



SOUND SPECIAL

Tattersalls Hotel

Rooftop Sound Ceiling a Big Hit

Recently the Tattersalls Hotel in Hobart completed work on the Rooftop beer garden, which opens out onto the rooftop through bi-fold doors from the second level. Owner John Marios wanted to change tack a little from the nightclub downstairs with some R&B upstairs. But thumping bass and bi-fold doors don't usually go hand in hand, especially when you're in the middle of the city. "The area opens out onto a courtyard, and we're in the middle of the city, so the biggest problem for us was noise pollution," said John. It took a bit of convincing, but eventually John found the solution for his problem, a Jbn sound ceiling. The ceiling keeps all the low-end frequencies pointed straight at the people on the dancefloor, allowing John to keep those bi-fold doors open and have R&B playing inside at the same time. "Initially I was very sceptical about spending so much money, especially when you've got so many options," explained John. "It took them a few months to convince me. I travelled from Tassie to Melbourne to have a look at a few in person. I ended up going to a gig in Port Melbourne and I was just blown away. It's been the best decision. I've had no problems with noise pollution, no problems with the police, and the young kids love the sound that comes out of it. If I had another three or four nightclubs, I wouldn't think about another system. It's easy, you don't have to worry about speakers everywhere and it just goes."

Jbn Sound ceilings are solving problems left, right and right above. PJ O'Brien's in Cairns owner Jon Hasler wanted to get music pumping on the dance floor, and felt the 103dB level he was achieving wasn't strong enough. His problem: there are apartments on the level right above the dance floor. Ross Palmer Acoustics suggested Jbn, who guaranteed an increase of at least 10dB or would take the system out again. Going against common logic by putting the source as close to the apartments as possible, the 51 directional ceiling tiles have allowed the system to achieve increases of up to 20dB in the low end without increasing the levels upstairs at all.

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