

Full Moon Hotel crowned Best Bar for Brisbane's northern bayside

Brisbane northern bayside's love affair with a pub which threw open its doors in 1867 shows no sign of slowing down with local readers voting it Best Bar.



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A historic Brisbane pub has racked up yet another milestone, its latest in a storied history stretching back to 1867, after it was crowned Best Bar on Brisbane's northern bayside by readers of the *Bayside and Northern Suburbs Star*.

Owned by hospitality power couple Toby Black and Lucinda Dowling Black since 2015, the Full Moon is an integral part of the northside's social scene.

Mrs Dowling Black has [previously told News Corp Australia](#) she and her husband cut their teeth running a pub in Darwin which had been in Dowling Family for four generations.

They then owned and operated an old timber country pub in the Byron Bay hinterland, where they had their three children before buying the Full Moon Hotel.



Lucinda Dowling Black and Toby Black owners of the Full Moon Hotel.

“Needless to say, those days are a blur of late nights and early mornings, a pregnant belly working behind the bar and clearing tables with a sleeping baby in a sling,” Mrs Dowling Black said.

She said she and her husband have separate strengths that complement one another.

“Toby is natural publican — a strong work ethic, always up for a yarn and wants to show folks a good time,” she said.



The Full Moon Hotel in Sandgate is hosting a wedding reception venue open day on June 29. Picture by Russell Brown.

“I’m the organised one. We stick to our lanes, so we don’t tread on each other’s toes, yet we collaborate remarkably well.

“We have great respect and trust in each other, so disagreements are few and far between. Pubs can be all-consuming — a 24 hours a day, seven days a week commitment that can take its toll on relationships.



Jenny Briggs from the Full Moon Hotel in 2016. Picture: Bradley Cooper

“For us, we have found a winning formula — time for each other and family, employing a talented and trustworthy team, and a genuine love for the work.”

The Full Moon offers a week stuffed full of events and deals, including Sunday breakfast, Thursday trivia, and Wednesday schnitzels.

The Full Moon Hotel was contacted for comment.