



Beyond the Pale owners Aidan McGarrity and Mark McKenna plan to open at Coorparoo Square in two weeks. Picture: Brian Bennion

Suburb's first public bar to kickstart Coorparoo Square opening

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COORPAROO'S first bar will open in two weeks.

Beyond the Pale at Coorparoo Square will feature a selection of craft beers including its own house lager and 12 taps.

Irish-born owners Aidan McGarrity and Mark McKenna said the venue featured 130 seats with capacity for 250 patrons, and a 9m-long bar, kitchen and separate coffee bar with a window servery.

The trendy bar is designed to spill on to the arcade and Old Cleveland Rd frontage with seating inset into the exterior walls and massive, bi-fold doors.

While Coorparoo has licensed premises at Easts Leagues Club, sporting clubs and Coorparoo RSL, this will be the first public bar to open in the suburb.

The owners, who moved to Coorparoo from Ireland for work, noticed the need for a bar and saw the opportunity at Coorparoo Square.

“Living in the suburb, we knew this place was in desperate need of a bar and with this development going on, we thought maybe we could go for it,” Mr McGarrity said.

Beyond the Pale is set to open in two weeks, ahead of Coorparoo Square’s grand opening in November.

The South-East Advertiser took a look behind the construction fencing last week as workers put the finishing touches on the complex.

The \$252 million development by Frasers Property and Honeycombes Property Group will deliver 366 residential apartments and 6700sq m of retail space with 265 car parks.



The first look inside Coorparoo Square. Pictured is the arcade behind the Dendy Cinema. Beyond the Pale is on the right. Picture: Brian Bennion

The 10-theatre Dendy Cinema, located on the second level, has its entrance at the corner of Old Cleveland and Cavendish roads.

The other anchor tenant is supermarket giant Aldi.

Tenants include burger retailers Hello Harry and Remy’s, American barbecue offering Smokey Pipes, Mexican specialist Poblano, Saffron Indian, Mission Vietnamese, Kivahan coffee roasters, La Mimosa Gelato, hairdresser Tigerlamb and barber Chopspot.

A Frasers spokesman said Dendy was scheduled to open on November 23, and Aldi would open around the same time.

He said settlements of stage-one apartments were expected to happen late this month, while stage-two apartments would settle in December.

Beyond the Pale has combined three tenancies to create the largest tenancy in the precinct at 253sq m, behind Aldi and Dendy.

Mr McGarrity said the phrase “beyond the pale” harked back to 14th-century Ireland, when the part of Ireland that was under English rule was delineated by a boundary made of stakes or fences, and known as the English Pale.

To travel outside of that boundary, beyond the pale, was to leave behind the rules and institutions of English society.

He said the timber cladding designed for the bar face mimicked the boundary of stakes and fences.

Beyond the Pale will open from 6am for breakfast and coffee takeaways, and is licensed to midnight.

Mr McGarrity said the bar would serve local craft beers from Stone and Wood, Newstead and Green Beacon.



A concept image of the Dendy Cinema at Coorparoo Square