



Thursday Island – base for the redevelopment of the Thursday Island Hospital and Primary Healthcare Centre providing vital medical services to the Torres Strait islander communities.

Health and happiness in a tropical paradise

AN extra dose of health has been added to the happiness of people living in the tropical paradise of the Torres Strait, with Hutchies' \$29 million upgrade of medical facilities on Thursday Island.

The extensive redevelopment of the Thursday Island Hospital and Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) by Hutchies will ensure the highest quality medical facilities for the islander communities in the Torres Strait.

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Building equipment and supplies arriving for the new facility.

Open house at Hutchies Joinery

AN open invitation has been issued for visitors to tour Hutchies Joinery at Murarrie which celebrated its first anniversary of operation in February.



Manager of Hutchies Joinery, Timothy Ferguson, said the team was now well established and has a good book of work on for the 2024 to 2025 period.

"We are now looking to fill our work load for 2025 to 2026 and are interested to hear of sizeable Hutchies' projects we can assist with," said Tim.

"Anyone interested in seeing how our joinery shed operates and whether any upcoming projects would fit into the Hutchies Joinery mould, please make contact so we can arrange a tour.

"In general we are looking to facilitate Hutchies' projects in Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast.

"We can also look at 'manufacture-only' for any interstate projects," he said.

Tim said that Hutchies Joinery's advantage was service, reliability, trust, performance, quality and delivery on time.

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Hutchies' team members and families enjoy the Torres Strait island lifestyle.

THIS year has started with the predicted softening of demand impacting the forward order books of many businesses across the construction supply chain.

This is translating into an easing of the inflationary pressures our industry has been under for more than three and a half years.

While this appears to be good news on one hand, we have been vocal about the risks of complacency.

A decline in work, even if only in the short term until the build-up of infrastructure spending gathers momentum into the new year, can lead to cash flow pressures and result in increasing insolvency rates in our industry.

Adding to this is the real challenge of securing work in this relatively quiet window, but delivering it in a market that is buoyant and depleted of experience as the post-COVID skill drain from our industry continues.

Attracting more good people and retaining those already here with greater sustainability should be the focus of industry leaders.

A strong construction sector is the cornerstone of a healthy society that provides affordable housing and effective infrastructure.

If another reason is needed to encourage others to consider a career in our industry, the construction industry was ranked recently as the third highest payer on average across the country.

Strong professional development pathways have been central to Hutchies' own success over the past few decades.

Our training team maintains Hutchies' position as the only builder which is also an RTO (Registered Training Organisation).

We are investing heavily in new people and tools to deliver best practice education to our people and will continue to extend that to our delivery partners across the trades.

Hutchies has a strong culture of individual ownership and accountability.

This underpins our flat management structure and extends to each of us seeking out new learning opportunities with support.

From the Managing Director



Our success relies heavily on people who live this culture, and, I believe, it provides one of the most rewarding careers that our next generation could be a part of.

Central to our strategy to be the best builder is our ability to support the growth of our people to better service our customers.

On that front, I would like to congratulate Oliver Macklin on embarking on his exchange program with Wates Construction in London and welcome here James Metcalfe from the same company to expand our collective knowledge of best practice from other parts of the world.

Plans are in place to expand this offering to complement and inform our learning and development goals as a business (See Page 5 for more on the Global Building Exchange Program).

– Russell Fryer (COTY 2010)

Health and happiness in a tropical paradise

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Hutchies started work on the multi-staged Queensland Government development project in April 2021 with completion now expected within weeks.

During the three-year construction project, full healthcare services have been maintained for the communities in the archipelago of more than 274 islands in the Torres Strait, a waterway separating Cape York Peninsula and Papua New Guinea.

The staged works allowed the main hospital to remain live, ensuring full medical services for Thursday Island and the 17 inhabited outer islands.

Redevelopment of the hospital and healthcare centre will improve primary and secondary healthcare in the region and help Close the Gap on health between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The redeveloped Thursday Island Hospital has 31 inpatient beds, seven emergency department spaces, two negative pressure rooms, operating theatre with four recovery spaces, two birthing suites, five outpatient rooms, and an



Temporary hospital theatre being barged ashore during the staged redevelopment.

Thursday Island by the numbers

Working on a tropical paradise has been a logistical challenge for Hutchies' team and subbies. Take a look at these figures...

- The first barge to Thursday Island to mobilise the three-year project included more than 1,100 tonnes of materials, plant and equipment; plus, approximately...
- 5,500 cubic metres of freight were barged over;
- 150 return trips of 20ft containers were made;
- 24,000 nights of accommodation were needed;
- 2,600 flights for project staff and subbies were booked; and,
- A carton of beer on the Thursday Island costs roughly \$100.

enhanced medical imaging department with a new CT scanner service – the first for the Torres Strait.

The new Primary Healthcare Centre now contains 22 consultation, treatment and interview rooms, along with five dental surgeries.

Hutchies' team leader, Kyle Hare, said the success of the remote project required a close and collaborative partnership between Hutchies and the client's delivery team.

"During the course of the project we have dealt with the challenges

of COVID-19 restrictions, escalation in materials and freight costs, weather events, logistical issues and multiple instances where there were days without telephone or internet coverage," said Kyle.

"The ongoing support from Queensland Health and the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service has been vital in the successful delivery of this challenging project."

Hutchies has a long association with the Thursday Island Hospital and constructed the facility's new helipad in 2010.

“Hutchies has its own in-house trades teams and is the only large builder which continues to maintain those skills.”



LEFT: Hutchies Joinery management team (from left), Tim Ferguson, Adam Roberts, Craig Riley, Ray Vanis, Lachlan Bellert, Ben Leblang, and Gary Turner.

IN a massive push to expand in-house trade skills to meet market demand, Hutchies will more than double the workforce of its joinery team at Murarrie in Brisbane to 75 people over the next 12 months.

The team of 36 members was established 15 months ago and consists of machinists, labourers, assemblers, apprentices, drafters, administrators, site installers and management.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said Hutchies Joinery had more than \$62 million worth of production on its books between 2023 and 2024.

“We can’t rely on outside contractors alone to meet that volume of production for our work schedules,” said Scott.

“Development of an in-house production system is the best method we can use to keep on top of our needs for the years ahead.”

Joinery doubles production to meet market demands

Hutchies continues to develop its in-house trade skills for construction specialities experiencing skill shortages including joinery, formwork, ceilings, partitions, cranes and hoists.

Hutchies favours having its own trade teams and is the only large builder which continues to

maintain those skills.

This advantage gives Hutchies better control during volatile supply periods.

As well as maintaining teams of in-house tradespeople and engaging preferred trade contractors, Hutchies has an extensive training program for cadets and

apprentices which is acknowledged as a breeding ground for exceptional talent in the construction industry.

- **More on Hutchies’ in-house trade skills – see Pages 6 to 9.**
- **More on Hutchies’ trade skills training – see Page 15.**

What happened to \$450,000 two-bedroom apartments?



Chairman and CEO of Consolidated Properties Group, Don O'Rorke.

CHAIRMAN and CEO of Consolidated Properties Group, Don O'Rorke, said construction costs were now so high that his business was unable to produce a two-bedroom apartment for less than \$1 million.

“A \$450,000 two-bedroom unit four years ago is now \$1million – that’s how much costs have increased,” he said.

“Australia needs to import skilled immigrants or increase the number of building industry trainees to fix the

labour shortages.”

Mr O'Rorke said the only thing he could do without government subsidy would be to produce premium apartments in premium locations for wealthy people.

He said 70 per cent of his buyers came from the affluent western suburbs of Brisbane and ‘babyboomers’ – owner-occupiers who were downsizing.

Hutchies’ chairman Scott Hutchinson said several high-rise projects in

Brisbane had stalled indefinitely because they were no longer feasible at current prices.

He said many builders were waiting for the boom to subside or costs to fall before resuming these projects.

Scott said Hutchies turned away 80 per cent of jobs last year due to cost pressures and remained fearful for the future of Australia’s building sector.

