

Managing director Greg Quinn steps away after 21 years at the helm

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson gave a heartfelt farewell to managing director, Greg Quinn, who retired in October after 21 years in his role at Hutchies.

Speaking at a company farewell to Greg held late last month in the Toowong yard festooned with pop-up bars and food trucks, Scott credited Greg with being responsible for taking Hutchies' annual turn-over from \$130 million to \$2.9 billion during his term as managing director.

"This increase in turn-over is not something I did ... it happened simply because of Greg," said Scott.

"In 2000 Dad (*Jack Hutchinson Snr*) claimed there was a bloke at Master Builders who could run BHP and I agreed to give him a go because I was tired of the 12-hour days and our family had a third baby.

"Everybody predicted that this would end in disaster because I wouldn't be able to let go as managing director.

"But, in two weeks, I could tell Greg had 10 times my capacity and, much to many people's amazement, I was humble enough to get out of his road.

"As a result he turned our small boutique family company into a national force and made me look like a master strategist to outsiders."

Scott said that along with a steady national expansion, under Greg's leadership, the company had established new specialist in-house divisions, including modular, cranes and hoists, building services and ESD, training, and the biggest Indigenous employment initiative in the construction industry through Hutchies' Statim Yaga program.

"This all happened to Hutchies because of Greg," Scott said.

"I have always believed that the key to success is having good people around you and I've been lucky to have that with him."

Scott also praised Greg for helping to revive Brisbane's live music scene.

"Greg gave Hutchies the resources to build and own seven music venues in Fortitude Valley which has rescued our music precinct and will change millions of young lives in the future, like Festival Hall changed mine," said Scott.



Scott Hutchinson handed the keys to his Morgan Roadster to Greg Quinn as a personal farewell gift.

Scott said that despite him personally receiving the public recognition and various awards for what had been done to rescue and support the live music scene, much of the credit should go to Greg.

"In my opinion, helping rescue the local live music scene is one of the best things he has done," he said.

Scott also thanked Greg for moving Hutchies from a modest office and yard in Seventeen Mile Rocks to the flagship Toowong office and for freeing him from many of the day-to-day tasks he disliked such as allocating jobs to teams and managing building defects.

"With Greg in charge I have been able to sleep at night ... and he also allowed me the time to do all the fun things like going to Hutchies' parties and festivals and keeping track of intra-company relationships which we encourage," Scott said.

"I too am a product of a Hutchies' function ... you can ask Dad if you haven't heard the story."

Scott said there was no way he could ever repay Greg for what he had done, but that he had come up with an idea that would be close.

He said he wanted to give Greg an item that meant the most to him personally and for Scott that meant gifting the former MD his beloved 2019 Morgan Roadster.

Scott said that the gift came with one condition ... it did not include his "GOATRPR" personalised number plates.

He concluded his official farewell speech by saying: "Greg, thank you for coming into my life and turning it upside down, and thanks to Dad for discovering you.

"And I'd just like to add that our greatest achievement together in almost 22 years is that Greg and I have never had an argument."

Greg Quinn's final message

From the
Managing
Director



SCOTT and Jack Hutchinson welcomed me into Hutchies in October 2001 – 21 years ago. I had spent the previous 17 years in various roles at the Queensland Master Builders Association and, for a brief period, in 1999/2000 with the MBA in New South Wales.

I have always believed it was a big call from the Hutchinsons to appoint me Managing Director because, realistically, I wasn't a constructor.

Sure, I had a building background and a lot of exposure via Master Builders, but I didn't have experience at the pointy commercial end of the construction industry. Nevertheless, we gave it a go.

It's been a bit of a roller coaster – plenty of ups and downs, lots of challenges, heaps of successes but, equally, many mistakes and disappointments when we didn't always get things right.

Hutchies is obviously a different beast now than it was when I arrived.

We're bigger and we have a national footprint with offices scattered around the country. Our balance sheet is much stronger, we own our own cranes, hoists and scaffold, we have our own training operations and several modular building facilities, and much more.

However, the fundamentals of Hutchies remain unchanged.

- We still have the same flat non-hierarchical structure Scott established before I arrived 21 years ago. Now we just happen to have 31 construction team leaders responsible for almost \$3 billion p.a. instead of four doing \$130 million. Scott and I simply built on the platform that was already in place.

- Hutchies still has the same fun, non-corporate and irreverent culture it has always had despite our size and the space in which we operate. Everybody, regardless of position, is treated equally – we just have different jobs to do.

- The Hutchinson family has never raided the business and this won't change. What gets made or lost in the business stays in the business. That's why we have a \$388 million debt-free balance sheet. The primary driver is that Hutchies wants to be around for another 100 years.

- Hutchies still operates like a small family business and enjoys the fruits that come with it. We simply apply these fundamental family business principles across the giant that Hutchies is – and we reckon it works. In any case, we wouldn't know how to change it even if we wanted to.

- We still operate in every segment of the construction market – small, medium and big. We have never left where we came from and this is a major point of difference – diversity.

The reality is that Scott, Jack (Snr), now Jack (Jnr), myself, and all of the other 1650 people at Hutchies have built the business to be what it is now.

Sure, I have been instrumental in a few specific areas like training apprentices, ensuring Hutchies is at the forefront in the quality stakes and always protecting our reputation, and probably also for handling industrial relations the way we do.

But I see my term of 21 years as just a little piece in the 110-year history of the now largest and, what I believe is, the best

construction company in Australia.

I am not sure where the past 50-odd years have gone since I started my carpentry and joinery apprenticeship in 1973, but the time has arrived for me to hang up my boots.

I am 65 years old in December this year and it's time to hand over to the new team headed up by Russell Fryer and Paul Hart who have both been at Hutchies a long time – 24 years and 33 years respectively.

I don't think I have ever seen our industry as tough as it is now but, having said that, it's always been a hard, tough industry.

Hutchies has been around 110 years and consequently has seen its fair share of "what tough means".

But Hutchies is in good hands as we have been working through the leadership transition now for 18 months.

I will be staying on as a non-executive director for as long as Hutchies wants and Scott is going to maintain that intellectual hold on Hutchies he has always had.

Under our new leadership, Hutchies is going to focus on "doing better at what it already does" and this is already having a positive impact.

Jack Hutchinson and I met through Jack's involvement with Master Builders in the 1990s.

He introduced me to Scott who is about 18 months younger than me and had been running Hutchies for over a decade at the time. Over a coffee at Seventeen Mile Rocks just around the corner from the office back then, we all decided to give it a go – "to appoint Greg as the first non-family member to Managing Director".

Both Jack and Scott have been good to me over the years and I am really appreciative of the opportunity to be part of the Hutchies' story. I have treated the business as if it were my own.

Despite the turbulence that comes with a big business in the construction industry, Scott and I have never had an argument.

I believe our almost opposite personalities and operational styles have blended in every respect to provide the right combination for Hutchies over the past two decades.

The new leadership, including the injection of Jack (Jnr), introduces new combinations which will be good for the next chapter of Hutchies.

Even with the benefit of hindsight, I don't think there are too many things I would change or do differently concerning Hutchies, my career or personal life and I feel very fortunate in this regard.

There are certainly many things I wish I had done better in my time at Hutchies, but it's a bit difficult to wind back the clock now.

Despite its robustness, there's no better industry than construction and I am pleased to have been a part of it for the past 50 years.

– Greg Quinn (COTY 2007)

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS DECEMBER 2001

New Managing Director a big change in company tradition



HUTCHIES has broken a 90 year company tradition by appointing building industry identity, Greg Quinn, as its new Managing Director.

It is the first time, since the company's inception in 1912, that a non-family member has held this position.

Mr Quinn joined Hutchies in October, after 17 years with the Queensland Master Builders Association, including six of those as Executive Director.

As part of a company restructure, former Managing Director, Scott Hutchinson, has taken over from father, Jack, as Executive Chairman. Jack remains on as a Company Director.

Mr Quinn said he was honoured to be the first non-family member to be appointed as Managing Director and enjoyed being involved with the respected family owned company with an annual turnover bordering on \$200 million.

FLASHBACK

The front page of the December 2001 issue of Hutchies' Truth announcing the appointment of Greg Quinn to the role of Managing Director.



Board members, from left, (rear) Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Greg Quinn (COTY 2007), Scott Hutchinson, Ben Young (COTY 2009), Owen Valmadre, (front) Penny Hoolihan, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, Paul Hart (COTY 2005) and Kellie Williams (COTY 2015).

Next generation leadership announced

RUSSELL Fryer (COTY 2010) has been appointed managing director following the retirement of Greg Quinn who will remain on the board as a non-executive director.

Russell joined Hutchies as a cadet in 1998 and has worked in all facets of the business, most recently as construction team leader and director.

Director Paul Hart (COTY 2005) who joined Hutchies in 1989 has been appointed chief operating officer, tasked with overseeing the day-to-day administrative and operational functions.

Managing director, Russell Fryer, said Hutchies would maintain its unique culture, structure and family ownership.

“Our strong financial position makes us the builder of choice for developers, subcontractors, consultants and suppliers because we are stable, we pay on time, we push boundaries to create the best outcomes,



Greg Quinn (COTY 2007) hands the MD mantle to Russell Fryer (COTY 2010).

our buildings are high quality and we are in it for the long haul,” he said.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said Russell

had built his career at Hutchies and epitomised its grass roots culture of growing people to be the best they can be.

“His strong leadership and business acumen will navigate the company into the next century with a focus to keep Hutchies around for another 100 years,” Scott said.

Hutchies recently appointed fifth-generation family member, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, as director (*see story below*).

Hutchies’ other board members, who have an average tenure of 22 years each, are Kellie Williams (COTY 2015), Owen Valmadre, Ben Young (COTY 2009) and board advisor, Penny Hoolihan.

Hutchies recently posted its 2021/22 financial year audited accounts with a turnover of \$2.9 billion and a debt-free balance sheet of \$388 million.

