



LifePlus® Decking

Covered verandahs are a recognised and valued feature of Australian architecture, providing protection for external walls from the weather, particularly the heat of the sun. Decks incorporated into more contemporary design, whether covered or exposed to the weather and as part of new home construction or added to an existing home, provide an enjoyable outdoor entertaining or barbecue area, enhancing our modern lifestyle by extending internal living areas to the outdoors.

In high-density residential developments or light commercial applications a timber deck or walkway can bring a feeling of nature and open space into modern design concepts.

LifePlus® Decking is a unique, high quality hardwood timber decking which has been developed to enhance the enjoyment of outdoor decking areas by delivering improved performance and longer life in fully weather-exposed conditions.

LifePlus® Decking has an attractive natural appearance and an improved tread and profile combination.

The upper surface of **LifePlus® Decking** offers higher slip resistance than conventional smooth dressed decking, which is particularly important for enhanced user safety in wet areas. The undressed upper surface, when exposed to the weather, will also perform better than a smooth dressed surface.

The **LifePlus® Decking** profile delivers the benefits of reduced distortion of boards, reduced deterioration at the interface between the deck and joist and also makes the deck easier to clean.

Timber species used in the production of **LifePlus® Decking** are restricted to a limited number with proven durability, stability and weathering characteristics, which deliver superior long-term performance in fully weather exposed situations. Product quality is further assured through stringent attention to timber grading and manufacturing quality. Preservative treatment, when used, does not contain Chrome or Arsenic.

Owners, designers and builders can specify **LifePlus® Decking** with confidence that it will provide a satisfying and lifestyle-enhancing experience over a longer life as part of the **LifePlus® Decking System**.

LifePlus® Decking is now available as
LifePlus® Natural Decking, with a natural textured finish, &
LifePlus® Classic Decking, with a smooth dressed finish,
for areas where a traditional appearance is preferred,
together with the **LifePlus® Decking** performance enhancing features,
and slip resistance is not an important consideration.

Why specify LifePlus® Decking?

LifePlus® Decking was developed from a recognition that expectations of lifestyle benefits from a timber deck are not always delivered in practice.

Dissatisfaction with a timber decking project can result from:

- Problems occurring in the short-term – normally related to poor performance of the decking - distortion, excessive swelling and shrinkage or fixings working out or failing, or
- Problems occurring in the longer term - normally related to premature deterioration of the decking, subframe or fixings, and even failure, if the deterioration is not recognised.

Problems with a timber deck can originate in a number of areas, including:

- design and/or detailing,
- choice of decking or structural timber,
- choice of other materials,
- construction of the subframe,
- installation of the decking,
- finish chosen or finishing techniques, and
- maintenance of the decking.

Many of these problems are unrelated to the quality of the decking timber ie:

good decking timber used badly will perform badly.

Quality decking timber must be supported by quality in all other aspects of project delivery.

To ensure that you will achieve the greatest enjoyment from a timber deck which delivers on your expectations of lifestyle enhancement, performance and longevity, the **LifePlus® Decking System** has been developed.



The **LifePlus® Decking System** considers each of the important elements required to build a deck and specifies or gives advice as to suitable quality and good practices and integrates these elements into a project solution which performs well over a long life.

The **LifePlus® Decking System** combines good practices in:

- design and detailing,
- use of **LifePlus® Decking**,
- use of other quality, and suitable, materials for the subframe, fixings and finishes,
- foundation and subframe construction, and
- decking installation, finishing and maintenance.

The benefits of this total, integrated approach become more apparent in the medium to long-term as other decking projects without this approach may suffer from poor performance, premature deterioration and reduced enjoyment by its users.

The **LifePlus® Decking Essential Information and Recommendations** and the **LifePlus® Decking Guide** have been developed to assist owners, designers and builders to deliver a domestic decking project which gives satisfying and trouble free performance over the long term, ensuring that the lifestyle benefits that are expected from a timber deck are delivered in practice.

For further information on **LifePlus® Decking**, please refer to our website at www.lifeplus.net.au.

LifePlus® Decking is produced by timber millers and processors who have been certified to ensure consistent high standards in timber species, manufacturing and preservative treatment processes and is available from:

