

Australian War Memorial WW1 galleries redevelopment.

Well that heading is a bit of a mouthful. I have mentioned in previous editions the AWM is undergoing a make over in the WW1 galleries. Our part was to supply 1000m2 of specially cut parquet flooring. The good news is we are finished. The timber was specially dried to a moisture content of approx. 9% which is the expected in service MC. We then docked it all to a special size in our workshop. Around 35,000 blocks of wood!! You can imagine we are now happy to have completed. The job went well though, not withstanding a few issues with our saw, and I must thank Corey and Tessa who did the bulk of the cutting, with no complaints. It is the biggest single process we have undertaken in the workshop. Most jobs we do involve some preparation and then we move onto other tasks to complete. This one was just preparation and consumed about six weeks of our time. We aren't looking for another job like it just yet but it is good to know we can do it if we need to.

Pub jobs and other workshop happenings.

The Walshs and Jerrabomberra pub jobs are also complete. Last month I mentioned we did the floor and a bunch of seats and tables. We also made some screens which took 2400 domino slots and 1200 dominos to put together. We are really into repetition at the moment! It went well and looks great.

Coming up we have a couple of entry doors to complete, one in Spotted Gum. We also have a few commercial joinery customers who need piles of square dressed and profiled timber for their projects. The main species will include Ash and Beech. And finally, we have just delivered the step treads for the new Brumbies HQ at the University Of Canberra. These treads are 50mm thick Ash and include a Latham non slip insert. We finished them in our shop using the Basic Coatings water based floor finish.

Seminars and awards.

On Monday 19th of May there is the Frame Australia conference on in Melbourne. I will be attending that one as there have been a lot of changes in the structural area recently and I am keen to learn a bit about them. Check out <http://www.frameaustralia.com/> If you would like to know more.

The other seminar that is closer to home is being put on by Wood Solutions. It will be run at the HIA building in Fyshwick and will cover acoustic floor systems, LVL, Cross Laminated Timber and a case study of the Library at Docklands. I have rego forms if you want to attend and it will run for the afternoon on the 3rd of June.

Finally, for you architects out there, the Timber Design Awards are open again. For more info go to <http://timberawards.com.au/entry>

New Stock.

The exciting news is the arrival of some 75mm thick timber. We don't see this so much these days and we were lucky to score a one off acquisition of Euro Beech, American Walnut and Rock Maple. If you are looking for that special large board then come and check out these beauties. Other new stock includes a ton of Ash, some great new Jarrah, 25 and 38mm Beech and we are also well stocked with Merbau and Silvertop Ash decking. On the way we have new 50mm Spotted Gum and 38mm Blackbutt. These packs are both coming for jobs in the system but there will be plenty left over. A pallet of Organoil arrived just a day or so ago too.

If you have a project coming up and you need something for it then please call us to discuss. Whether it's a piece of furniture or a large commercial job we are always happy to help find the product that best does the job.

Well I think that wraps us up for another month. Happy wood working til next month.

Regards Shaun

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