

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



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Herston Health Precinct in Brisbane's inner north.

Herston Health Precinct evolving as a \$1.1 billion global medical benchmark

THE Herston Quarter, a two-year \$110 million heritage refurbishment project for Hutchies within the Herston Health Precinct of Brisbane's inner north, was completed in February.

Development of the five-hectare site will continue the evolution of the district into a global health precinct benchmark.

Featuring public spaces and commercial and residential accom-

modation options, Herston Quarter is emerging as the lifestyle heart of the Herston Health Precinct \$1.1 billion redevelopment.

The Herston Quarter site, adjacent to the Royal Brisbane and Women's

Hospital, became available for redevelopment following the relocation of children's health services to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital (now Queensland Children's Hospital) in South Brisbane.

Australian Unity was selected by the Queensland Government to lead the project and redevelopment began in 2017.

The team worked closely with Metro North Hospital and Health Service (MNHHS) and Economic Development Queensland (EDQ), the Queensland Government's specialist land use planning and property development unit.

The overall redevelopment will deliver a new 182-bed surgical, treatment and rehabilitation service (STARS) for Metro North, plus a new private hospital, aged care and retirement facilities.

Buildings will be repurposed as student accommodation.

Additional retail, cafes and commercial space will be enhanced with green and open space for staff and community to enjoy. The precinct will include childcare, parking and recreation facilities.



Hutchies' team members celebrate the last day on Herston Quarter.

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Hutchies' formula of working together to survive the "perfect storm"

IN my 20 years at Hutchies, I don't think I have ever focused before on the same topic in consecutive editions of Hutchies' Truth.

However, because of the importance of this subject, this edition is the exception. In my opinion, a section of the construction industry in some parts of the country, like southeast Queensland, is in quite a mess and some businesses are unlikely to survive the dilemma currently confronting the industry.

The demise of national builder, Probuild, and Queensland builder, Condev, is testament to the difficult and evolving circumstances in the construction industry. The trauma is deep and there are other sizeable industry businesses on the brink. For the industry to be in such dire financial shape is not good for anyone because financial collapses normally have a flow-on effect both upstream and down.

In the case of builder demise, normally developers/principals, financiers, owners, subcontractors and suppliers all feel the pain and such events often flow to other builders and workers.

In the case of subcontractor demise, typically the upstream parties manage the fallout and it is the builder who carries the impact by having to engage other subbies to complete work almost always at a premium.

However, workers are often on the receiving end in subbie failures and, often, builders don't have the capacity to take the hit.

There is nothing particularly unusual about this scene in the construction industry except, this time, the number of head contractors and, in particular, subcontractors that are feeling the pinch is significant. The financial fallout is likely to be big. It's already too late for some as this environment is here and now and needs to be confronted quickly. There is no easy solution and, in fact, I don't think there is a policy or regulatory solution, because there isn't adequate time for structural reform to take affect.

Firstly, here is the problem as we see it, things such as:

- Product supply chain delays and associated cost escalation, which in most cases is unable to be recovered, linked directly to COVID impact on manufacturing and freight logistics. Typically, quality issues add another layer of costs in the process, but usually a little further down the timeline.
- Shortage of capable subcontractors to meet the demands of the property and infrastructure market turbocharged by government stimulus aimed at so many underlying economic factors directly linked to COVID and further boosted with infrastructure spending announced in the recent federal budget.
- Builder and subbie capacity issues and the traditional fall-off in productivity that

**From the
Managing
Director**



comes with it. You know the story – 150 people up to 225 to service the demand, but the additional 75 are not of the same calibre and produce less which eats directly into our programs and our bottom line.

- Overlay the inordinate wet weather conditions since October 2021 (more than twice the norm plus floods) which, in most cases, is not recoverable, exacerbated by inflated subbie workforces built up to deal with the buoyant marketplace. This all has irrecoverable productivity, time, and cost implications.

There are many other peripheral issues but the combined impact of the above factors has created an almost unmanageable situation on construction timelines and cost escalation for builders and subbies who mostly operate on fixed price and time contracts. This is without delving into looming Australian Tax Office pressures.

While it has been used before, the "perfect storm" really does describe what is happening. Here at Hutchies, we have considered carefully the entire situation and we believe the greatest positive impact we can have on the current insolvency forces facing our industry is to work more closely than ever with our subbies on a case-by-case basis and confront any issues (including financial) that could impede the performance of our/their jobs.

With an annual turnover of circa \$3 billion across a couple of hundred projects, this approach provides us with great reach and, consequently, provides us with the vehicle to make the greatest difference to the ongoing success of our subbies.

Hutchies has a relatively strong financial position with a debt-free balance sheet sitting at circa \$378 million. We have been operating now for 110 years, so we have longevity, and we also have many people with in-depth experience in financial management and building generally. There is more than 200 years' experience among Board members alone.

We are able to look at each issue on its own merit and develop a suitable plan for each individual circumstance. We can call upon many different tools to accommodate the performance of the many subbies working across our projects, while also protecting Hutchies' interests by ensuring our projects are successfully completed on time.

Some of the mechanisms at our disposal include:

- Re-evaluating payment terms or funding

the material component of a contract to ease the financial burden on subbies.

- Guaranteeing our jobs are organised and well-managed to provide the platform for greater productivity on site (and in cases where this is not occurring, by providing subbies with direct access to the MD, finance director or chairman).
- Working closely with subbies in the design development phase and on an "our job/your job" basis – an exclusive partnership arrangement.
- Paying on time, every time.
- Combining resources and working as one on quality and safety matters.
- Hutchies investing in plant and equipment normally funded and supplied by subbies for specific Hutchies' projects.
- Payroll and accounting support for subbies.
- Reliance on Hutchies' huge forward order book to provide certainty around future jobs and greater estimating and design focus on these projects rather than a scatter gun approach.

There are many other permeations of this model of working together; I don't think there has ever been a more important time than now to engage. Despite Hutchies' size, we operate within a non-corporate environment which allows us the flexibility to accommodate these types of arrangements as part of this process. It is paramount our subbies open up and tell us everything (that means everything), so that we can jointly make competent and long-term decisions which will hopefully see the businesses we are talking about develop and prosper into the future. It is also, of course, in our own interests to make this work.

Typically, in times like these, Hutchies sees what I refer to as a "flight to certainty".

- Financiers demand that developers look for builders with a balance sheet with substance, and
- Subbies look to builders they trust and can work with genuinely and openly.

In addition to this, because of Hutchies' broad range of work – \$500,000 projects to \$500 million projects – we are able to transition and support traditionally smaller subbies into bigger projects. This approach takes considerable commitment and effort, but it works and, therefore, is worth it.

