

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

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Industry honour for Jack Snr

JACK Hutchinson Snr has been named a Life Fellow of the Australian Institute of Building – the organisation's highest honour.

In making the presentation, Robin Fardoulys AM LFAIB, said the AIB was grateful for all Jack had done, not only for the AIB, but more importantly for thousands of students, graduates, staff, and the building industry more broadly.

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Jack Hutchinson AM LFAIB at his Life Fellowship presentation with Robin Fardoulys AM LFAIB (left) and George J. Moschoyiannis FAIB, AIB national president.

HUTCHIES has started work on a \$105 million redevelopment of the Moree Hospital, in far north New South Wales.

The redevelopment will be supported by up to 90 subcontractors at the peak of construction which will be a major boost to the local economy.

Local trades, businesses and suppliers met Hutchies at industry events held in Moree and were encouraged to register their interest to be involved.

Moree hospital redevelopment a boost to regional economy

NSW Minister for Regional Health, Ryan Park, said he was pleased to see construction underway for the new facility which will deliver enhanced facilities for staff, patients and visitors.

"The redevelopment will provide a significant boost to the local economy during construction supporting many direct jobs, as well as the potential for supporting indirect jobs," he said.

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Moree Hospital serves the Moree Plains Shire, a rich agricultural region known as the Spa Capital of Australia because of its natural artesian hot water springs.



IN May this year a loyal group of Hutchies' people, from apprentices to site managers and team leaders, spent the long weekend camping on Stradbroke Island as part of the Hutchies' social club – a tradition spanning almost 40 years.

Some of the attendees, now retired after long and successful careers with us, have been coming along for every one of those years.

We hope they continue to do so until the late nights and hard ground are too much and the call of comfort wins out.

Our longevity provides us with an enormous volume of lived experience that shapes the decisions we make for tomorrow.

This experience is drawn not only from our project delivery and their successes and failures, but from these social interactions. These make up the fabric that knits us together to a common purpose – that is simply to be a good and decent, family builder for another century.

As we enter this new age of innovation, we will continue to respect our past.

With the main stream integration of artificial intelligence into more and more of how we live and work, Hutchies is taking advantage of the opportunities in a measured way.

We see the enormous improvement potential for the quality of what do and, therefore, predictability of the service we provide our clients.

But equally we understand the risks and are taking a people first approach.

Interestingly, third generation owner, Jack Hutchinson Snr who turned 90 last year said in this publication some 30 years ago words that foreshadowed these times of enormous change and how Hutchies should handle them.

"Regardless of how the work will be done, I would like to think that, at its core, the company will continue to be the epitome of those Australian qualities which Hutchies has always regarded as important – quality, honesty, integrity, mateship, fairness and truth." – Jack III

Those times were simpler, when a deal could be sealed with a handshake and while

we have not always been treated well when we do so, we learn from our mistakes and will continue to uphold those values Jack Snr and his family have set for us.

Our construction teams reaching from Cairns to Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart are well supported and have long-term leaders of more than 15 years average tenure.

Over the next decade they and their successors will oversee the delivery of a significant pipeline of construction work flowing through much of the country with large infrastructure spends in many regions planned, including the Olympic and health roll-outs.

We will bring "Hutchies Way" to our dealings and I thank all our people, clients and delivery partners for your contribution to the legacy of this century-old building company.

– Russell Fryer (COTY 2010)

Moree hospital redevelopment a boost to regional economy



New South Wales government representatives, hospital staff, community members and Hutchies' team celebrated the start of the redevelopment with a sod-turning at Moree. Hutchies' Harry Baumann, Alec Noble, Lachlan Mason, Emily Gall, Sean Lees, Gina Meeve, Wayne Rafter and Trent Knight are shown with other VIPs at the ceremony.

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Redevelopment will include construction of a new acute services building on the existing hospital campus to house an emergency department, operating theatres, medical imaging, birthing, inpatient unit, pathology, and a new main entrance for the hospital.

The Moree Hospital will remain fully operational as a district hospital during construction, providing care for Moree and surrounding communities, and will remain networked to Tamworth Hospital for access to specialist services.

Through significant planning and design work by Hutchies, in collaboration with staff,

stakeholders and the community, all medical services will continue during building works.

On completion, due in 2027, the upgraded health facilities and modern clinical services will result in a modern hospital environment, designed to improve health outcomes for the communities throughout the Moree Plains region.

Jack Snr receives building industry Life Fellowship

BELOW: Celebrating with family members (from left) Scott, Jack Jnr, Jack Snr, Terrence Hutchinson and Alec Hutchinson.



JACK Hutchinson Snr AM has been awarded a Life Fellowship of the Australian Institute of Building (LFAIB).

He has played an active role in the AIB for many decades including as national president through 1994 to 1996.

The prestigious honour recognises Jack's exceptional contributions to the building industry and his unwavering commitment to excellence over the past 73 years.

Jack started as a labourer with Hutchies in 1952, and his leadership over the years has

been instrumental in shaping the company into the industry leader it is today.

His dedication to people, quality, innovation, and community has left an indelible mark on the construction landscape.

Robin Fardoulys AM LFAIB said the AIB was grateful for all Jack had done, not only for the AIB, but more importantly for thousands of students, graduates, staff, and the industry more broadly.

"It is a pleasure to recognise Jack's contribution by presenting him with the highest grade

possible Life Fellow of the Australian Institute of Building," said Mr Fardoulys.

"Jack's journey through the perils of the construction sector, starting 73 years ago, has been a display of resilience and adaptation by supporting good staff.

"That journey was with good leaders too, like Tommy Woollam, David Stewart, Ian Barclay, Sir John Pigeon, Joe Box, Jeff Box, Peter Fardoulys, Cess Fritz, John Hornibrook and many other icons of the Queensland construction sector.

"Jack is up there with them all," he said.

Construction superstar status at gala event



Jack and Hutchies' managing director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010).

JACK Snr was treated like an industry superstar at the AIB Life Fellowship awards held at the Hutchies-built Emporium at South Bank where industry and business community leaders joined Jack's family and friends for the ceremony.

Jack originally studied quantity surveying at Queensland Institute of Technology and worked in the Queensland Government's Public Works department.

In the 1960s, an ailing Hutchies desperately needed help after some challenging projects and Jack left his safe job at Public Works in 1966 to help resurrect the family-run company.

Two years later he took the helm and, over time, he introduced modern tools and equipment, programming, and the timeless objective of investing in people to best serve his clients – a key pillar that remains in Hutchies' company strategy more than six decades later.

Jack was managing director and chairman until 2001 and remained on Hutchies' board as a non-executive director until late 2020.

He is credited with driving the fun and down-to-earth culture that is renowned at Hutchies today.

In 2001, recognising his significant service to the building and construction sector, Jack was awarded the Order of Australia.

He celebrated his 90th birthday in October last year.

Jack Snr's legacy continues to inspire all at Hutchies and across the Australian construction industry.

Artistic steel skeleton standing tall

THE steel framework built by Hutchies for client NewCold's automated high bay cold storage warehouse in Melbourne is an artistic piece of work.

The project has taken considerable

teamwork and 1,330 tonnes of steel to achieve with the large volume of steel fabrication taking almost 12 months to deliver.

NewCold is one of the world's most

advanced automated warehouse and cold chain logistics companies and its highbay warehouses are designed to take advantage of building height with tall racking units maximising capacity.

