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Go behind the screens of Commonwealth Hotel restoration



Following the announcement that the demolition phase of the Commonwealth Hotel restoration project in the Nicholas Street Precinct is now finished and construction has commenced, Ipswich City Council is inviting you to take a look behind the screens through a new series on *Ipswich First* designed to keep you up to date by showing you what is happening at the beloved watering hole.

The project is tracking well towards its practical completion date of January (end of construction, not fit out) with two separate areas now starting to take shape including the first-floor amenities, and the gaming room, which sits underneath what will be the beer garden and become the entry point from the rear car park.

The scaffolding and form work for the gaming room floor is almost complete, and underneath you can see glimpses of what will be the hotel's keg and cool room. Once the form work is complete, steel reinforcing will be added and the concrete poured, this should take place in the next week.

The gaming room is at the same level as the rear car park and access to the beer garden above will be through stairs or a lift, both of which you can see starting to emerge. Up two levels on the side of the old Commonwealth Hotel, the foundation for the first-floor amenities has also been formed up, with steel reinforcing already in place and concrete is due to be poured this week.