Jack Jnr appointed Board director

JACK Hutchinson Jnr (*right*), has been appointed a full director of Hutchies after having served on the board as an observer and advisor over the past eight years.

Jack is a qualified quantity surveyor (MAIQS) and a licensed builder (QBCC – Open).

He holds an MBA from London Business School

and a Bachelor of Property (QS & CM) from Bond University.

Jack has worked in numerous project and operational roles at Hutchies, as well as in other property, construction and financial organisations in Australia and the UK.





VIPs at the hand-over of the Allan Border Field and Ray Lindwall Oval from Hutchies to Cricket Australia (from left) Cricket Australia CEO, Nick Hockley; Cricket Australia chair, Dr Lachlan Henderson; Councillor for Hamilton, David McLachlan; Federal Minister for Sport, Anika Wells; State Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport, Stirling Hinchliffe; Queensland Cricket CEO, Terry Svenson; and Queensland Cricket chair, Chris Simpson.

Aussie batsmen learn to handle spin at renovated cricket campus

THE year-long renovation of the National Cricket Campus at Albion, Brisbane, is complete with the hand-over of the Allan Border Field and the Ray Lindwall Oval from Hutchies to Cricket Australia.

The \$19 million makeover included a secret weapon – a dry, dusty subcontinental pitch to prepare players to face spin in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Australia's recent collapse to Sri Lanka's

spinners means this inconspicuous strip of turf will be a hugely important tool in preparing the Aussie batsmen for the Test series in India in 2023.

Queensland Cricket's Terry Svenson said the return of Allan Border Field to a playing and training role after the year-long renovation was welcome.

"It is a proud moment for Australian cricket," said Mr Svenson.

The Border Field redevelopment features a floodlit field, an expansion of the main playing surface, a new wicket block with 11 turf pitches, an electronic scoreboard, better drainage and irrigation, and new sight screens and broadcast facilities.

The adjacent Ray Lindwall Oval features five new international training pitches, including the all-important subcontinental pitch.

Gold Coast gets the Royale treatment from DD Living

WORK has started on Royale Gold Coast, a luxury \$395 million residential apartment tower on the beachfront between Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach.

Being delivered by leading Australian property developer David Devine and his team at DD Living, the 38-level tower will dominate the exclusive beachfront strip of Northcliffe Terrace.

Construction by Hutchies is expected to be finished in the fourth quarter of 2025 and on completion Royale Gold Coast will deliver some of the most prestigious beachfront apartments in Australia.

DD Living CEO, David Devine, said it was exciting to see Hutchies break ground on the project.

Mr Devine said he was pleased to be working with a construction company of such high calibre for the delivery of Royale Gold Coast to an exceptional standard.

"The rarity of Royale's absolute beachfront, north-east facing corner site on elite Northcliffe Terrace inspired my vision to develop the ultimate beachfront apartments and Hutchies is integral to bringing this to life," he said.

Scott Hutchinson said Hutchies enjoyed a long history working with Mr Devine, sharing a common loyalty and passion for delivering quality developments.

"With more than 110 years of pursuing quality workmanship, we have refined industry best practice to ensure the delivery of highest quality construction on time and within budget," said Scott.

"Hutchies has built some iconic

developments in Australia and Royale Gold Coast is a truly remarkable building which we are proud to be involved with."

Royale Gold Coast is a collection of 104 premium two, three and four-bedroom apartments, beach homes, sky homes, penthouses – all with unobstructed beach and ocean views and exclusive access to six-star amenities.

Royale Beach Club will overlook the beach with two swimming pools, daybeds and lounges as well as the Royale wellness centre with steam room, sauna, spa, and yoga terrace.

Club Royale, an exclusive residents' club, will take up the entire level one and feature a private executive lounge, bar, private dining room, wine and whiskey cellars and a chef's kitchen.

Visit www.royalegc.com.au for more information.



L-R: Adrian Parsons (Royale Gold Coast's marketing manager), Scott Hutchinson, and David Devine (DD Living CEO) mark the start of work on Royale Gold Coast.



Sod-turning for the new Gold Coast satellite hospital at Tugun – one of the seven new hospitals under construction by Hutchies for the Queensland Government’s Satellite Hospitals Program. From left, chief executive Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service, Ron Calvert; Scott Hutchinson; Minister for Health, Yvette D’Ath; Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk; and Gold Coast-based Government Minister, Meaghan Scanlon.

Satellite hospitals program spreads its wings

HUTCHIES’ teams are working on the Queensland Government’s \$280 million Satellite Hospitals Program (SHP) helping to deliver seven new facilities to support public healthcare delivery in rapidly growing communities across South East Queensland.

The targeted locations for the new satellite hospitals are at Tugun on the Gold Coast by Cy Milburn (COTY 2014) team; Caboolture by Sunshine Coast team; and Pine Rivers (Kallangur), Ipswich (Ripley), Bribie Island,

Redland Bay, and Brisbane South (Eight Mile Plains) by Jamie Washington’s team.

All seven sites were chosen to provide better access to healthcare for local communities without the need to travel to major hospitals for care.

Health Minister, Yvette D’Ath, said the satellite hospitals would complement existing services and ease pressure on emergency departments.

“These satellite hospitals are expected to

ease our busy emergency departments from treating minor ailments, so they can focus on emergencies,” Minister D’Ath said.

The new hospitals will offer a range of services based on the health needs of the community and incorporate outpatient community-based healthcare services with virtual healthcare opportunities.

They will also offer simple day-therapy services such as complex wound management and care for minor injuries and illnesses.



Team distributes goodwill and financial help to flood victims

AFTER witnessing the devastating floods of February and March, Hutchies’ Gold Coast/Tweed office went into immediate action with a fund-raising effort.

The team raised a total of \$46,290 through a series of site barbecues and contributions by team members, subcontractors, consultants, suppliers and clients.

Hutchies’ workplace chaplain, Alan Pillay, with help from Andrew Lawson of Kilcon Constructions, a well-known identity of Lismore, visited affected people to listen to their stories of survival and to distribute cheques throughout the community.

The funds were distributed to 10 businesses in Lismore which suffered overwhelming losses, as well as to families in the Tweed region who had experienced flood-water inundating their properties.

Hutchies’ workplace chaplain, Alan Pillay, with principal of Tumbulgum Public School, Jenni McKeon, one of the many recipients of Hutchies’ fundraising efforts.

In the Tweed area, cheques were also provided to St Joseph’s Catholic School in Murwillumbah, Condong Public School, and Tumbulgum Public School.

All these schools suffered devastation in the floods.

Hutchies’ Alan Pillay said it was sad to hear the stories of loss and trauma yet heartening to know how the community is rebuilding.

“Many residents accept that the road to recovery will be a long one,” he said.

Alan acknowledges the empathy and compassion of the team leaders in the office who understand “we can’t do everything, but we can do something”.

In 2019, Hutchies’ Gold Coast/Tweed also raised and distributed \$50,000 to families and organisations devastated by the bushfires.



Cladding replacement for Melbourne arena

DESPITE not having done the original construction, the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust (MOPT) has engaged Hutchies to replace combustible cladding at the east and west entrances of John Cain Arena.

In the heart of Melbourne's sport and entertainment precinct,

John Cain Arena is one of the Trust's premier assets, hosting more than 2.5 million people across hundreds of events annually.

To keep patrons, performers and staff safe, Hutchies will complete

the external cladding rectification work to the current Australian Standards.

The \$1.2 million project will involve removal of all combustible aluminium composite cladding (ACP) from both entrances which

includes ticketing pods and balcony areas.

The combustible ACP will be replaced with approved non-combustible solid aluminium panels.

• For more information, turn to Jobs Update, on Pages 14 & 15.



Happy haunted Halloween

HUTCHIES at Toowong celebrated Halloween last month by turning the office corridors into halls of horror and transforming the reception area into a haunted mansion. To add to the fun, receptionist, Sarah Musiov, greeted visitors appropriately dressed as a scary witch.

HUTCHIES is collaborating with Five Mile Radius – a research, design and manufacturing studio exploring a future based on natural and recycled construction materials – to turn waste building material into furniture and other upcycled products.

As part of its approach, Brisbane-based Five Mile Radius has been taking waste concrete from pours on Hutchies' sites and turning it into terrazzo products.

Founded in 2016, the name Five Mile Radius was taken from a challenge set by the legendary Indian leader and activist, Mahatma Gandhi.

Recognising the socio-economic and environ-

Gandhi's ethical thinking makes it to building sites

mental benefits, Gandhi urged his people to build from materials found within five miles (or eight kilometres) of their homes.

Hutchies' 450 Queen Street onsite team wanted to reduce the quantity of waste ending up in skip bins and invited Five Mile Radius onto their refurbishment project to expand the recycling initiative to other materials.

Demolition and construction waste management can achieve a 90 per cent diversion from landfill rate by effective onsite and offsite waste

separation and recycling.

Hutchies is actively investigating ways to minimise strip-out, demolition and construction materials ending up in landfill and its collaboration with Five Mile Radius is part of this strategy.

Five Mile Radius, based in Highgate Hill and Yeronga, is always in need of waste concrete and other material and is keen to collaborate and work with any Hutchies' project teams.

Call (07) 3096 0585 or visit the website <https://www.fivemileradius.org>



Team members and guests celebrate topping out.

Dream team tops out Ozcare Newstead

THE team from the Ozcare project in Newstead, Brisbane, celebrated on level 16 after the project's recent topping out.

Ozcare's Newstead project is a two-stage, multi-use, inner-city development comprising commercial and retail,

139 independent living units, 301 car parks, public park and a 120-bed aged care facility.

Site manager, Luke Hinds, said it had been a tough slog getting the structure completed with the added pressures of weather, floods,

COVID, and material supply shortages.

"But teamwork made the dream work," said Luke.

Anthony Godfrey, Ozcare CEO, and Jack Hutchinson Jnr placed the final concrete during the topping out ceremony.



Ozcare CEO, Anthony Godfrey, and Jack Hutchinson Jnr help with the last slab on the Ozcare project.