“Many building companies have collapsed and there’s more to come,” he said.

Rapid response to crisis



Disassembling the tornado-damaged luffing crane on the Mondrian construction site was a delicate operation.



Construction of Vitale Property Group's Mondrian twin-tower project at Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast is back on track.

CONSTRUCTION is back on schedule for the Vitale Property Group's Mondrian twin-tower project at Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast, which was impacted by a catastrophic storm Christmas night.

Hutchies was alerted at 9.25pm Christmas night that the luffing crane at Mondrian had been structurally compromised in the severe storm which was later labelled a tornado.

It was all hands on deck at the site with the response team including Hutchies' senior executives, Southport team, Cranes and Hoist team, WHS operations team, engineers, CFMEU, WHSQ, and the client.

Together they developed a method to safely and successfully remove the failed jib, and Hutchies' rigging crews were instrumental over the two-day process.

Hutchies' crane crew involved with disassembling the jib included

Matt McAdam, Jack Fuller, Jason Winwood, Malcom O'Rourke, Craig Mower, Michael Springate, Leigh Ellison, as well as Borger Crane's rigging crew and crane operators.

Hutchies' managing director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), said nobody was injured by the damaged crane.

"There was no-one on site at the time. The area was secured overnight and we worked closely with engineers and authorities to assess the extent of damage and to prepare plans to safely remove the crane in the following days," he said.

The twin towers of Mondrian are being developed by Vitale Property Group.

Occupants of the 25-level residential tower, comprising two, three and four-bedroom apartments, sky homes and penthouses, will have full access to the adjacent Mondrian Hotel's five-star services and amenities.

Minister inspects health of project



Hutchies' team leader, Jamie Washington, updates Queensland Minister for Health, Shannon Fentiman (centre), and local MP, Charis Mullen, on construction progress at the Ripley Sub-Acute Hospital site.

HUTCHIES hosted a recent progress inspection on the \$12 million Ripley Sub-Acute Hospital project by Queensland Minister for Health, Shannon Fentiman, and local MP, Charis Mullen.

Built under the Queensland Government's Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Program (AIDP), the new

facility at South Ripley will be administered by the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service.

The 90-bed sub-acute facility is designed to free up beds at Ipswich Hospital for a range of less acute health needs including geriatric, palliative and interim care, as well as rehabilitation.

Plaque marks community role

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba has been recognised for its role as a founding member of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE).

TSBE, established 11 years ago, is an independent, member-driven economic development organisation actively linking the local business community to opportunities across Toowoomba, the Western Downs, Maranoa and surrounding areas.

RIGHT: Team leader, Sean Lees, receives a plaque from TSBE's Daniel McNamara in recognition of Hutchies' partnership role in the organisation for the past 11 years.





James Metcalfe (fourth from right) visiting Hutchies Training yard and job sites.



Oliver Macklin in London.

Trading places in global exchange program

GLOBAL Building Exchange Program (GBEP) participant, **James Metcalfe**, has arrived from the UK and has been busy familiarising himself with local conditions.

As part of his introduction to Hutchies, James has been touring job sites and offices to meet different teams and to see the diverse nature of the project work-book.

James began his career as a cadet in the UK and is now a quantity surveyor.

His journey highlights the rewarding pathways for people to build long-term careers in the construction industry.

Meanwhile, Hutchies' **Oliver Macklin**, contractor administrator in Jamie Washington's team, is settling in with the Wates Group in London, UK.

Discussions are underway to include a Canada-based construction company in the program to create a three-way exchange.

The program is aimed at giving young people the chance to experience another part of the world, another company and another construction industry, while maintaining career momentum within the same organisation.



Jamie and Noah Spooner, with their Red Cross supporters from the Sunny Coast team, (from left) Robert Morrison, Melanie Longland, Olivia Brock, Steven Hodgins, Deana Zerafa and Brandon Tonkin.

Gratitude for Noah's life-saving donor team

HUTCHIES' team members, Jamie and Shaun Spooner, have expressed their gratitude for the community support for their young son, Noah, whose life depends on a regular supply of donated blood.

Noah has a rare blood condition called spherocytosis and he relies on blood from the Red Cross to manage this condition.

The toddler has had more than 20 transfusions since he was born and Jamie and

Shaun have encouraged everyone they know to donate blood to his Red Cross team.

Jamie, Hutchies' systems manager on the Sunshine Coast, said Noah had 86 members in his Red Cross support team with most drawn from Hutchies' members, subbies, clients and suppliers.

She said the Queensland Parliamentary Annexe project client, subbies and project team all banded together with the Red Cross

bus visiting the site on a regular basis.

Hutchies' Sunshine Coast also did a team donation to raise awareness of the huge impact that blood donors and the donated blood products make to the lives of so many.

"Our family is very passionate about this cause and if we can encourage other people to donate blood to the Red Cross that would be amazing," Jamie said.

In-house trade

HUTCHIES continues to invest in its in-house trade for construction of buildings, ceilings and plant. Hutchies is committed to maintaining these standards and ensuring the highest quality delivery.



Fit-Out

Joinery

HUTCHIES Joinery team of 36 was established 15 months ago and will more than double its team size to 75 people over the next 12 months.

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production on its books between 2023 and 2024 and is looking to fill its workload for 2025 to 2026.

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interstate projects.

The joinery shed contains the latest equipment, as well as a fleet of delivery trucks.

Ceilings and Partitions

SINCE its inception in

2022, Hutchies' fit-out has completed \$30 million in works.

Forecasted book of work through 2025 amounts to a further \$60 million in revenue.

The team currently consists of more than 90 construction workers, including tradespeople, labourers and apprentices.

This number is expected to rise to more than 150 to deliver on its projects.

The management team consists of site-based foremen and Toowong-based office staff, under the leadership of John Berlese (COTY 2006).

Formwork

HUTCHIES Formwork crew was formed in 2022 under John Berlese (COTY 2006).

The original team of 106 was drawn from experienced former employees of

Plant



e skills network

continues to develop its in-house trade skills on specialities including joinery, formwork, partitions, cranes and hoists, and scaffolding. Hutchies is the only large builder which continues to invest in skills, ensuring better control of product quality during volatile supply periods.

subcontractors who had gone into liquidation.

The team has now built up to more than 170 members.

Hutchies Formwork has spent more than \$6 million on equipment and currently has 15,000m² of formwork material on seven Hutchies' projects on Australia's east coast.

Scaffold and Plant

HUTCHIES Scaffold and Plant supports multiple Hutchies' projects across Australia.

Scaffold has increased tenfold since it was established in 2004.

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Fit-Out

Formwork



In-house trade ski

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It currently has 185,000m² (11,000 tonnes) of equipment and has supplied 1500 projects for Hutchies with more than 60 projects underway nationally from branches in Cairns, Brisbane, and Sydney.

It has its own in-house design team and provides technical assistance as well

as audits to ensure the best outcomes.

Hutchies also owns a large fleet of major plant such as telehandlers, generators, compressors, sweepers and loading bays as well as a wide range of tools and equipment.

The Hutchies Plant promise is, if they don't have it, they will find it or acquire it.



