

# TEAK DESIGNS BY ISLAND EDGE

## Introducing Island Edge for *premier Modern Living*:

Island Edge is an Australian-owned company delivering quality indoor and outdoor furniture and accessories. We specialise in modern living items as well as commercial and hospitality grade products.

## Designs & Inspiration:

With classic and contemporary European styling our team of designers' mission is to create unique pieces to withstand the test of time – both in terms of durability and style.

Where we work with our partner suppliers that have been carefully selected because they have a reputation for excellence in the industry.

## Teak Customers:

The teak you are purchasing is premium A Grade Burmese Teak.

Quality teak is an investment and offers distinguished, beautiful furniture that will last a lifetime and should be distinguished from cheaper, inferior teaks that often emanate from Bali, India and similar regions. Price is often a first indication of the quality of the teak. Don't be tempted to purchase on price alone as the inferior quality teaks simply do not last. They do not have the celebrated qualities of premium quality teak.

## Selecting Premium Teak for a Lifetime Investment:

Teak is the **best timber** available for outdoor furniture.

It is perfectly suited to all weather conditions and is beautiful and durable.

Premium quality teak:

- Can be left outdoors in **all weather conditions** without comprising life span or beauty – the products will remain long lasting and beautiful despite the harshest weather conditions
- Has natural high density, dimensional stability and will not decay or warp
- Has a natural, inbuilt, insect repellent (natural oil of teak) and is extremely rot and parasite resistant (termite proof)
- Will not splinter (unlike other timbers or younger, lesser quality teak)
- Little care is needed
- **Does not bleed** as no stains or waxes are used

As teak ages, water in the timber of the young trees is replaced by oil. Only when the trees are 35 years old are they truly suitable to be milled for high quality furniture. At this age all of the water in the timber has been replaced by oil.

The life expectancy of **premium quality** teak is 75 years if left untreated.

High quality teak has a distinctive honey-coffee colour. Pale (blond) teak generally indicates immature timber that is not aged sufficiently, lacks oil content, and therefore lacks durability.

Younger, inferior teak, can be easily identified by its pale appearance resembling untreated pine. It is often stained or waxed. It will have a low oiler content versus water content and for this reason is less durable, and will not last as long.

Teak should look raw – i.e. not waxed, stained, polished or treated.

### **Care and Maintenance Information:**

Teak can be either weathered (naturally) or preserved (simply applying clear teak or decking oil).

#### **Weathered Teak**

- No care needed
- No preservatives or sealing wax
- Will weather to a silvery grey colour
- This silvery grey is considered very distinguished and attractive and teak has been used for centuries in shipping.
- Occasional hot soapy water to maintain cleanliness as with any other piece of furniture

#### **Oiling Teak**

- To maintain a golden honey colour clear decking or teak oil from Bunnings or similar can be applied
- Roughly every six months
- Two coats are recommended
- Make sure the oil is clear
- Light hand sand prior to application is a good idea to remove any dirt or debris

#### **What if I spill wine / cordial / have food or liquid stains on my product –**

- Simply give it a warm soapy wash down, allow to dry, then a fine sand will restore the product

**Candle Wax** – place brown paper over the wax mark and press with a warm iron to melt the wax and draw it away from the wood.

**Where the furniture is weathered already and silver-grey and you wish to restore the original colour** – firstly wash the furniture with warm soapy water and remove all dirt or debris. When the furniture is completely dry, sand it back to the original teak wood colour, wash down to remove teak dust, and leave to dry before oiling.