

## All I want for Christmas... is for the Cook to re-open!

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Many of us have memories of the Captain Cook Tavern – the student pub in Albany Street, just a block away from the main Otago campus. Student nights out, legendary Dunedin bands, and lunchtime burger specials – the Cook had it all.

After a period of closure, the much-missed pub is set to return by Christmas. Owners Orari Street Properties Investments Ltd plan to re-open the Cook as a refurbished bar, aimed at the general population of Dunedin.

The refurbishments, it is reported, will retain the heritage of the building while also giving it an upgrade. There will be a new garden bar and outdoor area, and large windows overlooking Albany and Great King Streets. Upstairs there will be a nightclub, while downstairs the new bar will house a restaurant/bar, and a sushi bar.

The \$1.5 million project includes not only heritage items, but also seismic strengthening, new roofing and a sprinkler system. An outdoor breakfast area is also under consideration.

The corner bar is planned to be open to the public in the week before Christmas.

What are some of your memories of the Cook? Email us your stories and photos, and we'll share a selection of them on Facebook: [alumni@otago.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@otago.ac.nz)