Joinery



Formwork



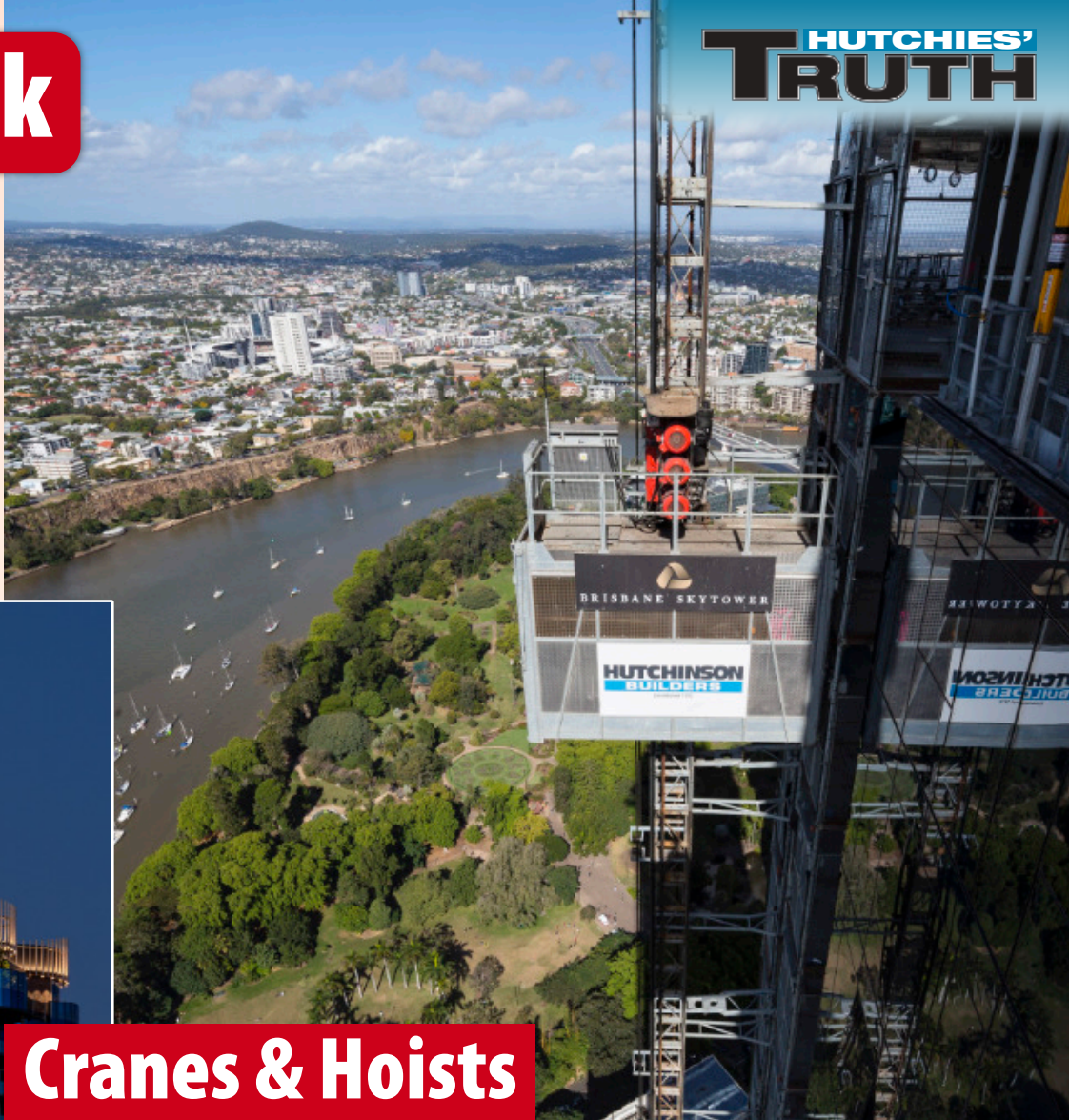
Scaffold

Its network

Cranes and Hoists

HUTCHIES Cranes and Hoists was established in 2007 and has more than \$100 million in assets, including 32 cranes and 37 hoists.

It has the largest fleet of any building company in Australia and has some of the industry's newest and best maintained fleet.



Cranes & Hoists



Formwork



Hutchies' Luke Baxter (centre) with Queensland Minister for Housing, Meaghan Scanlon, and Member for Bundaberg, Tom Smith, during their recent inspection of MMC program works in Bundaberg.

HUTCHIES' Luke Baxter became guide for the day during a site visit from politicians, Queensland Minister for Housing, Meaghan Scanlon, and Member for Bundaberg, Tom Smith.

Hutchies is a manufacturing partner in the Queensland Government QBuild's Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) program.

The MMC program is designed to build more and better-quality homes in less time to support government housing needs in regional and remote areas of the state.

As a response to Queensland's housing crisis, the MMC program aims to streamline the design and delivery of modular housing products and fast-track residential solutions.

From dull to dazzling – Fortitude Valley's very own Cinderella story

The Fort's rise from family shoppers to international live mega-music audiences

HUTCHIES has led the trend in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley, changing a tired, aged shopping strip into a vibrant internationally famous live entertainment precinct.

What was once the largest non-CBD shopping location in Australia has now become the country's first designated Special Entertainment Precinct, fronted by Hutchies' live music and entertainment venues, The Fortitude Music Hall, The Sound Garden, The Outpost, Black Bear Lodge, Kickons, Blute's Bar and nearby The Triffid, as well as NomNoms Bao, Bird's Nest, Lucky Egg and Finney Isles.



LEFT: Scott Hutchinson at the internationally famous The Fortitude Music Hall.

IMAGE: News Corporation.

From the early 1900s through to the 1970s, shopping in Fortitude Valley was dominated by McWhirters, TC Beirne, Myer, David

Jones, Waltons, Woolworths and Coles.

Owing to the concentration of public transport in the area, the Valley boasted the largest non-CBD shopping precinct in Australia.

But as the urban sprawl of the 1970s saw the growth of new mega shopping centres well outside the city centre, the Valley lost its appeal for shoppers, many major retailers closed and much of the area fell into disrepair.

On July 1, 2006, Brisbane City Council created Australia's first designated Special Entertainment Precinct in Fortitude Valley.

The precinct was created to ensure the long-term future of the music-based entertainment industry in the Valley without exposing residents or businesses to unreasonable levels of amplified music noise.

The music-noise and development laws protect music venues from having to turn down volumes when residential development is built nearby.

Instead, the onus is on new developments to incorporate extensive noise insulation.

The creation of the Special Entertainment Precinct meant the Valley could grow to become a vibrant mixed-use precinct including residents, backpacker and hotel accommodation, nightclubs, live music venues, cafes, restaurants and retail businesses.



The site of The Fort 70 years ago – opening day Coles store Fortitude Valley Brisbane, February 12, 1954. IMAGE: Old Brisbane Album.



New hospital for Western Downs

HUTCHIES has started work on the new Tara Hospital in the Western Downs region of Queensland. The facility, due for completion in the first half of next year, is being built on the existing hospital campus.

Designed to provide emergency and palliative care, the new Tara Hospital will have a 12-bed inpatient unit, as well as adult mental health, clinical and other outreach services. It is part of the Queensland

Government's Building Rural and Remote Health Program, which aims to replace ageing rural and remote health facilities. Hutchies is also undertaking the new Moranbah Hospital to replace the town's current hospital and improve health services to the Bowen Basin.

Hutchies' Toowoomba team leader, Sean Lees (main group far right), participated in the sod-turning and smoking ceremony for the new Tara Hospital project.



Project manager, Chris Kavney, gave his son, Patrick Kavney, a special site tour of 360 Queen Street during the school holidays.

From the air, 360 Queen Street reaches level six with the team targeting topping out by the end of the year.

Topping target on track for 360 Queen St

THE 360 Queen Street project is powering along with the project team targeting topping out at the end of this year. Currently climbing more than six

levels, on completion in 2025, the premium-grade commercial tower will provide 45,000 square metres of office space across 33 levels.

Manjali to aid education in the Kimberley



HUTCHIES is undertaking the design and construction of the Manjali Studio School in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Manjali, catering for Years 7, 8 and 9, will be the second Studio School on Bunuba country.

It will be built about 10 kilometres from the existing Yiramalay Studio School which currently caters for Years 10, 11 and 12.

Studio Schools of Australia model, working in partnership with the Bunuba people, is embedded in Indigenous culture and language with learning integrated across the day with a focus on health and well-being.

The holistic framework aims to balance academic, personal and industry/enterprise learning, in the unique cultural context of each residential Studio School.

Hutchies' Danny Charlesworth and Gavin Taylor attended a Fitzroy Crossing community meeting for the proposed Manjali Studio School.

