

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



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Flying squad team an extra layer in quality build

HUTCHIES' specialist Post Completion team, affectionately known as the Flying Squad, was called in recently to remedy defects in an apartment block built 10 years ago by a now-defunct builder.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said problems plagued the building despite trades being called in by successive body corporate committees to fix the ongoing issues.

Scott said the main issues had been plumbing and roofing leaks.

"Ongoing problems that could not be resolved were the cause of major distress for body corporate committee members, owners and tenants for a number of years," he said.

"Detection of water leaks can be incredibly difficult and is a cross between science and art!

"Hutchies' Post Completion team was called in and the result was astounding.

"After one week the body corporate committee was amazed at what the team achieved.

"Leaks and problems that were ongoing over years were located and addressed.

"The body corporate committee which had tried many times to sort out issues is now dealing with happy owners."

The body corporate chairman gave Hutchies feedback from an owner who had endured many attempted repairs by previous contractors from the original builder.

"I can report that the remediation works that have been performed appear to have been performed with great expertise and finished with quality.

"I also appreciate that the work sites were very clean, there being no observable 'footprint' of the works having been undertaken."

Hutchies' Post Completion team consists of Monique Hamilton (national manager), Alan Smith, Brent Davis, Scott Kitto and Cameron Wise, who were chosen because of their



Hutchies' Post Completion team (from left), Monique Hamilton, Scott Kitto, Cameron Wise, Brent Davis and Alan Smith.

detailed knowledge of all aspects of construction and their excellent communication skills.

The team is a flying squad based in south-east Queensland but available to work in conjunction with team leaders throughout Hutchies' national network.

Scott said Hutchies developed a protocol

many years ago to deal with defects which included effective communication between team members, subcontractors, architects, suppliers and clients.

"The Post Completion team is another layer of expertise to ensure Hutchies delivers quality products," Scott said.



Hutchies' new laneway precinct for Fortitude Valley

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Back in the black

FOR the first time in seven years, Hutchies is back in the black.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said Hutchies recorded a \$46.4 million pre-tax profit at the end of the 2025 financial year and held \$566 million in cash.

"But \$16 million of that pre-tax figure is

rent and interest, so we made less than one per cent on construction revenue," he said.

"While the results aren't marvellous they are in the right direction and that's better than losing money."

Scott said profit had turned around because costs had stopped going up, but he

warned that, with building for the Brisbane Olympics 2032 starting in the near future, costs are expected to rise, putting financial pressure on the construction sector.

See Hutchies' website for a full report on the 2025 financial results at...

www.hutchinsonbuilders.com.au



ONE of the single greatest challenges that our company faces day in, day out is delivering a quality product – consistently.

Our 17-year-old Quality Manual was born out of necessity.

There were simply too many parts of the supply chain that did not appreciate the high standard to which we were held accountable by our customers and the community at large.

Those of us who create the spaces in which we all live and work have a huge responsibility to do that in a way that provides a positive legacy for those who use them.

Hutchies doesn't always get this balance right.

Our industry is one of the highest employers of people in our country at more than one million individuals.

Selecting, educating and supervising our small part of this group takes a priority position in our business with a significant investment being made over the last decade in training our own in what we call the Hutchies' Way.

We have recently increased the capacity of our workforce development team with new leadership and experienced trainers and mentors who are rolling out modernised tools to deliver higher quality education more often and to more of us.

When we get things wrong, we always go back.

Our 'defects crews' are some of the best in the business at being able to problem solve and right the wrong.

It is one of the toughest roles there is and we are grateful for the wonderful people who help us to maintain our reputation for

quality over the long term.

Our chairman recently had first-hand experience in just how effective our people are with their combination of experience, care and commitment when they were called in to help his apartment building's body corporate (not Hutchies-built) solve a long-term defect successfully.

The rest of us will continue to improve how we do things each day.

To get it right up front, using our knowledge of best practice built up from decades of experience, rolled up with hard work, dedication, and care for what we do and who we do it for.

– Russell Fryer (COTY 2010)

Historic Sussex Hotel is now all weather and all season venue



A pub for all seasons ... the historic Sussex Hotel in Adelaide has undergone a major transformation.

THE Sussex Hotel in Walkerville, Adelaide, has undergone a major transformation by Hutchies, with the public house maintaining open house for locals throughout the build.

Since 1843, The Sussex has been a popular South Australian pub, and now it is ready to welcome guests into new spaces that feature all-weather, all-season dining and entertainment.

The venue's updated design includes expansive new dining areas with bi-fold doors which open to a landscaped courtyard, creating an indoor-outdoor flow.

Other areas feature a relaxed lounge bar, a parlour surrounding a central bar, and an all-seasons courtyard with a two-way fireplace, gas-lit firepit nooks, and a retractable roof.

Hutchies' Adelaide team coordinated demolition and refurbishment works across the dining room, beer garden, bars, kitchen and external areas – keeping safety front of mind for patrons and staff and minimising disruption to neighbours.

The result is a modern, welcoming venue with stand-out features to serve Adelaide's pub-goers for years to come.



Exterior of Adelaide's historic Sussex Hotel.



State's busiest builder

THE 2025 HIA-Colorbond Steel Housing 100 Report once again identified Hutchies as Queensland's busiest builder.

It revealed the state's 10 largest homebuilders as Hutchies, Meriton Apartments, Metricon Homes, Coral Homes, Henley Properties T/A Plantation Homes, NEX Building Group, Ausbuild, Tamawood, Habitat Development Group, and Hallmark Homes.

The report ranks builders based on the number of new homes commenced annually.

During 2024/25, Hutchies recorded 1359 starts, followed by Meriton Apartments with 1263, and Metricon Homes with 975.

Hutchies was rated fourteenth nationally.

Its top ranking was underpinned by a surge in residential apartment starts.

Greg Quinn receives his Life Membership of Master Builders Queensland from CEO, Paul Bidwell.

Greg Quinn recognised for decades of construction service and leadership

HUTCHIES' former managing director and current non-executive director, Greg Quinn, has been awarded Life Membership of Master Builders Queensland.

The prestigious honour acknowledges Greg's decades of service and leadership in the construction industry and his association with Master Builders for more than 40 years.

His award was formally presented at the 2025 Housing and Construction Awards by the Master Builders Queensland CEO, Paul Bidwell, in front of more than 900 industry peers, colleagues, and friends.

Paul described Greg as synonymous with visionary leadership, professional excellence, and lifelong service through the construction industry across Queensland and beyond.

Greg's career began in the 1970s, playing

football for Brothers and Queensland before completing a carpentry apprenticeship and running his own business in Ipswich.

His leadership qualities soon became evident, leading him to head up Master Builders Association in both Queensland and New South Wales throughout the 1980s and 1990s.

In 2001, Greg was handpicked by Jack Hutchinson Snr and Scott Hutchinson to become Hutchies' first non-family managing director.

Under his stewardship, Hutchies grew from a turnover of \$130 million to more than \$3 billion.

Hutchies also grew by expanding nationally and launching specialist divisions, including modular construction, building services, and

the industry-leading Statim Yaga Indigenous employment initiative.

Greg shaped the building industry through innovation, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to quality and helped launch the first registered training organisation operated by a builder, benefitting more than 2,500 apprentices and trainees.