Vantage Hervey Bay new resort-style over 50s community on Fraser Coast

VANTAGE Hervey Bay, an exclusive over 50s community being developed on the Fraser Coast by AVID Property Group, has achieved a new milestone with Hutchies starting work on the community clubhouse and activities centre.

Located on a 23-hectare site in the heart of Hervey Bay, the project blends modern, low-maintenance homes with resort-style amenities and green spaces.

Residents will have access to the community clubhouse, tennis and pickleball courts, bowling green, pool, gym, yoga lawn and a range of wellness and social facilities.

The development is built around connectivity, activity, and peace of mind, with a secure, gated environment and a land lease model that eliminates stamp duty, council rates, and exit fees.



From left, Jack Hutchinson Jnr joined Fraser Coast Mayor, George Seymour, and AVID Property Group's Manuel Lang for a ceremonial sod-turning to mark a key development milestone.

Futuristic highrise apartments a fresh take on Australian dream



A HIGH-RISE development in the inner-city pocket of Spring Hill, Brisbane, currently under construction by Hutchies, offers a new take on the Australian dream of home ownership.

The Cbus project at 185 Wharf Street will deliver 125 large two to four-bedroom and penthouse residences over 30 levels offering the comforts of traditional homes with the ease of apartment lifestyle.

Most are designed with dual balconies, allowing for seamless indoor-outdoor living that mimics the traditional front and back yard.

The design has been described as a fresh take on the classic Australian dream created with families in mind – starters or downsizers often looking after younger generations.

Cbus Property's CEO, Adrian Pozzo, said the development aimed to redefine urban family living.

"We saw a unique opportunity to create something special for Brisbane – a place where families can grow and enjoy all the perks of city life without sacrificing the warmth of a home," said Mr Pozzo.

Amenities are tailored to the needs of families – a kids' play space, outdoor dining, off-leash dog park, work-from-home space, bike storage, workshop, as well as a 20-metre pool, spa, sauna and gym.

Heavily planted landscaping on the ground floor will create a subtropical feel, acting as a sprawling front yard, spilling out onto the street to welcome residents and visitors.

"We also are committed to developing healthy, future-focused residences that have a lower impact on the environment," said Mr Pozzo.

"185 Wharf St builds on our sustainable design philosophy, which is centred around creating and managing world-leading buildings, being future-ready and creating healthy, happy and inclusive communities."

With the 2032 Olympics on the horizon, the demand for quality housing in Brisbane is set to soar, further reinforcing the potential of inner-city suburbs, such as Spring Hill.



TOP LEFT: A new addition to the skyline in inner-city Spring Hill will be the Cbus project at 185 Wharf St.

ABOVE: Subtropical landscaping flows throughout the project.



A subtropical welcome to 185 Wharf St.

Rapid delivery of new youth remand centre



Wacol youth remand facility built for Queensland Police Service.

HUTCHIES has handed over a 76-bed youth remand centre at Wacol, in outer southwest Brisbane, built for Queensland Police Service under a rapid delivery model.

The team was engaged to commence design at the end of 2023 and handed the facility over to QPS earlier this year.

Situated nearby to an existing youth detention centre, the new facility includes a combination of one and two-bed cells, holding cells, observation cells as well as three violent detainee cells.

As part of the project there are administration areas, staff facilities, recreation zones, visitor rooms and teleconferencing facilities for remote interviews and visitor communication.

Damian has skin in the game

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team members were lucky enough to have St Andrew's Toowoomba Hospital set up a clinic at one of their worksites to deliver free skin cancer checks.

Hutchies' team members and subbies were able to take advantage of the free service –

highlighting the importance of getting regular skin checks for early detection.

Australia has one of the highest rates of melanoma in the world and construction workers are in a high risk category of skin damage from sun exposure.



Hutchies' Damian Mills with skin cancer nurse from St Andrew's Toowoomba Hospital.



Major milestone for Monarch's twin towers

THE Monarch team has celebrated the final structural concrete pour on the project.

The 1.2 hectare inner-city site is being developed by Consolidated Properties

and built by Hutchies to feature 224 apartments across two 15-level towers which are being built simultaneously on the last significant parcel of riverfront land in Toowoong.

New hospital helipad in Kingaroy

HUTCHIES is working on a new helipad at Kingaroy Hospital in the South Burnett region northwest of Brisbane.

Replacing an existing one, the new helipad will help future-proof air transportation in the region for decades to come.

Darling Downs Health's Annette Scott said the new helipad would be a welcome addition to the campus.

"Since Kingaroy Hospital opened in 2022, we have continued to look for ways to further enhance the services we provide to the community," she said.

"As the South Burnett's major referral hospital, Kingaroy's helipad is active most days.

"It's vital we have a helipad that can comfortably accommodate the ever-increasing demand on our services."

The project is being delivered using a staged approach, allowing the hospital's day-to-day functions to carry on as usual.

Hutchies has been working closely with the client to ensure minimal disruption to hospital services and for helicopter transfers to continue as normal.



Construction of the helipad is scheduled for completion later this year.

Sunshine and views for Royale



HUTCHIES is partnering with DD Living to create the Royale Gold Coast project, a 38-level beachfront tower at Northcliffe.

Rapidly becoming a new landmark, Royale Gold Coast will offer absolute beachfront living with the design angled to the north, ensuring residents a slice of Gold Coast sunshine and sweeping views up the coast.

The project includes 104 residences comprising two, three and four-bedroom apartments, beach homes, sky homes, and penthouses.

Exceptional amenities will include the Royale Beach Club with two swimming pools, the Royale Wellness Centre, Club Royale, Café Royale and a grand lobby with concierge.

The level 35 sub-penthouse sold off the plan for a record \$19.2 million. Completion is expected next year.

Mates surfing for Mates

MICHAEL Sipinkoski's team from the Royale project on the Gold Coast held a surfing competition and site-wide barbecue as a joint morale builder and fundraiser for Mates In Construction – the charity established in 2008 to reduce the high level of suicide among Australian construction workers.

Trades generously donated prizes for raffles with \$3000 raised from the day.

WHS team manager, Steve Mordue, said the idea was to allow all the trades across the site to build friendships and come together for some friendly banter and competition.

"The goal was to help promote a culture on site where workers have strong connections with each other and can connect and look after

each other through tougher times," Steve said.

The surf comp was held off Surfers Paradise beach and rumour has it that construction manager, Gavin Murphy, pulled a few strings earlier that week and organised for the sand dredging barge to groom and touch up the banks out the front of the site.

The sand dredging barge is a familiar sight off the Gold Coast as it works to restore sand to its beaches after the erosion caused by Cyclone Alfred earlier this year.

Luckily, comp day saw some decent waves and eight teams competed for the trophy.

The final was fought out between SDF Electrical and Auscoast Fire with the Auscoast boys narrowly taking the win by one point.



Hutchies' finishes foreman, Greg Faure, rides a wave framed by the "rainbow" spray of the sand dredging barge.



Competitors in the Royale surfing comp line up to push the day's mental health message of "It's OK Not To Be OK".



Celebrating the launch of the 30th year of the NAWIC Qld Awards (from left) Kate Thiedecke, Rio Huang, Judy Green, Emma McCaughey, Scott Hutchinson, Karrie-Anne Viecele, Tenille Reilly, Suzanne Steffens, Annie Pinches, Aline Hintz and Anna Benny.

Anniversary celebration for NAWIC Awards

HUTCHIES hosted the launch of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Queensland's 30th Anniversary Awards at the

Toowong yard in late May.

This year there will be 16 categories in the expanded awards to be announced November

7 during a gala evening at The Star Brisbane.

The NAWIC Qld Awards have been sponsored by Hutchies for more than 25 years.

George's memory lives on at Paniyiri Festival



Rock 'n' Roll George's 1952 FX was a star attraction at the Paniyiri Greek Festival.

HUTCHIES' replica of Rock 'n' Roll George's 1952 FX Holden made a guest appearance at this year's Paniyiri Greek Festival in Brisbane.

George Kiprios lived in inner-city West End and he and his car were well known in Brisbane during the 1950s, '60s and '70s cruising the city streets and playing rock and roll music from the radio.

Hutchies owns the original car and had a replica made to take part in community events as a contribution to Brisbane's social history.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said the car was on show on the street for three days and was undamaged, including the desirable foxtail on the car radio aerial.

"That was an enormous show of respect for George and the local Greek community by the festival goers," said Scott.

The Greek community in Brisbane has significantly shaped the cultural landscape of the West End and South Brisbane inner city suburbs and the Paniyiri festival is an annual celebration of Greek culture, food, and tradition. The South Brisbane/West End Paniyiri is the longest running Greek festival in Australia.



The Kennards Self Storage Brunswick project is expected to be completed by late July 2026.

HUTCHIES and Kennards Self Storage held an official sod-turning ceremony on the Kennards Self Storage project in Brunswick, Melbourne to celebrate the start of construction of a new six-level self-storage facility comprising more than 1600 storage compartments, showroom and amenities.

Attended on site by key stakeholders and project partners, the

Super storage for Melbourne

event acknowledged the collective efforts of all concerned and highlighted the longstanding and successful working relationship between Hutchies and Kennards Self Storage – both multi-generational Australian family-owned

businesses and leaders in their respective fields.

Hutchies' project manager, Lewis Price, Hutchies' team leader, Dan Casey, and Kennards Self Storage project manager, Craig Henery, all expressed enthusiasm

about the project's progress.

"This ground breaking represents more than the start of construction, it's a step towards delivering a modern and sustainable facility that will serve the community for years to come," said Craig.

Triffid protected against noise complaints

THE Triffid – Hutchies' live music venue in Newstead – will be protected by law from noise complaints by neighbours from a new high-rise development.

Venue owners, Hutchies (property owners) and John (JC) Collins, former Powderfinger bassist (business owner), reached a settlement with the developers in the Planning and Environment Court over concern for future noise complaints that could shut down The Triffid.

They argued that, due to insufficient noise impact assessment, the towers' residents would make increased noise complaints, causing The Triffid to be adversely affected.

The court ruled that the developer must undertake adequate measures to protect residents from noise from The Triffid and the developer agreed to bolster sound-proofing measures to the project by adding acoustic treatments.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said the court's ruling was a common sense result which protected Brisbane's live music scene and allowed residential development in the inner-city to proceed.



OFF the back of Hutchies' successful Global Building Exchange Program (GBEP) with Waters in the United Kingdom, the program has since expanded to include Axiom Builders in Canada.

Hutchies' Baxter Foreman is currently in Vancouver working for Axiom on the Gardena by Intracorp project.

In return, Connor Lee, from Axiom, is working in Mitch Grimmer's team.

Newcomer on exchange from Waters in the UK – Brian Hick – has also joined Mitch Grimmer's team and kicked off his Australian journey with a whirlwind tour of local operations.



Brian Hick has arrived from the UK.

Exchange program crossing the world

To top off a busy first week, Brian joined the team for the social club's infamous annual men's weekend on Straddle which is always a great way to connect, unwind, and meet other Hutchies' people.

No doubt, Hutchies' Grace Little and Lachlan Curmi, who left for UK last month, will share similar experiences during their London exchange.

Jack Hutchinson Jnr said the GBEP was an exciting initiative delivered in partnership between Hutchies, Waters in the United Kingdom and Axiom in Canada.

"It provides young construction professionals with a unique opportunity to travel the world,

work with different builders, and gain experience on diverse projects in different regions," Jack Jnr said.

"This program is all about young professionals broadening their horizons, sharing knowledge, and building global networks."



Hutchies' Baxter Foreman (left) with Connor Lee from Axiom met briefly in Canada.

Banking on relationships

BANK of Queensland CEO, Patrick Allaway, and his executive team recently hosted Scott Hutchinson as guest speaker at the bank's regular Town Hall forum, a group discussion event held with a valued client for the benefit of employees.

The aim of the Town Hall concept is for staff to understand the customer's perspective on what makes a great customer/banking relationship.

Patrick asked Scott what he valued about the bank and why the relationship had been so important to him and the wider Hutchinson family over many years.

During the discussion, Scott outlined Hutchies' key projects and the banking services that were essential to the building industry.

He also revealed why Hutchies had remained loyal to Bank of Queensland since the relationship began in 1968.



Patrick Allaway and Scott Hutchinson discuss customer/banking relationships.



Some attendees of the national health and safety meeting sampled life outside the Cooly office.

Cooly team hosts national health and safety heads

COOLY team has hosted a national health and safety managers' meeting for more than 40 safety managers and coordinators from across Hutchies.

Hutchies' national workplace health and safety manager, Jimmy Andersen, said the sessions were endorsed by Russell Fryer (COTY 2010) and Paul Hart (COTY 2005).

"As a wider group we do not get the opportunity very often to get together," Jimmy said.

"These sessions are super important for information sharing, reviewing industry issues and understanding in detail Hutchies' position on WHS matters.

"And it is always a fantastic opportunity to get together as a team and build relationships.

"Special thanks to Murray Emmerson, Steve Morrow and Jennifer Hunter for offering up the Cooly board room and helping to organise the day, ensuring all attendees got an opportunity to see how special Coolangatta is."



Gong for Tassie team leader

Hutchies' Tassie team leader, Nick Silcox, has been recognised for his contributions as a director on the board of Master Builders Tasmania. Pictured is president of Master Builders Tasmania, Vonette Mead, who presented Nick with his award at the MBT President's Lunch.

Tim's scaffolding roll of honour

HUTCHIES' Tim McGregor has been added to the Scaffolding Association of Australia's honour board in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the scaffolding industry.

Tim began his scaffolding career with manufacturer/supplier, Australia Formwork and Scaffolding, in Sydney before moving to Queensland in 2004 to lead Hutchies' newly established scaffold department.

Under his leadership, scaffold has expanded across two states, with more than 12,000 tonnes of material, and grown to support Hutchies' projects out of three major yards.

Tim has driven safety, compliance, and innovation – establishing a dedicated plant and equipment division in 2014 and later becoming team leader of construction support – overseeing scaffold, plant, cranes, hoists, fleet, and procurement.

He has also served as vice-president and director of both the Scaffolding Association Australia and the Scaffolding Association Queensland, further demonstrating his commitment to advancing the industry.

The Scaffolding Association Australia honour board celebrates dedicated individuals who have made a lasting impact on the industry.

Other industry stalwarts who have been recognised with Tim are Brad Leggett, of Layher, Scott Fazen, of Fazen Scaffolding, and Darren Davies, Michael Cotter and Nigel Brockman, all of Aluminium Scaffolds.

Each of these individuals has played a meaningful role in building the foundations of the industry through leadership, mentorship and boots-on-the-ground dedication.



Tim McGregor



Hutchies' aim is to mould the newest minds into the best future contract administrators, project managers, estimators, design managers and team leaders.

Summer school stairway to construction career

HUTCHIES' next Cadet Summer School is now open for applications from construction management, quantity surveying, or engineering students who have finished their first year at uni.

This 14-week paid program runs from November to February in Brisbane and is designed to give students a real-world head

start in the construction industry.

Attendees learn from Hutchies' industry experts, visit more than 30 live construction projects, gain practical, task-based experience, and build network and industry knowledge.

Delivered by Hutchies' skilled team members with decades of hands-on experi-

ence, this accelerated program is built around the university schedule.

Each session is designed to be engaging, relevant and focused on the day-to-day skills that matter on site and in the office.

At the end of the program, suitable cadets will be offered a Hutchies' cadetship, starting immediately.

Paddington Plaza puts on a show

THE Paddington Plaza theatre, built by Hutchies in 1929 and used as its head office and building materials store from 1968 to 1976, has celebrated its 96th birthday.

The birthday coincided with the 40th birthday of Empire Revival at the same venue.

Hutchies owned and operated the Paddington Plaza as a movie theatre until television killed suburban movie theatres.

Hutchies then used it for a head office and undercover storage yard until November

1976 when it relocated to brand new offices and yard at Seventeen Mile Rocks.

Paddington Antique Centre started in 1985 and Empire Revival is now a unique collective trading enterprise with 50 different merchants, offering a range of jewellery, fashion, furniture, antiques and homewares.

Paddington Then and Now, the online custodians for the history of Paddington and surrounding inner-west Brisbane suburbs, recently recorded the birthday festivities.



Hollywood-style glamour dominated birthday celebrations of Paddington Plaza and Empire Revival. Kerry Forsythe (left) and Caylie Jeffery from Paddington Then and Now in party mode.

LEFT: Paddington Plaza, Hutchies HQ and yard, 1968 to 1976.

Krispy Kreme king



Krispy Kreme king, William, and daughter Lily at their grand opening.

THIS is what every child dreams of ... a dad who owns a Krispy Kreme shop!

Developer, William Griffin, is shown with daughter, Lily, at the opening of Krispy Kreme North Shore in Townsville built by

Hutchies.

Two of Hutchies' Townsville team "youngsters", Scott Vidler, site manager, and Josh Rollings, foreman, turned up for the brass band opening party with all the other excited kids.

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Scott and Don on the dive to locate the missing WWII bomber wreck.

Diving into the unknown

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson recently joined Consolidated Property's Don Cormack O'Rourke in an underwater search for the aircraft wreckage in which Don's namesake uncle was killed during World War Two.

In January 1943, Donald Shaw Cormack was piloting a Lockheed Ventura on a training exercise in Canada for Bomber Command when the wings iced up and the aircraft went down over water.

The plane and the three-man crew were never recovered and the exact whereabouts of the wreckage remains a mystery.

Don's extensive research indicated the plane's wreckage might be found in water off Bouctouche, New Brunswick, on the eastern coast of Canada.

The pair organised a painstaking sonar search of the area and underwater dive, but strong 3.5 knot currents, poor visibility and foul weather caused the mission to be aborted. The boys also had to deal with the 11 degrees water temperatures during the difficult dive.

However, the most dangerous part of the trip was when Don was trapped in quicksand during a land-based search for another WWII plane crash site and had to be rescued by his Canadian guides.



Try'a Trade students on site inspection with Hutchies' Hayden Allsop.

Try'a Trade in Rocky

MORE than 40 students from Emmaus College, as well as North Rockhampton, Glenmore and Rockhampton State High Schools took part in a Try'a Trade program at the site of the new grandstand for Rockhampton Leagues Club under construction by Hutchies' Tweed/Cooly team.

Project manager, Hayden Allsop, guided the students on site tours, offering insights into the project and showcasing some of the 70 career opportunities available in the construction industry.

Students tried their hands at painting, tiling and carpentry.

The Try'a Trade program is funded by Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) and delivered by Hutchies Training.



Watch roll-out ticks onward

The roll-out of 15-year service award watches continues and Toowoomba team veterans received theirs at the last foreman's meeting. All the guys were excited with their new custom-designed Adina timepieces. Pictured are (from left), Dale Borghardt, Mal (Blocka) Campbell, Greg Inwood, Geoff Kampf, Lachlan Bloomfield, Brett (Washo) Washington and Danny Charlesworth.



Helping hand too slow for Banjo's Bakery opening

WHEN the Hutchies-built Banjo's Bakery Cafe in Rockhampton was officially opened in June, it was all hands on deck.

As the first Banjo's in the central Queensland region, it was an instant success, grossing some of the highest single-day sales in Queensland on opening day.

Rocky's area manager, Nick Colthup, even offered to help out in the kitchen for the opening rush for the new venue but reckons he proved too slow for them to offer him a permanent job.

Nick, who is proud of his luscious locks, was secretly relieved as he balked at wearing the usual regulation hair-net while in the kitchen.

Banjo's Bakery was a part of a dual quick service restaurant development in the heart of Rockhampton for developers, Zoom Group.

LEFT: Banjo's Bakery apprentice baker, Jemma Mansell, and Hutchies' Nick Colthup fill the cheese and bacon pies.

Trifecta at NSW's MBA awards

HUTCHIES received three awards at the Master Builders Association NSW Northern Regions presentation night held at Ballina. The awards are Commercial Builder of the Year; Apartment Developments over \$20 million for Pama, Casuarina; Extensions, Renovations and Refurbishment over \$40 million for Murwillumbah High School.



Celebrating at the awards presentation (L-R) Stav Kotsireas, Matt Little, Josh Brown, Dale Butler and Drew Cuell.

Jaxon a strong team asset



Jaxon Pommer, Hutchies' 2024 Apprentice of the Year, was presented with his Certificate III of Carpentry with congratulations from his team leader, Murray Emmerson, (right) and Philip Harker, apprentice development coordinator. Phil said he was proud of the effort by Jaxon who was an asset to the Cooly team.

Another career goal for Jack



Jack Bradford received his Certificate III of Carpentry from Kevin Woodage, apprentice development coordinator and trainer/assessor. Jack was named Hutchies' 4th Year Apprentice of the Year in 2024.

Congrats on Gavin's 10 years



Gavin will have to wait until the end of the year to receive his leather jacket.

DURING a site walk of his next project, Gavin Musk (right) was marking 10 years to the day of starting work at Hutchies.

He ran into Melbourne team leader, Dan Casey, who congratulated him on the milestone.

Is your number up?

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>



Fish the winners in wet weekend

THE social club's annual men's weekend fishing trip this year was the largest ever with 77 making the trip across to North Stradbroke (Minjerribah).

Despite the rain and the fish being declared the weekend's winners, a well-prepared camp and good spirits carried the show.

There were plenty of first timers and many repeat offenders from years gone by.

As Sunday was May the Fourth, the night's theme was Star Wars.

Planning is now underway for 2026 to celebrate the annual event's 40th anniversary.



Some of the first timers and event veterans at the record-breaking men's fishing weekend.



Dean White (left) and retired 30-year veteran, Al Gundy, caught up at camp.



