



# Monaro Timber News

The monthly newsletter from Monaro Timber Pty Ltd

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## Species in focus.

Have you ever seen or worked Spotted Gum? This timber, *Corymbia citriodora*, formerly *Eucalyptus maculata*, grows from southern NSW through to Maryborough in Queensland. It is a heavy hardwood coming in at around 950kg / m<sup>3</sup> compared to say Jarrah at 820kg / m<sup>3</sup>. Once it was mainly available as a construction type material but now you can enjoy it for fine furniture. Its tendency to display wild fiddle back figure makes it difficult to machine but it polishes brilliantly. It is difficult to glue due its hardness and greasy nature but we have found it sticks with our Polyurethane adhesives quite well. Very careful joint preparation is most important before gluing. We stock Spotted Gum in a range of furniture boards as well as flooring and decking. We have sold it for all types of uses including martial arts fighting sticks and components on horse drawn wagons. It is also used to make fine tool handles, especially axes, as it flexes well without breaking. This also makes the timber useful for laminating and chair components where high strength slender sections are required.

Nearly forgot the colours. Spotted Gum has a range of light to mid browns, creamy sapwood and is also one of the few timbers displaying shades of green. The fiddle back gives it a great lustre and its hardness means it will take a burnished oil finish brilliantly. Next time you are seeking and interesting, challenging but overall rewarding timber to play with check out Spotted Gum.

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### Correction.

Last month I incorrectly referred to Bellevue Constructions when I should have said Bellevue Building. Small error but important when a name is what a company trades on. Sorry Andrew for the stuff up. Just for the record, Monaro is pronounced Monairo, not like the car and our name has no "s" on Timber. Small point but also important ( to us anyway! ) And try having a name like Shaun. Or was that Sean, Shawn, Shorn, Shaune!!!

### Woodguild Exhibition.

As part of the Working Wood Show the Guild will again run their annual exhibition. Full details are available at [www.woodcraftguild.org.au](http://www.woodcraftguild.org.au)  
Or call Barry on 62927228

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## New Stock.

The past month was a big one at Monaro Timber. We were busy on all fronts including flooring, decking, benchtops and cabinet timbers. As a result stocks are pretty good as I've been buying up to replace product sold. We have taken delivery of some great Jarrah flooring which has gone into stock and sold quite a bit of Jarrah and Karri over the past few weeks. We have plenty of Yellow Stringy and Silvertop flooring available and of course Tas Oak stocks are always good. On the furniture timbers front we have fresh stocks of Tas Oak and Ash, new Jarrah, some great Rock Maple, some 75mm Surian Cedar we are about to open shortly and also some 250mm x 100mm Western Red Cedar. We put more Danta into the racks recently due to strong demand from a number of customers and we also opened up another pack of 300mm x 50mm Jarrah. Our 100mm x 100mm Jarrah is all but gone so get in quick and our 75mm x 75mm Blackwood stockpile is even smaller but a few great boards remain. Did you know Organoil Wax can be used on slate? It is fantastic for little touch ups and reseals and a whole lot less messy than sealers. That's all for another month. To join the email list, drop a line to the address below. Cheers *Shaun*not sean, shorn, shawn etc

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