QUT student site tours

MORE than 100 first-year construction management students from Queensland University of Technology recently visited Hutchies' sites at 205 North Quay and 360 Queen Street.

The tours explained safety initiatives on site to assist the students with their upcoming risk assessment assignments.

RIGHT: QUT students being briefed by 360 Queen Street site manager, Nick Dovey.



First responders move to new home in Glen Innes

HUTCHIES has completed work on the new \$8.5 million Glen Innes Ambulance Station.

Paramedics and other staff moved into their new spacious state-of-the-art facility earlier this year.

On a recent tour of the facility, Member for Northern Tablelands,

Adam Marshall, said the new ambulance station was a huge step forward for healthcare in Glen Innes and the surrounding districts.

"I am particularly pleased with the job Hutchinson Builders did – they took less than a year to

complete the project and the quality of the final build is impressive," Mr Marshall said.

"Our paramedics need and deserve the best possible workplace to provide emergency medical care and the new station will make a world of difference to

their working environment."

The new facility has internal parking for up to six emergency ambulance vehicles, administration and office areas, staff amenities, logistics, storage area, staff parking and accommodation, and an internal vehicle wash bay.

Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, and Glen Innes Severn Mayor, Cr Rob Banham, recently toured the new Hutchies-built Glen Innes Ambulance Station. IMAGE: The New England Times





Centenary Heights State High School's new music and drama building and adjacent science lab.

New music excellence centre strikes the right chord

HUTCHIES has completed work on a new two-storey music and drama building and science lab within the Centenary Heights State High School campus.

the second level of Block C, the demolition of existing walls, and the upgrading of windows to build the new music and science facilities.

school started in 2010 when Hutchies built its science block, followed by the Year 7 building and a grandstand shelter in 2014, and the school's award-winning Performing Arts Centre in 2019.

The project included the refurbishment of

Hutchies' long-time relationship with the

Coraggio Advisory Board Day



Tom Tate, Michelle Lagana, Scott Hutchinson and Richard Skarzynski at Coraggio's Advisory Board Day.

GOLD Coast Mayor, Tom Tate, and Hutchies' chairman Scott Hutchinson teamed up as guest speakers at Coraggio's Advisory Board Day on the Gold Coast in March.

Coraggio's CEO, Richard Skarzynski, led the event which delved into the Gold Coast's future, emerging trends and the impact of the 2032 Olympics.



From left, Scott Hutchinson; Adrian Grew, ISPT Brisbane; and Jeff Gordon, Aliro Group.

Work commences at Wacol

THE sod was well and truly turned in February for the Lot 1 Barracks at Metroplex project at Wacol.

The \$34 million 27,000 square metre industrial complex which is destined for warehouse, factory, offices, showroom and large format retail is being built by Hutchies to a 5 Star Green Star rating.

- For more, see Jobs Page 16.



Apprentices learn to work around equipment safely during the concrete class.

HUTCHIES Training recently undertook a major concrete class in partnership with John Hardy, Hutchies Cranes and Hoists and Hanson concrete.

Apprentices worked to extend parking within the crane area as well as made safe an area at the fire pump house.

It was a huge effort for the apprentices to undertake – both the excavation and the pour over two days.

The excavation was organised by John Hardy with an excavator for three hours to

Solid support for concrete class

prep the area which was an immense help.

Apprentices learned the correct way to work around equipment safely and how communication with the operator is needed to achieve results.

Hanson has been a long-time supporter of Hutchies Training and this time donated a massive 6.8 cubic metres of concrete for the work.

Hutchies is extremely thankful to Hanson for such a generous donation and a huge shout out to Jimmy O'Brien and his team for their constant support.

Philip Harker, apprentice development coordinator, said support from all parties helped Hutchies Training provide the best real-world training to both internal and external apprentices.

Spotlight on state property sector outlook

MORE than 200 industry professionals explored the future of Queensland's property landscape at the recent *The Urban Developer's* annual Property and Economic Outlook industry breakfast.

Keynote speaker was Dr Brendan Rynne, chief economist at KPMG Australia, who explored the economic and geo-political factors influencing current real estate trends in Australia.

Following the presentation, Queensland's foremost developers provided in-depth perspectives on the future of the property sector in the coming year.

Panellists included Hutchies' chairman Scott Hutchinson; Andrew Malouf, director Spyre Group; and Miranda Wilson, investment general manager, QIC Real Estate.



The Urban Developer's Adam Di Marco (far right) with panelists Scott Hutchinson, Miranda Wilson and Andrew Malouf.



Liam Perrett recently completed his plastering apprenticeship with Hutchies. Liam (centre) is congratulated by Gavin Hobbs (left) and Brett Moore.



Kieran Neiland recently completed his form-working apprenticeship with Hutchies.

Skills for industry's leaders of the future

AS well as maintaining teams of in-house tradespeople and engaging preferred trade contractors, Hutchies has an extensive training program for cadets and apprentices which is acknowledged as a breeding ground for exceptional talent in the construction industry.

Hutchies is the only builder which is also a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). As an enterprise-based RTO, Hutchies

Training specialises in providing real-world, hands-on training for people starting or developing a career in the construction industry.

Hutchies' students learn on live job sites, working with the latest construction techniques, equipment and policies.

Recent graduate trainees with Hutchies' skills (pictured) are destined to be the building industry leaders of the future.



Jai Smith, son of Hutchies' site manager, John Smith, completed his apprenticeship with Hutchies in February. Proud dad, John, congratulates Jai for a job well done.



Zach Creevey has graduated from QUT with an honours degree – a Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) (Construction Management & Quantity Surveying).



Angus Lawry completed his carpentry apprenticeship with Berlesimo Formwork in February. Angus (left) is pictured with Peter Forsingdal from Hutchies Training.



Alma Street NDIS

Job Value: \$5.89M

Job Description: Construction of 12 two-bedroom NDIS units on a greenfield site in Rockhampton's CBD.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Nick Colthup
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Sandra Parker
 Hutchies' Administrator: Sandra Parker
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Daniel Mackenzie
 Hutchies' Est./Cost Planner: Patrick Taylor
 Architect: SQ Architecture
 Structural & Civil Engineering: James & Stewart Structures
 Client: Alma Group Residences Unit Trust

Metroplex Barracks Road Lot 1

Job Value: \$34M

Job Description: Construction of a 5-Star Green Star industrial building.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Ash Blake
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Luke Giles
 Hutchies' Administrator: Ivan Anaya
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Pat Doughan
 Architect: Watson Young
 Structural Engineering: Tonkin
 Civil Engineering: Costin Roe
 Client: ISPT/AIRO

Cairns Youth Alcohol & Other Drugs Residential Rehabilitation Facility

Job Value: \$12.25M

Job Description: Design and construction of 20-bed rehabilitation facility and associated offices.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Kyle Hare
 Hutchies' Project Manager: TBA
 Hutchies' Administrator: Ilijana Whipper
 Hutchies' Site Manager: TBA
 Architect: Peddle Thorp
 Structural & Civil Engineering: STP Consultants
 Client: Queensland Health

Drayton Fire & Rescue Station

Job Value: \$5.34M

Job Description: Construction of a fire station including duty office, training and recreation

rooms as well as an engine room for three fire engines, training area and large vehicle storage shed.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Sean Lees
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Rian Cherry
 Hutchies' Administrator: Joshua Lee
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Steve Andersen
 Architect: Sims White Architects
 Structural Engineering: Leroy Palmer Consulting Engineers
 Client: Qld Department of Energy and Public Works (DEPW)/ QBuild

Townsville North Shore Retail Precinct

Job Value: \$23.1M

Job Description: Mixed-use retail precinct consisting of a main retail building, two fast food restaurants and a childcare centre.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Michael White
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Tom Quinn
 Hutchies' Administrator: James Dickson
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Scott Vidler
 Architect: Thomson Adsett
 Structural & Civil Engineering: STP Consultants
 Client: OneFin Burdell

Peregian Springs Shopping Centre Expansion

Job Value: \$13.45M

Job Description: Construction of a new three-storey retail and commercial use facility within the existing carpark and the creation of a new carpark.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Robert Morrison
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Brandon Tonkin
 Hutchies' Administrator: Melanie Longland
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Rob Gee
 Architect: CCN Architects
 Structural & Civil Engineering: Empire Engineering
 Client: Dearmer Investments

Manjali Studio Schools

Job Value: \$44.29M

Job Description: Design and construction of the Manjali Studio School in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Sean Lees
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Lachlan Bloomfield
 Hutchies' Administrator: Jamie Nielsen/Tarla Judd/ Bryce Tippins
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Wayne Rafter
 Architect: Kearney Architecture
 Structural Engineering: Ashburner Francis
 Civil Engineering: Kehoe Myers Consulting Engineers
 Client: Studio Schools of Australia



ABOVE: Rockhampton's CBD is the site of 12 new two-bedroom units for NDIS.

RIGHT: Hutchies is undertaking the design and construction of a 20-bed youth rehabilitation facility in Cairns.

BELOW: A new mixed-used retail development, including food outlets and childcare centre, is being built at Townsville's North Shore.



Nick's win at charity auction

HUTCHIES sponsored a pre-season rugby league weekend in Rockhampton with the headline clash between local team, Central Queensland Capras, playing the NRL Dolphins.

A charity auction was held as part of the festival and Rocky's team leader, Nick Colthup, successfully bid for the main item – a painting by artist, Sid Domic.

Sid, a Kalkadoon man and former Australian professional NRL footballer, donated his original painting, entitled *2024 Capras First Nations*.

His painting design was adopted for the CQ Capras 2024 season jerseys and training singlets.

Sid said the painting depicted the importance of Tunuba (Fitzroy River) to Central Queensland, its six tributaries, and the mobs (represented by the circles) who rely on it for their lifestyle and survival.

He said the colours were those of the Capras – sky blue and maroon – with reds and coppers to symbolise the soil and wealth of the land.

“This painting was designed to acknowledge the First Nations people of Central Queensland and to pay respect to their cultures and the elders past, present and emerging,” Sid said.



Artist, Sid Domic, hands over his original painting to successful bidder at the charity auction, Hutchies' Rocky team leader, Nick Colthup.

OBITUARY

Farewell to Shadow – a crane legend

Tony “Shadow” McDermott

05/07/1964 ~ 09/03/2024

TONY (Shadow) McDermott, a legend in Hutchies' crane team and the Australian crane industry, has passed away.

Tony turned up from New Zealand on a Hutchies' construction site in 2007 looking for work as a crane driver.

To start with, he was assigned to follow, or 'to shadow', Gary Ashton around to learn the ropes and became known forever more as Shadow.

When his tickets came through from New Zealand, Hutchies realised Shadow was someone with special skills – a smooth operator who delivered.

Over the years whenever there was a tricky lift or a tight site, Shadow was in the seat.

If a job needed skill, Shadow got the call.

Finally his health got the better of him but, although he was in and out of hospital, all he wanted to do was get back in the seat, finish his job and start the next one.

Shadow also loved to travel and was a talented photographer – and his journeys always involved construction sites, climbing tall buildings and taking pictures of cranes.

His passion was not only for cranes but also his wife, Carmen, children and grandchildren.

Hutchies' pre-construction manager, Jason Birch, delivered a fitting tribute to Shadow's life.

“Old mate you are deeply missed,” said Jason.

“I don't think you realise the lives you touched.

“You were a true friend.

“Now, your time is done.

“Rest in peace.”



Shadow at M on Mary in 2007.

FEEDBACK FEEDBACK



REALLY enjoyed watching you (Scott) on Undercover Boss! I loved watching how important culture is to you and that really shone through. Graeme was awesome and his role and reaction said it all!

Peter Meek

Property investor (UK & Australia), SSAS & SMSF Trustee, Food Manufacturing Advisor

THE initial inspection (Jonson Lane, Byron Bay) from the NSW building inspector occurred last month. I know that the whole team has put a lot of effort into delivering a quality project - 12 months ago and then spending time on site to rectify minor defects prior to this inspection.

The inspection over four days went extremely well.

The building inspector noted that this was "the best quality building he had inspected in many years" and was extremely complimentary of the professionalism and the detailed approach that Hutchies applied to the job.

Thanks to Paul Murray and the team for spending the week on site with the inspector to work through his questions and the process.

We look forward to having the final inspection ASAP and releasing both your bond and our capital tied up with the NSW Government.

On behalf of our team we'd like to say thank you to the whole team that worked on the site for the great quality you've delivered.

We look forward to continuing the relationship on other projects including the upcoming Secret Garden project.

Well done and thank you.

Best regards,
Jason Dunn

JD Property Group

THANK you and gratitude for getting the Indooroopilly State High School buildings in as quickly as you did and the hand-over for start of school.

I'd like to also say a massive thank you as well to everyone involved in that project who worked around the clock and gave up their Christmas break, their weekends and their nights in order to hand over that project in such a short timeframe.

It was a huge amount of work and a testament to the team's efforts and the way it was managed.

Please tell everyone it's a huge thank you from us on a job well done.

Regards,

Keith Johnson
Project Coordinator



BlakTrekkingers on their fundraising Mount Everest Base Camp adventure for the Black Dog Institute's First Nations Lived Experience Centre.

Infrastructure Services Branch Department of Education

SCOTT Hutchinson thank you for continually supporting SME business owners - bequeathing your time to be interviewed, including yesterday on the Gold Coast.

I don't know too many people involved in \$billion turn-over businesses who consistently give back to community as much as you, including the arts, music and bees!

Thanks for keeping it real.

Michelle Lagana
Strategic Advisor
Coraggio

AS a strata manager in Victoria, I am lucky enough to have one of my sites built by Hutchinsons.

The team is incredibly professional, attentive and will always look to do the right thing by purchasers. In a time when most have dropped the ball, Hutchinsons continue to be leaders in post construction maintenance/service.

I wish all my buildings were built by Hutchinsons!

Bryan Phillips

THANK you for all you have done

to encourage students in preparing and competing for the Darren Middleton Songwriting Competition ... they have gained so much from the experience.

We are so very grateful.

Regards,

Theo Kotzas
Brisbane Boys' College

I WANTED to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your generous support towards our (BlakTrekkingers) recent fundraising efforts for Black Dog Institute.

Trekking to Mount Everest Base Camp was an incredible journey, one that demanded unwavering determination and resilience.

However, what truly made this experience extraordinary was knowing that we were not just trekking for personal achievement, but also for a cause close to our hearts - raising awareness and funds for First Nations' mental health.

Your contribution played a significant role in helping us raise over \$62,000 and, for that, we are immensely grateful.

Your generosity will directly impact the lives of those affected by mental illness, particularly within Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander communities.

The funds raised will support Black Dog Institute's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lived Experience Centre, a groundbreaking program dedicated to improving social and emotional wellbeing and preventing suicide.

By facilitating culturally safe programs and initiatives, this initiative ensures that the right people have a seat at the table to develop and deliver much-needed support within these communities.

Your support allows our work to be First Nations-led, culturally responsive, and community-focused, making a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Additionally, your involvement has helped raise awareness and spark important conversations about the importance of First Nations' mental health and wellbeing.

Your support has not only helped us reach our fundraising goals but has also amplified the visibility of this vital initiative.

Once again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your generosity and support.

Warm regards,

Kyel Dancey
Preston Campbell Foundation.



HATCHED



Maeve Isobel Howden – daughter for James (BJ) Howden and wife, Courtney.



Macy Wren Milburn – daughter for Cy Milburn (COTY 2014) and wife, Hannah, and little sister for a proud big brother, Boston. Cy arrived at the birth suites at RBWH just in time for Macy's arrival after inspecting the status of works at Hutchies' busway cladding project out the front of the hospital.



Estelle and Ellidy Pozzebon – twin daughters for Giancarlo 'Pozz' Pozzebon and wife, Laura, and baby sisters for Rocco, Max and Charlotte.



Oliver Chapman Wise – son for Cameron and Rebecca Wise and baby sister for Amelia.



Lucas Neil Duncan – son for James Duncan and Sam Hastie.



LEFT: Billie Rose Coe – first baby and a daughter for Hutchies' team members, Natalie Roma and Jamie Coe.



Lawson Reed Singh – first baby for Avi Singh and wife, Katelyn.



Sarah Smith, Hutchies' contract administrator, and Shane Devlin chose one of the most romantic days of the year – Valentine's Day – to get married. The couple tied the knot on the beach at Hastings Point.



Kyle Byrnes probably left the locals wondering when he visited Vanuatu's Mystery Island.



Ian Ward swims with the pigs on Big Major Cay in the Exhuma Islands in the Bahamas. The cay, also known as Pig Island, is uninhabited except for the feral pigs who live there and the tourists who visit.

**TRAVELLING
UNDIES
& BUDGIES**



Ken McNeill, Hutchies' construction manager, wore his Hutchies' budgies during a mid-week rejuvenation bathhouse session. He reckons the experience is good for the mind and body ... and blames any obvious shrinkage on the almost freezing ice bath that was included.



Diana Shakirova, Hutchies' contracts administrator, who honeymooned in the Maldives reckoned the colour of Hutchies' undies was a perfect match for the Maldivian blue waters and white sands.



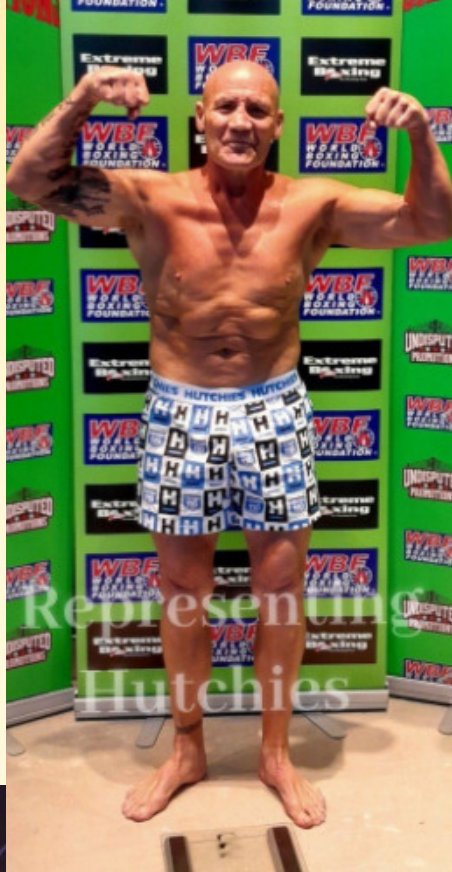
Jackson McKim looked the epitome of Aussie fashion style on the ski slopes in Furano, Japan.



Kevin Elms made the most of merch during a long day...



Rini Ripper writes "I went to Double Island Point with a few friends in our Jimnys and I wore my Hutchies' hat all weekend ... promise next time I'll get a photo in some Hutchies' undies."



Boxing coach, Mark 'Chopper' Burgess, flew the flag for Hutchies during his weigh-in for a recent title fight. See Page 32 for the result.



Joh Brandt dressed for the occasion to feed, bath and wash down elephants during his family's holiday to Thailand in February. We're not sure what the elephant and its handler made of Joh's budgies.



LEFT: Rhonda Pye (left) and Jennifer Hunter made sure they had some Hutchies' G-strings on hand to hurl at the stage when they crammed into the mosh pit for legendary Tom Jones to appear at the Byron Bay Bluefest.



...e most of the vast Hutchies' range on weekend break in Melbourne.



Helen Dahl used her Hutchies' undies for extra warmth during her skiing holiday at Whistler, Canada.



Teri MacIntosh reveals what every empowered woman should wear beneath their posh frock.

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



Attendees at the 25th anniversary of the inaugural ladies' weekend which coincided this year with IWD.



Flashback to 25 years ago ... girls off to Alexandra Headlands on the Sunshine Coast for the inaugural ladies' weekend away.

Ladies' weekend marks 25 years

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day (IWD) 2024 was of double significance for Hutchies' team members who also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the ladies' weekend away.

In 1999, five Hutchies' women drove off in a white stretch limo to the inaugural ladies' weekend away held at Alexandra Headland on the Sunshine Coast.

Back then, Hutchies employed 15 (7.5%) women, a number that has now grown to 230 (12.3%) – represented across every part of the business today – both on and off site.

As one of the industry's largest on-site, trade-based workforces,

Hutchies encourages and supports an increasing number of women in their pursuit of rewarding project-based roles.

Hutchies has triple the industry average of women in site-based roles and its company culture is underpinned by inclusion and respect.

Investing in its people, irrespective of their gender, is not a difficult decision as Hutchies believes that diversity makes for better outcomes – starting with investment in grass roots initiatives such as school-based programs, apprenticeships and cadetships, ongoing upskilling and training and employment security.



NAWIC celebrates

HUTCHIES' team members in Queensland joined with NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction) to celebrate International Women's Day.

Pictured from left (back) Ishbel Macaulay, Jordan Furnell, Rob Diamond, Mark Kucks, Ruaa Dikhil, Sebastian Curtis, (front) Cody Lugg, Morgan Rooney, and Nik Cox.



Rebecca Cayzer enjoying International Women's Day in Townsville.

Townsville's sea of pink delights

TOWNSVILLE'S Aaron Ohl went above and beyond to mark International Women's Day and to make his team's women feel appreciated.

As a surprise for the girls, Aaron made sure the office was a sea of pink with a rose petal confettied floor, balloons and other pink decorations.

Best of all were the mini-crates of chocolates, catered lunch and chilled bottles of posh champagne.



Crane tour a highlight

Hutchies' crane yard hosted an International Women's Day tour (from left) Brad Beck (Cranes and Hoists), Sandra Read (accounts), Kayla Hill and Aleah Hill (both from Future Lady Tradies), Morgan Rooney (social responsibility team), Cathy Cunningham (commercial manager), Tina Burr (Cooly team), Chantelle Love (John Berlese team), and Demi Carter (Cranes and Hoists).



Toowoomba turns it on

MIMOSAS were the order of the day for the Toowoomba girls on International Women's Day.

Pictured from left, Kirsten Kanowski, Ishbel Macaulay, Tarla Judd, and Gina Meeve.



Enjoying Nick Colthup's morning tea catering triumph (from left) Calum Ryan, Connor Blomfield, Caiden Labone, Kristy Azzopardi, Steve Schultz, Dan Mackenzie, Kimberley Liverton (Zoom Property Group), Sandra Parker, Mick Drew, Patrick Taylor, Ryan McLeod, and Sasika Ranasinghe.

Nick learns his lesson

ROCKY team leader, Nick Colthup, outdid himself hosting a sumptuous morning tea on International Women's Day – with home-baked scones, sandwiches, plenty of nibbles, fresh fruit, and mimosas with the "good orange juice".

Team members said his latest efforts had gone some way in repairing the trauma caused by his "two packets of chips and a dip" catering fiasco for Australia Day.

Lights, camera and action! ... at Yatala



Production team on Boy Swallows Universe.

HUTCHIES' crane yard at Yatala had a starring role in the filming of the gritty Netflix series, *Boy Swallows Universe*.

The Yatala yard was selected as

the site for filming the scene where Ivan Kroll kills Detective Tim Cotton on a construction site.

Hutchies worked with the

production team to set up the scene and dig the hole where Detective Cotton met his unfortunate end and to be sealed in concrete.



Smooth pose for operators

Cameron McAndrew (left) and Andy Becconsall strike a professional pose in their new Hutchies' uniform.

Team celebration for new brewery at old waterhole

SUNSHINE Coast's team joined in the celebrations with the VIP launch party at Matso's Sunshine Coast Brewery at Eumundi.

Hutchies recently completed the refurbishment and extension of the heritage-listed pub, previously known as Joe's Waterhole, to include a new microbrewery, bistro, and beer garden.



From left (rear) Tom O'Shea (Five Mile Radius), Ben Tyler (site manager), Chris Robb (Edge Consulting Engineers), Lochlan Johnson (estimating manager), Robert Morrison (team leader), Luke Starbuck (site foreman), Scott Borghardt (site foreman), Stewart Buchanan (Surfly), and (front) Clare Kennedy (Five Mile Radius), and Shahtia North-Cunningham (contract administrator).



Wheels meets Miles

HUTCHIES' project manager on the Townsville University Hospital outpatient department job, Mitch 'Wheels' McMahon, met Queensland Premier, Stephen Miles, during the polli's tour of the site.



Shahtia shines on Sunny Coast

CONTRACTS administrator, Shahtia North-Cunningham, was presented with the Sunny Coast's Employee of the Year award for 2023 by team leader, Robert Morrison.

Cadet Summer School is real and practical

HUTCHIES' annual Cadet Summer School is a 14-week accelerated program running from November to February each year.

Delivered by Hutchies' people, who are experts in their respective fields, the program's content is real and practical.

The packed schedule covers practical day-to-day content delivered through various demonstrations and instructional sessions.

On completion, all suitable cadets can move immediately into a cadetship.



Participants in the most recent Cadet Summer School during a working with tools and framing workshop.



Spencer's data sharing bi-directional

We're not sure whether Southport's Spencer Coulter was uploading or downloading important data to his home planet during a break on site at the 27-apartment Emerson beachside project in Kirra.

Kids invade The Fort



Hutchies' kids enjoyed the added privilege of seeing their idols from Scott's private viewing lounge at The Fort – the 'control room'.

IT was not the usual audience at The Fortitude Music Hall when the trendy music venue was invaded last month by thousands of children all clamouring to see their favourite entertainers, The Wiggles, on their Wiggle Groove Tour.

The Wiggles show proved so popular a further three shows were added to their Brisbane stop-over.



DON'T forget to check your personalised lucky number to see if you have shared in the latest Hutchies' merch giveaways in this edition's Lucky Winners competition.

Follow the link to the Lucky Winners page: <https://l.hutchi.es/luckywinners>

Two-day Try a Trade



SCHOOL students from Ipswich visited Hutchies' site at 360 Queen Street, Brisbane for a two-day Try a Trade event.

The event included practical activities such as painting, carpentry, and tiling, as well as site tours conducted by Isaac Morrison and Patrick McCarthy.



Steve celebrates

SUNNY Coast project manager, Steve Hodgins, turned 50 recently and team members made sure the event did not go unnoticed.

Happy Easter



Hutchies' Toowong Easter celebrations kicked off with a barbecue breakfast on the terrace. Grill masters for the day were Leiha Lenehan and Cade Witham.

Nev happy with 59!



NEVILLE Langer has been kicking goals on Hutchies' building sites for almost 20 years and recently celebrated his 59th birthday with a mudcake and a tinnie.

In case you missed the similarity, Nev is NRL legend Allan 'Alfie' Langer's big brother.



The forever-buff Harry has now turned 50.

Buff Harry hits 50

HARRY White (COTY 2004) reached a major milestone recently – hitting the big 50.

The occasion required a modest supply of cakes and drinks in the Toowong main kitchen and surrounds.

Harry, a 31-plus-year Hutchies' veteran, is currently Hutchies' national commercial manager and known as the 'Pied Piper' of the contract administrators.

Team members helped Harry celebrate his first half century and wished the next half century to be as much fun and wonderful as the first.



Gold Finch gets a send off from the payroll team.

Gold Finch flies the coop

GAYLENE Finch (COTY 2012), long-time Hutchies' face from payroll, had a farewell lunch in the office then drinks down at the Regatta.

Proud of her ability with numbers, Gold Finch estimated she had worked at Hutchies for 17 years, five months, 11 days ... and the odd few hours.

Vivek's Robin Hood

TOWNSVILLE'S contracts administrator, Vivek George, landed a rare Robin Hood in a recent game of darts.

Vivek threw a bulls-eye and, soon after, his second dart hit the first and split it open.

In darts' parlance this is known as a 'Robin Hood' – getting its name from when the legendary Medieval archer, who stole from the rich to give to the poor, beat the Sheriff of Nottingham in an archery contest by splitting the sheriff's arrow down the middle to enter the target in the bulls-eye.

Unfortunately for Vivek, these days in darts, although a Robin Hood does count as a throw, it does not count for any points. The reasoning is that for a dart to count for a score, the tip of the dart must come into contact with and remain in the dartboard.

Cool shot though, Vivek.



From left, Jess Ramos, Ishbel Macaulay, Kirsten Kanowski, Shelby Abbott, Gina Meeve, Bailee Ward, Jodie Kelly, Cody Lugg, Brianna Charlesworth, Amy Rafter, Emma Meiklejohn, and Tarla Judd.

Toowoomba's annual ladies' arvo celebrate

TOOWOOMBA girls enjoyed their annual "ladies' arvo" at popular Fitzy's.

Jess Ramos said the Toowoomba girls' special ladies' arvo is the local crew's way of recognising the unique perspectives,

skills and experience the women bring to the team.

"We like to celebrate our accomplishments in this male-dominated industry and show support for each other," Jess said.



Nat's baby shower

IT was a huge turn-out in March for the baby shower and celebration for Natalie Roma, Jack Jnr's PA.

Nat's partner is Jamie Coe, Hutchies' projects director, national modular.

• See Page 21 for baby's first photo.

DJ shaves for Dad



STATIM Yaga apprentice, Djodamajeerah 'DJ' Moran, who started with Hutchies on the satellite hospitals projects, has been busy fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave in memory of her dad, who passed in December last year from multiple myeloma.

DJ shaved off her long hair – raising \$1,423.

Hutchies matched DJ's effort, raising a total of \$2,846 for the Leukaemia Foundation.



Workmates witness a bearded, long-haired subbie Sam Williams go for the chop.

Sam – a new subbie on site

WORKMATES on the 360 Queen Street project will be forgiven for thinking there's a new subbie on site when Sam Williams, from SDF Electrical, turns up for work.

Sam, long-recognised for his long colourful locks and full beard, has participated in the World's Greatest Shave.

Maddy from Smak'd Hairdressing did the honours at Sam's transformation during an onsite barbecue. To date, Sam has raised about \$7000 for his outstanding efforts.



Maddy from Smak'd Hairdressing with the new subbie on site.

Ayman's Lebanese long lunch



From left, Ayman Khalaf, John Koumoukelis, Karen Dunham, Sam Necola, Kon Bakafoukas, Yianni Flaskos, Andrew Rowland, Amir Maglajic, Michael Li, Max Elmes, Brock Powell, Stacey McCracken, and John Adis.

SYDNEY hosted a long 'leaving lunch' for Ayman Khalaf at where else but the popular Lebanese restaurant, Atlantis On The Bay, at Brighton-Le-Sands.

Ayman, who has been at Hutchies for more than eight years, climbed to fame with his uncanny annual office Easter egg guessing competition successes.

Team leader, John Koumoukelis, said Ayman also had been instrumental in making the team a success and that came from his hard work, dedication, and care.

Coral trout on island time



HUTCHIES' site manager on the Thursday Island Hospital upgrade project, Steven Hay, took time out from working for some local island fishing and landed this impressive coral trout in the Strait's tropical waters.



From left, Steven Hack (BERT-CIP); Hutchies' Glenn Rumph, Elliott Rees, Peter Forsingdal; John Shenfield (BERT director); and Hutchies' Sam Mitchell at the prize presentation. Elliott Rees also won the prize for the longest drive.

Teeing off for construction charities

HUTCHIES' team members took part in the annual BERT-CIP Charity Golf Day at Gables Golf Club, Wacol, to raise funds for construction industry charities.

The day raised more than \$35,000 for charities, MATES in Construction, Ron Monaghan Foundation (RMF), and Danger Sun Overhead (DSO).