Sad farewell to Alvey Reels



LEFT: Jack Hutchinson Snr with Bruce Alvey, Alvey's MD and great-grandson of the company's founder.

JACK Hutchinson Snr recently visited the Alvey Reels factory to say goodbye to an institution which has been part of Hutchies' culture for almost 40 years.

Alvey Reels is an Australian manufacturer of fishing reels and rods, founded by Charles Alvey in Brisbane during the 1920s.

After fighting to remain open, the century-old Australian-owned Alvey Reels is set to shut its doors due to cost pressures and the lack of supplies needed to manufacture their much sought after handmade fishing reels.

As part of Hutchies' long service awards for the past 37 years, Alvey reels and Wilson fishing rods have been presented to team members when they achieve five years' service.

Jack said he was sorry to see the end of an amazing product that had given so much enjoyment to generations.

Jack said Hutchies had a supply of Alvey reels in storage and the tradition of a fishing rod and Alvey reel would continue for the foreseeable future.



Among Hutchies' team members at the sod-turning ceremony (from left) Michael Li, Ayman Khalaf, John Koumoukelis (team leader), Amir Maglajlic and Michael Metherell.

Students, community benefit from new urban benchmark

THE sod-turning to mark the start of construction at the new Green Square public school and integrated community facility by Hutchies was held on site in August.

Among the VIPs were New South Wales Education Minister, Sarah Mitchell, and City of Sydney Lord Mayor, Clover Moore.

Both praised the new benchmark in urban development that will meet enrolment demands in

the years ahead for one of Australia's fastest growing neighbourhoods.

As well as education facilities, the project will deliver community benefits.

The Green Square integrated school and community space, jointly funded by the City of Sydney and the NSW Department of Education, will be delivered by School Infrastructure NSW.

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The Langston – a high point for Epping

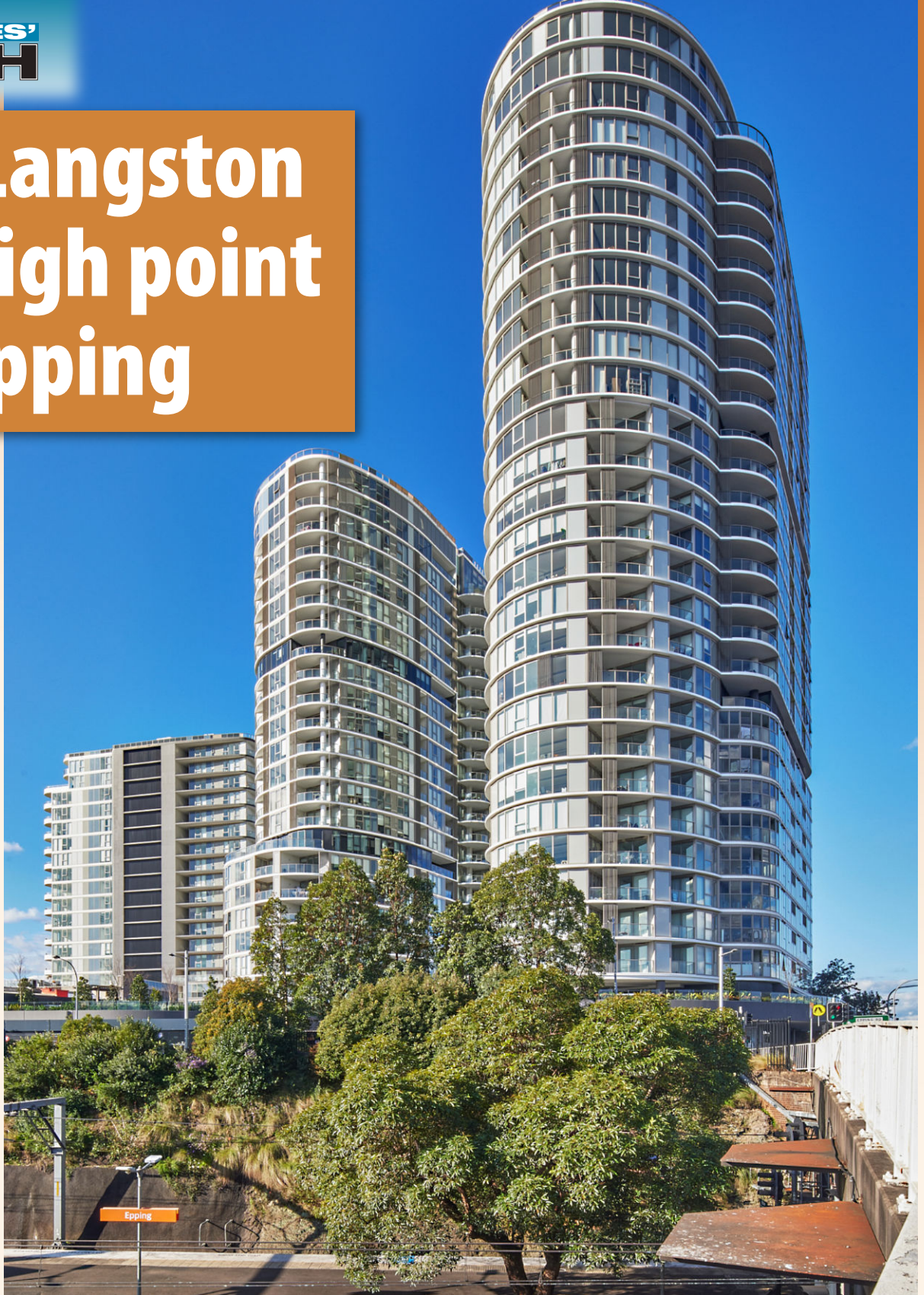
JACK Peschardt's team in Sydney recently completed the city's newest premier residential precinct, The Langston, in Epping.

Developed by Cbus Property and designed by architectural firm, Architectus, the mixed-use precinct comprises three towers with a mix of retail, commercial workspace and residential.

Just 200 metres from Epping Station, The Langston is situated on the highest point of land in the suburb, enabling panoramic views.

The development hopes to activate the local area by encouraging economic growth and supporting Epping as a designated town centre.

RIGHT: *The Langston commands the highest point in Epping, Sydney.*



Hutchies' 110th anniversary celebrations cancelled



HUTCHIES' 110th anniversary celebrations, planned for 2022 but postponed until next year, have been cancelled.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said that turmoil and tough times in the building industry had prompted the decision to cancel.

"It just doesn't seem right to be in full-on party mode," he said.

"Of course we will maintain a

positive attitude and do our usual team functions, lunches, festivals and live gigs and I look forward to attending all of these and making 2023 a great year."

Scott said the Australian construction industry had gone through some difficult times.

"Many builders went under and it's far from over yet," he said.

Scott said bushfires, floods, COVID-19, material and labour

shortages, rising interest rates and spiralling costs have all taken their toll on the industry.

"It's not just the builders who are feeling the pain," he said.

"It is being shared throughout the system by clients, consultants, subbies and suppliers.

"While our 110th anniversary is a significant milestone, it is not appropriate to be celebrating in the current circumstances."



Hutchies in top 10 private companies

HUTCHIES has been rated tenth in IBISWorld's rating of the Top 500 largest private companies in Australia.

It is the largest private construction company.

Organisations rated ahead of Hutchies are: Hancock Prospecting (iron ore mining); Visy (pulp, paper and paperboard manufacturing); CBH Group (grain storage); HCF (health insurance); Linfox (integrated logistics); Virtual Gaming Worlds (online video game sales); Peregrine Corporation (tobacco and other store-based retailing); EY (accounting); and ANZ Hospitals (private general hospitals).

IBISWorld, established in 1971, is a comprehensive business and market database company providing research and reports across all industries.

Official party on a tour of the Edith Cavell building (from left) Australian Unity's Rohan Mead, Governor of Queensland Jeannette Young, Professor Graeme Nimmo, June and Jack Hutchinson Snr.

Re-dedication for historic nurses' quarters

JACK and June Hutchinson joined the Governor of Queensland, Dr Jeannette Young, as guests at the re-dedication ceremony for the Edith Cavell Building at the Herston Quarter following extensive heritage restoration works by Hutchies.

The re-dedication took place 100 years to the day after the building was officially opened as nurses' quarters by the then Governor, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Matthew

Nathan, on August 4, 1922.

Hutchies has a historic link with the location.

June lived in the building while training and working as a nurse and Hutchies built the nearby Lady Lamington north tower in 1936.

Hutchies' restoration work is part of a \$1.1 billion redevelopment of the precinct by Australian Unity for the Queensland Gov-

ernment.

Members of the Royal Brisbane Hospital Nursing Association and Museum for Nursing also were in attendance and reminisced about the time they lived on site in the nurses' quarters.

Nurse Edith Cavell was executed in 1915 for her role in assisting allied soldiers to escape German-occupied Belgium during World War One.

Work starts on Luxe Broadbeach development



IN August, the first sod was turned for the \$78.9 million Luxe Broadbeach development on the Gold Coast.

The 34-storey residential tower, comprising 28 luxury full-floor apartments, is under construction on a prime site in the heart of the Broadbeach shopping and dining precinct opposite the Kurrawa Surf Club.

The project is being undertaken by Michael Sipinkoski's team.

LEFT:
Celebrating the start of Luxe Broadbeach (from left) Bikram Kaler, development manager Core Property Partners; Scott Hutchinson; John Kubatov, principal Luxe Broadbeach; and Hutchies' Michael Sipinkoski.

Recorded history ... set in concrete

FUTURE patrons of West Village's Garden Pavilion will be oblivious to the recorded history of who worked on the construction of this precinct.

Hutchies' team members on the West Village project in Brisbane's West End recently recorded their names for posterity in a concrete pour for the roof of the Garden Pavilion which will become a major pedestrian thoroughfare and provide for more dining options within West Village.



INSET: History set in concrete.

