



# Monaro Timber News

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## Big Cedar, Impressive Structures.

Are you looking for a structural option for decks and pergolas that will give you big section posts and rails? You need "Natures Mark" Western Red Cedar. Check out some of the features of this material.

Post sizes up to 200 x 200.

Rails up to 300 x 100

Fine band sawn finish or have it fully dressed.

Exceptional durability.

Manageable in large sizes due to lower density than hardwood.

No chemical treatment.

Any pergola, deck or gazebo will truly be impressive constructed using Natures Mark cedar. Simply oil it to keep it looking fresh or let it age to grey. No painting, no chemicals. Compared to using the equivalent size hardwood the weight will be less than half, thus reducing construction times and strain on both builder and equipment. Drop into our showroom and have look at the sample pergola we have constructed. We have publications which will give you inspiration and span tables to help design the structural elements.

## Flooring and decking specials.

There are a number of specials available for a very short time only. One of our mills is over stocked with several products and they have offered us first bite at these reduced prices. The rest of Australia gets the new prices on the 15th of February so we have the chance to beat the rush. Keep in mind that most Aussie Hardwoods have taken a price rise over the past month so anything that is being reduced now is worth consideration. Check out these specials.

Turpentine or Brush Box Light Medium Feature.  
180 x 19 \$78.00/m2

Yellow Stringy Bark or Messmate Medium Feature  
108 x 19 \$55.00/m2

New England Oak Light Feature  
130 x 19 \$48.00/m2

Forest Red Decking  
86 x 19 \$4.00/Lm

The Forest Red decking is unlikely to ever be that cheap again. At \$48.00/m2 for the New England Oak you can't lose. These prices are for full packs only. We can make up job lots of one pack or more but you will have a break fee of 10% on the LAST pack only. These prices are valid only until the mill sells its current stock.

## Timber Tip.

Timber needs to be kept hydrated. In other words, if gets too dry it will move about and potentially crack up. In a Canberra home it's particularly hard to maintain a constant humidity which means your flooring, furniture and other wooden house hold items are constantly trying to adjust to changing conditions. The use of gas heating and air conditioning can have an extreme drying effect inside the house. To help combat this, there are a few things you can do. Install a fish tank. The water loss through evaporation can be significant. I once had a client who said her tank lost 16 litres per week through evaporation! This water ended up in her house and "moisturised" her timber floor. You can also keep a few pots of water around the place or vases of flowers will both help hydrate the room and look good too. Timber WILL react to changing conditions so it's important to keep those changes to a minimum if you want the best from your timber.

That's all for this month.

Regards *Shaun*

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