

Hotel Tour Map

Enjoy the Flavour of History



HIGGS STREET



1. Spanish Garden Steakhouse

Established in 1967 as a Mexican restaurant, the 'Spanish' served its first famous steak in 1968 (the Mexican theme did not take on too well!) At a cost of \$1.50 for the now famous steak, Idaho potato and coleslaw, the steakhouse idea was incredibly popular and so the tradition of the Breakfast Creek Hotel and world class steaks began.

2. Staghorn Beer Garden

A renovation in 2002 resulted in this tropical surrounding being one of the most renowned Beer Garden's in Queensland. The history surrounding the old Beer Garden is also rich in folklore! It is known as introducing Beer Garden style dining to Brisbane... a custom that is now recognised as part of Brisbane's culture. The Staghorn Bar is a great place to meet friends and strangers epitomising the hotel's legendary hospitality.

3. Museum

Now a history lesson in a pub, the museum was known for years as the hotel's snack bar. It was here that the legend of the great Brekky Creek Pie was born, serving thousands of hungry customers every week. Now as you peruse around, it is a tribute to the memory of what has made and contributes to make the Breakfast Creek Hotel such an institution and Brisbane's best loved pub.

4. History Corridor

Take time to stroll down and marvel at the walls in this original part of the hotel. You will find a post demonstrating exactly how the hotel was affected by the great floods of 1893 and 1974 and many photos depicting the event. The hotel stood strong however and this can be seen by the many news worthy articles and awards the hotel has received over the years. The original hotel licence is also on display here depicting exactly what the hotel offered way back in 1889! If you let your curiosity draw your eyes to the floor by the front door you can also see the original BCH logo - yes that logo was also around way back then!

5. Bomb Shelter Gaming Room

This home of eight poker machines has represented a cold room in its time. However most interestingly was a bomb shelter for the hotel during World War 2.

6. Public Bar

The historical value in this bar never ends. The walls depict quotes by various people that have kept the hotel in Brisbane's memory today. It was here that the wharfies set up their petition to keep the 'Beer off the Wood'. It has been a stomping ground for politicians, small time criminals, lawyers, wharfies and journalists for decades... if you stay long enough you may even spot one of the originals from the 'Brekky Creek Gang'!

7. Private Bar

This is where you can find the famous 'Beer off the Wood' 7 days a week. The first keg of the day is spiked everyday at midday and the walls are adorned with memorabilia for all those publicans/ hoteliers that kept the 'Creek' going strong.

8. Front Plaza

The transformation here is instantly recognisable as an integral part of the hotel's profile. Compare the view you see now to those pictures you see on the walls of the History Corridor. The Inner City Bypass replaced the old Sandgate Road which ran directly along what is now our footpath dining area. Coincidentally this is the same area that William MacNaughton Galloway fell to his death from the bedroom window in 1895.

9. Substation No 41

Prior to the 1970's this huge brick building was a busy electrical substation. During the 1970's it was a dormant disused shell lying next to the popular Brekky Creek Hotel. Come renovations over a quarter decade later and the derelict building became this buzzing hub of premium cocktails and world famous steaks.

i. Substation No 41 Bar

Representing the finest in craft beers and premium cocktails, this spectacular bar has become a destination bar in its own right. It features a 15 metre long timber bar top which was recycled from the old CSR sugar mill in nearby Teneriffe. With soaring ceilings and exposed brick walls it has become very fashionable with its industrial, warehouse feel.

ii. Substation Kitchen

Cooking well over 7000 steaks a week, the Substation Kitchen is where the great Brekky Creek BBQ is prepared. With staff that have worked here for 35 years there are some great stories to be had - it is hard to believe that only 6 years ago all the food preparation was executed upstairs in the original hotel kitchen - being sent down via the dumb waiter - see the museum!

10. Gaming Lounge

The newest addition to the hotel is the Gaming Lounge. Formerly it housed the hotel's take away bottle shop. The Breakfast Creek Hotel actually housed the very first drive through bottle shop in Queensland which was located directly behind the Spanish Garden Restaurant. It was removed 8 years ago but the tradition of yet again being the first still continues!!

There are many stories relevant to the vast history of the Breakfast Creek Hotel. Ghost stories, love stories, crime stories and of course the factual evidence are just part of what makes it so rich in culture. To find out more of the heritage facts of the hotel please log onto the Environmental Protection Agency Cultural Heritage site. Here, the relevance the hotel has to the rapidly changing Brisbane culture is detailed and makes for very interesting reading. www.epa.qld.gov.au