West Village team members sign their names onto the roof slab of the Garden Pavilion (from left) Ken Liao, Go Takagi, Amanda Leacy, Shane 'Irish' Cullinane and Dylan van Hoffen.

Chairman listed as state powerbroker

QUEENSLAND newspaper, *The Courier-Mail*, recently asked the question: "Who are Queensland's ultimate powerbrokers, the heavy hitters shaping our state and, to a considerable extent, our lives?"

Chairman Scott Hutchinson was rated number 70 out of 100.

The Courier-Mail revealed the top 100 most powerful people in 2022, giving insights into why they made the cut and where they ranked.

All were assessed on one key criteria – their ability to influence the decisions that matter in Queensland.

They were also critiqued on how effectively they wield that influence.

Not all on the list are Queenslanders, but all have a stake in the growth and development of the state.

The Courier-Mail summed up Scott's influence as:

If there's major construction under way in Queensland, you're bound to see the Hutchinson name plastered

across cranes and building sites.

At the helm of this property juggernaut is Scott Hutchinson, steering the 1912-established family firm through some of the biggest growth in its history.

Now, as Australia's largest privately-owned building company, Hutchies – as it is commonly known – has built 7500-plus projects with a combined value of more than \$35 billion.

A major employer, it has more than 1400 permanent staff and 10,000 subcontractors and suppliers.

Scott Hutchinson's network extends far and wide, not least of which is his band of brothers from his Brisbane Boys' College days, including fellow property kingpin, Don O'Rorke.

Hutchinson is also a player in the live music space, bankrolling venues including The Fortitude Valley Music Hall, The Triffid and The Sound Garden.



In good company in *The Courier-Mail's* list of powerbrokers (from left) Katarina Carroll (Queensland Police Commissioner), Scott Hutchinson, Senator Pauline Hanson, and Peter Dutton (Federal Opposition Leader).

Indigenous ghostnet art welcomes visitors to Far North Queensland

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Doyle and Chris Fairclough for their artwork installation project at Cairns Airport where Hutchies has been undertaking a major upgrade to the domestic terminal.

The striking sculpture features seven ghostnet fish of the Great Barrier Reef representing barramundi, coral trout, red lion fish, potato cod, surgeonfish and Moorish idol.

Spanning several metres, the reef-inspired artwork is the creation of seven artists from Pormpuraaw Art and Culture Centre and is the first public art commissioning project realised in a collaboration between Cairns Airport and Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).

Cairns Airport is one of CIAF's longest serving corporate partners in a relationship that works to create awareness and recognition of Far North Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and arts.

Cairns Airport CEO, Richard Barker, said the eye-catching installation would be a popular addition to the terminal, both for locals and visitors to the region.

"Cairns Airport is the gateway to the culture-rich Cape York and Torres Strait Islands," Mr



Hutchies' Chris Fairclough, project manager (left), and Tony Doyle, site manager, with part of the ghostnet artwork at Cairns Airport.

Barker said.

"Showcasing this amazing artwork in our terminal sets the tone for tourists visiting our region and recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture as one of the most unique and important elements of living and holidaying in Far North Queensland."

Paul Jakubowski, the manager of

Pormpuraaw Art and Culture Centre, said the large-scale ghostnet sculptures were made from retrieved, discarded fishing nets and highlighted the vital role traditional owners and artists play in addressing issues facing the endangered marine life of the Great Barrier Reef. "Pormpuraaw is honoured to share their art and culture in this

way," Mr Jakubowski said.

"For the community, who are a saltwater people, this artwork is very special because it celebrates their living oceans."

Featured artists are Mavis Ngok, Thaathunpum Benjamin, Mylene Holroyd, Christine Holroyd, Alma Norman, Kim Norman, Marlene Norman and Syd Bruce Shortjoe.

Government and industry in building challenge talks

HUTCHIES' Melbourne hosted an Incolink lunch with special guest Victorian Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer, Danny Pearson.

Director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), and team leaders, Dan Casey, Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020) and James Denton, attended the top level luncheon.

Mr Pearson engaged in discussions about the current challenges facing the industry.

Master Builders Victoria's Michaela Lihou said that, despite challenges, construction is a strong and resilient industry.

She highlighted the impacts of skill and supply shortages and price increases on industry members.

Master Builders Victoria has been working with members to identify solutions for these challenges and welcomed Mr Pearson's invitation to continue to engage on these important issues.



Pictured at the top level lunch (from left) Hutchies' Dan Casey, Incolink's Ashleigh Connolly, Hutchies' Bernie Nolan, Minister Danny Pearson, and Hutchies' Russell Fryer and James Denton.



Toowong team members in their Funky Friday best.

Funky Friday and fire making for NAIDOC

HUTCHIES' Funky Friday barbecue fundraiser held in association with NAIDOC Week raised \$241.85 for the Preston Campbell Foundation to improve education and employment opportunities for Indigenous youth.

This amount was matched by Hutchies, delivering almost \$500 to the foundation.

Statim Yaga invited team members to wear their funkiest shirts – Statim Yaga, TradeMutt, Mambo or florals – with all donors wearing a funky shirt automatically entered to win a prize.

Best dressed was selected by Preston Campbell, with Niall Scott winning a gift box from Beachtree Distilling – an Indigenous brewery based in Caloundra (<https://beachtree.com.au/>).

Jacob Baldacchino, Mitch Elliott, Niall Scott and Steve Thornton won the fire-making class put on by Preston.

The boys kindly donated the \$50 prize money back to the foundation.

A pie tasting competition resulted in the lamb with rosemary and plum being the winner, which will be served in Presto's Cafe, soon to be set up on a Hutchies' site.

Mark Kucks, Hutchies' Indigenous and social responsibility manager, thanked Hutchies' team members for their NAIDOC support.



Where there's smoke there's fire. This was true at Preston Campbell's fire-making class.

“NAIDOC Week is normally at the start of July, but we pushed our celebration out to ease the burden on Indigenous services who get swamped in that one week of the year,” said Mark.

“Hutchies is pushing the message that Indige-

nous businesses and services should be supported every day, not just one or two weeks of the year.”

If you would like to donate via EFT go to <https://pcfoundation.org.au/support-donate-to-pcf/> and register with your Hutchies' email.



Jack Jnr an Aussie Original

DIRECTOR and fifth generation Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, has starred in a series on generational family businesses which examines the joys and challenges of following previous generations into the family company.

The show, Aussie Originals, is hosted by Andrew Cooper, a sixth generation member of Coopers Brewery.

Aussie Originals is now being published across Coopers' social channels:

<https://youtu.be/N0WwdB6o4Ec>

LEFT: Andrew Cooper and Jack Hutchinson Jnr in conversation for Aussie Originals.



Prime Minister Julia Gillard was guest of honour in 2012 for Hutchies' centenary celebrations in the Ernest Baynes Stand at the RNA.

Foundation stone centenary at RNA showground



Ernest Baynes Stand after opening in 1923.

NOVEMBER this year marks 100 years since the foundation stone was laid for the Hutchies-built Ernest Baynes Stand at the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) showgrounds in Brisbane.

The foundation stone was laid by then Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, and the stand was completed in time for the August 1923 annual exhibition (now known as the Ekka).

A significant early project for the fledgling builder, John Hutchinson, the Ernest Baynes Stand replaced the 1885-built grandstand.

Designed by architect Richard Gailey Jnr, the two-tier building had seating capacity of 5000 and a total capacity of 7000.

Constructed with a steel frame faced with brick, the larger steel sections were imported from Britain with the smaller sections sourced locally.

The sub-floor contained a dining room which could accommodate 600 at a sitting and included a row of 10 shops facing the lane at the rear.

In 2012, Hutchies celebrated its 100 year anniversary at RNA, attended by then Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, with the backdrop being the Ernest Baynes Stand.

Honey, please bee mine

ACCOUNTANCY firm, BDO Australia, is running an internal relationship-building competition where each accountant team is requested to take a photograph with their client.

As Hutchies is one of BDO's clients, director Owen Valmadre (finance, accounts, payroll, IT and company services) was keen to up the ante in the competition stakes.

Desperate to win, Owen went to the next level and arranged for a video to be produced starring Terrence Hutchinson as a love-struck suitor down on bended knee on the roof proposing



marriage to a BDO accountant with a jar of Hutchies' Honey as an added inducement to say 'yes'.

Onlookers were amazed that, while the Hutchies' honey bees clearly disliked all the 'lights,

camera, action!' commotion so close to their rooftop hives, no-one was stung.



JOBS UPDATE

Eve Residences, Labrador

Job Value: \$78.95M

Job Description: Multi-tower development of 157 apartments across 24 storeys designed to follow a curvilinear form reflecting the sand patterns found in the adjacent Broadwater.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Rohan Barry
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Matthew Skrinis
 Hutchies' Administrator:Amelia Kordic
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Max Claxton
 Architect:DBI Design
 Structural & Civil Engineering:OSKA
 Client:Homecorp Property

Yves, Mermaid Beach

Job Value: \$92.75M

Job Description: Residential 24-storey development comprising 145 apartments.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Rohan Barry
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Steve Polis
 Hutchies' Administrator:Charlie Seaman
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Luke Sullivan
 Architect:Rothelowman
 Structural Engineering:Edge Consulting
 Civil Engineering:Oska
 Client:Hirsch & Faigen

Hemingway, Palm Beach

Job Value: \$35.85M

Job Description: High-rise residential project with 75 apartments, basement carparking, swimming pool and café.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Rohan Barry
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Nick Johnston
 Hutchies' Administrator:Michael Jensen
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Fraser Waterman
 Architect:Rothelowman
 Structural & Civil Engineering:OSKA
 Client:Hirsch & Faigen

Beenleigh State High School

Multipurpose Hall

Job Value: \$11.58M

Job Description: New multi-purpose hall comprising courts, stage area, specialist classrooms and other amenities integrated into the existing campus.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Mitch Grimmer
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Tim Lyons
 Hutchies' Administrator:Sarah Smith
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Andrew Grimmer
 Architect:Fulton Trotter Architects
 Structural & Civil Engineering:BG&E Pty Ltd
 Client:Qld Department of Education

Parliamentary Annexe, Brisbane

Job Description: Extensive internal and external refurbishment of Queensland's Parliamentary Annexe tower.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Jamie Washington
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Toby Labuc
 Hutchies' Administrator:Matthew Mulcahy
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Shaun Spooner
 Architect:Peddle Thorp
 Structural Engineering:Arup
 Client:Queensland Parliamentary Service

Green Square Integrated Community Facility & School

Job Value: \$ 60.75M

Job Description: Construction of fully integrated education and community facilities

within this sought-after, inner-city Sydney locality.

