires joining timber together, particularly leg and rail type applications, then maybe we can help with the Domino.

## New stock

The past month has seen a lot of new stock arrive. We have taken delivery of more than a semi load of Tas Oak, much of which has gone into the workshop jobs mentioned. Stocks of Tas Blackwood are looking good with plenty of 200 x 25 and 150 x 38. We have good supplies of 25, 38 and 50mm American Oak which is now in our basement racks. If you are looking for a highly figured timber then a look at our Forest Red Gum would be a good idea. We have boards in 25, 38 and 50mm. There is another pack of 200 x 38 arriving shortly. Due in any day is a fresh load of Jarrah too.

It's decking season now and we can help you with species such as Jarrah in 85 x 19, Karri in 64 x 19, Spotted Gum in both 64 and 86mm and Merbau in both 70 and 90mm. We also have available Aussie Reds in 88 x 19. If you are looking for a chemical free alternative for your bearers and joists we can help with a good selection of F27 kiln dried hardwood. Call in and have a look

Cheers

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