

NEW BAR CATCHING LOCALS HEARTS

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t's full sail ahead for The Full Moon Hotel's newest neighbourhood bar area, dubbed Jim's Bait & Tackle. Formerly the Osbourne Sports Bar, the space has been renovated and refreshed, with décor that's as local as it comes.

The focal point of the bar is an Insta-worthy 30-foot prawn trawler sourced from Beachmere marina, which has been carefully repurposed – wheelhouse and all – as a functioning bar with beer taps, a rum wall and a new TAB area.

Designed by Amey Rosenthal of Rosenthal Creative and outfitted by Aussie Fitouts, publican Lucinda Dowling Black said Jim's Bait & Tackle offered a seamless blend of style and functionality. Lucinda, who runs the pub with her husband Toby, said they put real heart and soul into this project.

"As a generational family company, it brings us great pride and honour to add our personal

stamp to our projects and build on the rich legacy of the establishment," she said.

"For this project, we wanted the bar to have real character and tell a story.

"Who better than our granddad, Jim Dowling – a mad fisherman and lifetime publican, whose classic yarns and tales will live on as they're woven through the character of our brand, and shared with punters over the bar in much the same way he would have back in the day, with a wry smile and a few untruths."

Jim's Bait & Tackle has a cosy vibe and is packed to the rafters with local fishing memorabilia sourced from South-East Queensland and donated by local patrons.

Everywhere you look features Sandgate and Moreton Bay maps, photos, and crab pots; there's a radio pulled from a boat which completed the legendary Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race. You'll also find tribute plaques to past fishing club members.

Pub-goers will find everything from entire tinnies hanging from the ceiling, to a pickled stonefish in a vintage jar.

The reno also uncovered a stunning original fireplace, with brickwork dating back to the 1860s

The newly renovated space does not feel like a fishing "theme bar"; in fact, it feels like a home away from home for locals who love the coast. And sports lovers should not be worried – there are still plenty of big screens to take in all the action of whatever game you're following.



JIM'S BAIT & TACKLE IS OPEN 7 DAYS FROM 10AM.



FULL MOON FEATURES

The Full Moon Hotel, at 118 Eagle Terrace Sandgate, is open 7 days from 9am, Monday through Thursday. For early risers and weekend adventurers, they serve breakfast from 7am every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Hotel offers free live music Fridays and Saturdays from 8pm and Sundays from 2pm.

There's plenty happening throughout the week with Steak & Schnitzel Nights, plus free entertainment like Musical Bingo and Trivia!