

THE ATTIC

89 Grafton St, Cairns QLD

The Attic, Cairns, is a home away from home for legions of backpackers on the North Queensland trek. The idea was to surround the travellers with everyday domestic items and reminders of home and family. But not daggily so... far from it, this is a classy lounge bar that invites patrons to don their glad rags.

The Attic owners wanted a venue that was versatile and flexible enough such that various sections could be separated for functions between five and 50 people. The renovation would also include the addition of a 100sqm roof deck on the level above the lounge bar.

Architects, Brand+Slater, tell us they tackled the job by envisaging themselves seated on every lounge, standing at every bar and bopping on the dancefloor to ensure the design was interesting enough. Brand+Slater, then spent weeks rescuing forgotten objects and arranging them on site, injecting the objects with a new life — no op shop was safe. To fulfil the demand for versatility, the spaces are divided by distinctive furnishings, drapes and level changes. JVG Sound & Lighting's Cairns office also came to the party with a great interactive LED lighting program.

The \$2000/sqm budget was achieved as was the aim for a unique venue well worth the three-flight trip upstairs from Gilligans. **venue**

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AUDIO

1 X Turbosound TCS-218C subs
4 X Turbosound TCS-101C full-range boxes
2 X Turbosound TCS-101C in the VIP room
2 X Turbosound TCS-081C DJ foldback
4 X Turbosound TCS-081C Room Fill

LIGHTING:

8 x Visio VP 120
96 x Visio 3 Warm White
6 x Visio 6 Warm White
4 x Anolis Cool White
4 x Anolis 36 Smart White Drivers
28 x Anolis Warm White ARC 3 fittings
2 x Light Emotion LED Colour Wash
8 x JLight LED Washes
50m x LED Fairy Lights Warm White

DJ GEAR:

3 x Pioneer CDJ2000S
1 x Pioneer DJM800 Mixer

CONTROL SYSTEM:

Crestron CP2E
2 x Crestron TPS-6L Touchscreens

LIGHTING & AV

The Attic posed some significant lighting and audiovisual challenges; challenges JVG Sound Light & Visual met head on. Here's how JVG boss, Jade Golar, explains the finer points of the job:

- We used a range of lighting and angles to create a 3D shadow look to feature the antique pieces. Getting the ambience right was the key to delivering this.
- The existing building is very old. The way in which we had to install cables into existing and new joinery was very complex.
- The room was exceptionally dark, and was a problem for existing security cameras. We needed to improve the lighting and we used warm white light in the DJ box to offset the darkness of the room.
- The upgrade of the entire head end, while keeping the venue open, requiring night shifts of 3am to 8am.
- We had to employ abseilers to install lighting into the trees outside.
- Automating the whole venue using a Crestron Control system to manage the lighting, audio, video, fire, and security systems was a challenge but well worth the effort.

