



The end of year wrap up.

The discussion about water in wood last month elicited a healthy response from the readers out there. Many thanks for your feedback. Quite a few people asked for the data sheets I have on water and wood but if you still need more info please don't hesitate to contact me. I have a pretty good library of technical data these days and always happy to share.

The past twelve months have flown for me and when I look back we have done a bit this year. Most recently we were involved with a shop fit in a new bar called Akibar. You will find it on Bunda st in Civic. It's a new place to grab a drink and munch on some asian style cuisine. Went to the opening a few nights back and they had 64 staff! I don't think you will be waiting long for service there.

We can now lay claim to being the regions biggest producers of "big arse" dovetails for a single job. We have almost completed a project that involved the cutting of approx. 17Lm of dovetails in 30mm thick Blackbutt!! Yes folks, that's 17Lm. We bought a new jig for the job and after some mucking about developing the best system we were away. I will have some images up on our Facebook page soon.

This year we supplied flooring to a number of school halls. All up we have delivered over 1000m² to school jobs, most of them not in our area. The other big flooring job was the parquetry for the War Memorial WW1 galleries. That area is now open to the public so pop in and have a look.

Our mixed pallets have started to move. These are pallets of Ash, Red Gum and maybe Spotted Gum and Ironbark. They are approx. 1.2 x 1.2 x 1.2 and allowing for gaps contain at least 0.5m³ of timber. The boards may be sawn, dressed or moulded such as flooring. It is a lucky dip but they represent really good value at \$770.00 each. I have sold several to schools including Goulburn and even Darwin. If you are looking for a good cheap source of material to play with then a pallet may just be the ticket.

Monaro goes solar.

I mentioned a couple of months ago we were planning to go with solar power. It is underway as I write this. The inverters are mounted, as are most of the panels so in a couple of days we should be running on sunshine! The pay back period has been calculated at around 3—3.5 years and after that we should reduce our bills by approx. 80%. That is a lot but we achieve this because we use the power we produce and only buy the shortfall. As power becomes more expensive we should be really be way ahead. Anyone who uses a bit of power should really look into this, especially while the government is still offering some assistance for the installation costs.

New Stock.

We added a new species recently, Negrohead Beech. Also known as Antarctic Beech, *Nothofagus moorei* grows in northern NSW. It looks very similar to Tassie Myrtle and the other species of *Nothofagus*. Currently we have some big 300 x 38 boards for you to look at.

A massive pack of 150 x 25 Tassie Blackwood arrived a few days ago and it looks really good. We now have Kauri Pine again after a long absence and some 250 and 300 x 25 solid Vic Ash. The 300 is really dark, quite pink. Jarrah stocks are looking good and we have more on order too. If you are looking for an easy working, stable and good looking timber then it's hard to beat the PNG Rosewood. Currently stocks are very good in most thicknesses.

If a new deck is on the Christmas agenda then maybe you need some Silvertop Ash. Available in either 90 x 22 or 140 x 22, this home grown Aussie Hardwood is durable, fire rated and very keenly priced. It is a blonde / brown colour and tough as old boots. Availability has been a bit patchy so we bought a load and have about 8 packs left so don't wait too long if you are interested.

On behalf of the crew here I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. See you in 12015. That's all for another month.

Cheers Shaun

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