His ethos of fairness, hard work, and grassroots support has helped shape not only Hutchies, but also the entire state and national construction landscape.

His life membership with Master Builders is seen as a fitting tribute to a career built on integrity, innovation, and enduring dedication to the industry.

Congratulations, Greg – the Hutchies' team couldn't be prouder.



School start for Logan Reserve

HUTCHIES has started work on a new state high school and special school to be built in Logan Reserve – a rural residential area of Logan south of Brisbane.

It is planned the school will be open in time for the start of the 2027 school year for Year 7 and Year 8, with additional years added progressively.

The new state high school will increase schooling capacity and provide enrolment relief in the growing local network.

Currently, there are no secondary schools in Logan Reserve with the nearest government secondary school in neighbouring Waterford West.

LEFT: Minister for Education, John-Paul Langbroek, (right), and Hutchies' manager director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), at the sod-turning for the new high school and special school at Logan Reserve.

RIGHT: Wulerrp Secondary College, one of Victoria's newest purpose-built campuses built by Hutchies.

Wulerrp College delivered on compressed timeline

HUTCHIES delivered Wulerrp Secondary College, Victoria's newest purpose-built campus, on time and on budget to serve the growing Clyde North community.

The school includes a double-storey specialist building, a community hub with two basketball courts, contemporary learning and administration buildings, and extensive landscaping across the site.

Its name, Wulerrp, is the traditional Bunurong word for tea-tree, reflecting a connection to country and commitment to embedding cultural identity and respect into the learning environment.

The overall project was delivered under a compressed timeline, with



eight buildings completed to a high standard to provide a vibrant, inclusive space for secondary students and the wider community, supporting long-term educational outcomes and future growth.

Wulerrp Secondary College was delivered by Hutchies' Melbourne team alongside Turrin Primary School, Mirniyan Primary School, Kuyim Primary School, and Kala Primary School.

Sea Glass tower set to shine at Broadbeach

A MAMMOTH 13.5-hour concrete basement slab pour by Hutchies and East Coast Concrete signalled the beginning of the rise of Sea Glass residential tower in Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.

Contractors used a three-pump set-up and a well-coordinated fleet of trucks for the pour.

Sea Glass will rise over 121 weeks to deliver 29 luxury apartments, three basement levels, and world-class amenities—including pools, spas, a gym, sauna, steam room, and a private wellness retreat within the three-storey penthouse.

Below: Site team in action on the mammoth concrete pour.

Bottom Left: An artist's impression of the Sea Glass residential tower at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.





Bunnings Wacol centre a specialist outlet for trades

BUNNINGS has had its fifteenth project delivered by Hutchies, continuing a long-standing partnership built on trust and delivery excellence.

The Bunnings Trade Centre at Metroplex Wacol is a specialised facility designed to support commercial tradespeople, builders, and project teams with high volume, trade-quality products and services.

Unlike standard Bunnings outlets, Trade Centres focus on bulk supply and efficiency, offering rapid quoting, estimating, and delivery services for electrical, plumbing, landscaping, and building needs.

The project was delivered in stages and began with site preparation works by Hutchies Civil, followed by the warehouse base build and a tailored internal fit-out for trade operations.

Bunnings Trade Centre – the fifteenth project by Hutchies for Bunnings.

Venue a new public space in Ipswich's urban renewal

HUTCHIES has delivered The Venue, a key feature of Ipswich City Council's flagship Nicholas Street precinct, also built by Hutchies, as part of the city's broader urban renewal strategy.

The project transformed a former cinema into a vibrant two-level public space.

Hutchies has helped create a thriving hub for culture, commerce and connection, attracting more than 1.2 million visitors a year to the city and supporting Ipswich's future growth.

The project began with an early contractor involvement (ECI) phase which then

transitioned into a design and construct contract.

Despite significant challenges – including mould remediation, concrete rectification, inclement weather and additional works to the entry and fit-out – The Venue was completed successfully.



The Venue, a key feature of Ipswich City Council's flagship Nicholas Street precinct.

WITH October marking Indigenous Business Month, Hutchies celebrated a record-breaking year of Indigenous participation, with new benchmarks set across both its supply chain and employment.

In the 2024–25 financial year, Hutchies achieved \$43 million in Indigenous supply chain spend – more than double its previous best.

This achievement was made possible through partnerships with 101 Indigenous businesses, most of which were engaged as part of Hutchies' standard operations, not just through targeted initiatives.

Indigenous and social procurement manager, Mark Kucks, said that, across the organisation, Hutchies consistently out-performed national benchmarks, demonstrating what's possible when inclusion is embedded in everyday business.

"Government policies set targets ranging from one to three per cent on a project-by-project basis," Mark said.

"Hutchies has consistently maintained more than a five per cent Indigenous participation rate across the entire organisation for a number of years now.



Celebrating Hutchies' record-breaking year in Indigenous participation, from left, Mark Kucks (Hutchies), Tim James (Xycrete), Joey Wallace (Multhana), and Ryan James (Xycrete).

Benchmarks in Indigenous engagement

"To me, this signals a shift toward normalising Indigenous procurement across the construction industry.

"We have a four per cent Indigenous workforce, which might not sound like much, but it's actually double the national average and above the

Indigenous population rate."

He said Hutchies was especially proud to celebrate the service anniversaries of a number of long-standing Indigenous company members with one reaching 30 years in 2023, two reaching 15 years in 2025 and four set to mark 20 years in 2026.

"These milestones are more than numbers and words," said Mark.

"They reflect Hutchies' ongoing commitment to building a strong, sustainable Indigenous business sector and create long-term career pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."



Hutchies has built the new Blacktown Mental Health Recovery Centre within the Blacktown Hospital campus.

Mental health recovery centre transfer to Blacktown Hospital

THE new Blacktown Mental Health Recovery Centre is a purpose-built facility designed to deliver contemporary models of forensic mental healthcare.

Developed under the NSW's Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program (SWMHIP), the centre replaced the existing

Bunya Unit at Cumberland Hospital and relocated it to the Blacktown Hospital campus.

Integrating with general health services at Blacktown Hospital, the new three-storey, 44-bed centre includes 24 medium secure forensic beds and 20 low secure beds, expanding capacity to meet regional demand.

The facility is designed to support recovery-focused care, encouraging independence and participation in therapeutic activities.

Designed by NBR Architecture for Health Infrastructure NSW, the wellness-focused architecture and landscaping promotes healing and connection with nature.



Wrapped in desert bronze glass, 205 North Quay captures the city's skyline.

Completion celebration for Brisbane's Cbus workplace

BRISBANE'S newest workplace precinct – 205 North Quay – built by Hutchies for Cbus Property has reached practical completion.

Wrapped in desert bronze glass, the building captures the city's skyline.

Huge congratulations to the design and construction teams, especially the early vision from Neilson Properties, the partnership of Cbus Property, and the collaboration between Hassell, Richards and Spence, REX Architecture, and Hutchies.

RIGHT: Hutchies' John Berlese (COTY 2006), left, Michelle Fitzgerald (Cbus Property) and Hutchies' Nick Cox were among those celebrating the practical completion of 205 North Quay.



New tower expands ADGE Hotel service in Surry Hills



A street level view of the new 254-room ADGE Hotel and Residences in Surry Hills, Sydney.