Basically, I feel the market is saying: the next year or two is going to be very interesting and now is not the time to be rolling the dice; we should all just bed down for a while and work within our means; and don't take on too much work that requires a whole pile of new and untried people; stay close to your business because difficult issues are going to be the order of the day and you need to be on your guard and be able to confront these types of issues regularly and proactively.

– Greg Quinn (COTY 2007)



The official party signals start of work on the Gladstone electrolyser manufacturing facility, using green shovels to symbolise clean energy. They are, from left, Matt Burnett, Nicola and Twiggy Forrest, Cameron Smith, Ole Hoefelmann and Scott Hutchinson.

Twiggy's green plant to grow clean energy and more jobs

CONSTRUCTION of the world's largest electrolyser facility has started with the first stage of Fortescue Future Industries' (FFI) Green Energy Manufacturing Centre (GEM) in Gladstone, Queensland.

The GEM will be powered by green energy and become a major new pollution-free green manufacturing hub creating hundreds of new direct and indirect jobs in regional Queensland.

Under construction by Hutchies, stage one is the \$114 million electrolyser facility which will expand to meet demand.

FFI chairman, Dr Andrew (Twiggy) Forrest, said the GEM would become an epicentre for Queensland's green hydrogen ambitions, building on Gladstone's skilled workforce and foresight in industrial master-planning, including a world-class port.

"The world is moving on from fossil fuels and the green industrial revolution is underway," said Dr Forrest.

"Fortescue Future Industries' game changing electrolyser facility in Gladstone is putting Queensland at the centre of this revolution which is creating an entirely new industry and thousands of multi-generational jobs for Australians."

Queensland Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk said, as a result of this project and others like it, Gladstone would become a world-leading hub for the manufacture of electrolysers – vital to the production of renewable hydrogen.

"The partnership we've forged with Twiggy and his team will create local jobs, support our economic recovery and create an advanced manufacturing industry in Glad-

stone that doesn't exist anywhere else in the country," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"There is no doubt that the hydrogen industry will play a key role in future employment, investment and export opportunities for Queensland."

The electrolyser facility will have an initial capacity to double current global production and enough to produce more than 200,000 tonnes of green hydrogen each year.

FFI's goal is to become the world's leading green products company, powering the economy and creating jobs as the world transitions away from fossil fuels.

The first electrolysers manufactured at the facility in early 2023 are earmarked to be used in Queensland at FFI's proposed green hydrogen to ammonia project at Gibson Island.

UberEats with scaffold delivery

HUTCHIES' Altura team at West Village received a surprise bonus when their scaffolding was delivered on site.

It was a \$1000 UberEats voucher to acknowledge the team receiving the 40,000th delivery of Hutchies' scaffolding.

Currently, there are more than 100 Hutchies' projects in Australia with scaffolding supplied by the scaffold team based in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Cairns.

The scaffold team has been involved in almost 2,000 Hutchies' projects since 2003.

More than 23 million components have been delivered and, if laid end-to-end, they would circle the globe!



From left, Glenn Rumph, Sebastian Curtis, Matt Hanna and Tim McGregor, on site at West Village with a scaffold delivery and a \$1000 UberEats voucher.



Despite the rain, the VIPs signalled the start of another Queensland Government Build-to-Rent project. From left, Frasers Property CEO, Anthony Boyd; Minister for Communities and Housing, Leanne Enoch; Treasurer, Cameron Dick; Minister for Industrial Relations, Grace Grace; and Scott Hutchinson.

WORK is underway on the second project to provide more inner-city affordable housing through the Queensland Government's signature Build-to-Rent (BTR) program.

Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, Cameron Dick, turned the sod on Frasers Property's Brunswick & Co. development at 210 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley.

"This event is a win for the construction industry, delivering another 290 jobs on site," the Treasurer said.

"But, more importantly, it's a win for housing affordability in Queensland.

"All 366 apartments in this complex will be available to renters only, not property speculators.

"Additionally, the rent on about 145 of the apartments will be discounted, thanks to a subsidy from our government.

More affordable housing from another Build to Rent project

"That means more opportunities for workers like nurses and hospitality staff to live closer to their jobs which means less time and money spent on commuting."

The first residents are expected to be moving into Brunswick & Co. in 2024, with the development to offer easy access to public transport, co-working offices, shared dining areas and a fitness centre.

Frasers Property Australia's Cameron Leggatt said the company is excited to move into the construction phase of its first BTR project.

"Frasers Property is committed to redefining

renting at Brunswick & Co., delivered in one of Brisbane's most emerging and vibrant precincts," Mr Leggatt said.

"This is a major milestone for the local community and we're proud to collaborate with the Queensland Government and Hutchinson Builders on this landmark project, to help Brisbane meet growing demand in the lead up to the 2032 Olympic Games."

Brunswick & Co. is the second BTR project under construction, following Mirvac's LIV Anura development in Newstead, which started in August last year.

Rail projects running on time

STEADY progress is being made by Hutchies on two projects as part of Queensland Rail's (QR) station accessibility upgrade program to give the travelling public greater access to rail services.

Construction of an accessibility upgrade for QR at East Ipswich which began in August 2020 is now complete.

Work included construction of a new station building, demolition of the old station and platforms, and provision of a single access path from accessible station entrances to the assisted boarding points.

Minister for Transport and Main

Roads, Mark Bailey, and Member for Ipswich, Jennifer Howard, attended the official opening at East Ipswich station.

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MEANWHILE, at inner Brisbane's South Bank, the upgrade includes a full-length raised platform, with new seating, shelters, security, lighting and signage.

The upgrade will support customers who use the network, particularly those with mobility devices, vision/hearing impaired, seniors and those travelling with prams and luggage.



Some of Hutchies' team at the opening of East Ipswich station were (from left) Beau Gray, Mitch Bell and Alex Sawtell.



Hutchies' project team at South Bank use high rail equipment to install precast concrete coping panels to raise the platform.



Hutchies' Keegan Moriarty at front of house of the Icon Cancer Centre in Concord, Sydney.



The recently completed Icon Cancer Centre Concord provides the latest radiation therapy technology and techniques delivered by cancer specialists.

Latest therapy and technology in Concord Icon Cancer Centre

THE Icon Cancer Centre Concord (Radiation Oncology) built by Hutchies in Sydney provides the latest radiation therapy technology and techniques delivered by cancer specialists in a friendly and supportive environment.

Located on site at Concord Repatriation

General Hospital, the centre offers cutting-edge radiation therapy for all cancer types.

Icon Concord brings the Icon network to 30 centres across Australia.

