

Popular watering hole celebrates birthday

Spotted Cow has long history

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THE Spotted Cow is one of Toowoomba's favourite watering holes and loyal patrons of all ages were delighted to share in the hotel's recent 120th birthday celebrations.

The Spotted Cow's Phil Coorey said there had been many highlights since the family bought the hotel in 1995.

"I still talk about the day we had West Indian cricket legend Sir Vivian Richards as a special guest speaker," he said.

"That was just incredible.

"But we have also hosted events with sporting greats such as Artie Beetson, Merv Hughes, Ron Barassi and Rodney Hogg.

"Our live shows with bands like Wolf Mother and Art vs. Science have become so popular that we're planning more top quality shows in future."

A favourite with beer connoisseurs the Spotted Cow is respected for its commitment to craft beers.

"Our reputation for beer has grown so much that Australia Day and Oktoberfest events are highlights on the Toowoomba calendar attracting people from outside the region too."

But the Coorey family's biggest buzz of the past 17 years has been the clientele.

"We are privileged to enjoy the company of so many great customers who have supported us since we took over the business," Phil said.

"As far as we're concerned the Spotted Cow is on track to give Toowoomba great hospitality and great experiences for the next 120 years."

Designed by James Marks the Spotted Cow Hotel was built in 1892 but originally called the Sovereign. Publican JT Nolan took over in 1902 and changed the name to the Luckona. Publicans changed hands over the next few decades until the building was extensively remodelled in the 1990s and renamed the Spotted Cow Hotel.



COOREY FAMILY: Enjoying the Spotted Cow's 120th birthday celebrations are (from left) Phil, Victoria, Andrew, Dianne, Michael, Lucinda and Eleanor Coorey.

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GORGEOUS GIRLS: Looking stylish are (from left) Kimberley Armanasco, Kayla Morris, Anita Fitzgibbons and Alicia Goldman.



CELEBRATIONS: Getting into the birthday spirit are (from left) Liam Janetzki, Jason Janetzki and Amy Tickle.



CATCHING UP: Socialising at the Spotted Cow are (from left) Kent and Amanda Glass with Ricky and Rob Adams.



STYLISH LADIES: Looking elegant are Jess Kilner (left) and Anna Coulton.



SMILE AND SPARKLE: Georgia Cook (left) and Wendy Begg.



ALL SMILES: Having a great time at the 120th birthday of the Spotted Cow are (from left) Rick and Sue Tummon with Jessica and Andrew Rossow.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT: Pip Turner (left) joins Kate Spence.



THREE'S COMPANY: Duncan Neal catches up with Jacqueline Harbour (left) and Sue Fielding.

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