THE finishing touches have been completed by Hutchies on the transformation of Sydney's ADGE Hotel and Residences in Surry Hills.

Hutchies has delivered the \$65 million expansion in partnership with Veriu Group, with the boutique hotel expanding to 254 rooms across two buildings.

Designed by Tzannes, the project blends heritage charm with contemporary luxury, bringing a fresh energy to one of Sydney's popular precincts.

The project involved the construction of a new 16-storey tower alongside the refurbishment of the original ADGE Hotel.

Luxury interiors are blended with bold architectural elements, with amenities, including ground-floor retail and spaces, inspired by local art and culture.

The Hutchies' team successfully navigated the challenges of building in a dense urban environment to bring this landmark hotel to life.

Outback medical centre highlights switch from pick 'n' shovel to modular

IN a sentimental return to one of Hutchies' most remote and historic projects, company legends, Jack Hutchinson Snr and Barry Butterworth (COTY 1996) visited Camooweal in far north-west Queensland, to inspect the town's new hospital, completed by Hutchies last year.

The new Camooweal Primary Health Care Centre has replaced the original facility Barry worked on in 1963.

Barry began his career with Hutchies in 1961 and, as a young apprentice, was sent to outback Camooweal to help build the original hospital which was one of Hutchies' earliest ventures into remote construction.

Barry recalls it as one of the toughest yet most rewarding jobs of his career.

"We lived in a shed, mixed concrete by hand, and had no power tools," said Barry.

"We used carbide lights for illumination and drilled holes with star drills. It was hard yakka, but I loved every minute of it."

Barry and the team put in long hours without overtime, driven by a strong work ethic and a deep sense of pride in their trades.

Fast forward six decades, and Hutchies returned to Camooweal



Jack and Barry with the historic plaque from the original Camooweal Hospital now affixed to the newly constructed Camooweal Primary Health Care Centre.

with a new approach – modular construction.

The replacement hospital was delivered using Hutchies' leading modern methods of construction (MMC) expertise, a concept Barry helped pioneer in the early 2000s.

Each module was built off site in the Hutchies' yard at Yatala and transported more than 2,000 kilometres to Camooweal, allow-

ing for rapid installation, commissioning, and minimal disruption to the community.

Accompanied by Hutchies' managing director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), and chief operating officer, Paul Hart (COTY 2005), Jack Snr and Barry toured the new facility, met with locals, and reflected on the evolution of construction methods and Hutchies' continued commitment

to remote communities.

Barry's contribution to Hutchies' early foray into modular construction was instrumental in winning many outback projects.

In 2006, he led the delivery of 55 modular homes for Queensland Health across 18 remote locations and developed innovative jack systems to unload modules without cranes, saving time and cost.

"To come back and see how far we've come with modular buildings, better safety, and smarter systems is incredible," said Barry.

"But the heart of Hutchies is still the same – good people, strong relationships, and a willingness to go anywhere and give anything a go."

Jack Snr echoed the sentiment, noting that Hutchies' culture of innovation and community connection remains its greatest strength.

"We've always said 'yes' to the hard jobs, the remote jobs, the ones others wouldn't touch," said Jack.

"That's what makes us Hutchies."



The Architectus C+C Lab members.

Architectus Q+A offers opportunity for future

SCOTT Hutchinson and Jack Hutchinson Jnr joined an eminent line-up of speakers at the Architectus C+C Lab – a biennial gathering of its 20-strong clients and communications team.

The C+C Lab gives the diverse group an opportunity to get together and ask questions about

the future of the practice, design culture and architecture community.

Connecting with its more than 100-year history in Brisbane, delegates toured the city with local principals, Troy King and Karl Eckermann, who showed the interstate team members the river city from the iconic CityCat fast ferries.

Guest speakers, Michael Goldstein, Fragment NYC, Ned Donohoe, Scott Hutchinson and Jack Hutchinson Jnr, covered a wide range of topics.

Hutchies and Architectus have worked together for a century and both have a long-standing and respected standing in the industry.

School doubles in size to deliver world-class public education

A WELCOME to country and smoking ceremony set the tone for the sod-turning for Jerrabomberra High School, south-east of Canberra, marking the start of stage two works by Hutchies to expand the NSW regional school.

Hutchies' Cooly team is delivering the new facilities which will include 18 additional classrooms, along with areas such as vocational education and training kitchen, a multimedia workshop and studio, new science spaces, and woodwork rooms.

Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education and Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, said the expansion will double the school's size, ensuring local students will have access to a world-class public education close to home.

The ceremony was led by 2023 Female Elder of the Year, Aunty Dr Matilda House-Williams, a Ngambri (Kamberri), Wallabalooa (Ngunnawal) and Wiradyuri woman.

Aunty Dr Matilda is a renowned advocate and educator, recognised for co-founding the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and supporting Indigenous students through the Indigenous Higher Education Centre at ANU. The expansion is due to be completed for first term 2027.



Hutchies' Indigenous participation manager, Simon Burr, is led by Aunty Dr Matilda House-Williams to the sod-turning ceremony.

Ingenia's Bushland Retreat open



Celebrating the official opening of the Bushland Retreat (L-R) Lachlan Luhrs, Glynn Kidney, Scott Hutchinson, Amy Bryce, and James Mallet.

INGENIA Lifestyle Sanctuary Victoria Point's new clubhouse, the Bushland Retreat, was officially opened with a celebration ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The facility, featuring a magnesium pool, gym, cinema, and

other wellness and communal amenities, marks a significant milestone for the new over 50s development, with the entire community of 225 residences expected to be fully open by September next year.



Ingenia Lifestyle Sanctuary Victoria Point's new clubhouse, the Bushland Retreat.

Stockland's beach Curl on the Sunshine Coast



The Curl by Stockland at Bokarina on the Sunshine Coast.

THE Curl by Stockland is a coastal inspired residential community at Bokarina on the Sunshine Coast.

Built by Hutchies, The Curl comprises three low-rise buildings to blend into the coastal landscape.

Delivered in three stages, the project consists of 12 apartments across three storeys, with ground-

level car parking; 14 apartments in a mix of ground-floor and two-storey configurations; and four three-storey townhouses.

To take advantage of the Sunshine Coast's relaxed lifestyle, the buildings have a focus on liveability and comfort with open-plan living spaces that flow onto private balconies and courtyards.

Government housing across the regions



Site manager, Matt Skrinis (left), and Nanango resident and former Hutchies' team member, Len White.

HUTCHIES' Southport is under contract to the Queensland Government to deliver modular housing to regional areas of the state as part of its Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) program to provide more housing more efficiently.

More than 130 dwellings will be delivered across eight sites throughout regional Queensland by mid-2026.

Twenty-eight of the new homes are going to Dalby Street, Nanango, where site manager, Matt Skrinis, met up with Hutchies' veteran, Len White (COTY 1990), who has retired to the town.

Len lives around the corner from the building site and still takes a keen interest in Hutchies' activities – particularly when it happens to be in his backyard.

He has even offered to come out of retirement and provide security services for the site if needed.

Hutchies recently handed over the first of the new MMC modular program homes in Bundaberg which was inspected by Queensland's Housing Minister Sam O'Connor in September.

The Bundaberg project displayed the first two-storey style designed by Hutchies to meet the living requirements of the department.



Hutchies' MMC housing project in Nanango will deliver 28 new dwellings.

