



WHAT'S NEW APRIL – MAY, 2006

Recycled Blackbutt 87x25mm flooring. rate: \$66.00/m². Reclaimed from a Sydney warehouse, this heavy board shows wonderful age marks in a new installation. Would suit warehouse apartment, beach house, restaurant, bar and different residential applications. 350m² in stock now. See the polished display and inspect packs at Spotswood showroom.

Wharfdeck now comes in 3 species! Forest Red Gum and Spotted Gum are available in the same dimension as the popular Blackbutt. All these species are durable and are suitable for outdoor applications.

Blackbutt	135x32mm	\$9.80/m
Forest Red Gum	135x32mm	\$12.00/m
Spotted Gum	135x32mm	\$13.00/m

Ethical Choice in Timber Specifying – Flooring Timber

One of the frustrations of our trade is dealing with the poor advice given to our clients. Often the advice is supplied by well-meaning online portals driven by a justifiable desire to save old-growth forest. A good aim - but consumers need to know the relative ethics of their choice - not just a single aspect. Choosing recycled timber may be a good choice, but has to be seen in relation to other choices. Moreover, clients usually require a broader choice within this encompass of ethics and timber.

Recycling timber - though well worthwhile - has its own inefficiencies and involves relatively high use of fossil fuels. No ethical position is absolute. But ethical choice can be simpler than we think. It is well worth specifying **NFG - Natural Feature Grade** timber. Much of our present appearance-grading system was developed in the 1930s to please Europe-focused tastes. The Forest Industry doesn't want to be forever damned to grading native timbers to *Select* when 80% of any eucalypt carries the marks of insect habitat, drought, fire and harsh remit. Yet they are damned by that very specification - Select Grade. It is anachronistic in intent and remembers a day when the resource was abundant. Nowadays it is resource-wasteful and consumers need to be informed of this in making an ethical choice in timber flooring.

Let's give solar-kiln-dried Natural Feature Grade timbers eight koalas stamps. Saved from a destiny as pallet timber or woodchip by informed ethical choice.

REASON No #5 TO VIEW THE WEBSITE: See our North Coast NFG timbers on the Products Page - Grey Gum, Ironbark, Spotted Gum and Tallowwood.

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