



FULL MOON HOTEL'S SHRIMP-LY AMAZING BAR TRANSFORMATION

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The Full Moon Hotel is preparing to unveil its latest renovation project, which is sure to surprise and delight patrons.

The popular venue, known for its coastal vibe and rich history, is set to transform the Osbourne Sports Bar into a themed bar with a unique feature – an old timber prawn trawler as a functioning bar.

Lucinda Black Dowling, the owner of the Full Moon Hotel, said it had always been the plan to renovate the Osbourne Sports Bar.

“With the rest of the hotel renovations complete, it naturally only made sense to move onto the next stage,” she said.

Since the Dowling family took ownership of the Full Moon Hotel in 2015, the venue has undergone several renovations. These include a design refresh inspired by the iconic coastal Queenslander homes in the area, refurbishments to the dining area, bar and gaming lounge, the creation of the Harvest Moon Café, and a new custom-designed kids’ play space, The Treehouse.

Lucinda said the latest renovations would be the first transformation the Osbourne Sports Bar had seen in decades, with the local prawn trawler

purchased to become the centrepiece of the space.

“On Wednesday, 31 January, working with the council and Aussie Fit Outs we closed part of Eagle Terrace to crane in the boat for installation – it sure was a spectacle!” she said.

The Full Moon Hotel was originally known as Osbourne House in the early 1860s, before becoming the Osbourne Hotel. The Osbourne Sports Bar, located in the most original part of the building, has been functioning for more than 150 years.

“Now, keeping the charm from the original Osbourne House building, the Osbourne Sports Bar is the place for cheeky banter, cold beers on tap, sports live and loud, and tasty food,” Lucinda said.

When asked about the timeframes for the latest renovation, Lucinda said they would be “casting off mid-March”. However, she is keeping the final design of the updated bar under wraps.

“You’ll have to pop into the Full Moon Hotel to find out for yourself!” she said.

Throughout the renovation process, the Moonlight Bar and Deck, Harvest Moon Café, Treehouse, and VIP Gaming Lounge will remain open to guests.

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