Good time with Al Gundy visit

HUTCHIES' veterans, Barry Butterworth (COTY 1996), Paul Hart (COTY 2005) and Terry 'Wobbles' Wilson (COTY 2001) made a special visit to Al Gundy to present him with his 15-year service Adina watch.

Al retired in 2023 after 30 years' service with Hutchies.

RIGHT: Shown at the presentation (from left) Barry Butterworth, Al Gundy, Paul Hart and Wobbles Wilson.





LEFT: Live music gurus, Scott Hutchinson, JC Collins and Paul Piticco, principals at the The Fortitude Music Hall, celebrate the venue's sixth birthday. The Australian newspaper (July 12, 2025) published a feature on The Fortitude Music Hall – about its beginnings and ongoing success. Focus of the article was the Hall's ongoing influence on the Fortitude Valley precinct.

(IMAGE: Lyndon Mechielsen, The Australian)

Music victory at the Fort after six years' live action

THE Fortitude Music Hall, built by Hutchies, recently celebrated its sixth anniversary since opening in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane's nightclub and live music heartland.

Named Metro Venue of the Year in the Queensland Music Awards 2025, the refurbished former-derelict building, now known as The Fort, has become a magnet for live music audiences with 1000 shows attracting more than a million fans.

It is popular with performers too because of its high quality sound and lighting technology, multi-layered mezzanine with direct line of sight to the stage, truck access under the building for bands to bump in and out, and handy backstage amenities for performers.

The three principals at The Fort are Scott Hutchinson, John (JC) Collins, former Powderfinger bassist, and Paul Piticco, former Powderfinger manager and Splendour in the Grass co-founder.

It is the second time the trio has partnered to open a live music venue in the Fortitude Valley precinct, starting with The Triffid in 2014, which has since become a popular spot on the national music touring circuit.

In its latest live music venture, Hutchies acquired properties to create a laneway precinct in Warner Lane, Fortitude Valley, with nightspots offering live music, food and drinks seven days a week.

• For more information on Warner Lane, see Page 21.

Colourful dugong art for Green Square school

AN eye-catching concept design by Sydney-based artist, Blak Douglas, has been installed in the basketball courts at the Green Square Primary School under construction by Hutchies.

Inspiration for the artwork, titled 'The Belly of the Feast', was the 1896 excavation of the

area during the construction of the now heritage-listed Alexandra Canal in south Sydney which uncovered what was identified as a 5,500-year-old dugong skeleton and two nearby stone hatchet heads.

Evidence of hatchet marks on the animal's skeletal remains indicated the area may have

been the site of a ceremony or feast among local Indigenous tribes.

The idea resulted in a unique and colourful feature for the new school campus which is part of the Green Square Town Centre – one of the largest urban renewal projects to be undertaken in Australia.



Eye-catching basketball courts at the Green Square Primary School under construction by Hutchies.

Browne Park Stadium kicks goal with quality



Hutchies' Browne Park Stadium project site played host to a number of QBCC regional managers.

THE Rockhampton team working on the Browne Park Stadium project played host to 10 Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) regional managers.

Hutchies' Paul Murray reported that the project presented extremely well with the QBCC visitors.

"It was extremely positive feedback of Hutchies as a builder and a market leader in both residential and commercial projects," Paul said.

"The QBCC were well-versed in passive fire/certification related standards and asked a few loaded questions which the site team answered with ease and confidence. Well done to all involved."

Cross border support for Mates lunch

HUTCHIES supported the annual Mates in Construction Queensland/Northern Territory charity lunch in Brisbane to raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention in the construction industry.

Hutchies is an industry partner of Mates in Construction (MIC) and many building sites have participated in MIC activities.



Shown at the charity lunch (clockwise from bottom left), Tony Carnell, Brad Beck, Scott Smith, Mark Verheijen, Dean White, Melida Hernandez, Andy Becconsall, Ruaa Dikhil, Joel Anderson, and Chantelle Love.



Artwork celebrates Statim Yaga

HUTCHIES' Melbourne commissioned artist, Alex Kerr, a Wurundjeri man from the Woi-Wurrung language group of the Kulin Nation, to create a piece of artwork to celebrate Hutchies' Statim Yaga Indigenous initiative across Victoria.

His piece, titled 'Connecting to Country', was created and designed as a visual representation of the lasting relationship between Hutchies and Aboriginal Victoria.

Reflecting Hutchies' commitment to respect, connection and mutual growth, the artwork is rich in symbolism and storytelling as artist, Alex, explained:

- White meeting places represent the coming together of Hutchies and Aboriginal communities.

- Manna Gum leaves, central to smoking ceremonies, speak to healing, unity and connection.
- Waa the crow is shown soaring above the land and its people, offering protection.
- Yellow meeting places trace the shared journeys of First Nations communities and Hutchies.
- Country Victoria is depicted through fields above the Birrarung (Yarra River), which flows through Narm (Melbourne), linking people and stories.
- Spirit figures at the base of the artwork honour the elders and leaders – both ancestral and present-day guiding Hutchies and the communities with which it works.

LEFT: Artist, Alex Kerr, (centre) presents his piece, 'Connecting to Country', to Hutchies' Andrew Doyle (left) and Dan Casey in Melbourne.

Vinnies' housing sod-turning celebrates a major milestone

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team is collaborating with the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies Qld) to deliver new community housing in Newtown, Toowoomba.

September marked a major milestone with an official sod-turning ceremony for the project to create safe, inclusive, and sustainable housing for the city.



Hutchies' team on the Vinnies' project (from left), site manager, Brod Koina; site foreman, Alec Zajacek; contract administrators, Jess Kilner and Cody Lugg; and project manager, Ben Sutton.

Global exchange rendezvous in Melbourne



Delegates at the Global Building Exchange Program's Melbourne get-together (from left) James Edgar (Wates), Hutchies' Mitch Grimmer, Brian Hick (Wates), Ambika Tah (Wates), Hutchies' Katrina Stack, Connor Lee (Axiom), and Jack Hutchinson Jnr.

HUTCHIES' Global Building Exchange Program (GBEP) landed in Melbourne and local teams rolled out the welcome mat for GBEP participants – hosting a full day of connection, learning and site visits.

The day began with a meet-and-greet at Hutchies' South Melbourne office, followed by site tours at Newcold in Truganina and Fisherman's Bend Primary School in Port Melbourne.

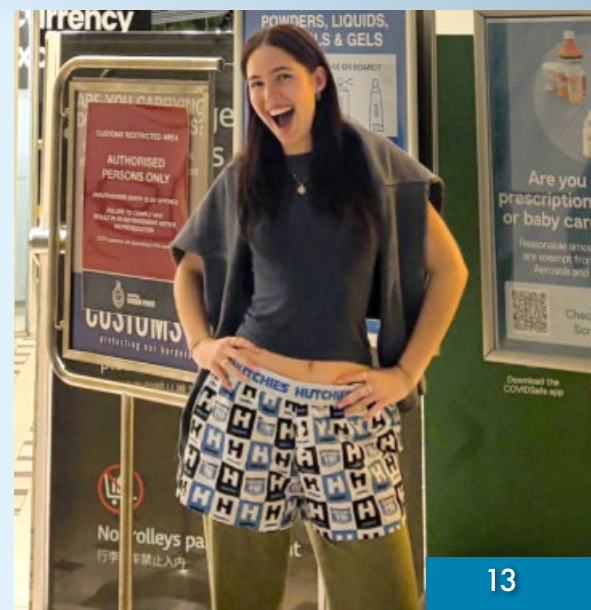
The day finished with dinner at Lamaro's Hotel in South Melbourne.