Hutchies' Team Leader:John Koumoukelis
 Hutchies' Administrator:Amir Maglajlic
 Hutchies' Design Manager:Sara Aren
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Michael Metherell
 Architect:BVN
 Structural & Civil Engineering:Adams Structural & Civil Engineering
 Client:School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW)

Reis Road Subdivision, Highfields

Job Value: \$5.11M

Job Description: A 220-lot residential subdivision.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Matthew Dawson
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Mark Croce
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Daniel Moles
 Civil Engineering:RMA Engineers
 Client:Jeteld

Wirraglen Subdivision, Highfields

Job Value: \$10.03M

Job Description: A 147-lot residential subdivision.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Matthew Dawson
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Nathaniel Bowden
 Hutchies' Administrator:Liam Holland
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Luke Newmann
 Civil Engineering:Baker Rossow
 Client:Wirraglen Holdings

John Cain Arena, Melbourne

Job Value: \$1.2M

Job Description: Replacement of combustible ACP cladding at the east and west entrances of the sports arena.

Hutchies' Team Leader:James Denton



Image of the proposed pool area of Hemingway in the Gold Coast's booming strip of Palm Beach.



Eve Residences in Labrador on the Gold Coast promises stunning views across the Broadwater.

Hutchies' Project Manager:Simon Grieco
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Loreta Rossiter
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Garry McKimm
 Architect:.....FMSA Architecture
 Client:.....Melbourne & Olympic Parks Trust

Architect:.....JAWS Architecture
 Structural Engineering:.....ADG Engineers
 Client:.....Alireste ATF Alireste Unit Trust

Early Parenting Centres, Victoria

Job Value: \$22.02M
Job Description: Construction of two early parenting centres in Wyndham and Whittlesea.
 Hutchies' Team Leader:Bernie Nolan
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Nick Peters
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Tom Nolan
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Dylan Buttifant
 Architect:.....Brand Architects
 Structural & Civil Engineering:.....WGA
 Client:.....Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA)

Woodford Early Learning Centre

Job Value: \$2.6M
Job Description: Construction of a childcare centre.
 Hutchies' Team Leader:Rob Morrison
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Noel Ryan
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Lachlan Knowles
 Architect:.....Cyber Drafting & Design
 Structural Engineering:.....Edge Consulting Engineers
 Civil Engineering:.....Pinnacle Engineering Group
 Client:.....Toriah

Plais Early Learning Centre, Camp Hill

Job Value: \$1.77M
Job Description: Construction of a childcare centre.
 Hutchies' Team Leader:Michael White
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Richard Boyes
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Daniel Harrison
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Martin Busk
 Architect:.....Raunik Design Group
 Structural & Civil Engineering:.....Farr Engineers
 Client:.....OneFin



Artist's impression of the reception area of the Royal Hobart Hospital's new pre and post surgery clinic currently being fitted out by Hutchies.

Royal Hobart Hospital

Job Value: \$6M
Job Description: Fit-out of an existing cold shell to serve as a pre-admission and post-surgery/outpatient clinic.
 Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Silcox
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Wade Allan
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Rhys Hall
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Myles Castley

High tech fire station complete

THE new Maryborough Fire Station built for the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) is ready for action on the Fraser Coast.

The unique timber complex was a joint effort between Hutchies, Hyne Timber (established in 1882) and the University of Queensland's Centre for Future Timber Structures (CFTS).

Jamie Washington's team undertook the build which entailed the construction of Australia's first ever cross-laminated timber (CLT) and glue-laminated timber (GLT) fire station and regional outpost complex.

RIGHT: Checking out the new fire station (from left) Luke Churchin, James Bellas, Jamie Washington, Tom Ford and Kent Ross.



RIGHT: Greg and daughter, Mandy Campbell, who addressed the crowd on behalf of the Quinn family. She said they were all immensely proud of Greg's achievements but were looking forward to him being able to spend more time at home, particularly with his adoring grandchildren.



Building industry star takes a bow

HUNDREDS of building industry fans and family crowded into the Toowong office carpark on October 28 to give Greg Quinn (COTY 2007) the public adoration normally reserved for a rock star as he bowed out of the managing director's role after 21 years at Hutchies.

A cast of speakers lined up to pay their respects.

They included Jack Hutchinson Snr, Scott Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, newly appointed managing director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Mandy Campbell, Greg Quinn's daughter, who spoke on behalf of the entire Quinn family, as well as the man himself.

All speakers saw Greg from a different perspective, but the common theme from each was of a man who was hardworking, dedicated, fair, humble and a generous mentor.

Greg gave his heart and soul to Hutchies, but somehow always found time to be there for his family.

He was recognised as having made a major contribution to Hutchies by turning a small family-owned company into the largest and most successful privately owned builder in the country.

Greg said he and Scott had totally different management styles but they complemented each other and the best part was that they had never had an argument in 21 years.

As well as receiving a Morgan Roadster as a deeply personal gift from Scott, Greg was presented with a bound book of personal messages from team members and those from the building industry and the general community.

As the curtain went down on Greg's 21 years as managing director, in true rock star style, he received a standing ovation from his peers and family.



(L-R) Russell Fryer, Matt Quinn, Craig Gillam, Chris Quinn and Paul Hart (COTY 2005).



(L-R) Jade Treichel, Katrina Stack, Maggie Hansen, Christopher Beylot, Rukea Lennon and Georgia Carew.



(L-R) Jason Birch, Paul David and Matilda Fowke (COTY 2018).



(L-R) Grandkids, Jaxon Gillam, Jai Quinn and Billy Campbell, check out Greg's new ride.



(L-R) Jack Jnr, Greg, Jack Snr and Scott.



(L-R) Michael McKinnon, Terrence Hutchinson and Jeff Miller.



(L-R) Ken McNeill, James Baker, Tim Sadler, Paul Braggion, Mitch Bell, Avi Singh and Jackson Holmes (seated) – all from Cy Milburn's team.



(L-R) Dean White, Peter Forsingdal and Leo Deboer.



(L-R) Noel O'Brien, Len White (COTY 1990), Keith Melksham, Barry Butterworth (COTY 1996), Jack Snr and Scott.



From left, John Gaskin, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Gregory McLean, Jack Hutchinson Snr, Greg Quinn (COTY 2007), Robin Fardoullys, Scott Hutchinson, and Robert Wildermuth at Greg Quinn's retirement and thankyou dinner. (Image: John Kirkwood).

Milestone with more to come

BEN Plunkett, one of Hutchies' long-standing project managers, has reached 20 years of loyal and dedicated service.

His career at Hutchies has encompassed many projects of all shapes and sizes across different sectors including aged care, health, commercial, retail, transport, community and tourism.

Ben has been dealt some curveballs over the years, but always handled them with high praise.

The team hopes Ben stays around for another 20 years.

THE Queensland chapter of the Australian Institute of Building hosted a retirement and thankyou dinner at Tattersall's Club for Greg Quinn.

The occasion provided the AIB with an opportunity to present Greg with an AIB hard hat and Jack Hutchinson Snr with his No 16 Past President's Cap. AIB Queensland commenced a new tradition of presenting its Past Chapter Presidents with Maroon caps with their presidential number on the front, in addition to the traditional Past President's medallion. Hutchies is recognised as a strong supporter of the AIB for many decades.



Farewell gifts from CFMEU at raceday

IN the run up to his retirement, Greg Quinn was singled out for special mention at the Asbestos Disease Support Society (ADSS) Raceday at Doomben. CFMEU's Michael Ravbar (pictured far right) spoke highly of Greg and presented him with some farewell gifts.

Gallant effort for the Queen

IT was chairman Scott Hutchinson to the rescue when the Toowong office flag refused to come down to half mast for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Scott claimed it was disrespectful to the Queen to leave it at full mast and, fresh from his flight back from the US, he stripped down for action.

Unfortunately, it had been raining that day and the slippery flagpole made it impossible for Scott to achieve his goal.

Scott brags about his pole climbing prowess, having spent his early childhood climbing poles at the family Fig Tree Pocket home and regularly taking to any available poles at various festivals.

He said the secret is in the feet.

But his secret grip was to no avail when put to the test for the Queen.

Eventually, the stubborn halyard obeyed.

Footnote: Scott supplied *Hutchies' Truth* with a photo of him pole climbing ... just to prove he can do it.



Scott shows that he really can climb.



Straight from airport to flagpole ... Scott strips for action.



LEFT: Proserpine Entertainment Centre was a project winner of the Master Builders Tourism and Leisure Facilities over \$10 million for the Mackay and Whitsunday Region. Happy winners are Christian Patroni, Demo Malahoff, Matt Townsend, Maya Mazlin, Sherry Cullen and Jo-Anne Malahoff.

Teams excel in Master Builders' awards

HUTCHIES' teams from throughout Queensland were major winners in the state's recent Master Builders Housing and Construction Awards.

The teams partied hard to celebrate their wins.

RIGHT: In the Gold Coast awards, Hutchies won Commercial Building over \$50 million for The Langham Gold Coast (Surfers Paradise); Residential Building (high-rise over three storeys) over \$20 million for Norfolk (Burleigh Heads); and Refurbishment/Renovation over \$750,000 for The Langham Gold Coast (Surfers Paradise). Pictured is team leader, Greg Crittall, and Adele Beecher from Queensland Building Construction & Claims Consultancy at the Gold Coast awards night.



