

# Gunns Limited – Veneer

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Ancient Egyptians were among the first to perfect the art of veneer slicing to make the most from exotic timbers.

The practice has been refined over the centuries and remains one of the most effective means of maximising the forest resource. By applying the science of modern day forestry, Gunns Limited has become an international leader in veneer leaf production.

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Gunns Veneers offers the market a range of veneered panel products – including plywood – completing the interface between forest production and end users.

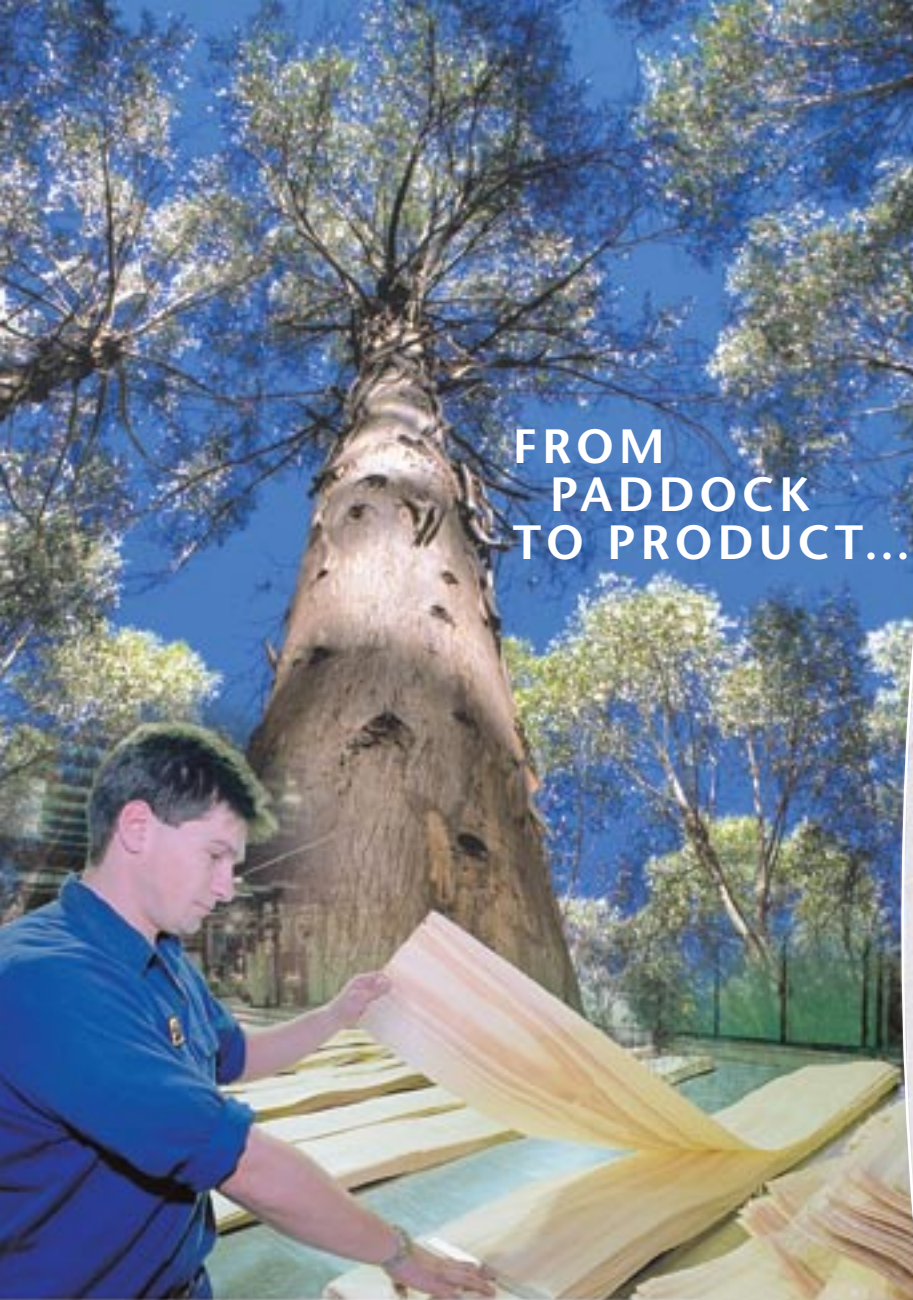
***Gunns Veneers sources all its resource from sustainably managed forests grown under the world's most stringent accreditation and audit processes.***

Gunns Limited is one of only a handful of veneer producers in the world to have attained environmental and sustainable accreditation under four internationally recognised bench- marking systems:

- ISO 14001
- Australian Forestry Standard (AFS)
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
- The Chain of Custody Standard



## FROM PADDOCK TO PRODUCT...



1. Carefully selected logs are cut into segments called flitches and stored
2. Flitches are soaked in tanks of heated water/steam to soften prior to processing into veneers
3. Slicers convert the flitches into thin veneers varying from 0.4 mm to 1.5 mm with the predominant thickness being 0.6 mm
4. The veneer is dried through a specially designed dryer reducing the moisture level to 8-12%
5. The dried veneer is then graded for color, feature and length and packed for sale
6. Some stock is value added to make Layons used to press onto a predetermined substrate



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Most of Gunns' veneers are produced from Eucalypt species and Plantation Radiata Pine, although a wide range of exotic and speciality species such as Blackwood, Myrtle, and Sassafras are also available.

Typically sliced into 0.6 mm thick leaves, veneers can be matched for colour, grain and figure and are capable of producing a range of patterns, which are virtually impossible to obtain using solid timber. Trends in architectural design continuously evolve, but the timeless beauty of timber veneer has always been the cornerstone of classic decor.

***Trees sliced into veneers really go a long way...***

***If the timber goal posts at Melbourne's MCG were sliced into 0.6 mm veneer, the leaves would cover the entire playing surface!***