



HOTEL RENOVATION TOUR

WESTPAC HOSTED THEIR HOTEL RENOVATION TOUR ON OCTOBER 23 IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 10 YEAR DIAMOND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE QHA.

Taking the spotlight for the evening were three recently renovated hotels who were finalists within the Renovation categories at the recent 2018 QHA awards: The Red Brick Hotel, The Tingalpa Hotel and The Glen Hotel.

“Tonight we are pleased to showcase three contrasting pubs that have undergone substantial renovations. The owners of each consulting experts in interior design, architecture and building to turn out unique approaches to their venues drawing in their local community and customer bases in different ways” noted David Tayler - Regional General Manager Westpac Commercial Banking Qld. “With the hospitality and tourism industry in QLD poised for solid growth in the years ahead, we see this reflected in hoteliers focused on continuing to improve their venues and unique offering to their customers and local communities.”



The tour commenced at The Red Brick Hotel in Woolloongabba which has received a multi stage renovation by long term owners the Hakfoort family after bringing the management of the pub back in-house. Albert utilised the expertise of Mark Schulman and his team at Paynters to deliver his vision of bringing the hotel back to its former glory uncovering layers of plaster and history to reveal the charm of the original brick pub. Seeking to create a niche venue within the local area, a warm traditional pub with a great bar and dining to suit the needs of their local custom.



“I WAS PLEASED TO BE INVITED TO PRESENT TWO OF OUR HOTELS ON THE WESTPAC PUB RENOVATION TOUR... I HOPE THAT WESTPAC WILL CONTINUE THIS KIND OF TOUR OVER THE YEARS AND START A TRADITION”. ALBERT HAKFOORT

Following wines supplied for the evening by Treasury and samples from the menu guests were then transported by luxury coach to the second venue The Tingalpa Hotel. Purchased in 2015, Albert and Dianne Hakfoort had a different mandate for the Tingalpa. The Award nominated renovation focused on developing a family friendly venue where the local community could enjoy quality dining and function spaces. Though collaboration with Luis Nui and the BPSN team, the venue has a new warm bar design, clever and functional dining spaces and multiple format function and event rooms to cater for increasing demand for private and corporate events.

The final stop on the tour was to the Glen Hotel winner of the 2018 QHA awards under \$2m renovation category for their new Alphonsus Pizza dining offering. Located in the heart of the venue a new leafy al fresco terrace provides full view to the pizza making action, including two impressive Italian stone wood fire ovens

within an open plan Italian kitchen. The Glen has been owned by the Fitzgibbon family since 1960 and Brian Fitzgibbon and his team provided insights to the group on their approach to their most recent renovations, and more broadly how they have continued to evolve and refresh the Glen Hotel which has been a Brisbane institution for many generations.

“The success of these events are driven by our customers and their peers who continue to reinvest in their businesses to create innovative and eye catching venues. Our hoteliers and panel guests provided wonderful insights and collaboration reflective of their passion of not only their own venues but the industry as a whole. Westpac is proud to have presented our first Hotel Renovation tour in 2018.” □