In 2019, Radiation Oncology Centres and Icon Cancer Care were brought together

under the Icon Cancer Centre brand.

Icon Centres are a combination of day oncology hospitals that deliver chemotherapy and treatment for blood disorders, radiation oncology centres, and comprehensive centres that concentrate on oncology and radiation therapy under one roof.



Herston Quarter, a heritage refurbishment project for Hutchies within the Herston Health Precinct.

Heritage restoration project links Hutchies with its past

HUTCHIES started its relationship with the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in 1936 and was back on site in the Herston Health Precinct two years ago, to deliver multiple stages of the Herston Quarter for Australian Unity, including the heritage precinct, car park and services diversion.

Hutchies' heritage work has involved refurbishment of several buildings in the precinct, including the Lady Lamington and Edith Cavell buildings.

Lady Lamington was built in stages between 1896 and 1939 and Edith Cavell was built in 1922.

The North Tower of Lady Lamington was built by Hutchies in 1936 and the team finished refurbishing it early this year after two years' work.

Hutchies' team integrated well over two years at Herston and subbies were outstanding, including Usher & Son, Perigon, Dewpoint, CC P&D, KeyBuild Services, Brisbane Fire Protection, Bland 2 Brilliant, Land Surveys, Mulherin Rigging and Cranes, Master Floor Preparers, Octeros Cabinets, Padstar,

Polyseal, Pro Concrete Group, Scooter Commercial, Dot Dash, Spanos, TJM Group and Vealstruct.

At peak construction, the project had 300 workers on site each day.

Heritage work included:

- more than 500 original doors refurbished and 230 pairs of new French doors installed;
- more than 300 original windows refurbished;
- new panes of glass including 276 Flemish panels, 65 Belgian cathedral panels (blue) and 541 clear panels;
- timber panel infills over curved staircase;
- replica pressed metal and ripple iron ceilings; and,
- approximately 850 lineal metres of timber balustrades replaced.

Rock removed from bulk earthworks was reused in retaining walls (demolished material was not permitted to be recycled or re-used on other projects).

Landscaping included 127 new trees and 10,326 plants.



The Adelaide Billings Ward has been demolished, but the ghost of former Matron Adelaide Billings is said to still walk the precinct's corridors.



LEFT: Hutchies' site manager Dan Staples joins in the smoking ceremony at the Allan Border Field redevelopment project.

BELOW: The Allan Border Field redevelopment project with the Albion Park Raceway in the background.

Smoking ceremony signals Allan Border field midway

NEARING the halfway point of the Allan Border Field redevelopment, a member of the Yugera people, who are the traditional owners of the land in the area, performed a smoking ceremony for Queensland Cricket, Cricket Australia and members of Hutchies' project team.

Hutchies is continuing work on the project which makes up the final stage of the National Cricket Campus project.

The Campus comprises three stages across the Shaw Road redevelopment (stages A and B) and the Allan Border Field (stage C).

It will provide facilities that can be used by international, national and state teams, pathway programs, and community cricket clubs.

It also encompasses the Bupa National Cricket Centre at Albion, adjacent to Allan Border Field.

Hutchies is the principal contractor completing stage C, after having successfully delivered stages A and B.

The scope of works for the redeveloped Allan Border Field includes the expansion of the oval on the eastern side, new off-field facilities, improved drainage, terraced seating, flood lighting and the installation of an electronic scoreboard.

Upgrades include five new training pitches as part of the refurbishment of the Ray Lindwall Oval as well as the expansion of the Allan Border Field centre block to include additional pitches.



As Cricket Australia's leading national infrastructure undertaking, the \$18.8 million project is supported by the federal and Queensland governments, Brisbane City Council, Cricket Australia, Queensland Cricket and Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club.



Olympic metal for Pillow Talk headquarters

HUTCHIES' new Olympic sod-turning shovels – Gold, Silver and Bronze – made their debut appearance at the start of construction ceremony for the new Pillow Talk head office and warehouse at Darra in January.

At the ceremony are (from left) Kate Spencer, Pillow Talk CEO; Scott Hutchinson; Heath Goddard, director and co-founder of Pillow Talk; and Cr Sarah Hutton.



Kayak was the on-site transportation of choice during the Brisbane floods for Riaan Velvick, senior WH&S officer, who was happy not to get his hair wet.

Massive flood reco

HUTCHIES' team members pitched in with clients, communities and local authorities in Queensland and New South Wales in a massive clean-up operation after the recent two-state deluges of rain.

Team members worked on floodwater inflow and damage on project sites to get building programs back on schedule.

They also volunteered to help communities in need.

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HUTCHIES' Dean White was able to organise a one-man rescue mission to help his family members and communities in the Ballina and Lismore districts during the floods.

Dean organised his mission after family members' week of isolation with no power and no supplies

His plan was to lend a hand with clean-up, throw a community barbecue and distribute donated items.

Dean put the call out for marquee, jerry cans, fuel, brooms, buckets, cleaning chemicals, antiseptic, first aid gear, generator and pressure washer.

Hutchies and local businesses answered his call.

Dean said he bought supplies and had a good load donated.

"The Big Pumpkin fruit shop in Beaudesert was amazing with fresh food donations and fresh milk," said Dean.

"I went down and did a rescue mission with a boat to get the gear in.

"Big mission ... but we got there with fuel, generator and food supplies and dropped off a heap of donations to the town of Coraki."

Dean thanked Hutchies' team and members of the community for their help in his time of need.

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THE Eddie Gangemi team pitched in to repair flood damage to car park areas of the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

The team assisted in removal of river sludge and washing down of Butterfield Street and making good the doctors' carpark.

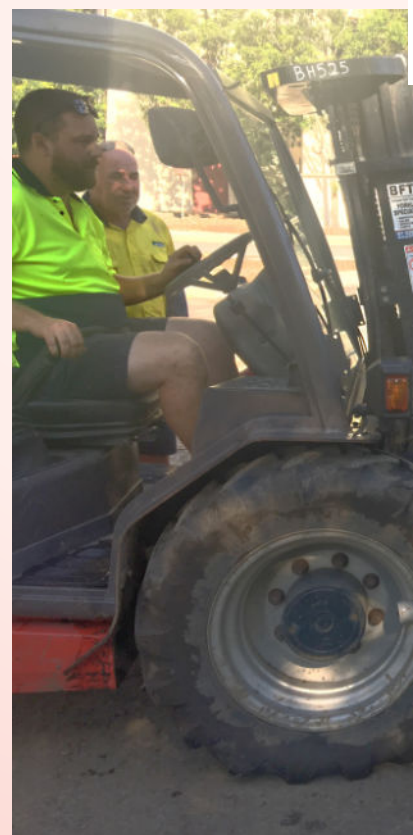
Gillian Nasato, acting executive director, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, thanked Hutchies for its efforts to restore parking.