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MASTER Builders Downs and Western Housing and Construction Awards won two awards for the Toowoomba team.

The Bigger Big Rig won the Tourism and Leisure Facilities up to \$10million category and the Wagner Regional Trade Distribution

Centre (Wellcamp) won the Industrial Building over \$5 million category. The Toowoomba team is shown with the trophies.

Cairns duo recognised



Aiden Anderson



John Parker

MASTER Builders Far North Queensland Housing and Construction Awards recognised the Cairns' team effort with two prizes.

John Parker received the award for the Best Community Facility for the Midin Clinic Project in Atherton.

Aiden Anderson received the award for Best Tourism and Leisure Facilities under \$10 million for the MYAC Eco-Tourism Early Works Project in Yarrabah.



Big acclaim for Little Hall in AIB awards

Hutchies' Sunshine Coast won the H... for Parkridge Noosa Stage Three (l... Shahtia North-Cunningham, Steven... Johnson



Shown with their prized AIB awards are (from left) Noah Harkins, Ignatius Lau, Fabio Palermo, Jilleasa Zuidland, Holger Messner, Will Jobson, Daniel Vickery and Nick Healey.

LITTLE Hall, the first hall of residence of its kind in Australia, has won major acclaim for Hutchies in the AIB Professional Excellence in Building Awards Victoria.

As a new kind of residential community at Melbourne University, Little Hall offers a modern take

on a college experience within a premium apartment-style building.

Little Hall won the Sustainability over \$2 million category and received High Commendation in the Residential Construction over \$60 million category.



The Townsville team's sporting pro... North Queensland Sporting Facili... Celebrating the happy occasion (fro... Rebel

Master Builders' awards



Winning Award Medium Density up to three storeys – over five dwellings (Noosa Springs). Sunshine Coast celebrants (from left) Adam Knight, Ben Hodgins, Cameron McAndrew, Leo Deboer, Olivia Brock, Lochlan Brown, Cara Johnson, Lyle Ellis and Dani Lee.



Hutchies' teams were high achievers in the Central Queensland awards winning Retail Facilities up to \$5 million for CocoBrew Express Drive-Thru (Rockhampton); Tourism and Leisure Facilities up to \$10 million for Goondoon Street Refurbishment Works (Gladstone); Commercial Building up to \$5 million for Keppel Bay Plaza (Yeppoon). Team members with trophies (from left) Patrick Taylor, Connor Blomfield, Motiata Hooper, Janette Collins and Damien Grosse.



Our teams shone through in the North Queensland awards by winning the Best in Category for the Townsville Sports Precinct (North Ward). Brisbane team members (from left) Sydney Edwards, Maya Mazlin, Stacy Jacobsen, Aaron Ohl, Rebecca Cayzer, Ben Walsh and Jess Walsh.



Some of the Brisbane team winners enjoying their success are (from left) Gasper Smeh, Matt Hanna, Anthony Stevens, Grant Richardson, Isaac Morrison, Mark Kalinowski and Julian Walker.

BRISBANE teams were major winners in Master Builders commercial category with Retail Facilities over \$5 million for West Village Retail Precinct (West End); Tourism and Leisure Facilities over \$10 million for Nicholas Street Precinct (Ipswich); Commercial Building from \$5 million up to \$50 million No.1 ANZAC Square (Brisbane); Commercial Building over \$50 million for Midtown Centre (Brisbane); Refurbishment/Renovation over \$750,000 for Herston Quarter Heritage (Herston).



Dad and daughter take Cake

IN a father-daughter bonding trip, Scott accompanied Mary Hutchinson to Portland Oregon in the US to see one of her favourite bands, the alternative rock group, Cake, perform live.

Soon after, Scott made his way to Burning Man.

Following a COVID-imposed hiatus of three years for Burning Man, Scott and his Burner mates were back in Nevada's Black Rock Desert for the event ... this year marking Scott's 11th.



Ron Atkins (second from left) with Broncos past and present, Ben Ikin, Michael Hancock, Allan Langer and Andrew McCullough.

Ron patriarch of Men of League family

AS a boy, Ron Atkins idolised Indigenous and South Sea Islander rugby league stars playing for Tweed district clubs, Seagulls, Cudgen and All Blacks.

The son of an Indigenous mother and a white father, Ron went on to forge his own commendable playing career, but is best known as a stalwart of the Brisbane Wests Old Boys and Men of League.

Since 2002, the Men of League Foundation has provided assistance to the men, women and children of the rugby league

community through the delivery of physical, financial and emotional support.

Hutchies sponsors the annual Ron Atkins' Men of League Golf Day every year.

Now 83, Ron was there at the start of Men of League in Queensland and became president of the Brisbane committee, standing down in 2015.

"Not in my wildest dreams did I ever think Men of League would

grow like it has," Ron said.

"To have so many committees in Queensland and to see committees established in Melbourne, Perth and Darwin is just amazing."

When the Broncos were granted entry into the NSWRL in 1987, they were looking for a new home when Ron negotiated a deal where Wests Old Boys' membership was transferred to the Broncos and Ron made a

director of the new leagues club.

These days, Ron lives at Arana Hills in Brisbane's west.

He has four daughters and 13 grandchildren.

And then there is the Men of League family, of which he is the Brisbane patriarch, with the annual Ron Atkins' Golf Day one of the highlights of the social and fundraising calendar.

Visit <https://menofleague.com/ron-atkins-brisbanes-grand-patriarch/>



We look forward to many more Travelling Undies photos for Hutchies' Truth now recently retired Ian Partridge has more time on his hands.

Farewell to a firm favourite

HUTCHIES' Ian Partridge retired recently after 23 years working for the company.

Ian was a hugely popular team member, not only for his movie star looks (AKA Leslie Nielsen) but for his easy going nature and dedicated work ethic.

Director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), said he was fortunate to have worked alongside Ian for his time at Hutchies.

He said Ian had been a huge influence on him and many others within Hutchies both professionally and personally.

"Ian treated everyone equally

and with respect, bringing humour and humility to all his interactions," he said.

"Ian is the man who I would describe as representative of what Hutchies is about."

The preface of the commemorative retirement book which Ian received says it all:

Happy Retirement Ian. You've had an amazing career at Hutchies and we are sad to see you leave. You've delivered incredible projects and helped train some of our best people.

Enjoy retirement, you've earned it!
- Love Hutchies



Darren Middleton congratulates Jet Cameron as winner of the annual Darren Middleton Song Writing Competition.

Jet's song writing takes off

JET Cameron, a 15-year-old in year 10 at Brisbane Boys' College, is the winner of the \$2000 prize in the annual Darren Middleton Song Writing Competition sponsored by Hutchies.

Jet has been singing and writing his own music for the past 12 months. "Music has always been my passion and it would be a number one dream to one day be a professional musician travelling the world singing my original

music to everyone," said Jet.

"Hutchies' \$2000 will allow me to have my original song recorded and produced and uploaded to Spotify.

"Thankyou so much Hutchies for this great opportunity ... and thankyou so much for your generosity and for supporting up and coming musicians.

"Once my song has been recorded, I will be sure to send you over a copy."

Thumbs up from Al following surgery

AL Gundy and wife, Tracey, sent their regards to the Hutchies' team from Stradbroke Island where they holidayed recently to celebrate their wedding anniversary and to help Al recuperate

following surgery.

Tracey wrote to let Hutchies know Al was doing well "all things considered".

"They made the older models pretty tough," said Tracey.

"We love Stradbroke and bought our retirement home there a few years back but we have put it up for sale.

"Not only was the stress of double mortgage too much without Al working, but also we had to get him airlifted off the island one night to emergency which was scary.

"We thought long and hard and decided it would not be suitable if there are ongoing health issues, especially as we both get older."

Tracey said Al has good days and bad days, but he keeps himself busy.

"The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital cancer department is amazing and Al likes and trusts his doctors," she said.

"We have made lots of adjustments but it's the waiting that is his main gripe."

LEFT: Al Gundy holidaying on Stradbroke Island.



Splendour in the Mud

SCOTT Hutchinson stood out in the crowd at Splendour In The Grass (dubbed by festival goers as 'Splendour in the Mud' when the entire site was subjected to an unseasonal heavy rain event).

Although Scott thought he was well disguised, his eye-catching festival costume made it easy for Hutchies' Cooly cadet, Samuel Schimke, to spot him and share the good times.

ON behalf of the entire Rinnai Team, I would personally like to thank you for your sponsorship of the 2022 Rinnai Straddie Surf Challenge.

This event is a unique gathering with participants across a broad church of industries and without your support it would be difficult to provide attendees with the amazing experience that they enjoy year after year.

Thank you, your kind assistance made this possible and your generous support meant we were able to deliver another event which exceeded all expectations.

While it is difficult to ascertain the true return you get from your support of the event, I hope that I plug away enough to highlight your involvement and that, at the very least, provides some acknowledgment of your generosity.

Rob and I have already had the discussion that the event will be back in 2023 in its traditional time-slot in July/August and we would welcome your support for next year's event – the BIG 20th anniversary, which I assure you, will be even bigger and better.

Thank you once more Dean and Scott and thanks also to the team at Hutchies for their support.

Gary Lemmon
State manager
Rinnai

AS a body corporate chairman in a complex next to your 272 Hedges Avenue development (Gold Coast), I commend the excellent project management skills of your representative Michael Sipinkoski.

It would be fair to say that anyone in Michael's situation would rarely receive acclaim from neighbours subjected to around 33 months of development on a 46 or so level development with problems that may accrue from same.

Notwithstanding, Michael's management has been excellent with few problems occurring associated with parking, traffic, litter and noise.

He appears to have been able to maintain a neat well organised site ... not easy given all the dynamics.

Michael's interpersonal skills have been very good.

When residents here have had concerns in relation to activities next door, I have been able to talk to Michael to ensure a successful resolution.

