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Keg & Brew Swings Open its Doors to Surry Hills

Surry Hill's newest pub, the Keg & Brew, has swung open its doors this week. Formerly the KB Hotel on Foveaux Street, the old favourite has been transformed into a Southern American haven of bourbon, beer and bites that boasts Sydney's largest collections of bourbon and craft beers on tap.

To welcome back the locals who have been patiently waiting for the renovations to finish, the Keg & Brew will be throwing a party on Thursday 16 October from 5-7pm with free nibbles and happy hour specials to welcome in the neighbours.

Simon 'Wombat' Kraegen, licensee at the Keg & Brew, says: "After months of renovations, we can't wait to get the locals back in to see what we've done with the place. The Keg & Brew is all about the love of good beer. We want to give people a chance to try the excellent new brewers of Australia, while also offering the old classics, some tasty bourbon and honest pub food at a great price. We're not here to be wanky about beer, we just love it and think others will too."

A rotating selection of 30 taps feature a huge range of Australian craft beers, cider and six Golden Oldies including Australia's favourite classics Reschs, VB and Carlton. There are also three traditional hand-pumped craft beers. Over 30 different types of bourbon are on offer, served one of three ways – neat, on the rocks or as one of three traditional bourbon cocktails.

Many of the original heritage features of the pub remain, including the wall tiles and grand central bar, with the addition of some tongue-in-cheek spaghetti western styling including cowboy-inspired wallpaper, soft brown leather banquettes, cowhide panels, stuffed animal heads and the occasional portrait of Dolly Parton. Even the gaming room has been given a cheeky new look and name - the Lucky Lounge - with horseshoe fabric chairs.

Food is provided by head chef Devendra Sherchan, formerly sous chef at the Dove & Olive, who has brought his much-loved traditional pub food to the venue with a new deep South American twist. Bites range from snack-style Fixin's to the heartier Grub and Grill selections. Signature dishes include Big Tex Bacon Bites, KBFC, Kentucky Bourbon Black Angus Rump and Philly Cheese Steak. There are also a number of vegetarian and vegan dishes including the mouthwatering Vegan Maple Glazed Polenta Cake. Dessert is not for the faint-hearted, with a Deep Fried Twinkie served with chocolate fondue and sprinkles that will test even the most hardened sweet tooth.

As with sister venue the Dove & Olive, the Keg & Brew will also become known for its affordable daily specials, available for a limited time. From \$9.90 KB burgers, steaks and schnitties to an irresistible \$17 Sunday roast with all the trimmings, they are sure to keep customers coming back for more.

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