Kayaks came in handy at the waterlogged camping site over the wet we



LEFT: Darth Sidious, (AKA Palpatine, AKA Chris O'Reilly), made an appearance for the Sunday night celebrations.



EVERY year after sunset on the beach at Stradbroke, when all the men have finished 37-year veteran cook Stan Cornish's finest roast beef, a person who epitomises the Hutchies' spirit is selected to read aloud *The Ode*.

The words were penned by the first winner of the Constructor of the Year award in 1988, Bill Winterbottom, to document the historic joining of J. Scott Builders with Hutchies.

The poem recounts the social club camping trip when the new workmates joined

together for the first time to forge what became long careers for many with their new company in Hutchies.

Through the "hardship" of this social gathering, a great legacy was born with the successful merger of two cultures into one.



weekend.



Andy Beconsall
with one of the few
fish landed during
the weekend.

The Ode to Hutchies' Social Club By Bill Winterbottom (COTY 1988)

*It was somewhere west of Brisbane, near the river, rocks and mud
That they formed an institution called the Hutchies' Social Club.
They were hard and wiry Aussies from the rugged building game,
There was not a keg or flagon that Hutchies couldn't tame.
But their style of socialising was irregular and rash,
They had very little science, but a bloody lot of dash.
And they used to practise on Fridays, drinking middies in the pub;
They were demons, were these members of the Hutchies' Social Club.
It was somewhere up the highway near the truckies' smoke and steam,
That a social mob existed, called the "J. Scott Drinking Team".
As a social institution t'was a marvellous success,
For their members were all noted for exclusiveness of dress.
They had natty little T-shirts that were never stained with beer,
For their cultivated owners only wore them once a year.
So they set off out to Moreton in search of sport and fame,
For they meant to show those Hutchies the fine art of the drinking game.
Now you jokers can imagine how the contest ebbed and flowed,
When the Hutchies' boys get going it's time to clear the road.
And the pace was so terrific that ere half the day was gone,
A spectator's arm was broken – just from merely looking on.
For they shouted one another 'til the beach was strewn with dead,
While the score was kept so even that they neither got ahead.
And J. Scott's leader "Stretch Man" when he tumbled down to die
The last surviving drinker – so they called the binge a tie.
Then Hutchies' fearless "Jacko" raised himself slowly from the ground,
Though his liver wounds were mortal, he gazed yet slowly round;
There was no-one to oppose him – all the rest were in a trance,
So he staggered to his feet for his last expiring chance.
For he had to make an effort to get victory for his side;
So he drank another tinnie and then tumbled down and died.
By the old Moreton campsite, where the breezes shake the grass,
There's a little row of headstones that the locals never pass,
For they bear a rude inscription repeated again and again and again,
Go on "Piss off Bill" let's get on with the bloody game.
And on misty moonlit evenings, when the fishermen stagger around,
You can hear from Captain Nemo as the yellow sub goes down,
Til the terrified spectator runs like blazes to the pub –
He's been haunted by the spectres of the Hutchies' Social Club.*

Moree Hospital Redevelopment

Job Value: \$72.52M

Job Description: Redevelopment within an existing hospital site to house acute services including emergency, imaging, pathology, theatres, maternity and birthing, inpatient unit and administration.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Sean Lees
Hutchies' Project Manager: Alec Noble
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Chandana Kuruppu
Hutchies' Administrators: Declan Balassa/Charlie Hasted/Tarla Judd/Lachlan Mason
Hutchies' Site Manager: Wayne Rafter
Architect: MAAP Architects
Structural Engineering: Avant Consulting Engineers
Civil Engineering: ADG Engineers
Client: NSW Health Infrastructure

Woody Point Special School Stage 2

Job Value: \$21.37M.

Job Description: Construction of a two-storey general learning centre.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Mitch Grimmer
Hutchies' Project Manager: Alan Gscheidle
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Jude Wong
Hutchies' Administrator: Bailey Carbone
Hutchies' Site Manager: Cody Granger
Architect: Daniel Killen Architects
Structural Engineering: STP
Civil Engineering: STP
Client: Qld Depart. of Education

East Brisbane – Social Housing

Job Value: \$76.63M

Job Description: Two nine-storey residential apartment buildings with a total of 78 units of accommodation, communal spaces, support services, office, reception and kitchen area.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Shaun Beck
Hutchies' Project Manager: Luke Nicolas
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Stephen Boustead
Hutchies' Design Manager: Iain Newton
Hutchies' Administrator: Harry Tams
Hutchies' Site Manager: Christopher Cook
Architect: Arkhefield
Structural Engineering: Edge Consulting
Civil Engineering: Edge Consulting
Client: Qld Department of Housing and Public Works

Sea Glass, Broadbeach

Job Value: \$122M

Job Description: Construction of 29 beachfront sky homes plus three-storey penthouse and extensive recreational spaces.



Hutchies' Team Leader: Murray Emmerson
Hutchies' Project Manager: Milos Mrkaja
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Luke Smith
Hutchies' Administrator: Jana Joachim / Luke Russell

Hutchies' Site Manager: Wayne Syrch
Architect: Rothelowman
Structural Engineering: OSKA Consulting Group
Civil Engineering: OSKA Consulting Group
Client: BH Broadbeach

ICON Perth

Job Value: \$1.83M.

Job Description: Demolition of existing tenancies within Perth's Hollywood Private Hospital and fit-out to house a new radiology clinic.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Rohan Barry
Hutchies' Project Manager: Jamie Coe
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Joanne Simpson
Hutchies' Administrator: Peter Kang
Hutchies' Site Manager: Liam Walker
Architect: Mode
Client: Integrated Clinical Oncology Network

Ambitionz Gym, Rockhampton

Job Value: \$35,280

Job Description: Supply and installation of two saunas into existing gym change rooms.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Sean Lees
Hutchies' Project Manager: Nick Colthup
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Sandra Parker
Hutchies' Administrator: Sandra Parker
Hutchies' Site Manager: Peter Jones
Architect: Hutchies (Sandra Parker)
Client: Stephen's Fitness Centres

Toowoomba Grammar – AIC Building

Job Value: \$7.71M

Job Description: Construction of an agriculture and industry centre building and storage shed.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Sean Lees
Hutchies' Project Manager: Tim Thompson
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Matt Maag
Hutchies' Administrator: Emma Meiklejohn
Hutchies' Site Manager: Jake Sutton
Architect: Sims White Architects
Structural Engineering: RMA Engineers
Civil Engineering: RMA Engineers
Client: Toowoomba Grammar School (TGS)



Artist's impression of a dual nine-storey social housing project under construction in East Brisbane.

Auchenflower – Social Housing

Job Value: \$10.19M

Job Description: Design and construction of 20 social housing units.

