



Monaro Timber News

The monthly newsletter from Monaro Timber Pty Ltd

May 2006

Organoil Tip

Organoil have released some new information on the care and maintenance of out door timbers such as decking and garden furniture. I have summarized for you in the following paragraphs but for more info visit www.organoil.com.au and look at Woodguard, Decking Oil and Garden Furniture Oil.

Timber surface blackening: "Sooty Mould" is an airborne pollutant made up of dust, dirt and sugar extractives (honey dew from insects) which collects on bush and tree foliage. This is then carried down by wind and rain to land on your timber.

Stains on new timber: Tannin stain is common on new timbers eg, Merbau etc. These stains can be very difficult to remove, therefore it is important to wash new timber to avoid "locking" stains under the oil.

Timber surface grey and weathered: Lack of maintenance. Rain and sun have stripped the natural nutrients from the timber.

Timber feels rough/furry: Timber fibres are raised. Sand with 220-400 grit paper AFTER wash down as below.

Preparation procedure for timber showing any of the above appearances, also new timber, **before** the application of oil.

- 1 Wet the timber thoroughly.
- 2 Using 2 caps Napisan laundry soaker in a standard bucket of warm water, apply to timber surface and agitate with a stiff bristle brush or broom. Allow to stand for twenty minutes then hose off.

New Stock.

The past month has seen a lot of new stock arrive. We have excellent Beech in 25 and 38mm, new American Cherry in 38mm, Merbau in 150 x 50 KD, heaps of new Jarrah in a range of sizes, new Surian Cedar in 38mm and because we bought so much we still have a good selection of Brush Box from the month before. I have coming fresh stocks of F27 KD hardwood in a number of sizes and if you are looking at a deck then check this out. 85 x 19 KD Forest Red Gum at \$4.10 / Lm. This is a great product, baste in Organoil, who needs the BBQ? The deck will be tasty enough!!

That's all for another month. Regards *Shaun*

Volume 5, Issue 5

- 3 Allow timber to dry for a minimum of 3-4 days in good drying conditions before applying oil (1 coat only for rejuvenating) ensuring that excess oil is clothed or brushed in 1-2 hours after application.

Organoil also have a technical advice line and will be happy to assist. 1800 060 654

Wood Guild exhibition.

The Guild has asked me to let everyone know of the upcoming exhibition they are presenting on September 8th-10th. Full details including the various categories can be found at www.woodcraftguild.org.au

Short boards and odd bits.

Often you only need a short length of timber to do a job. We can look at cutting a longer length but it is preferable to find a short piece to start with. We have just set up a new rack devoted to shorter lengths. The boards are all good quality, just not super long. Depending on the species, some shorts will be available at lower rates too so this is another reason to consider them.

If you are looking for that something extra special then we also have an area devoted to slabs, dressed boards and fiddle back boards. It is amazing what gems you can find here. We recently took delivery of some Pin Oak slabs and some Baltic Slabs. Other slabs already in stock include Red Stringy Bark and English Yew. On the fiddle back front we have some excellent Jarrah, Spotted Gum, Blackbutt, Blackwood, Red Gum, Blue Gum and Ash. Check them out if you want something to really stand out.