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# Porta timber dowels add design flare to VIP Kingpin Bowling Alley

## Project Details

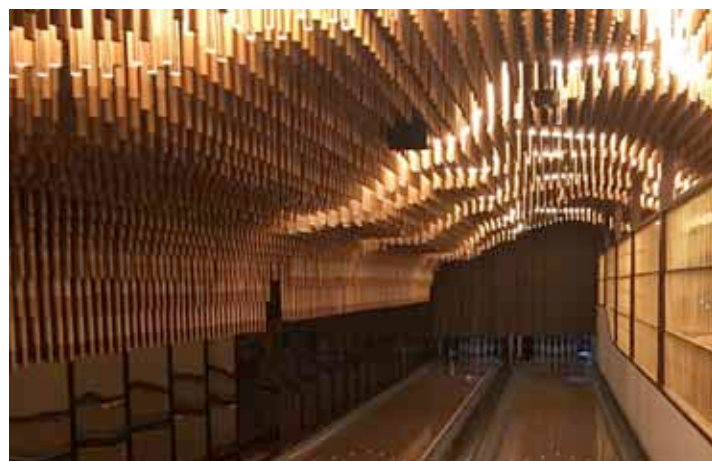
AMF Bowling, who own and manage Kingpin Bowling alleys nationally, wanted the flagship Crown Casino Kingpin bowling alley to become a venue that offered a complete entertainment experience.

AMF engaged Tonic Project Architects & Interior Designers to redesign the Crown Casino Kingpin bowling location. The project consisted of a makeover for the downstairs Hub and Arcade rooms as well as a luxury VIP bowling experience upstairs.

The project involved guidance from designers at Crown Casino to ensure the final result reflected the aesthetics of the Crown brand. This refurbished flagship entertainment venue has become the benchmark in Australia for the AMF bowling portfolio.

“The use of **timber dowels** as a **ceiling treatment** allowed us to **create a unique three dimensional ceiling-scape** as a **focal point for the venue.**”

Anna Gowen - Architect, Tonic



## The Verdict

Anna Gowen, Architect, Tonic Project Architects & Interior Designers, and her team wanted to create a VIP venue which took the bowling experience to a whole new level.

Tonic selected Porta's timber dowels to create a striking ceiling design. Forty thousand round timber dowels were used to create a unique three dimensional ceiling-scape as a focal point for the venue. “The dowels were a beautiful quality product which added a rich warmth to the space,” shares Anna.

Every dowel was dipped in a rose coloured fire retardant paint by Porter Paints which created a stunning contrast to the beautiful

grain in the Tasmanian oak timber. “The individually cut and hung dowels give a beautiful soft movement and also hide all the services for a seamless finish,” explains Anna.

Tonic teamed the timber dowels with reclaimed French herringbone flooring, custom Italian carpet and bespoke leather and brass furniture.