"It was truly amazing to hear that (Hutchies was) in a position to help us out with restoring this area to be safely accessed," she said.

"The staff are under considerable pressure and if we can eliminate one stressor in their day, such as accessing a car park,



The Eddie Gangemi team on the clean-up trail at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.



Recovery effort



Dean White's flood rescue mission on the road.

then we have made a positive impact. "It is your efforts and contribution which makes all the difference."

"Well done and thankyou." THE National Cricket Campus Allan Border Field precinct survived the severe weather thanks to timely

investment in drainage as part of the facility's \$18.8 million upgrade. Queensland Cricket thanked Hutchies for its team members' efforts during the flood recovery.



ABOVE: Luke Hinds with the catch of the day caught on a project in the Brisbane flood clean-up.



LEFT: The Allan Border field at the National Cricket Campus (top of picture) benefited from a timely investment in drainage (as part of the facility's \$18.8 million upgrade) when the nearby Breakfast Creek (bottom left) flooded low lying areas around Albion.



Quick lift and recovery from the flooded car park.



Ghostbusters Pinball machine was an unusual flood victim at Hutchies' Bowen Hills yard. The pinnie took some water in the flood, but it is back to work after a dry out and check over.



Maximilian Claxton and Kurt Boyd working on Eve Residences in their new roles with the Southport team.

Workmates celebrate service and trio of projects together

TEAM members, Maximilian Claxton and Kurt Boyd, with a combined 25 years' service with Hutchies are celebrating their third project together.

On their previous project, Max was structural foreman and Kurt structural leading hand.

Now with Rohan Barry's Southport team on Eve Residences in Marine Parade, Labrador, both have stepped up to new roles – Max to site manager and Kurt to structural foreman.

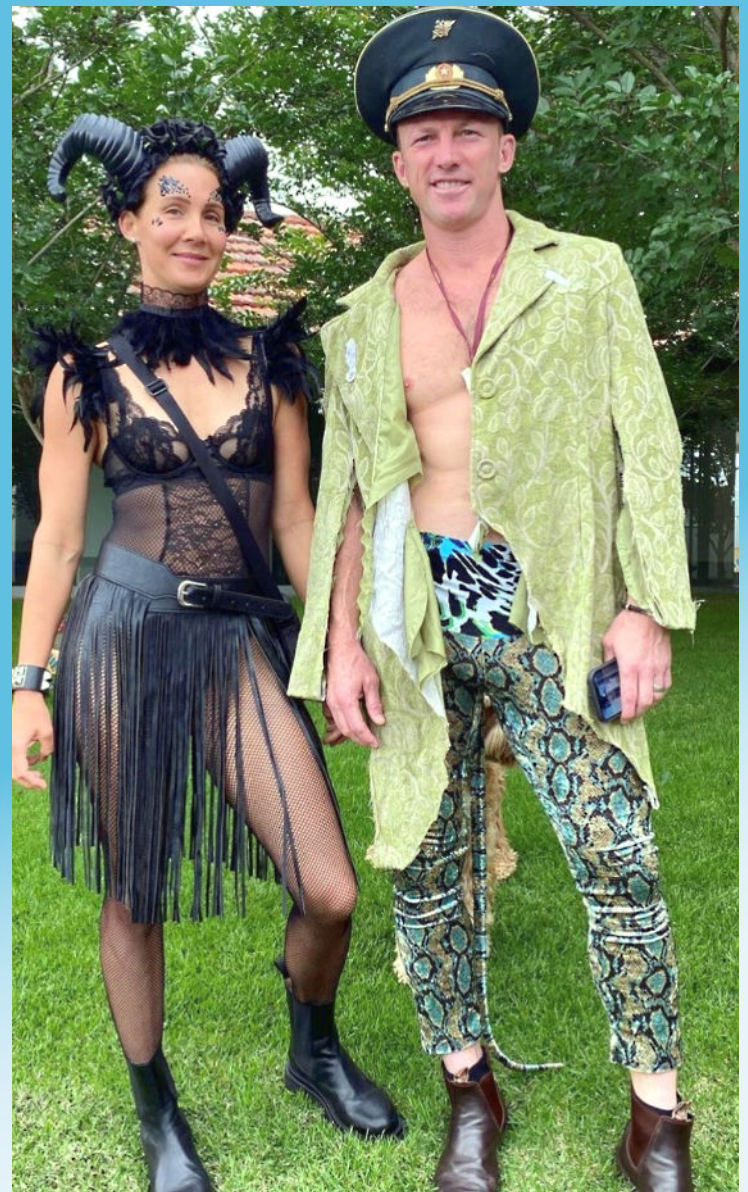
Old timer mystery in historic village

THIS ancient piece of equipment was spotted and photographed in the Historic Village at Herberton on the Atherton Tablelands.

If anyone has information on its background and its connection with Hutchies, please contact Scott Hutchinson.



A tale of the snake skin tail



Loren and Darren Lockyer before the Burning Man party, with Scott's snake skin pants ... tail intact.

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson is a well-known fan of Burning Man and when Darren Lockyer wanted to attend a Burning Man party, he turned to Burner Scott to borrow a costume from his eclectic wardrobe.

Darren's choice included Scott's snakeskin pants, complete with snake's tail. Unfortunately, during the party the pants shed their tail.

If anyone finds a snakeskin tail please return it to Darren or Scott.

Top shelf view of stunning Sydney



HUTCHIES' project team, clients and consultants celebrated the topping out of the Whistler Street, Manly, project recently.

The seven-storey residential project houses 41 luxury apartments and penthouses in the highly sought after beachside suburb of Manly.

Completion of the structure revealed the stunning views of Sydney Harbour and Manly Beach.



Veteran is a new recruit

WALLABIES and Reds enforcer, super coach, and safety manager, Steve Kefu, has joined the Keenan Wolski team.

He played 146 first class games and six test caps for the Wallabies.

Steve is working on multiple projects, including Kingsford Terrace (stage three and four) and the Pillow Talk head office and warehouse at Darra.

Welcome Steve!

LEFT: Steve Kefu (far right) pictured on site with team members, Matthew Ryan and Liam Switzer.

Whitsunday Sportspark redevelopment completed

AIRLIE Beach will be a more sought-after sporting destination with the completion of an \$8.35 million redevelopment of Whitsunday Sportspark.

Stage three of the project by Hutchies has been officially opened, including a new leagues club, with additional change rooms and amenities to be used by netballers and rugby league players.