A Hutchies' team won the day.

Cleaning up Oz one beach at a time



Hutchies' volunteers on Clean Up Australia Day removed more than 257 kilograms of rubbish from the beach in just three hours.

THE world's oceans are a little bit cleaner thanks to Hutchies' regular volunteers to Clean Up Australia Day.

This year Hutchies had a great turn-out of volunteers for the

Sunday morning beach walk along Main Beach on North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah).

The team covered a 10-kilometre stretch of the southern end of Main Beach.

High tide zone and foreshore dune areas gave up 257 kilograms of rubbish in just three hours.

Clean Up Australia Day happens on the first Sunday in March every year.

Most Hutchies' families and friends made a weekend of it this year with plenty of time for fishing thrown in as a bonus.

To be involved next time, contact Hutchies' Dean White.



Tassie team's poker faces

IT might not have been a World Series of Poker event held in a glitzy Las Vegas casino, but the atmosphere was tense at Tassie's social club night of poker.

Eventual winners on the night were Aidan Millhouse and Luke Chamberlain who agreed to split the pot.

From left, Jarrod Banks, Sam Dillon, Aidan Millhouse, Gabe Wells, Luke Chamberlain and Henry Johnstone, feeling the pressure.

Cooly goes hot and cold

COOLY team's dedication to group fitness now has the crew bathing together.

As well as their regular group training sessions, the team tried out a specialist recovery session with hot/cold hydrotherapy at Rigs Recovery in Palm Beach.

Alternating between cold and hot bathing is purportedly good for muscle recovery.

Bathers included Jack Maya, Josh Brown, Stefan Sedelaar, Murray Emmerson, Andrew Timmins, Jesse O'Neill, Jana Joachim, Cavill Lollback, Megan Long, James Collins and Dan Matthews.



Local teams Laneway line up

HUTCHIES' annual pilgrimage to the Brisbane Laneway event kicked off with pre-drinks at The Triffid before the crew hit up the festival at the Brisbane Showgrounds.



From left, Henry Loth, Coen Wilson, Grace Little, Christopher Dellit, Catriona Mitchell, Jade Treichel and Rini Ripper.



Melbourne turned on a stunning day ensuring a large turn-out of the local team for the popular annual Laneway Festival held at Flemington Racecourse.



International Women's Day fun runners and super fundraisers, Michelle Buckland and Peter Forsingdal.

In the pink at IWD fun run

FUNDRAISING efforts by Hutchies' Peter Forsingdal and Michelle Buckland made a major contribution to the International Women's Day fun run which raised \$1.78 million to support women with breast cancer. Together, Peter and Michelle raised \$6000 for breast cancer research.

A special mention goes to Hutchies and Impact Office Supplies who both generously donated to the cause.

Peter and Michelle were part of the TEES and Friends team which collectively raised more than \$21,000 and were the top fundraising team in their category.

More than 26,000 people completed the fun run in March.

Ben Lund with the catch of a lifetime.

Ben's catch of a lifetime

COOLY team's Ben Lund, site manager on the Woolworths Logan Reserve project, proved his skills extend beyond managing construction sites when he landed a magnificent black marlin while fishing during a Cook Islands holiday.

After an on-water battle lasting more than 40 minutes, back on dry land the 14-foot marlin weighed in at 260 kilograms.

Ben said it was one holiday adventure he won't forget and had the folks at the Ocean Escape Resort and Spa on Rarotonga to thank for setting him up with his lucky fishing charter.



Speed demon is full bore

SITE manager and long-time team member, Matt Hutton (COTY 1997) is no slouch when it comes to his enduring love of speed.

Out of all people currently employed at Hutchies, Matt is only out-ranked by Jack Snr and Scott in terms of longevity – chalking up 37 years of service.

On his weekends, Matt continues to fly the flag for Hutchies at his favourite race track, Lakeside.



Hutchies' boys who took to the field (from left) Jackson Auld, Brett Turner and Nat Creedy.

Old Boys take to the field

MITCH Grimmer and his team had a great time. "We had a few wins, lots of laughs and not too many injuries," he said.

Nathan Lee from Brothers Ipswich Old Boys said the team for the support – it's greatly appreciated."



Legends of League

Hutchies' Ish Macaulay, Shelby Abbott, and Nicole Bond were at the Pittsworth Bowls Club to rub shoulders with members of the International Legends of League team including Antonio Winterstein who has played for both the North Queensland Cowboys and Brisbane Broncos in the NRL.

HUTCHIES was the bronze sponsor of the International Legends of League event in Pittsworth.

The initiative saw former NRL legends inspire kids through local school coaching clinics, as well as

a community game day. On the eve of the headline match, representatives from all the sponsors gathered at the Pittsworth Bowls Club for a friendly game of bowls.



Muay Thai champ

Hutchies' Garry Partridge (left) with Muay Thai champion, Connor Gillen, in Thailand.

HUTCHIES is a keen sponsor of regular Muay Thai fight nights during the year and supported the Australian contingent that went to Phuket, Thailand for the annual International and Thai Martial Arts Games.

workforce relations officer, and Connor Gillen, second-year apprentice on the Ripley Hospital project, were among the 40-strong Australian team.

Sponsored by Jamie Washington's team, Connor returned as a confirmed Muay Thai champ.

Garry Partridge, Hutchies'

Mark enjoys the rush of racing

MARK Verheijen, from Michael Sipinkoski's team on the Gold Coast, is back racing dirt bikes – taking up motocross after a hiatus of 32 years.

Riding motorcycles since the age of six, Mark spent time travelling Australia with the Yamaha road racing team before giving it all away a few years ago when his young family came along.

But in 2021, the lure of motorcycles had him back in the saddle.

"I took the step to jump back into the dirt and start racing again with the support of Hutchies and other sponsors," Mark said.

"As for why I do it, it's a rush. Also the moto teams in the paddock are a big family and there are great social events between riders."



Mark Verheijen has locked in for the 2024 motocross racing season with Hutchies' support once again.



Adding another belt to his collection of titles, Mark 'Chopper' Burgess poses with son and coach, Isaiah 'Mocha' Burgess.

Chopper bags another belt

LOCAL legend and head of Team Chopper International training organisation, Mark 'Chopper' Burgess, won a recent title fight in the WBF Amateur Masters Boxing (over 60 years) division. Mark is three times world masters champion (60-65 years).

Now based in Brisbane, Mark specialises in personal training, elite athlete training and corporate health and fitness.

Some of the more fit members of John Berlese's (COTY 2006) team have been working out with Team Chopper regularly for the past 18 months.



Pedal power raising funds

Hutchies' Chain Reaction team (from left) Bradley Dean, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Alistair Byrom, Chris Kavney, Michael Byrom, Michael Lawlor, Damian Thompson, Jon Erbacher and Cameron Hughes.

HUTCHIES' Chain Reaction team lined up again to raise funds for the AEIOU Foundation, this time cycling around South Australia.

Beautiful but gruelling, the 1000-kilometre course went through McLaren Vale, Victor Harbor, Barossa Valley and the Adelaide Hills.

The premier cycling event challenged riders to complete the ride in seven days while using their personal and professional networks to raise funds for children's charities.

Funds raised will support the construction of a new centre in Camira which will increase AEIOU'S capacity to support children and create opportunities for additional services such as early autism assessments.



AFTER five years' service, Peter Ierna, wasted no time putting his long service award, a Wilson rod and Alvey reel combo to the test, and was delighted with the result. Within a week of the presentation, Pete nailed his first fish!

Partnership with police a 'no brainer'

FOR the fifth consecutive year, Hutchies has signed up as a major sponsor of the Queensland Police Service Women's Rugby League.

An official post on the organisation's Facebook feed said the QPSWRL was thankful for Hutchies' ongoing support.

"Those of us at QPSWRL share Hutchies' core values of investing in relationships, taking care of each other and the community, and working towards a common goal, so partnering with them is a 'no brainer'."