This year's exchange brought together Hutchies' people from Melbourne and Brisbane, alongside GBEP participants from Canada and the UK.

Connor Lee from Axiom Builders in Vancouver was welcomed as well as James Edgar, Brian Hick and Ambika Tah all from Wates in the UK.

The GBEP is all about building global connections, sharing knowledge, and growing the next generation of builders.

RIGHT: Hutchies' Grace Little has left for London, UK, as part of the Global Building Exchange Program (GBEP). Grace will be participating in new projects, sharing knowledge, and enjoying international experience working for six months with exchange partner, Wates. And yes, those were Hutchies' boxers worn proudly as she headed through the international departure gates.





Jack Stone from Bee One Third, an urban and regional beekeeping organisation, supports Hutchies' honey bee colonies.

HUTCHIES collects more than two tonnes of honey each year from its honey bee colonies across the company network.

First established in 2013, Hutchies' honey bees are now thriving in colonies at six offices in Queensland, as well as in Hobart and Sydney.

Each honey bee colony supports around 150,000 to 200,000 bees across three or four hives.

Hutchies is the only company in Australia promoting the establishment of urban bee hives on a national scale – creating awareness of the importance of bees, pollination and the threat that declining bee populations poses worldwide.

Despite collecting more than two tonnes of honey each year, Hutchies does not sell the product of its hives but gifts it to



company members, clients, friends or uses it for donations to support events and charities.

Hutchies is supported by Jack Stone from Bee One Third – an urban and regional beekeeping organisation working to increase local bee populations within the urban and surrounding areas.

Bee One Third offers beekeeping courses on starting and managing hives and can help with establishing and managing hives at urban businesses or local communities.

Brand new day for secondhand pants – a bargain

A SHARP-EYED shopper on the Gold Coast spotted a pair of good looking Hutchies' work pants hanging on the \$1 rack outside an op shop.

The pants were a perfect fit and

spotless with still-new creases in the legs.

They were in excellent condition, so whoever wore them on site seemingly didn't do anything too strenuous!

The op shop had a half price storewide sale on the day and the price came down to 50 cents!

It was for the benefit of the local church, so the customer said: "Keep the change!"



What a bargain!



Agriculture and Industry Centre breaks ground

HUTCHIES has started work on the Toowoomba Grammar School's new state-of-the-art Agriculture and Industry Centre (AIC).

The AIC is designed to integrate future-focused and industry-based subjects and emphasise agricultural science, environment, technology, engineering and vocational pathways.

On completion, the new campus facility will have hands-on learning spaces, including both indoor and outdoor laboratories and learning areas, multiple workshops and construction areas.

LEFT: Breaking ground for the Toowoomba Grammar School's new Agriculture and Industry Centre, (from left), Matt Nielsen, from Nielsen Project Management; Dr John Kinniburgh, headmaster of TGS; Dr Russell Domrow, deputy chair of the TGS board of trustees; and Sean Lees, Hutchies' team leader.

Aaron's Luxie crowned pride of the fleet

HUTCHIES in Melbourne has completed the 12-month construction of a new facility at Tullamarine for repeat client, National Storage.

The new storage area provides 879 storage units over three levels which was constructed while the existing centre remained operational.

Site manager and car lover, Aaron Jacobs, insisted his pride and joy Hilux took centre stage for the job completion photo shoot.

Despite clocking up more than 210,000kms, Aaron's Luxie is known around the traps as 'The Pride' and it is claimed the ute is the best maintained, polished, and cared for company car in the entire Hutchies' fleet.



Site manager, Aaron Jacobs, and 'The Pride' outside the newly completed National Storage facility at Tullamarine.



Cameron reunited with his Makita mate

SUNSHINE Coast's former safety manager, Cameron McAndrew, who clocked up 20 years with Hutchies, managed to celebrate the milestone with an old mate after a surprise reunion.

On a job site in Caloundra recently, Cameron came across his long-lost Makita jackhammer which he thought he had seen the last of many years earlier.

Cameron said he and his Makita were "best mates" for the first few years of his career at Hutchies.

"I couldn't believe it was still around after all these years. I thought it was long gone,"

Cameron said.

"It's still a good Makita jackhammer which is 20-plus years old ... they don't make them like that anymore.

"Thank you to all my team here on the Sunshine Coast and to many other people who have supported me or given me opportunities over the last 20 years at Hutchies," he said.

"Marking my 20th anniversary makes me proud.

"Starting with Hutchies in 2005 helped turn my life around and I am grateful for that."



Sunny Coast's former safety manager, Cameron McAndrew, has been reunited with his best mate, the Makita jackhammer.



From left (front), Cr Anthony Wilson (Lockyer Valley Regional Council), Sean Lees (Hutchies' team leader), Cr Geoff McDonald (Mayor of Toowoomba Region); and (rear) Dalton Walker (Gatton Hawks), Leonard Thomas (Gatton Hawks), Nick Van Poel (Wattles Warriors captain) and Tom Hatch (Wattles Warriors).

Toowoomba team kicks off grand finals

AS the major sponsor, Hutchies' Toowoomba team hosted the Toowoomba Rugby League grand final press conference ahead of the highly anticipated finals season.

The Vulcan Steel site in Toowoomba provided the backdrop to bring together the players and media before the grand final showdown in late September.



Hutchies' team of third place winners, (from left) Peter Ierna, Laurie Jensen, Leo Deboer, Cameron White, Lee Gagliardi, and Dean White.

Weather a reel fishy challenge

THE annual Rinnai Surf Fishing Challenge was held again this year on North Stradbroke Island.

Hutchies flew the flag and was acknowledged by the Rinnai team for its support over the past 15 years.

The weather was windy and rainy but the teams fished on. Hutchies' team members' persistence paid off, taking third place in the top 10.

Dad's work inspires an A for effort

ESTELLE Cracknell, 10-year-old daughter of yard manager, Scott Cracknell, completed a school assignment to create a poster.

She chose Hutchies as her theme and scored an A for effort.

No doubt she has been inspired by family discussion about Dad's work around the dinner table.



Good Samaritan wears lycra

IAIN Smith is a legend and a life-saver after stopping to render first aid to fellow cyclist, Sean McDonald, who had a nasty accident.

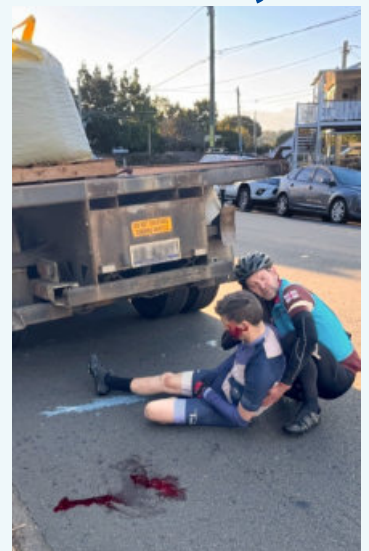
Sean was cycling with mates doing the river loop when he ran into the back of a parked truck on the Brisbane Corso.