Hutchies Team Leader: Cy Milburn
Hutchies Design Manager: Chris Chainey
Hutchies Cost Planner: Joey Zhu
Hutchies Administrator: Ewan MacLeod
Hutchies Site Manager: Andy Peters
Architect Firm: Idea Architecture
Struc. Engineering Consultant: Northrop Consulting
Civil Engineering Consultant: Northrop Consulting
Client: Department of Housing and Public Works

Strathpine Childcare Centre & Café

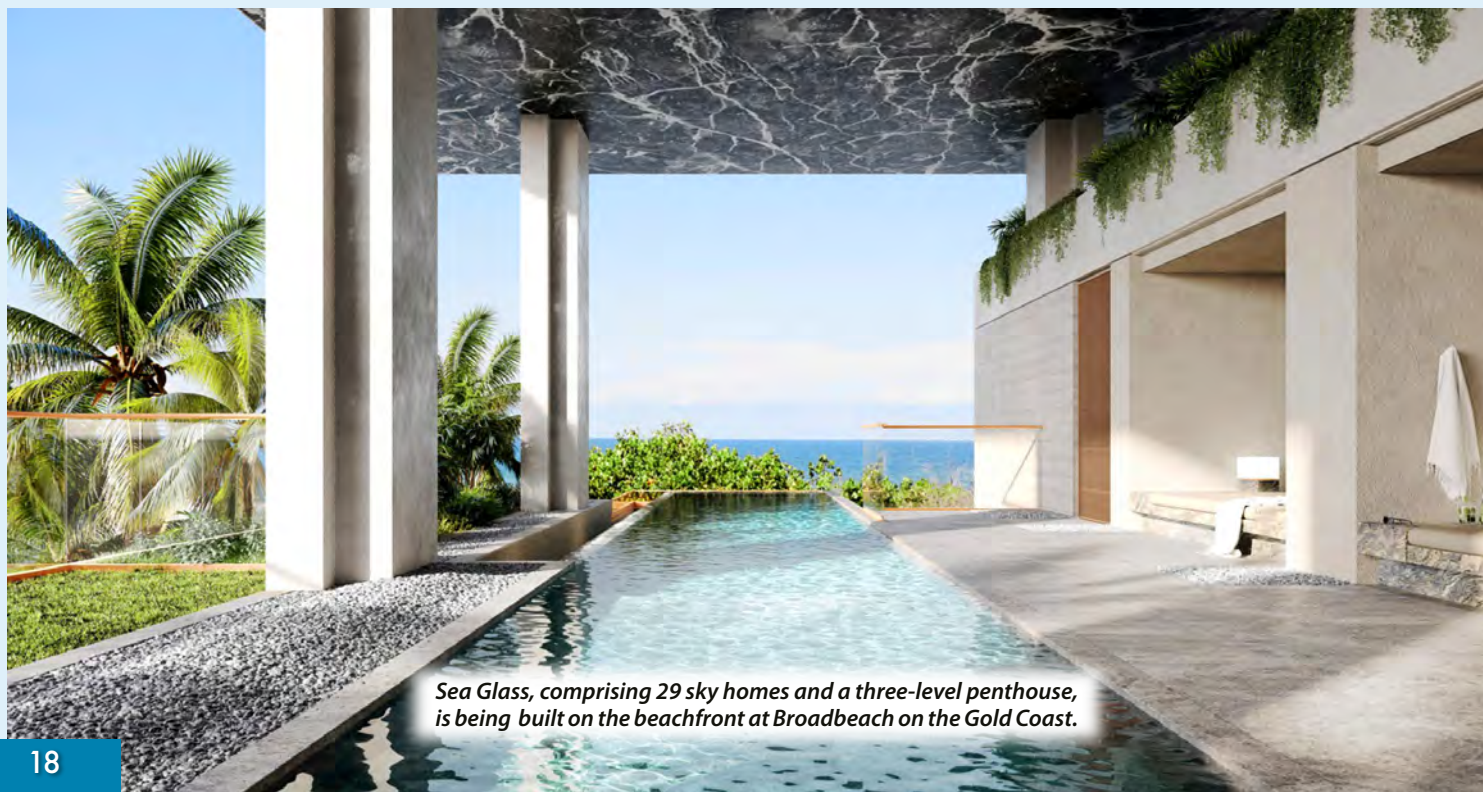
Job Value: \$5.58M

Job Description: Creation of a childcare centre with 115-child capacity and adjoining café on Gympie Road.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Michael White
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Simon McGilvray
Hutchies' Administrator: Dan Harrison
Hutchies' Site Manager: Ron Gersekowski
Architect: Raunik Design Group
Structural Engineering: STP Consultants
Civil Engineering: Concept Engineers
Client: Onefin Ops



Construction of an agriculture and industry centre building is underway within the Toowoomba Grammar School campus on the Darling Downs.



Sea Glass, comprising 29 sky homes and a three-level penthouse, is being built on the beachfront at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.



Josh snags model gig

HUTCHIES' senior quantity surveyor, Josh Chau (far left), has been moonlighting as a model, this time as one of the faces of Snag Fest – a three-day food festival at Brisbane's South Bank precinct.

Josh's face was among those plastered across the media and socials to promote the event.



AEIOU's gala ball celebrates 20 years

THIS year, AEIOU Foundation celebrated 20 years of supporting children with autism with an anniversary gala ball held at The Star Brisbane.

The event raises vital funds for AEIOU to continue providing life-changing therapy, education and care.

LEFT: Representing Hutchies, team leader, Mitch Grimmer, presents a cheque on the night to AEIOU for \$65,000.

Rudy keeps an eye on Ante



TEAM members on the Kennards Self Storage Brunswick project in Melbourne are enjoying the site's latest upgrade – a FunHouse pinball machine.

First released in 1990, the iconic FunHouse machine, with its famous talking ventriloquist dummy, Rudy, is a favourite with pinball fanatics worldwide.

Ante Kozul (AKA Black Dog Champion), who has claimed a 200 million score on the Led Zeppelin machine at Box Hill, goes head to head with Rudy.



Celebration cupcakes for Pete

PETER Haidley (COTY 1999) – a Hutchies' veteran who notched up 30 years in 2024 – celebrates his birthday in the office with balloons, cupcakes and a hug from Belinda Waters.

Don't forget there's a bottle of tequila for anyone who contributes to Hutchies' Travelling Undies and Budgies!



A couple of the boys on the Caloundra Administration Building project decided Hutchies' Undies would brighten up the team photo. From left, Cameron McAndrew, Luke Starbuck, Mitch Cahill, Cooper Bessell, Rick Clark, Scott Borghardt, and senior site manager, Lyle Ellis. Lyle added a note: "I'm not sure the boxers on the outside of the pants warrants a bottle of tequila but Cam and I thought it was worth a shot."



Cadet Duncan Nicholls' Hutchies' Undies made a change to regulation naval uniform aboard the 247-metre warship, USS America, during its port visit to Brisbane last month ahead of military exercise Talisman Sabre.

TRAVELLING UNDIES & BUDGIES



"One for the ladies ... a camp fire, cold beer and camping Crocs!" Construction manager and perennial contributor, Ken McNeill, sent in this snap of himself on Moreton Island. What more could a woman want?



Hutchies' Dave Smythe threw a combined celebration for his 50th birthday and recent hip replacement with a 'D' themed party. Dave added Hutchies' Undies to his Dangerous Dave ensemble.



Mat Kryszkiewicz stripped down to his Hutchies' Undies during a lunch break to catch up on a few push-ups. In June, Mat took part in Lifeline's annual Push-Up Challenge helping raise funds to support the delivery of suicide prevention and crisis support services.

Randy ol' night



An excited group of Hutchies and ex-Hutchies' people caught American country singer-songwriter, Randy Houser, at the Fort in June. Melbourne's Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020) even flew up for the big night and brought his twin boys with him. Pictured, clockwise from bottom left, spiralling inwards are ... Steve Williams, Bernie Nolan, Brian Hick, Alisdair Nolan, Matthew Nolan, Rukea Lennon, Samantha Fisher, Michelle Williams and Brooke Wilson.