His excellent managerial and

FEEDBACK




The annual Rinnai Stradbroke Surf Challenge delivers good times and quality fish. Laurie Jensen and Dean White with the catch of the day.

interpersonal skills have ensured our building occupants have not become disenfranchised at any point. He has handled the difficult task of ensuring stakeholders are satisfied with aplomb.

Bravo Michael.
We wish him well with his future endeavours.

Graeme Stoner
Blue Pacific
Body corporate chairman

ON behalf of the Australian Institute of Architects Queensland Chapter, I would like to thank Hutchinson Builders for your support as Queensland Chapter Premier Partner for the 2022 Queensland Architecture Awards. We are so grateful of your support through which we can promote the amazing projects/architecture in Queensland far and wide.

Anna Svensdotter
State manager,
Queensland Australian Institute
of Architects

I AM a resident of one of your recent completions – The Langston apartments in Epping, Sydney.

Your staff, Patrick Jackson and Matt, are embedded here to address defects, etc.

I would like to pass on to you how easy they are to deal with.

Pat and Matt have a very strong customer focus, always very mindful they are coming into (now) completed residences – our home.

They are true assets to your organisation.

Kind regards,

Peter.

BARRY Eddington, quality assurance, of Hutchinsons at Coolangatta is the most proactive fearless enforcer of the Australian Standards for building and construction I have ever met.

Proactive, intelligent and hard working, his reputation precedes him on building sites.

As the committee member for a body corporate of a 50-apartment building in Broadbeach, I had the absolute pleasure of dealing with Barry who proactively resolved our building's warranty effects in three months, after three preceding years where coordination and desire to achieve solutions seemed to be lacking.

Barry is a legendary building practitioner with the highest integrity and, due to him, I would absolutely invest in another Hutchinson building if Barry Eddington was the quality assurance manager.

Don't be fooled by his humble demeanour, he is a legend.

Thank you to Barry, Paul and Levi.

From a former building defect litigation solicitor (who was pretty grumpy to start with and is now very happy with Hutchinsons Coolangatta).

Nicole Wilde

WE were so impressed with the professional way in which Monique Hamilton handled our flooding problem.

We know these things take time to resolve, yet she was persistent in making sure our problem was solved as quickly as possible.

When she found out the company who was to deal with the replacement of the carpet with floorboards were dragging their feet, she worked with Joe to solve the issue.

Nothing seemed to be a problem for Monique. Together we had our issue solved.

Once done, she came to see that the work was done to a high standard and, more importantly, that we were happy with the final product.

We cannot thank her enough and to let you know what a proficient and professional young lady you have working for you.

At this point we would like to also thank and praise Irish Johnny who worked tirelessly to make sure that his part in the process was effectively carried out.

Johnny has been persistent in finding out a solution to our problems.

We can't thank him enough for his hard work around the village and especially for how professional he has been when working in our home.

Johnny always finds a moment here or there to check, after work has been done, that we are happy with the results and that there are no more issues occurring.

Thank you to two of your employees (as well as Johnny's team) who have made problems for us a lot easier to deal with.

Yours sincerely,

**Joseph and Silvana Murphy
Murphy Floors**

I JUST wanted to let you know that working with Brent Davis at Boggo Road (Lot 6 and 7) has always been pleasant and nothing is too much trouble for him.

He will always address any defect issues immediately, go out of his way to find an answer for me, or a solution to a problem I might have.

He doesn't seem to mind a challenge no matter what it is; he would have to be the most approachable guy I have had to work with ... Hutchies quality is very good too, I must say.

We live in a society where people are quick to criticise but not give credit where due, hence the reason for this email.

**Emilio Schiliro
Facility caretaker
Stockwell Living**

I WANTED to say thanks for getting behind the support for Matt Schneider and letting us borrow the Control Room (The Fortitude Music Hall) for last weekend's show with Tim Rogers and Tex Perkins.

Tex was kind enough to call in after the show and have a drink with Matt.

It was an amazing night and one that I'm sure Matt and the rest of us will never forget. He's going through a tough time, so it was nice for him to have a night off to



Tex Perkins sharing a drink with Matt.

just enjoy some rock 'n' roll.
Cheers,

**Ben Lyons
Director Urbis**

TODAY I was given a brief tour of the recently completed Mabel Park High School's additional facilities and was impressed.

The quality of every hard and painted surface is impeccable and it all looks as if it will stand up to many years of hard use.

I think praise to your ordinary workmen is in order because in a very challenging time for the general building industry they have, I heard, generated a large measure of respect and indeed

friendship with the staff.

Well done to your troops, thank them and best wishes in a difficult market.

**Gordon Moore
Manly West**

SCOTT, I hope that this note finds you well in these uncertain times.

It was lovely to host your Mum and Dad this morning as our special guests, along with the Governor of Queensland, at the event to celebrate the rededication of the Edith Cavell Building 100 years to the day since the building was officially opened.

The event was a great success and the significant Hutchies'

legacy at Herston Quarter was on display for all to see.

Best wishes,

**Richard McLachlan
Development director
Herston Quarter
Australian Unity**

SCOTT, congratulations on being recognised as one of Queensland's most influential people.

I know the judging is quite interesting, but it is still a good recognition for you.

Your business has been and is fantastic to work with.

Our project is coming along well with occupancy racing up on us.

All of your team are a credit to you and the business.

Kind regards,

**John McLean
CEO Bundaberg Brewed Drinks**

HEY Scott, just want to congratulate you on the Fortitude Music Hall.

I went up to Brisbane to see night one of Sigur Ros. What a brilliant venue.

While we mainly service the corporate event market, our clients are always looking for new spaces, so we will absolutely recommend it where it suits.

Congrats again and thanks for investing in live music. Long may it continue.

Cheers,

**Keith Wootton
AV1
(via LinkedIn)**

OBITUARY

**Colin Gilmore
(Curly) Quinn**

08/03/1928 ~ 10/07/2022

CONDOLENCES to the entire Quinn family on the death of the family's patriarch, Colin Gilmore (Curly) Quinn, who passed away at the age of 94 in July.

As well as his own children, father of Hutchies' recently retired managing director, Greg Quinn (COTY 2007), the much-loved Curly Quinn left behind 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.



Darling Dingoes on the Downs

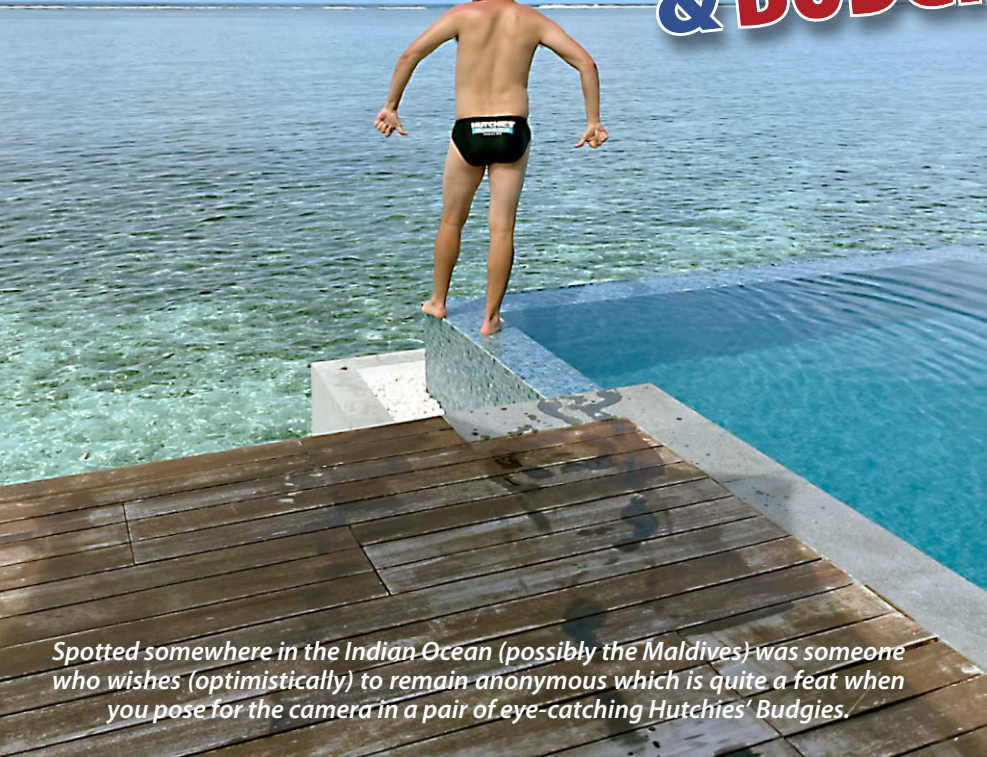


Hutchies' Mal 'Blocka' Campbell (right) is shown with Glenn McGrath at the luncheon.

HUTCHES' Toowoomba proudly support the Darling Dingoes, the Toowoomba T20 cricket team who compete in the Brisbane Premier League.

As the main sponsor, Hutchies has naming rights for the Darling Dingoes luncheon where former Australian cricketer, Glenn McGrath, was the guest speaker.

TRAVELLING UNDIES & BUDGIES



Spotted somewhere in the Indian Ocean (possibly the Maldives) was someone who wishes (optimistically) to remain anonymous which is quite a feat when you pose for the camera in a pair of eye-catching Hutchies' Budgies.



Simon Moisey, Conrad Gargett senior associate, celebrates in characteristic style at the topping out of Ozcare's Newstead project.

RIGHT: John Groom (COTY 2019) flies the flag for Hutchies during a holiday to Singapore.

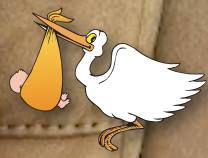


Hutchies' Kevin Whitaker (Airlie Beach/Moranbah team) and his two sons, Joel and Luke, recently undertook a brutal dirt bike ride to Cape York. To celebrate the epic trip, Kevin slipped on a pair of Hutchies' Undies for the obligatory 'Tip' photo op with fellow riders.