Iain was first to stop and call 000, then he checked for breathing and cared for the badly injured cyclist until the paramedics arrived.

Iain also visited Sean in hospital the following day to check that all was well.

Sean was well but suffering from a broken jaw, collar bone, arm, sternum, nine ribs, and teeth.

Sean spent a week in hospital.



Iain Smith renders help to badly injured cyclist, Sean McDonald.

Wartime air raid shelters now protect from rain, hail, shine

AIR raid shelters built by Hutchies in Brisbane during World War II for protection from aerial attack still remain in some parts of the city, protecting waiting bus passengers from rain, hail and shine.

In 1941, with threat of invasion from the north, then-Premier William Forgan-Smith ordered the Brisbane City Council to construct 200 public surface shelters in the city area.



Air raid shelters line Ann Street, Brisbane circa 1942.

Hutchies' contribution to the war effort included construction of 14 major air raid shelters throughout the city in less than 12 months.

The shelters were designed by an optimistic Brisbane City Council architect, F.G. Costello, to have a useful civic purpose when peace returned at the end of hostilities.

Costello gave a public assurance that "without sacrificing the primary requirements of shelter from air attack, I have endeavoured in our council buildings to so plan the shelters that they will fit into schemes of improvement which we hope will proceed immediately after the war."

He proposed the structures could be re-used for bus and tram stops, rain shelters and public toilets.

Costello's air raid shelters were designed with reinforced concrete

slab roofing 100mm thick and blast walls to withstand the shock of "a 500 pound bomb bursting 50 feet away".

Where possible, shelters were built under trees for camouflage.

After the war, the blast walls were removed, leaving the concrete floor and slab roofing in place for peacetime purposes.

Other wartime government works included a ring of anti-aircraft batteries around the city and on Moreton and Bribie islands, trenches in public parks, and large above-ground saltwater pipes from the Brisbane River running along city streets to aid in fire fighting.

At the end of the war, modification of military installations into useful and attractive public structures provided ongoing work for many Brisbane builders, including Hutchies.



Toowoomba team at the Downs and Western Housing and Construction Awards. From left (rear) Grant Gillam, Dale Borghardt, Sean Lees, Luke Taynton, Alec Noble, Steve Andersen, Kirsten Kanowski, Nick Linnan, Luke Baxter, Brod Koina, Ishbel Macaulay, and (front) James Franssen, Ben Sutton, Brianna Charlesworth, Cody Lugg, Shelby Abbott, Jess Kilner, Nicole Bond, Clinton Cover and Ian Aitken.

Toowoomba team shines across three regions

THE Toowoomba team received a total of six Master Builders awards across three regions this year.

- Awards included:
- **Downs and Western:** Drayton Fire and Rescue Station – Community service facilities; Newtown social housing – Medium density up to three storeys over five dwellings; Tara Hospital –

- Health facilities over \$20 million; Gatton Hospital staff accommodation – Prefabricated and modular housing.
- **Wide Bay Burnett:** Hervey Bay Hospital inpatient ward – Health facilities up to \$20 million.
- **Central Queensland:** Hungry Jacks Gracemere – Retail facilities up to \$5 million.



The Cairns Hospital Mental Health Unit.

Project of the Year for FNQ

THE Master Builders Far North Queensland 2025 Project of the Year Award went to Hutchies for Cairns Hospital Mental Health Unit.

Judges cited the Cairns Mental Health Unit as a standout achievement in both design and construction.

Hutchies worked closely with staff throughout the project, developing a prototype room that helped streamline the building process.

The team successfully navigated several challenges including proximity to the existing hospital, significant rainfall, and a cyclone, to deliver a three-level, 53-bed facility.

With the exceptional attention to detail, quality craftsmanship and seamless finish that Hutchies is renowned for, the project prioritises patient safety, well-being, and meets critical mental health needs.

Georgie's excellence stands out in construction awards

HUTCHIES congratulates Georgie Laverick from Dan Casey's team in Melbourne on her achievement as a finalist for Commercial Young Builder of the Year at the 2025 Master Builders Association of Victoria (MBAV) Excellence in Construction Awards.

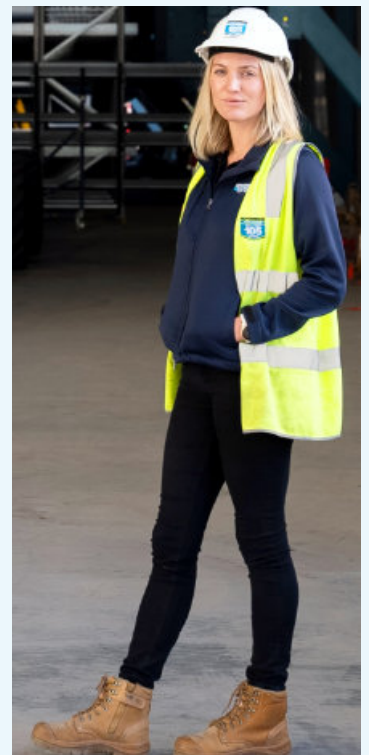
The award recognises building professionals under 40 who are making a meaningful impact in the construction industry through their talent, leadership, and ethics.

Nominees are handpicked by judging teams who visit project sites, assess achievements, and conduct individual interviews to get to know the builders behind the work.

Georgie exemplifies the kind of leadership that Hutchies values, grounded in collaboration, empathy, and a commitment to continuous learning and improvement.

As a project manager, Georgie's recognition is a milestone for women in construction, helping to reshape the perception of leadership in a traditionally male-dominated field.

Team leader, Dan Casey, said that as the team's first female project manager and a key member of the



Georgie Laverick

Geelong delivery team, Georgie's build knowledge and problem-solving skills, combined with her professionalism and ability to connect with people on all levels, ensured her success in the construction industry.



From left, Ryan Fabry, Lisa Ramondetta, Claudio Diaz, Georgie Laverick, Chris Vangeli, Garry McKimm, Robin Ranjit, and Simon Deen.



Hutchies' Sean Cummiskey presents the School-based Apprentice or Trainee Award for 2025 to Hamish Genrich.

Reward for school/work ethic

HAMISH Genrich received the School-based Apprentice or Trainee Award, sponsored by Hutchies, at the 2025 Queensland Training Awards (QTA).

Hamish combines his studies at Downlands College with a Certificate III in Agriculture through Rural Training Australia, while gaining hands-on experience on his family's farm.

The School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year Award recognises a student's outstanding commitment to both formal studies at school and practical learning in the workplace.

This year the QTA acknowledged Hamish's commitment to sustainable agriculture and leadership in the field.

Hutchies has a long history working with Downlands College, having built the original Toowoomba campus in 1943 and, most recently, the new junior campus in 2024.

Melbourne at Master Builders

MEMBERS of Dan Casey's team in Melbourne attended the 2025 Master Builders Victoria Excellence in Awards dinner at Crown Melbourne.

Nominations were submitted for Team Casey's Bendigo & Kangan Institute's Broadmeadows Health

and Community Centre of Excellence, and the Hester Hornbrook Academy projects.

Notably, Georgie Laverick was chosen by the judges as a Commercial Young Builder of the Year nominee.