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



Shaun Spooner (left) and Gomer Lapudo'oh with some Hutchies' merch prior to playing their Bluesfest debuts just an hour apart.

Boys' double debut at Bluesfest

PROVING Hutchies' team members are multi-talented, site manager, Shaun Spooner, scored a coveted gig on the busking stage at this year's Byron Bay Bluesfest and had a chance meeting with Hutchies' crane operator from Sydney, Gomer Lapudo'oh, who was booked to play the same venue.

The two met by chance at the artists' registration when Shaun and his band, Sugarbag Blonde, arrived in a Hutchies' ute prompting Indie singer/songwriter, Gomer, to strike up a conversation.

The boys discovered they were due to perform on the same stage on the Saturday just an hour apart.



L-R: Kirsten Kanowski, Catherine Crumpton, Amy Rafter, Georgia Sims (Clydesdales Women's player), Ishbel Macaulay, Shelby Abbott and Cody Lugg.

Celebrating women at Clydesdale lunch

HUTCHIES' women from the Toowoomba team were among those who attended the 2025 Western Clydesdales Ladies Luncheon at the Royal Hotel

in Toowoomba.

The annual event is held to celebrate the power of women and to show support for those within the Clydesdales family

and wider community.

During the lunch, a panel of inspiring women shared their personal stories of resilience, success and passion.

FEEDBACK



JUST wanted to say thank you for the Adina watch.

I feel extremely lucky and very proud to have been presented with such a beautiful gift. I chose the silver with the white timing circle around the face.

Thank you to Hutchies, but particularly Scott and Jack Jnr for this lovely gesture.

Cheers,

Karen White

AS the Chief Executive Officer of Darumbal Community Youth Service Inc (DCYSI), I am pleased to formally provide this letter of strong support and commendation for Hutchinson Builders' Social Procurement Program.

Our partnership with Hutchinson Builders has demonstrably contributed to positive outcomes for the young people and the broader community we serve within the Rockhampton and Central Queensland region.

Hutchinson Builders has consistently exemplified a profound commitment to corporate social responsibility through its active engagement and invaluable support of DCYSI's community initiatives.

Furthermore, Hutchinson Builders has been a dedicated partner and significant sponsor of our annual Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival (WWRLC).

The generous contribution of time and resources has been pivotal to the success of this cornerstone community event.

Our collaborative efforts with Hutchinson Builders through its Social Procurement Program represent a shared commitment to empowering our community and providing meaningful opportunities. Hutchinson Builders' dedication extends beyond construction projects; it underscores a genuine investment in fostering community development and well-being.

We wholeheartedly endorse Hutchinson Builders' Social Procurement Program and express our sincere gratitude for its ongoing partnership and valuable contributions to DCSYI.

Sincerely,

Rose Malone, CEO
Darumbal Community Youth
Service Inc

RELATING to your project at 41 George Street, Brisbane. One of my Department employees collapsed on the corner of Margaret and George Street on Tuesday.

Two staff members from the construction project at 41 George Street, along with two traffic controllers based at the same location, immediately stepped in to assist.

While members of the public also assisted, our Department wanted to

share with you, as well as thank your staff for the assistance from the Hutchinson Builders staff and contractors.

They not only provided emergency assistance and support, they directed traffic and supported both our employee and others in the area.

I have spoken to our employee who was taken by ambulance and released from hospital later (he is going very well now).

All four staff, specifically the traffic management staff, were professional and courteous.

Our partnership with Hutchinson Builders has been exceptional and you should be proud of them.

Our Department holds our values and behaviours to our heart and your staff members reflected behaviours that both makes me proud to be in Queensland and also makes me proud that people like that are in our community.

Our employee has asked me to share his heartfelt thanks, and you have both mine, and my Department's thanks as well.

Department of Local Government,
Water and Volunteers

I WANT to pass on my thanks to you and your team for the smooth and efficient delivery of the temporary mortuary extension here at the Coopers Plains campus.

My team has also said to me how smooth everything has progressed on the project.

The building looks great, internal fit-out is top class! I am sure the Coronial Services team will be very happy with their new facility.

Working with you has been a pleasure during the project and has ensured a quick, early delivery of an important build for the site.

Thanks again.

Regards,

Cecilia Dal Santo
Campus Support Services Manager,
Finance & Performance
Queensland Public Health and
Scientific Services (QPHaSS)
Queensland Health

ON behalf of the Department of Youth Justice and Victim support, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the outstanding service and support you and your team have provided us over the course of our time and recent Young Black and Proud program.

Your commitment to excellence and consistent high level of customer care have greatly contributed to the success of our program, and staff and the young people want to express our gratitude.

RIGHT: Ready for her school formal, Regan White strikes an elegant pose next to Hutchies' replica Rock 'n' Roll George's 1952 Holden.



The support you and your team offered in regard to showing the construction of Browne Park Stadium, and showing the young people job opportunities and providing options for them to think about has not only met but exceeded our expectations.

We are confident that this level of support will continue, and we look forward to further strengthening our business relationship in the future.

Please convey our thanks to everyone at Hutchies who has contributed to our time spent engaging with you and Hutchies.

Thank you again for your exemplary service and support.

Kind regards,

Lionel Smith
Program Development Office
Department of Youth Justice and
Victim Support
Rockhampton

A HUGE thank you for letting me use Rock 'n' Roll George for my formal on Thursday last week.

It made my night complete and it was so much fun I absolutely loved the car. It definitely got everyone looking.

No-one who I know remembers it and I am unsure if any parents did. Thanks for making it possible!!

Kind regards,

Regan White

NAWIC Qld's 30th Anniversary Awards Launch was a success.

As a committee we were excited to launch and celebrate 'new and improved' nominations process, 16 award categories with new awards to recognise more incredible women in our industry and new perks for 'Tradie of the Year' and 'Regional Woman of the Year' awards.

With over a 100 people registered it was our biggest turnout yet.

We would also like to thank Scott Hutchinson and Hutchinson Builders for their incredible generosity and support to host and cater this event.

Your 26 years of commitment to NAWIC has assisted the organisation in so many ways.

Karrie-Anne Viececi
Manager Communications and
Stakeholder Engagement
NAWIC Qld

THANK you very much to Hutchies for this amazing bit of history on the abattoir.

It's so important to understand where it all began and it's often hard to find the detail, so thank you for providing this and being part of our company's history.

Also pleasing to be associated with an iconic company like Hutchies!

Regards,

Anthony Lee
Australian Country Choice
Abattoir
Cannon Hill.



Following an enquiry, Hutchies was pleased to be able to shed light on the construction work at the meat works in Cannon Hill by the company in the mid-1930s and provided this extract from Hutchies' history book, 'More Than The Truth: Hutchies' Hundred Years'.

HATCHED



Jackson Devlin on site with mum, Sarah Devlin, Hutchies' contract administrator on Mitch Grimmer's team.



Little Jack Hutchinson (VI) liked the feel of grandad Scott's chairman's seat although it might be a few more years before he's ready to take over Hutchies.

A happy Harry Herbert O'Connor, son for Hutchies' Josh O'Connor and his partner, Emily Simons.



MATCHED



Mudbrick Vineyard and Restaurant on New Zealand's Waiheke Island was the stunning venue for the wedding of contract administrator from Hutchies' Southport team, Amelia Kordic, and Charlie Armstrong earlier this year.

