



Sleek style

His-based couple Charles O'Donovan and Monique Bosley share similar tastes in design and love the history of old furniture but they acknowledge it's not for everyone.

Over five years they've built a successful business restoring furniture and re-selling it, under the brand Remunoden, but they've also discovered a group of consumers who won't buy second-hand regardless of how appealing it looks.

It's prompted the launch of a second business - Senki - which offers new furniture with a retro feel.

Charles and Monique are enamoured with mid-century Danish design furniture, fond of its "clean lines and minimalism", and that's evident in the Senki range.

"We want it to be modern but strong and to have an influence in years to come," Charles says.

The present collection includes 15 designs, which customers can order as they are or customise by choosing elements from a few different pieces.

Each piece is hand made to order, so variations on

design as well as the choice of timbers and veneer finishes can all be determined by the client.

Charles, who was raised in the UK, and Monique met while working in Italy. When they moved to South Australia, setting up their own home fulfilled their business aspirations.

"When we bought the house in Belair we couldn't afford a lot of furniture so we were always looking through second-hand shops," Monique says.

Both have grown up with art and design influences. Monique has interests in photography and art while Charles is experienced in building wooden boats and his parents are interior designers in the UK.

They say running the business via a website rather than a showroom suits their lifestyle - they have one-year-old Oliver - and helps keep costs down.

"We like the creative aspect and the sense of control, and we enjoy sitting down together to design a new piece," Monique says.

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