Dan Jefferies, from Tru-Flo Plumbing, cuts a dashing figure as he proudly models his Hutchies' Undies which were presented to him by the Brighton Arena Springfield site team.

HATCHED



Aspen Hillier, daughter for Hutchies' Darren Hillier and wife, Gemma, and little sister for big brother Henry. Darren is a project manager on Cy Milburn's (COTY 2014) team.

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



Michael's entry was close to a winner – but not close enough.

Michael's quest for the perfect fruitcake

HUTCHIES' team leader and budding baker, Michael White, enters a fruit cake at the Ekka (Royal Queensland Show) every year but is yet to have a win.

Michael refused to have his photo taken with this year's entry as he felt unworthy with a cake which failed to please the judges.

He promised he would be photographed when he eventually makes the grade.

A team member went to the Ekka and hunted down Mick's entry (square fruit cake – #530).

Scott promised Michael a lifetime membership to the Ekka if ever he does win.



Very august celebrations

FOUR team members celebrated August birthdays in the boardroom at Toowong. They are (from left) Natalie Roma, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Tim Lyons and Evelyn DeJesus.

A not so subtle goodbye for Patrick

ESD engineer, Patrick Campbell, received a cake with a not so subtle message from his team members when they parted company after five years.

Despite the cake's message, Patrick said it had been an absolute pleasure and privilege working with Hutchies.

"The legacy of industry-leading sustainability projects that Hutchies has delivered and will continue to deliver is second to none in the industry and it has been a privilege to have been part of that," said Patrick.

"I look forward to crossing paths and working together again in the future."



Left and above: The Sunshine Coast office celebrated two milestone birthdays recently with Rob Morrison, 40, and Andy Becconsall, 60.



Relaxing on Sawtell beach are (from left) Hayden Sargeant, Sam Dogan, JP Samuels, Jesse O'Neill, Scott Henderson and Jack Fehr.

Cooly boys to "cool dads"

THIS year's Coolangatta boys' annual winter trip away to Sawtell had the theme "Dad Wear".

Most had a ready-made wardrobe

and the weekend's entertainment involved the usual copious amounts of beer, seafood, laughs and, this year, really bad Dad jokes.

Cookie cup



Luca displays his well-deserved Cookie Champion's Cup.

LUCA Rocchi was the proud winner of Hutchies' Hobart office biscuit baking competition.

He won with his secret recipe for his famous toffee choc-chip with smoked salt cookie.

Toowoomba's Blush Ball

ONCE again Toowoomba office volunteered to be the naming sponsor of the 2022 Hutchies' Blush Ball and donated a prize for the live auction – a luxury cubby house, 'Hamptons by Hutchies', built by Damian Mills and painted by Jensen Painting.

The money collected in this fundraising event will help fund a team of breast care nurses who provide a range of services for breast cancer patients in the Darling Downs region.

Hutchies' Toowoomba has supported Blush Cancer Care since its inception in 2015.

RIGHT: Peter Lee, Lisa Lee and Danny Charlesworth, at the Hutchies' Blush Ball with Hutchies' Hamptons-style cubby house auction item in the background.



EOFY party reveals hidden talents

OWEN Valmadre took his team (finance, accounts, payroll, IT, company services) out to Wests Rugby Club to celebrate the end of the financial year.

The evening included dinner and a show by a hypnotist who proved that many team members have hidden talents.

Hypnotic performances included air guitar concerts, dancing, shooting rifles in imaginary battles and rapping Humpty Dumpty.

LEFT: Flat out under the spell of the hypnotist are (from left) Tabi Ward, Sandy Read, Matt Wilson and the legs of Sophie Candy.



Students working on timber from old pallets.



Putting the final touches to the end product – a functional deckchair.

From dump to deck chair

SOME school-based Ready 4 Construction (R4C) students are turning trash into treasure at the training facility at Hutchies' Toowoomba modular yard.

As part of the Working Effectively and Sustainably component of the course, the students get a kick out of starting with old pallets that are earmarked to be thrown out and turning them into functional deck chairs.

The students start by pulling the pallet

apart and de-nailing the timber.

Following a set of plans, they start the construction process by slicing up the thinner top boards into slats using a bench saw.

The thicker base timber is used as legs and frames for the seats and backrests.

They cut out the desired design shape with a jig saw, screw and glue it all together and then apply an eco-friendly protective coating.

A double farewell for Sunny Coast long-timers



A FAREWELL lunch was held at Cotton Tree Beach Café for Sunshine Coast long-timers, Terry Lloyd (estimating) and Belinda Lindsay (accounts).

Shown at the double farewell are, from left (rear) Terry Lloyd, Noel Ryan, Lochlan Johnson, Steve Hodgins, Cameron McAndrew, Leo Deboer, and (front) Belinda Lindsay, Shahtia North-Cunningham, Tara Thelwall, Brandon Tonkin, Olivia Brock, Rob Morrison and Deana Zerafa.



Max on deck

MAX Smythe, electrical apprentice, is shown with the Sunshine Coast skateboard deck.

Max is a regular at the Sunshine Beach Skate Park.



Luke Richards (right) with Hutchies' apprentice development coordinator, Trent Cowie, with some stair formwork Luke built at Hutchies' site at Chapel Street, Lutwyche.

Luke a Kear-Form carpenter

LUKE Richards has celebrated completion of his carpentry apprenticeship.

He has been working as an apprentice carpenter for Kear-Form Group who are Hutchies' subbies.

Kear-Form regularly sends its apprentices to get trained by Hutchies to give them the skills to excel as tradesmen.

Apprentice to skilled chippie

CASEY Ainsworth, son of site manager, Richie Ainsworth, has received his Certificate III in Carpentry.

As a member of the Levi Corby/Murray Emmerson team, Casey has worked on several different projects throughout his carpentry apprenticeship in

Surfers Paradise, Palm Beach and Mermaid Beach.

Trent Cowie, apprentice development coordinator, said it had been great to work with Casey over the past four years.

"Casey is a skilled chippie and he will make a great foreman," said Trent.

RIGHT: Casey Ainsworth (right) with Hutchies' apprentice development coordinator, Trent Cowie, on site at the recently completed Paradise Centre project in Surfers Paradise.



Jimmy Walsh, retired Hutchies' carpenter, shows first-year apprentice, Danny Syrch, how to sharpen a chisel.

Introductory training workshop

NINE first-year apprentice carpenters recently completed their introductory first year two-day practical training workshop.

They were Andrew Ling, Jack Ellis, Reece Walker, Grant Ward, Taylor Miller, Harrison Cassimatis, Jaxon Pommer, Danny Syrch and Nathan Chapel.

The apprentices completed training in safety, communication, planning, working effectively, use of carpentry tools, equipment and handling materials.

Working in teams of three, they completed three different carpentry projects including gatehouse structure, architraves and skirting, and sawhorse challenge. Learning how to sharpen chisels and hand planes was also on the program.



Mountain bike mecca



Shown on the ride are (from left) Myles Castley, Rhys Brown, Wade Allan, Drew Cole, Hanson Paul, Chris Longden, Will Street, Rhys Hall and Nick Silcox.

HOBART'S crew went to Derby, Tasmania, for a team mountain biking weekend. Once a thriving mining town with the richest tin mine in the

world and one of the last remaining wilderness areas, Derby is now home to one of the world's premier mountain bike networks with 125km of purpose-built mountain bike trails.



Hutchies' R4C students constructing a market cart for the West Village Market project.

Students' art of cart building

HUTCHIES' Ready for Construction (R4C) students learned to work under pressure when they were asked if they could design and build a plant market cart in two days for the West Village Market project. The unusual request came from Amanda Leacy, senior marketing manager at West Village. And, of course, the answer was "Yes, we can!" It was a great project which provided the R4C students an opportunity to showcase the skills learnt in the Certificate I in Construction. As a bonus they used recycled timber to build the cart.

A cool round of golf



Ben Clarke displays his golfing style in Hutchies' Undies.

THE annual Lord's Taverners Queensland Golf Day at Virginia Golf Club produced some unusual sights this year as Hutchies' team played the final round in their Undies. Unfortunately, no win this year, but Glenn Rumph and Sam Mitchell went close to winning with 46 points. The Lord's Taverners is part of a national network of cricket lovers who raise funds exclusively to help the young and disadvantaged achieve their sporting goals.

Endless summer in Sumatra



SYDNEY team leader, Justin Clark, recently continued his quest for the endless summer on a much-deserved holiday to Sumatra, Indonesia, surfing many breaks along the coast. Seen here in the barrel, Justin's passion for surfing is greater than his fear of sharks.

Rinnai fishing challenge looks forward to its 20th year



THE 2022 Rinnai Stradbroke Island Surf Fishing Challenge weekend got off to a wet start – but Hutchies' umbrellas and tents provided plenty of cover.

The skies soon cleared and North Straddie (Minjerribah) provided fabulous conditions for beach fishing with plenty of fish to be caught.

Thanks to Rinnai Australia, along with its support from the Capalaba Amateur Fishing Club, for putting on a fabulous industry event that is eagerly awaited for by all every year.

Next year promises to be bigger than big when the fishing crew celebrate the event's 20th anniversary.

LEFT: Hutchies' team at the challenge (L-R) Leo Deboer, Peter Ierna, Lee Gagliardi, Darryl Morris, Laurie Jensen and Dean White.



Lucky winners are grinners – has your number come up?



THE popular Scratch-its competition is now fully online ... and has been renamed Lucky Winners.

With each new edition of *Hutchies' Truth*, readers get a personalised email notification with a link to the online version PLUS a unique lucky number.

Simply check your unique number against

the winning list to see if you have won.

There are heaps of great Hutchies' merch on offer with an expanded range of prizes and an expanded number of possible winners.

Items up for grabs include everything from Hutchies' Honey, bar blades, backpacks, towels to selected items from

Hutchies' clothing range including bamboo undies and the popular new 110-year boxers.

If your number matches ... follow the prompts to collect!

Click the link to go straight to the Lucky Winners page:

<https://1.hutchi.es/luckywinners>