Recognition for Victorian plumbers



Hutchies' Joe Sollis (right) presents the award to Martin Brennan.

HUTCHIES supported the Master Plumbers Excellence Awards 2025 held in Melbourne and sponsored the Mechanical Services category.

Winner of the Mechanical Services Award was Martin Brennan

from AC Goulting.

Through partnerships, training, and opportunities across its projects, Hutchies continues to back trades and help shape the future of the industry.



Team Tassie turned out in force at the Master Builders Tasmania Awards night.

Wine expertise wins for Tassie team

HUTCHIES' Pressing Matters Cellar Door project took home the award for the New Construction in the \$2 million - \$5 million category in the 2025 Master Builders Tasmania Awards.

Located in Tasmania's Coal River Valley, Pressing Matters is a multi-award-winning winery set on a picturesque hillside.

Hutchies delivered a purpose-designed wine-making facility that

includes a new cellar door experience, advanced production areas such as a fermenting room, barrel room and laboratory, as well as staff offices and amenities.

The project also included refurbishing the onsite residence.

Despite a tight time-frame and rising labour and material costs, the team successfully completed the project in time for the grape harvest.



Congratulations to the Tassie crew who accepted the award on the night (from left) Amelia Sutton, contract administrator; Drew Cole, site manager; Nick Silcox, team leader; and Mark Williams (CEO, TasBuild), project sponsor.

Three gongs for Gold Coast



HUTCHIES' Gold Coast teams claimed three outstanding awards at the Master Builders Queensland Gold Coast Housing and Construction Awards.

The three projects were:

- **Emerson Kirra** – Residential building (high-rise over three storeys) from \$20 million up to \$50 million.

- **The Verge** at Burleigh Stage Three – Community Accommodation.
- **Eve Residences** – Residential building – high-rise over three storeys, over \$50 million.

Alexandra Hills TAFE

Job Value: \$3.68M

Job Description: New single-level GLA building for the Electrotechnology Centre.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Keenan Wolski
Hutchies' Project Manager: Glenn Kidney
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Coen Wilson
Hutchies' Administrator: Samuel Molan
Hutchies' Site Manager: Jack Leahy
Architect Firm: ArkLAB Architecture
Structural Engineering: Edge Consulting Engineers
Civil Engineering: Edge Consulting Engineers
Services Engineering: MDA Consulting Engineers
Client: Qld Department of Energy and Public Works

Wollumbin High School

Job Description: Staged renewal and upgrades within the existing school campus.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Murray Emmerson
Hutchies' Project Manager: Tim Todd
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Brendan Kavanagh
Hutchies' Administrator: Michael Brotherstone
Hutchies' Site Manager: Glenn Robinson
Architect Firm: BKA Architecture
Structural Engineering: EDGE Consulting
Civil Engineering: Ardill Payne & Partners
Client: NSW Department of Education/Schools Infrastructure NSW (SINSW)

Hungry Jack's Aspley

Job Value: \$3.69M

Job Description: Demolition of old building and carpark and construction of a new standalone Hungry Jack's restaurant with drive-through and carparking.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Sean Lees
Hutchies' Project Manager: Ben Sutton
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Matt Maag
Hutchies' Administrator: Luke Taynton/Cody Lugg
Hutchies' Site Manager: Harry Cuneo
Architect Firm: KAS Architects
Structural Engineering: Avant Consulting Engineers
Civil Engineering: Meliora Engineering
Client: Firefly Aspley Property

Hungry Jack's Mountview

Job Value: \$3.48M

Job Description: New standalone Hungry Jack's with drive-through and carparking.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Sean Lees
Hutchies' Project Manager: Ben Sutton
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Matt Maag
Hutchies' Administrator: Luke Taynton/Cody Lugg
Hutchies' Site Manager: Paul Matons
Architect Firm: Fang Architects
Structural Engineering: DTA Structural Engineering
Civil Engineering: Downs Roadside Engineering
Client: Mountview Property Qld

Cairns Airport T2

Job Value: \$4M

Job Description: Full refurbishment and upgrade of bathroom amenities within the Cairns Airport domestic terminal.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Kyle Hare
Hutchies' Project Manager: Chris Fairclough/Rachel



Hutchinson
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Isaac Whittington
Hutchies' Administrator: Ilaria Warfield
Hutchies' Site Manager: Jacob DeJong
Architect Firm: 8 Pencils
Structural Engineering: STP Consultants
Client: Cairns Airport Property Holdings

Kennards Victoria

Job Value: \$32M

Job Description: Construction of Kennards outlets at Craigieburn, Cranbourne and Roxburgh Park.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Dan Casey
Hutchies' Project Manager: Chris Casey/Josephine Ko
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Jonathon Bernal
Hutchies' Administrator: Joanna Nicholls/Zachary Gratton
Hutchies' Construction Mgr: Rob Vujnovic
Architect Firm: TRG The Retail Group
Structural Engineering: Miglic Macleod
Civil Engineering: Miglic Macleod
Client: Kennards Self Storage

AEIOU Camira

Job Value: \$6M

Job Description: Project involves the demolition and construction of the Foundation's support centre.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Mitch Grimmer
Hutchies' Project Manager: Alan Gscheidle
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Jude Wong
Hutchies' Administrator: Lachlan Kapetanakis

Hutchies' Site Manager: Alby Kunst
Architect Firm: Arkwright Architects
Structural Engineering: STP Consultants
Civil Engineering: STP Consultants
Client: AEIOU Foundation

Grill'd Clayfield

Job Value: \$2.79M

Job Description: Project includes the construction of a new Grill'd drive-through restaurant and car parking.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Michael White
Hutchies' Project Manager: Tom Quinn
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Harry Baldwin
Hutchies' Administrator: James Dickson
Hutchies' Site Manager: Joshua Rollings
Architect Firm: Verve Design Group
Structural Engineering: Structural Arts
Civil Engineering: Concept Engineers
Client: Grill'd

Cairns Hospital Upgrades

Job Value: \$3.1M

Job Description: Refurbishment of the hospital's cancer care facility and pharmacy.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Kyle Hare
Hutchies' Project Manager: Jane White
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Shannon Liddy
Hutchies' Administrator: Leanne Nixon
Hutchies' Site Manager: Gary Watkinson
Architect Firm: dbARCH
Structural Engineering: STP Consultants
Client: Qld Department of Health

Spinifex State College, Mount Isa

Job Value: \$6.45M

Job Description: Stage one involving demolition, refurbishments, and construction works across five blocks within the junior campus.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Aaron Ohl
Hutchies' Project Manager: Matthew Townsend

Hutchies' Cost Planner: Maggie Wilson
Hutchies' Administrator: Stacy Jacobsen
Hutchies' Site Manager: Darren Bozsan
Architect Firm: I4 Architecture
Structural Engineering: STP Consultants
Client: Qld Department of Education

Glenorchy War Memorial Pool

Job Value: \$6.28M

Job Description: Extensive remedial works and upgrading to the existing pool and facilities including all associated plant and equipment.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Nick Silcox
Hutchies' Project Manager: Tim Ziegeler
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Ben Cullen
Hutchies' Administrator: Chan Ramakrishnan/Claire Tucker

Hutchies' Site Manager: Gordon Manson
Architect Firm: Liminal Architecture
Structural Engineering: Gandy & Roberts
Client: Glenorchy City Council

The Avenues, Highfields

Job Value: \$2.99M

Job Description: Subdivision of stages 11 and 12 within the residential development.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Matthew Dawson
Hutchies' Project Manager: Mark Croce
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Mark Croce
Hutchies' Administrator: Mark Croce
Hutchies' Site Manager: Will Thurston
Civil Engineering: Geneng Solutions
Client: The Avenues Highfield



Artist's impression of a new standalone Hungry Jack's restaurant under construction by Hutchies at Aspley on Brisbane's northside.



