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Innovative use of Porta timber dowels in retail interior design

Project Details

The humble timber dowel has been elevated from a purely practical use to a position of innovation and style among interior designers and architects.

Round and half round timber dowels in Tasmanian Oak were chosen as the interior wall cladding material for the new Laksa King restaurant in Mount Waverley.

Urbourne Architecture's lead architect, Yuyu Huang, chose Porta timber dowels to help maintain the style used in other Laksa King restaurants. Using timber, alongside concrete and greenery, Yuyu describes, "Creates a comfortable and simple hospitality environment, to draw attention back to the food that is served."

"The natural tone and materiality of timber suggests softness in the spatial context of the restaurant, complimented by a warm ambient lighting strategy. The use of Porta's half dowels as wall cladding reduced material and installation costs significantly."

Yuyu Huang - Architect, Urbourne Architecture



The Verdict

40mm round and 40mm half round dowels in Tasmanian Oak were installed by Crown Shopfitters - a customer who chooses Porta's timber dowels for a variety of retail installations.

According to Alison Leung, General Manager, Crown Shopfitters, Porta's Tasmanian Oak dowels are, "A strong product that are easy to work with."

Tasmanian Oak is an ideal hardwood timber for internal lining and decorative designs. It is a dense and resilient timber - ideal for restaurants where wear and tear occur daily with up to 15 years indoor durability rating.

It is considered one of the best timbers for staining and in this project, the timber dowels were covered in a lime wash.

Porta have worked with Crown Shopfitters for some time and are proud to share Alison's view that, "Porta is a good company to work with, an established company with a good product."