



English Yew.

Britain's oldest tree has been discovered in a Welsh churchyard and it's more than 5000 years old. Source: The Daily Mail

The ancient yew lives in a Welsh churchyard and is thought to have been standing more than 3000 years before Jesus Christ was born.

Experts have run tests on the tree in the St Cynog's churchyard at Defynnog near Sennybridge, Powys, including DNA and ring dating.

The species is common across European churchyards because its evergreen leaves and longevity is a symbol of Christ's transcendence of death.

Timber Bicycle.

One of our former team members here at Monaro Timber, Ken Piper, has just built himself a push bike made from Jarrah and Silver Ash. Ken uses it as a daily ride and reports it performs extremely well. It looks fantastic, involved a significant amount of effort to get it just how he wanted and I gather will be the first of many. I have read of timber bikes before but they are not at all common and this is the first in our region I believe. Here are a few words from Ken about its construction.

The bike is made from Jarrah and Queensland Silver Ash, re-sawn and laminated for strength and for lightness as it is also hollow with a wall thickness of 6mm. The frame timber started out with a weight of 21 kilos, six months of shaping the timber brought that down to 2.9 kilos.

There was a lot of laminating with a total of 135 pieces of timber altogether, 90 in the curved top tube alone. The finish is seven coats of marine varnish.

We have some images on our Facebook page so go have a look.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Monaro-Timber/270236869708005>

How's This?

We have just sold some Red Ironbark. The customer was in California, he wanted the timber sent to Japan, we used a Japanese courier from Sydney via a Korean agent in Canberra!! A truly international effort. The Korean guy runs out of a grocery shop in Civic. Who would have thought? I hope the timber arrives OK.

New Stock.

After a very long absence we have taken delivery of some great looking 38mm River Red Gum. On a recent mill tour I spotted a few packs and ordered one straight away. I also saw the biggest slabs I have ever seen. 1.9m wide, 50mm thick and a whopping 11m long. If you would like one then I am sure we can arrange it. If you need to ask the price you probably can't afford one!! There is a cubic metre of timber in each one and I am told over the length the taper is only 30mm. That is simply incredible. I will have a photo on our Facebook page shortly, hopefully by the time you get this. Also on our Facebook page is a short video showing a log going through a Gibson breakdown saw. If you haven't been to a mill before this will give you a bit of an idea what goes on.

We have also seen new packs of Jarrah, Spotted Gum and Brush Box arrive. A few days back we took delivery of some laminated Ash in 19, 33 and 42mm thickness, all 285mm wide. This is just the material for that book shelf, stairs or cabinet and because it is Ash it is extremely cost effective.

If you are a floor layer or looking to lay a floor then these days they are generally glued down as well as nailed. In some cases the glue is critical to ensure a proper install. We offer a couple of products for this job. The newest is the SMX 30 Plus Polymer from Soudal. It is isocyanate free and forms a water proofing membrane when correctly applied. Right now we have some red hot specials on both buckets and sausages of this adhesive. Drop in and check it out. That's all for another month.

Regards Shaun

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