The first two stages included field and lighting upgrades, an additional third playing field, canteen, fencing and new change rooms and amenities for the AFL clubhouse which was relocated.

Whitsunday Sportspark is used by 1000

people every week during winter and hosts a wide range of sports including AFL, rugby union, rugby league, touch football, soccer, softball and netball as well as community events, music festivals and major sporting carnivals.

The improvements are expected to attract more sporting teams, tourism and events to the region while the leagues club will help fund the operation and future expansion of the venue.

The works were funded jointly by the Queensland Government (\$3.6 million), the Federal Government (\$4 million), and Whitsunday Regional Council (\$750,000).



Hutchies' team members joined with other VIPs at the opening of the Whitsunday Sportspark redevelopment.

JOBS UPDATE

Glenmore State School, Rockhampton

Job Value: \$377,400

Job Description: Refurbishment of a covered area at a school in Kawana.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Colthup
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Reilly Bergan
 Hutchies' Administrator:Motiata Hooper
 Architect:Honeywill Consulting
 Structural Engineering:Moloney & Sons
 Client:Qld Department of Education

Ripley Central State School

Job Value: \$44.23M

Job Description: Construction of a new administration block, general learning areas and sports hall.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Mitch Grimmer
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Luke Puxley
 Hutchies' Administrator:Warren Humphris
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Nick Maher
 Architect:Hayball
 Structural & Civil Engineering:BG&E
 Client:Qld Department of Education

Cairns Hospital Mental Health Unit

Job Value: \$52.65M

Job Description: A new 53-bed mental health facility across three levels.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Kyle Hare
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Travis Budd
 Hutchies' Administrator:Illiana Whipper
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Matt Dwyer
 Architect:Thomson Adsett
 Structural & Civil Engineering:Arup
 Client:Cairns & Hinterland Hospital & Health Service

Pillow Talk, Darra

Job Value: \$40M

Job Description: Construction of new head office and warehouse.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Keenan Wolski
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Raymond Coe
 Hutchies' Administrator:Liam Switzer
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Andy Morgan
 Architect:Cottee Parker
 Structural & Civil Engineering:ADG Engineers
 Client:Blades Project Services for Pincenia

Mondrian, Burleigh Heads

Job Value: \$200M

Job Description: Construction of a 24-storey five star hotel and 25-storey residential apartment tower on the Gold Coast.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Rohan Barry
 Hutchies' Construction Manager: James O'Brien
 Hutchies' Administrator:Cassie Sherry / Peter Kang / Hayley Pope
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Nick Wickson
 Architect:Elenberg Fraser
 Structural Engineering:ADG Engineers
 Client:Vitale Property Group

122-124 Surf Parade, Broadbeach

Job Value: \$43.5M

Job Description: Construction of a high-end 49-apartment residential complex.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Levi Corby / Murray Emmerson
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Brad Dickens
 Hutchies' Administrator:Matt Little
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Alan Irwin
 Architect:BDA Architecture
 Structural Engineering:Oska Consulting Group
 Client:Surf Parade Developments

The Esplanade, Palm Beach

Job Value: \$25.14M

Job Description: Construction of an eight-storey structure of 16 premium apartments on the Gold Coast.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Levi Corby / Murray Emmerson
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Darrin Wilson
 Hutchies' Administrator:Nathan Frost
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Luke Bailey
 Architect:Plus Architecture
 Structural & Civil Engineering:ADG Engineers
 Client:Casana Development

Cala Dei, Greenmount

Job Value: \$23.1M

Job Description: A 30-unit residential tower over 12 storeys overlooking Rainbow Bay on the Gold Coast.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Levi Corby
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Robert Doyle
 Hutchies' Administrator:Nicolas Weisbach
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Lindsay Good
 Architect:Bureau^Proberts
 Structural & Civil Engineering:OSKA
 Client:Spyre Group

Royale, Gold Coast

Job Value: \$160.5M

Job Description: A multi-residential beachside development in Surfers Paradise.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Michael Sipinkoski
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Eamonn Cremin
 Hutchies' Administrator:Scott Townsend
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Dan Hobbs
 Architect:DKO
 Structural & Civil Engineering:ADG Engineers
 Client:DD Living

Rosebud Plaza

Job Value: \$20M

Job Description: Redevelopment of Rosebud Plaza on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula.

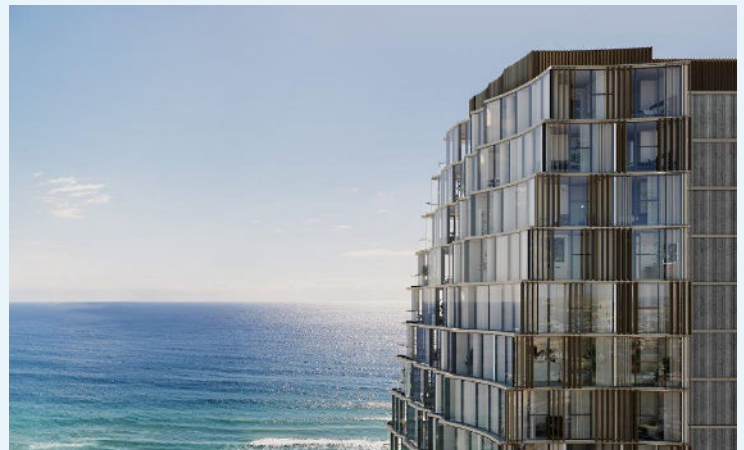
Hutchies' Team Leader:James Denton
 Hutchies' Project Manager:William Stirling
 Hutchies' Administrator:Evan Sotirelis
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Nick Hollier
 Architect:The Buchan Group
 Structural Engineering:Northrop Consulting Engineers
 Civil Engineering:ADP Consulting
 Quantity Surveyor:Slattery Quantity Surveying
 Electrical Consultant:ADP Consulting
 Client:Charter Hall



Hutchies is building a new 53-bed mental health facility for Cairns Hospital.



Artist's impression of the Ripley Central State School development.



A taste of the breathtaking views from the Mondrian twin towers under construction at Burleigh Heads on the central Gold Coast.



RIGHT: Royale's beach club and pool precinct will take advantage of its absolute beachfront position in Surfers Paradise.



Site seeing tourists on International Women's Day ... recorded by selfie-taker, Georgia Carew.

Site seeing tourists for International Women's Day

TO celebrate International Women's Day this year, Brisbane hosted tours for the office women to get on site and see some of Hutchies' projects under construction.

Bus transport ran shuttles between Toowong office and the sites, where the project teams walked their visitors through the projects and answered questions.

Sites visited were Fortitude Valley State Secondary College and Brisbane Lions Stadium.

