

Timber Talk

Tunnickliffe's

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Soft Landing - Christmas 2006

Six months ago we were more or less bracing ourselves for a downturn in the market. There has been a slow down in some areas but in general we are experiencing business as usual.

Reading the analysis by some economy experts there is talk about a "soft

landing". This makes it sound good, it feels good and we hope that the soft landing will be followed by a hard take-off in the new year.

We would like to thank all our customers and suppliers for their support this year and wish all of you a good holiday break.



Christmas Hours

At Tunnickliffe's we finish the year at Thursday 21 December 06, back in full swing on Wednesday 10 January 07.

We will have our office manned from Monday 8 January 07 to take any orders and dispatching stock items.

afterwards. By fitting the doors towards the end of the building process a lot of damage is avoided resulting in what can be substantial cost savings.

If you wish to find out more please give us a free call 0800 657 934.

Fit Easy Door Jams Now Available from Tunnickliffs

Tunnickliffe's recently entered into a distribution agreement with the Fit Easy Door Company Limited. We have been producing the innovative two piece door jamb system for Fit Easy for a number of years now. Company director Ron Paul from Fit Easy developed and patented this smart door solution in the late 1980's.

There are several advantages in using the system. First of all, installing a "Fit Easy" pre-hung door is easy indeed, cutting back significantly on time spend on the job, saving the builder time and money. This is the biggest advantage and key point, making the product a success.

The jamb does not require to be to the exact size to suit the stud, as with the conventional jams, double grooved or undershot, where a couple of millimeters are crucial. The jamb is adjustable in size as the two pieces slide into each other. There is a F3 jamb to suit a 64mm steel-, and 69mm timber stud (3 inch) plus a F4 jamb to suit a 94mm stud (4 inch). This gives both the door pre-hanger and builder a lot of flexibility and efficiency.

Another big plus is the fact that the doors can be fitted at a later stage of the building process. There is generally a lot of traffic through the building caused by various tradesman carrying tools, equipment and building materials. This often result in damage to the door jams which has to be fixed up by painters



The two piece jamb or "Split Jamb" system is based on the idea that a pre-hung door is installed in a fast and efficient manner after the walls have been lined. The system includes an architrave which is pre-nailed to the jamb by the door pre-hanger.



Weather Seal Profiles

Standard in the aluminium joinery ever since it came on the market are weather-seals to make the windows and doors weather tight. These seals never played a roll in the traditional wooden joinery but it seems that time is catching up.

There is a trend emerging to include a weather-seal in the wooden window and door frames. Tunncliffe's responds to this is by bringing a new suit of profiles on the market catering for the weather-seal.

The rebate needs to be deeper than normal to allow for the seal, which is fitting in a saw-cut groove. There are a number of different seals on the market, joiners opt for different seals for different reasons. Our current standard profile caters for a number of commonly used models.

If there are still specific requirement we can leave the groove out and give the joiner the option to simply add the final detail themselves.



A Snippet From the Past

The name Tunncliffe's used to be synonymous with the logging and milling of native logs in the wider Eastern Bay of Plenty. As time went on and the native logs were harder to get there had to be a transition to an alternative timber supply. This time is mentioned in Tunncliffe's history book *Tunncliffe & Timber 1923 1974* by K.O. Tunncliffe.

"1949 saw more time spent on Matakana Island, looking into our idea of barging logs to the Mount jetty area and milling the logs there. We had a tentative agreement for the land required with the crown. However the timber owners, wanted 80 cents per 100 feet timber

royalty, while the going rate was about 30 cents per 100. It probably saved us a lot of headaches turning the proposition down but looking back, one wonders if the right decision was made...

The year 1951 saw Boyd and I again on the hunt for bush. On 16 January we set off down the East Coast with my car and caravan stopping at Omaio that night. Next day we acquired a Maori guide and horses riding up the Haparapara River. Timber was very sparse and country rough so we rode back to the car and drove on to Waihou Bay. Next day was spent making inquiries in the area and we were given permission to park on Barkers Station and also provided with horses. We then set off with a Mr Allison riding up the Raukokore River. We got as far as the timber on Mr Allison's block which we estimated contained 2 million feet. At that time it was too far away and expensive to work. Now of course the advent of Radiata and timber treating has almost done away with the need for native timber."

