

## Some new staff.

If you have dropped in recently you may have met some of our new staff. In the front office we have Rebekah on full time weekdays looking after phones, invoices and stock. She will often be the first person you meet and always has a happy smile to greet you with. Be sure to say hello next time you call in.

Also on the front counter but mostly Saturday mornings is Tessa. She is finishing off year 12 this year and is a very keen wood worker. Joining Tessa on Saturdays is Taylor who is helping in the yard. He is also finishing year 12 and is keen to get a start as a carpenter. If you need a strong lad on your building site Taylor is the one for you. We are thinking of retiring our forklift!

## Current work load.

It seems some in the construction industry are finding it hard at the moment. The past year has certainly not been steady. We have fluctuated from average months to crazy busy months. Right now is a crazy one so if you need our services, particularly from the workshop, please allow some extra time. We normally allow about two weeks for benchtops raw and an extra week for oiled tops. Some jobs are taking an extra week or two. We have work organised for the next six weeks so don't wait about if you need something, please let us know sooner than later.

So what is happening in the workshop that is keeping us busy. Well, we are in the middle of the War Memorial job. I mentioned this a couple of months ago. It is parquetry and to keep the grading on track we are cutting it here. See our Facebook page for some more info. This project is progressing well and we can't wait to see it finished. We have also completed more tables for Walshs Hotel in Queanbeyan and the Jerrabomberra Pub. These tables are made from Merbau so they are pretty tough. Just

the ticket for a busy pub. One of the design briefs was the tables had to be tough enough to dance on! I think we complied with that one. We have also done the Jarrah floor in Walshes and a bunch of booth seating for both pubs. We can't take all the credit for the seats, Peter Smart from Smart Upholstery is responsible for all the cushions and as usual has done a great job. He is almost our next door neighbour so next time you need upholstery work drop in and see him. The entry doors for St Raphaels in Queanbeyan are about to start. These will be made from Silky Oak which has been used extensively in the church. Rick from Blasted Glass Designs is etching some motifs on the glass panels. While the majority of our work is component manufacture including bench tops, step treads, mouldings etc, we are taking on more work where we do more than just bits and pieces. Tables especially are an area we feel we have real strengths as well as special doors. If you have any projects like these coming up that require high end joinery and furniture making skills then feel free to call and discuss.

## New Stock.

We have quite a bit of new stock on order including the following. Various sizes of Jarrah. 50mm Grey Ironbark, various Ash sizes. Sydney Blue Gum in 38mm. We recently took delivery of fresh stocks of American Walnut and Rock Maple. There is also a brand new pack of Roasted Ash in 150 x 38 just in. The CIT Interior Design Students were quite interested in this a few days ago when they all came out for a visit. It is quite different to anything else on the market. Check our face book page for a top we made out of it last week. Merbau decking stocks are healthy and I am advised the mills have good stock of a number of other decking species including Spotted Gum, Blackbutt, Karri and Jarrah. If you missed out on the special we ran on 180 x 21 in a number of hardwood flooring species don't fret, I expect it will happen again in about six months or so. Well I think that wraps us up for another month. Happy wood working til next month.

*Regards Shaun*

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