On May 24, Jane Hutchinson married Andrew Coombs. Jane, the granddaughter of Jack Snr and June, and is Scott's niece. The ceremony was held in All Hallows' Chapel in Brisbane followed by a reception at Hillstone St Lucia. From left, Jack Snr, Jane, Andrew, June Hutchinson and father of the bride, Ken Hutchinson.



Team attend the Tiara

TEAM members donned the glad rags for a fun day of food, drinks and racing at Tattersall's Tiara Raceday.

Each year, Hutchies' social club books a private area from which team members can party and watch the day's action on the track.

Run at Eagle Farm over 1400 metres for fillies and mares, the Tiara is the final Group One race held in the official national racing season.

Enjoying the glamour of the Tiara, from left, Teena Rowell, Jess Quinn, Brooke Wilson, Belinda Waters, Natalie Roma and Molly Rush.

OBITUARY



Irene Walk and sister, June Hutchinson.

Irene Alison Walk (nee Smith)

11/05/1950 – 24/04/2025

JUNE Hutchinson's sister, Jack Snr's sister-in-law and former long-time employee at Hutchies, Irene Alison Walk, died suddenly in her sleep earlier this year.

She was employed in the accounts department at Hutchies from 1980 to 1993 before taking on Jack and June's private bookkeeping.

At Hutchies, Irene is remembered as extremely dedicated, competent and especially honest and straight talking.

She was a very warm person who treasured family and was always there to help anyone in need.

Irene was affectionately known by family as Onga.

She leaves behind her husband Neil, sons Adam and Daryll, daughters-in-law, Megan and Anna, and grandsons Tom, James and Charlie.

Len back in the swing of things



Len and Mick on the job at Kipara Tropical Rainforest Retreat.

LEGENDARY Hutchies' gun, Len White (COTY 1990), was holidaying in the Whitsundays when the old warhorse couldn't resist the urge to strap on the tools.

Mick De Jong is doing some

refurbishments at Hutchies' resort, Kipara Tropical Rainforest Retreat, at Airlie Beach, and Len decided to give him a hand.

At 80 years of age, Len showed Mick he has still got what it takes.



WHEN Tassie's Jesee Jenkyns from Hutchies' Hobart Airport site had a small party thrown to send her off on maternity leave, Luke Chamberlain offered to bake a special cake.

By all accounts, Luke is chuffed with his efforts in the kitchen and is thinking of quitting the building game to become a baker.

Consensus is that he might like to reconsider.

Baker builder bids Jesee farewell



L-R: Nicole Bond, Shelby Abbott, Kirsten Kanowski, Ishbel Macaulay, Matt Waldron and Jamie Nielsen.

Toowoomba enjoys state rivalry

SOME of the Toowoomba team were lucky enough to attend game one of the 2025 State of Origin at Suncorp Stadium to cheer on the Maroons.

Despite Queensland falling short against New South Wales in their first clash, the crew soaked up the atmosphere and enjoyed a great night of footy, fierce rivalry and fun.

Games two and three have since vindicated the team's support for the Maroons who won the series 2-1.

Owen sets world on fire

WHEN director, Owen Valmadre, celebrated his 51st in the office with a birthday candle stuck into his customary afternoon orange, he almost set fire to the building.

Gifts lavished on the avid cyclist included a tube of anti-inflammatory unguent, Voltaren, as well as a valuable out-of-print, limited edition book, "Stretching" by Bob Anderson, which advocates the benefits of stretching when undertaking sporting activities and includes a detailed section for the beginner cyclist.



Owen trying to set the world on fire.

Pandemonium in Toowoomba

TOOWOOMBA team's social club organised a night out at the Empire Theatre for Jimeoin's Pandemonium tour.

Before the show, the team indulged in a few beverages at the Hutchies' Bar.

The team reported that the Northern Irish-Australian comedian's latest act was hilarious and delivered plenty of laughs.



From left, Andrew and Marilyn Nolan, Ishbel Macaulay, Kirsten Kanowski and Jamie Nielsen

Spartan trio beats the obstacles

HUTCHIES' team members, Roisin Toomey, Reuben Budd and Sulata Periera, pose proudly after successfully completing a gruelling 15km Spartan obstacle race at Ivory's Rocks.



Yeah Baby breezes to Gladstone

Hutchies' cadet, Nick Hulcombe, checked out the action of Hutchies' Yeah Baby at the start of this year's Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race. The crew of the Hutchies-sponsored Wellbourn 50 finished 14th overall in a corrected time of 2:10:30:12.



Company connection at skate park

HUTCHIES' connections can occur in the most unusual places.

Sunny Coast's Tara Thelwell reported the following to Hutchies' Truth:

"Van is my youngest child (six years old) and one day at the local Dicky Beach skate park, a friend, who he hadn't seen since daycare, gave him his old BMX as a present.

"When Van came over to me with it and asked if he could keep the BMX, we couldn't help but notice it had a Hutchies' sticker on it.

"I found out from his mum that the Hutchies' sticker had come from his dad – a project manager who used to work for Hutchies down in Brissie.

"What are the chances?"



Van with his BMX.

Riding over hump day



To kick start weekly hump day each Wednesday, a few Hutchies' boys have been getting into an early morning routine of a vigorous cycling session followed by a serious caffeine fix. Pictured from left, Jackson Grant, Zach Hinchliffe, Oliver Macklin, Nick Johnson and Will Steele.



Toowoomba plumbing foreman and footballer, Morgan Carroll, with Hutchies' team leader, Sean Lees.

Legends' victory over Allstars

IN June, Toowoomba plumbing foreman, Morgan Carroll, joined the Loughlin Crane Hire Australian Legends in their game against the Nolan Transport Gatton Hawks Allstars.

Players for the Legends included Sam Thaiday, Scott Prince, Antonio Winterstein, John Hopoate and Ben Hannant.

After an entertaining game of rugby league the Legends took the win.

Hutchies sponsored the event and local team members went to the game to cheer on the boys.

Sunny Coast support for Phoenix U18s rises to the fore

HUTCHIES' Sunshine Coast team led by Rob Morrison sponsored the under 18s in the Sunshine Coast Phoenix basketball competition.

Project manager, Steve Hodgins' son,

Kingston, plays in the under 18s and competed in the state titles earlier this year.

Steven said that, while the team did not bring home the trophy, their dedication and

sportsmanship were commendable.

"A huge thank you to Rob Morrison and Sunshine Coast Hutchies for the incredible support," he said.



The Hutchies-sponsored Sunshine Coast Phoenix under 18s.

Fincierge Race Day for local charities

SUNNY Coast team members frocked up for a fundraising day of fun at the inaugural Fincierge Race Day at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club.

The race day was held in support of SunnyKids, a local charity providing vulnerable children and families access to help and services, and Altitude Scholarships, offering educational help to disadvantaged youth.



Hutchies' team members (from left) Cameron McAndrew, Brandon Tonkin, Tara Thelwall, Robert Morrison, Helen Dahl, Lochlan Johnson, Cooper Bessell, and Steve Hodgins.



Pool table fun thanks to Chainey's

THANKS to a generous donation by Chris and Patrice Chainey, a new full-sized pool table has been installed at the Toowong yard on the mezzanine level of building two. Chris Chainey is a Hutchies' senior project manager on the Cy Milburn (COTY 2014) team.