Sydney ladies' lunch tradition continues

IT has become a tradition for Scott Hutchinson to join the Hutchies' girls for their Sydney ladies' lunch.

The latest get-together was on April 1 at popular Chin Chin in Surry Hills.

From left, pictured are Andrea Pohl, Ani Deangeli, Alessandra Paz, Scott, Nellie Cousins, Karen Dunham and Joanne Simpson.



Jewel celebration for Matt

IT was a double celebration in March when Matt Hutton's 35 years of service coincided with the Jewel end of project on the Gold Coast.

The site was open for tours of Jewel phase three, followed by a celebration on level 51 to watch the sun go down on the beach and hinterland.

Level 51 also was a great venue for Matt and friends to celebrate his 35 year anniversary with Hutchies.

Gifts included a new motorcycle racing outfit and a Truth history page recording Matt's years with Hutchies.

LEFT: Pictured with Matt are (from left), son, Joe, daughter, Ebony, and wife, Lynda Hutton.

Jackson high on a new career

JACKSON Kelly has started a new career as an abseiler after having been a labourer with the M Group and working on a Hutchies' site since last year.

While working on site, Jackson picked up plenty of skills and more recently has been assisting the Wayne's High Access team with glass replacement works.

After he expressed a desire to start a career path in this field, Hutchies arranged for Jackson to do his first abseil ... and he was stoked.

He has been taken on by Wayne's High Access where he will be put through the necessary courses and training.

Although Jackson was not employed directly by Hutchies, he was a popular member of the onsite team who are excited for the abseiler and his new career.



Jackson Kelly on his new career path.



Members of Queensland Police Service Women's Rugby League.

Police salute women's sport pioneer

QUEENSLAND Police Service Women's Rugby League has thanked Hutchies for its ongoing sponsorship and support of the association.

Spokesperson, acting sergeant Kirsten

Everett, expressed the league's appreciation for everything done by Hutchies for their sport.

"Hutchies is to be congratulated for being a pioneer in the sponsorship of women's sport for almost 20 years," she said.



Shown at the Creative Partnerships Awards in Adelaide (from left) Fiona Menzies, CEO Creative Partnerships Australia; Dr Richard Dammary, chair of Creative Partnerships Australia; Scott Hutchinson; Paul Fletcher, Minister for the Arts; and Steve Marshall, former Premier of South Australia.

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

Award for preservation of live music

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson attended the 2021 Creative Partnerships Awards presentation ceremony at the Art Gallery of South Australia where he received the Business Leadership Award for his role in the preservation of live music in Brisbane.

He was one of seven recipients who were recognised for their support to enhance arts and culture across Australia.



Unleash the beasts returning

HUTCHIES is the major sponsor of BPAC 2022, the biggest pinball competition in the southern hemisphere to be held at Brewdog, Murarrie, Brisbane (July 15-24).

BPAC 2022, presented by the Brisbane Pinball and Arcade Collective (BPAC), will be 10 days of pinball and classic arcade heaven.

BPAC was formed in 2019 and includes representatives from

local pinball and arcade venues to promote competitive pinball, arcade and classic gaming competitions throughout Australia, based on the format and rules of the International Flipper and Pinball Association (IFPA).

The competition has been welcomed back to Brewdog in Murarrie which will be the first time that the event has been held at the same venue two years in a row.

Morgan the Manitou mover



MORGAN Carol, Hutchies' plumbing manager in Toowoomba, saved the day when he slipped into the driving seat of an unfamiliar Manitou machine to replace the usual operator who was out of action.

He fetched a vital supply of pipes from the supplier up the road from Hutchies' modular yard in Toowoomba where units for the Wellcamp Airport quarantine centre were being built on a tight deadline for the Queensland Government.

As the plumbing leading hand, it is unusual to see Morgan driving a Manitou, but his quick action helped Hutchies stay on schedule for the client, Wagner Corporation.

The project delivered 264 fully self-contained and furnished accommodation modules containing 1000 rooms to be known as the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre as part of the State Government's COVID-19 response strategy.

Morgan demonstrated a willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

WE met on the first day of owner visits and I wanted to provide some feedback in writing to you and the Hutchinson group regarding The Village build.

My husband and I live locally in Palm Beach so have been keen observers of the progress of the build from demo to almost finished now.

The end product we viewed was phenomenal to say the least. The attention to detail, even during the inspection, was customer focused.

Your team on the ground was incredibly engaging and so very helpful and have been every time we stood and looked at the site as building took place.

Congratulations! Creating a cohesive team is a genuine skill. We can't wait to be officially in and look forward to that time.

Kind regards

Shannon Lusk
Principal
Merrimac State School

THE book arrived, thank you very much (More Than The Truth – Hutchies' Hundred Years). It's a suitably venerable tome.

I am just writing to say thank you for your donation of your history to the PMI Victorian History Library. It is much appreciated by the staff, members and committee and will be a valuable addition to the collection.

Kind regards,

Ellen Coates
Collections Librarian
PMI Victorian History Library

I LIVE around the corner from Tarragindi Bowls Club where my grandson and I visit the site regularly, as he's mad about trucks and bulldozers.

He waves to all the truck drivers.

Recently they presented him with his own hard hat and he was chuffed! [Edit: See photo right].

His name is Cooper and he'll soon be three.

He's pretty special, as he was extremely premature ... born at 24 weeks (125 days in hospital and 9 months on oxygen).

I think he'll be an engineer as he is fascinated with how everything works!

A big thanks to Hutchinson for making a little boy very happy!

Bronwyn Chippendale

OH, how disappointing not to be having the big party (Hutchies' 110th anniversary).



It's definitely going to be a better year this year.

Good to have this great Truth publication to cheer us up.

Just the list of Scratchie prizes is enough for me.

All the best to you and the terrific people who bring us this popular publication; it always reminds me of the great Sunday newspaper of childhood days that kids weren't allowed to read.

I love seeing all the blue (Hutchies') signs that remind us that things are OK in these uncertain times

Happy new year

Quentin Bryce

(Dame Quentin Bryce, AD, CVO, and former Governor-General of Australia is a long-time fan and regular reader of Hutchies' Truth.)

I'M reaching out to pass on my sincere thanks to staff who assisted me and rendered first aid and other assistance after I fell off my bike.

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, I fell off a bike in front of a Hutchinson building site in Broadbeach, Queensland.

Staff from Hutchinson and their building contractor, RWC, immediately provided assistance, help-

ing me up, providing me a seat and carrying out a welfare check to ensure I had no broken bones, etc.

They carried out first aid, collected my personal belongings and ensured my injuries were superficial, offering to call an ambulance and they kept me safe.

