



## The joys of owning a computer!

The astute amongst our readership will notice an absence of newsletters the past couple of months. After returning from a very brief holiday in WA ,I fired up my laptop to get a few jobs done that were waiting and the machine literally went up in smoke. An issue with the power into the machine ensured that particular laptop had expired. This all happened just before I was due to write the May newsletter. A new machine was ordered and in time arrived, was then sent off to get all my data off the old hard drive, programs etc, swapped over. I had the machine back a week, was literally saving the final draft of the June newsletter and bam, it froze solid. The hard drive on the new machine made funny ( I wasn't laughing ) crackling sounds and it died. As this machine was only in operation a few days the work I had done since getting it hadn't been backed up. Bugger. Another week, another rebuild and we are hopefully, touch wood, now back in the game. Various emails, some quotes and letters were lost. We recovered most but not all so if you are waiting for a reply to a long ago sent email please send it again and I will get back to you.

## New and potentially new staff.

We would like to welcome Corinna to the team. She was one of 34 applicants for our advertised Saturday morning position. Corinna is currently studying teaching at Uni but is with us full time for a few weeks until mid semester break finishes. Then she will be with us on Saturday mornings and some part time weekday hours. While her job mostly involves looking after the office she's not afraid to get her hands dirty and so she just might be helping you out in the yard next time you visit.

We are still looking for a sales person to look after flooring and other internal sales. This is a full time position and will suit a person who understands customer service, is organised, pleasant, has good written and mathematical skills and enjoys a good challenge. If this sounds like you ring , me!

## Klevaklip, pretty clever.

Did you watch the New Inventors on ABC about six weeks ago? If you did you will certainly recall the Klevaklip. It won!! This great new system allows 86 x 19 Aussie Hardwood and 90 x 19 Merbau decking to be fixed down without top nails or screws. It was designed by a carpenter who wanted a better way. I'm telling you about this not just to keep you abreast of what's new in the industry but to also let you know we are keeping stock of this great new product. Come and see it, or visit [www.klevaklip.com.au](http://www.klevaklip.com.au) and get all the technical stuff online. With Klevaklip you can use standard decking, no special profiles, you can re-sand easily at any time and you won't be out on the deck banging nails down again! Klevaklip has been undergoing testing for over six years and is now available to purchase. It is being distributed nationally through Simmonds lumber and in our region by Monaro Timber.

## Hardware options at Monaro Timber.

So lets presume you don't want to use Klevaklip to install your deck. Not a problem. We now stock a full range of stainless square drive screws to hold your decking down. Way better than nails and aesthetically more appealing, screws will do the job beautifully and driven into hardwood joists will give you a bullet proof construction. To help build the rest of the structure we now keep a selection of bolts and batten screws.

## Hardware is good, what about the timber?

Well you have the decking and hardware sorted, do you now just put all that quality gear down on treated pine? I really hope not! There are so many better options open to you. For starters, we have available a good selection of kiln dried hardwood for joists and bearers. And you can't use any hardwood, it needs to

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# Monaro Timber News

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be a durable species. At Monaro Timber we stock a number of suitable KD options including Spotted Gum, Blackbutt, Silvertop Ash and occasionally Blue Gum. These are all rated either F17 or F27 for strength and are at least class 2 for durability. Other options for structural material on an outdoor project include green sawn hardwood, which we can offer in species such as Iron Bark, Tallowood, Spotted Gum and Stringbark. We can also supply green dressed Spotted Gum from Queensland which is a good step up from the sawn material. Our final structural material is the Natures Mark Western Red Cedar we introduced few months ago. This material has exceptional durability, comes in BIG sizes and is light weight and easy to handle. We have our display pergola made from it so drop in and have a look.

## Timber profiles display.

We have recently added a new display board from Heritage Profiles. They are a Sydney based company who produce an extensive range of mouldings for skirtings, architraves, chair rails etc. The mouldings are mostly available in MDF but they also run clear Pine. Together with the display we have a profile book which shows all the mouldings available in the different sizes at 1:1 scale.

Our own workshop also produces all sorts of mouldings, especially when they are required in some special timber. We have a display board with a selection of mouldings we have run in the past. You are not limited to these so if you have some special requirements please call in to discuss.

## Aquacare Revive.

Currently we have stocks of this fantastic floor polish going at \$16.00 / bottle. It normally sells for \$22.00. We have the UV product for engineered flooring as well as the standard Revive which works over many floor coatings. It is especially designed to work with the Polycure range of products but is compatible with many other brands.

## Log Shield

Do you have timber that needs end sealing? Are you constructing something outside in the garden and need a good coating to protect your timber? Check out Log Shield. I dressed up some Treated Pine sleepers with it after adding some black oxide to the Log Shield and it transformed the ratty sleepers into something half decent. This product is a liquid wax especially designed to seal wet timber. The sawmills use it to seal the ends of boards and logs. It helps prevent end splitting. The oxide trick is great and you can buy all sorts of colours. If you use it straight it is white but dries clear so will show the colour of the timber. We keep it in 5L bottles and 20L drums.

## New Stock.

Since the last newsletter we have seen all sorts of timber come and go. I will probably miss a few items but this should cover a lot of what has turned up recently. Last month we had to make some steps for a lady and to do this we bought in some great 250 x 25 WA Karri. Perfect material for shelves, boxes etc and looks almost like Jarrah. Speaking of Jarrah we have had a few packs through recently, mostly 150 x 50 and 150 x 25. Stocks of Rock Maple are in good shape, particularly 25 and 38mm. Other products to note in the basement include Grey Gum, Turpentine, Brush Box and Blackbutt. You are probably aware that we keep a fairly good selection of Tas Oak. We have added some more dressed sizes as to complement our rough sawn selection. Finally, we also have some clear Oregon in 75mm thick.

We have one special pack of flooring we are selling on behalf of a client. It contains 41.6m<sup>2</sup> of 130 x 19 medium feature grade Blackbutt and usually sells for better than \$75/m<sup>2</sup>. This pack, as a job lot, is available for \$63/m<sup>2</sup>. It is surplus to my customers requirements and has to go.

That's all till next time

Regards

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