They even offered me a ride back to my hotel.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to Mark from Hutchinson, a second first aid officer who attended, and Eamon and the other staff from RWC.

They are a credit to your company.

At the time I was extremely embarrassed and in a fair amount of shock, despite this, I was very impressed and extremely grateful for their care and consideration.

Thanks again!!

Kate

I WOULD just like to thank you for the wonderful job you did on Catamaran Drive in Werribee South (Wyndham Harbour – Marina Quays).

I am more than pleased – the balcony looks brand-new.

Thankyou for your professionalism, expertise and efficiency.

A pleasure to have done business with you and your company.

Regards

Trudi Frencken

THIS is a quick note to let you know how much we appreciate the help of your team.

Our beautiful Bille Brown Theatre has been flooded and Chris Chainey and the team who built the theatre have been really helpful in putting us in touch with various contractors we'll need for technical advice and repairs.

We appreciate this support.

Kind regards

Amanda Jolly
Executive Director
Queensland Theatre

I JUST a had a call from Anne whose car recently conked out going up the hill on Barrack Street.

She was in a panic and worried about rolling backwards into traffic, when two Hutchies' fellows swooped in to assist her, moving her car from the road, reassuring her and helping her on her way again.

She called them lifesavers in a very stressful situation and wanted to pass on her immense appreciation.

She said we are lucky to have them and should be proud of our employees.

Kerri Sharman
Office Manager



Shown at the Tarragindi Bowls Club (from left) Guy Bennett, Grant Delaney, Andrew Mason, Cody Harris, Cooper, Jarrod Rodgers and Peter Lovett.



Hutchies' Rebecca Cayzer and Alli Marshall (with Josh Marshall in background) during honey bottling time.

Bee 'n' bee in the tropics

TROPICAL Queensland is a popular venue for Hutchies' honey bees with the Townsville office producing an excellent harvest.

HUTCHIES owns the hives and colonies and uses the services of local Townsville & District Bee Keepers Association to maintain the hives and harvest the honey. THEN it's time for the team's families and friends to join in the fun part of bottling the honey.

Playing possum

A WANDERING possum moved into Hutchies' scaffolding on Sydney's The Gondola Project, causing high drama for team members.

They called Australian Wildlife Rescue (WIRES), who had a simple plan to grab the possum and put it in a basket.

But the possum had other ideas.

As foreman, Rodney Turnbull, was cutting the scaffold mesh, the possum climbed from inside the scaffold to outside.

This required even more mesh to be cut and the team to join in the rescue and grab the possum on



Hutchies' team and Australian Wildlife Rescue complete the capture of a possum on Sydney's The Gondola Project.

the outside.

Finally the critter was in the basket and whisked

away to a vet for a check-over before being released back into the wild.



Jigsaw joy for Jorgen

HUTCHIES' submissions coordinator, Tara Thelwall, gave her grandpa, Jorgen, a Hutchies' jigsaw puzzle to help him deal with a family loss and COVID isolation.

Tara said Jorgen loved doing the jigsaw and it was a great distraction during a difficult time.

LEFT: Jorgen displays his jigsaw skill.

Usher Cup unites surf riding clubs



Competitors and supporters celebrate the 2022 Usher Cup surf competition at Snapper Rocks Surf Riders Club.

THE 2022 Usher Cup surf competition, with Hutchies as a partner sponsor, was held at Snapper Rocks in January with the Snapper Rocks Surf Riders Club as host.

It was the second year for the Usher Cup which started out in 2021 as a unique hybrid surf contest to recognise grassroots club surfing and to unite boardrider clubs up and down the coast.

Usher Cup provides a platform for the sport's emerging stars to showcase their talents and take their skills to the next level.

By invitation only, board rider clubs bring their best four surfers, who compete for individual and club top spots.

Creative expression is recognised throughout the comp and, most importantly, male and female contestants receive equal prize money.

It's well worth a trip ... and a beer!

SITE manager, Geoff Kampf, became a tourist in the local district while working at the Quilpie Hospital on the water upgrade for the South West Hospital and Health Service.

Geoff, Sean Lees (Toowoomba team) and Jono Kings (JRK Building) ended up at the Royal Hotel at Eromanga – known as Queensland's furthest town from the sea at 90km west of Quilpie.

The boys reckon that makes the Royal the furthest pub from the sea and something well worth the trip ... and well worth a beer!



Geoff and Jono at the Royal.

Training on tools and pinball

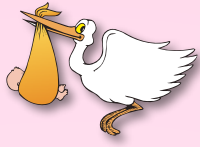


ANDY Becconsall, Hutchies' apprentice development coordinator, recently delivered fit testing and safe use of power tools training to the apprentices in Rockhampton. He also took the time to show them how to play the Thunderbirds pinball machine. *From left, Caiden Labone, school-based apprentice; Hutchies' Andy Becconsall; Jackson Eather, first year apprentice; and Connor Blomfield, senior apprentice; hard at work on the Thunderbirds pinball machine.*

Island time well spent



STEVEN Hay, site manager on the Thursday Island health facility upgrade project, demonstrates how islanders spend their time off.



HATCHED



LEFT: Amelia Joy Wise, daughter for a proud dad, Cam Wise, and wife, Rebecca.



Miles Fraser Pillay, son for senior contract administrator for the Cooly team, Alistair Pillay, and wife, Kate. Alistair reckons Miles was born with more hair than his old man and his Papa combined!



LEFT: Liam Kidney, son for Hutchies' Glynn Kidney and wife, Rochelle, celebrates his first St Patrick's Day.



RIGHT: Reuben Isaac Hoddinott, first child for Hutchies' Marcus Hoddinott and wife, Anna.



Liam Belton, son for Damien and Elise Belton. Damien is site manager on Justin Clark's team in Sydney.



George McLintock Crittall, son to Hutchies' team leader, Greg Crittall, and partner, Jill Watts. Greg didn't let the arrival of his newborn son deter him from keeping up with work from the hospital bed.



Sophia Grace Stewart, daughter for Hutchies' Mitchell Stewart and wife, Jess, as well as little sister for Harvey.



The old and the new versions of Hutchies' Undies modelled by Blair Tozer, Nicholas Miller and Ken McNeill on the Bundaberg project.



Three generations of Higher IQ repping Hutchies on Fraser Island.



TRAVELLING UNDIES & BUDGIES

The latest boxers are a big hit – modelled here by (from left) serial Undies flasher Ken McNeill, David Williams, James Baker, Ben Plunkett and Gareth Duggan. Newcomer, Gareth, had only been with Hutchies for two days when he learned that stripping down to his jocks in public was all part of the job.



Matt 'Norm' Wilson and daughter, Aurora, looking dapper in their best Hutchies' attire for a busy evening on the couch.

Transformation for Undies



THE latest addition to Hutchies' clothing range are the new 110 boxer shorts.

These are set to be another popular item, with many team members already clamouring to secure a pair on their recent release.

If you are interested in grabbing a free pair ... they come with a catch!

They will be free only if you send in a photo for Truth's Travelling Undies pages. Simply place an order through Hutchies' Shop and input 'TRUTH' into the PO, JN and CC fields. But, remember, if you place an order, the deal is that you must send in a photo.

Scott's PA, Brooke Wilson, will be keeping tabs on all orders.

WEBLINK: <https://l.hutchi.es/boxers>



Hutchies' cost planner, Gilbert Town, sent this reminder of life before COVID when he flew the flag for Hutchies at Khardung La, a pass along one of the world's highest roads at 5,359m (17,582ft) above sea level! Gilbert was on a motorbike tour of the spectacular Ladakh territory in northern India.



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MATCHED



Hutchies' Jilleasa Challenor from the Toowong office married Michael Zuidland in March at High Church in Fortitude Valley. The happy couple spread their honeymoon between Palm Cove, Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island.

OBITUARY

Adrian Axelsen

30/05/1932 ~ 10/12/2021

LONG-time Hutchies' client and friend, Adrian Frank Axelsen, passed away recently, aged 89.

Adrian commissioned Hutchies to build a factory in Tennyson which was one of the first jobs Scott worked on after his university days.

Scott said Adrian became a regular client who gave Hutchies many projects over the years.

During this time, Adrian also became a friend and confidante to Scott.

"Adrian was hardworking, dedicated, honest, organised, highly intelligent and fantastic company," said Scott.



"He enjoyed working on projects with the Hutchies' team and building became a hobby for him.

"We remained friends and, when we spoke, it usually ended up being for hours when we had planned for only 10 minutes.

"He will be sorely missed."

Farewell to Shana

HUTCHIES' Sunshine Coast team recently farewelled Shana Keam who was a contracts administrator at Hutchies for nearly three years.



Boys who bake take the cake for women

TO help celebrate International Women's Day, Hutchies' team members threw their weight behind the Boys Who Bake competition.

Hobart had an International Women's Day morning tea, where Rhys Hall was crowned the winner with his peach and almond

dessert cake. Delicious!

Henry Johnstone received an honourable mention for his caramel slice.

Nick Silcox presented shop-bought donuts.

He was disqualified from the comp, but team members did enjoy his entry.

In Brisbane, the Toowong office had an International Women's Day panel discussion, followed by a morning tea on the terrace with dishes baked by the boys.

This year's bake-off winner was Tim Lyons, with his caramel slices that flew off the plate.



Hobart's Boys Who Bake entrants (from left) Luca Rocchi, Henry Johnstone, Nick Silcox, Thomas Birchley and Rhys Hall.



Toowong team members enjoyed the efforts of Boys Who Bake for International Women's Day.

Special birthday verse from the King

ROD King, architect and poet, wrote the following verse to celebrate his birthday and his time as a member of the John Berlese (COTY 2006) team.

Theiss versus Berlese

*Talks with Theiss were hectic, the tests were psychometric
So after meeting managers five layers deep, I decided to throw them
on the 'no thanks' heap*

*Like a breath of fresh air, I met Berlese and his hair
At Brekkie Creek Hotel, I thought, this could be hell*

This could a mafia hit, or is he really legit

Should I call the police, with a name like Berlese

We'll have a chat and a steak, at least that will be great

He said I don't drink, ahhh, there must be a chequered history there I did think

He asked, 'can you do D and C', I said 'how hard can it be?'

Give me a red pen, for every dollar I'll make you 10!

So he offered some dough, to make the red pen flow

Is this guy for real, shit, we're doing a deal

15 years later, we've grown greater and greater

There're too many memories to list, but this particular one has a twist

I was sitting with Johnnie, I said you'll find this a bit funny

I said geez I'm excited, who the hell is Neil Diamond!

He said that's just my cousin, I've got more than a dozen

So like a shot in the dark, we all met the infamous Marc!!!

With the Captain's call, we'll remain growing tall

They say every crop has its cream, well at Hutchies ... that's the JB Team



Rod King, architect, poet and proud member of the John Berlese team.

Check your Scratch-its online

DON'T forget to check your lucky Scratch-its number for a chance to share in the heaps of great Hutchies' merch up for grabs.

With each new edition of Hutchies' Truth, subscribers get an email with a link to the online version plus a unique lucky number.

Check your number against the winning numbers announced on Hutchies' website.

If you're a winner, claim your prize via Hutchies' website or by email:

TheTruth@hutchinsonbuilders.com.au



**Golden days
on the coast**

Ladies enjoying life on the Gold Coast.



Kings of the Castle

Hutchies' Castle team went for a social night out together recently in Sydney. Shown enjoying the night on the town are (from left) Mark O'Brien, Scotty Townsend, Timothy Ferguson and Hilton Wells.

BRISBANE ladies' weekend away in March involved a three-night stay at Meriton Suites Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.

The apartment-style rooms featured large living and dining areas, gourmet kitchens, plush bedding, with access to the pool, spa and sauna.

The weekend included lunch and drinks at The Tropic at Burleigh Pavilion, tastings at Granddad Jack's Craft Distillery at Miami, and mobile pamper therapists to give each girl a 30-minute in-house pamper experience. In between all this action was party time!



Georgia Carew and Maggie Hansen flying high.

Crushers fly the flag in Gladstone

THE Albany Creek Crushers U-12s went to the Jason Hetherington Gary Larson Cup in Gladstone where it was more of a participation comp due to COVID.

There were 42 teams from all over the state and the boys did well by winning most of their games, making some new friends and flying the flag for Hutchies.



Running the bridge in Hobart

TASSIE team members joined in the Hobart Run the Bridge in February.

The five and 10-kilometre runs raised more than \$3,600 for the local branch of Make a Wish Foundation.

After the event, Benjamin Khu, Darren Thompson, Charlie Thompson, Ben Cullen, Vanessa Hollister, Kerri Sharman and Nick Silcox celebrated in Salamanca Place in downtown Hobart.



Goodbye beers for Cookie

TEAM member, Colin (Cookie) Dawking, finished up with Hutchies in February, after more than 12 years.

Cookie caught up with present and ex-Hutchies' team mates to say farewell.

Shown having goodbye beers are (from left) Lloyd Grigg, Andrew Rowland, Jack Peschardt, Justin Clark, Colin Dawking and Andrew Gulliford.