AEIOU Foundation's support centre at Camira is undergoing a full redevelopment by Hutchies.



Double FX reminder of Rock 'n' Roll George's car

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson is shown with a slice of Brisbane history – Rock 'n' Roll George's original 1952 FX Holden and a replica car, both owned by Hutchies.

The original is being preserved and on permanent display in the foyer of Hutchies' Toowong office and the replica is being kept in

running order to make appearances at charity events.

George Kiprios and his FX Holden were legends in Brisbane during the 1950s to 80s when he cruised the inner city playing rock and roll music on his car radio which was the latest fashion at the time.

Hutchies bought the car from the Kiprios family when George died in 2009.

The FX was beyond repair for a future on the road so Hutchies found a replacement to take its place.

Both cars will live on as a reminder of an important part of Brisbane's social history.



Legendary funk pioneers, George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, called into The Alligator Club, in Warner Lane to enjoy an afterparty. The funksters are shown with Alligator Club owner, Shaman Lee.

Warner Lane celebrations launch new Fortitude Valley laneway precinct

AFTER years of hard work by the Hutchies' property team and many other stakeholders, Warner Lane, a new laneway precinct in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley, was launched with wild celebrations in August.

The laneway precinct's transformation has been in the making since Hutchies acquired a string of Fortitude Valley properties to create a new laneway cultural hub.

Warner Lane is set to be another cultural live music outlet in Fortitude Valley, transforming a disused laneway into a vibrant destination for music, art, food and drinks.

Tucked off Warner Street, a short distance from Brunswick Street Mall, Warner Lane precinct is home to Bird's Nest, Black Bear Lodge, Blute's, Finney Isles, Goros, Sal's Pizza, The Alligator Club, The Fortitude Music Hall, The Outpost and the Sound Garden.



Jack Bradford, carpenter on John Berlese's (COTY 2006) team, braved the cold as well as the startled gazes of fellow skiers when he chose to wear nothing but Hutchies' Budgies on the slopes during a ski trip to Queenstown, New Zealand.



Crane driver extraordinaire, Mitch Unwin, enjoyed a relaxing birthday beachside at Yamba and pretty much lived in his favourite pair of Hutchies' Budgies.



John Barrett from Hutchies' Cooly team and wife, Beck, holidayed in Spain where they climbed to the top of the rock of Gibraltar. John said he contemplated swan-diving into the Mediterranean waters below. "Once we'd reached the top, I bottled out as I don't think the Budgies would've flown that far or even stayed on!"

TRAVELLING UNDIES & BUDGIES



Visiting team members part of the Global Building Exchange Program (GBEP) are embracing the Hutchies' culture. Our international visitors are now well and truly Aussie mates decked out here in regulation gear – Hutchies' Undies, hardhat and boots. From left, Ambika Tah and James Edgar (Wates, UK), Connor Lee (Axiom, Canada), and Brian Hick (Wates, UK).



Site manager, Brett Washington and wife, Michelle (Peanut) Washington, figured Hutchies' Undies were the perfect attire for the Mundi Undi Run – a colourful one kilometre race held during the Broken Hill Mundi Mundi Bash music festival to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



LEFT: Tom Beckett sent in this photo of himself jumping off a boat into what he described as "the crisp waters" off the resort town of Hvar, on the Croatian coast which possibly explains why he chose to send in a rear view of his antics.



IRONY ... a spectacle at night.



Bobby Swaggart wearing his Hutchies' Undies at this year's Burning Man replacing a shredded tyre on "IRONY" art car. The mutant car has been a popular fixture at the event since 2015. Regular vehicles are banned from the festival but certain motorised works of art can apply for registration to operate from Burning Man's Department of Mutant Vehicles (DMV). The moment was captured by chairman Scott Hutchinson who was at his 14th Burning Man festival.



LEFT: Some of the crew from 41 George Street thought their site-wide barbecue for Mates In Construction was an excellent excuse to don their Hutchies' Undies. From left (rear), Lee Lane (Group 4 Commercial), Rob Riches (Hutchies' site manager), Trish Magele (Hutchies), Josh Andaloro (Planet Plumbing), Riley Clayton (Planet Plumbing), Lada Pereira (Hutchies), Ethan Ford (Hutchies) and (front) Liam Crow (Dowels Labour Hire).



I AM writing in reference to Hutchinson Builders with whom South Melbourne Park Primary School (SMPPS) has enjoyed a long and successful partnership.

Hutchinson Builders were the successful contractors for the construction of SMPPS in 2018.

My predecessor, Rosemary Consenting, spoke very highly of the relationship she had with Hutchinsons and of the high standard of work that resulted in a state-of-the-art school, which went on to win an architectural award.

When the school opened in 2019, Hutchinson Builders continued to support SMPPS with generous donations of sports equipment and barbecues.

My first interaction with them was when they removed a pivot door – at no cost – despite it being quoted elsewhere at \$5000 for removal.

Over the past 12 months, I have worked closely with Hutchinson Builders as we undertook the process of dividing our open-plan learning spaces.

Unlike other contractors during the procurement process, Hutchinsons went above and beyond – demonstrating deep knowledge of our school context and strong attention to detail.

Their quotes were thorough, including references to smoke detectors, paths of egress and exit signs, lighting, fans, fire extinguishers, and evacuation plans.

Following a number of collaborative meetings – where their expertise helped refine my vision – we commenced works.

Across two stages, Hutchinsons installed dividing walls, glass panels, and sliding doors to fully enclose several learning spaces, along with additional external doors.

They coordinated with surveyors, glaziers, electricians, plumbers, the local council, the VSBA, and other relevant contractors to ensure a smooth and strategically executed scope of work.

Since completion, I have not hesitated to reach out to Hutchinson Builders for further advice or support.

They have been consistently responsive and helpful.

I have no hesitation in recommending Hutchinson Builders to you and would be happy to speak about my experience, should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Nicole Arnold
Principal
South Melbourne Park
Primary School

YOUR team has done an excellent job on delivering a quality product and in a collaborative way (Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Program, Ripley).

We have all had our challenges prosecuting our different perspectives, championing the outcomes for our respective teams.

Your team has always represented themselves professionally and respected each point of view (at times divergent views), but as a group we have always come to a solution that everyone accepts as reasonable.

That is true collaboration.

Kind regards,

Jason Hall
Manager Infrastructure
Planning and Delivery,
Health Infrastructure Queensland,
Queensland Health

THANK you again for contributing your time, wisdom and support in making the 2025 Queensland Annual Property Lunch such a huge success.

We are very grateful to you for joining us and for sharing your wise and thoughtful reflections on the investor opportunities and outlook for South-East and wider Queensland.

We were indeed lucky to have had the “A team” of panellists and partners on stage which attracted a full house of members and guests, many of who have reached out to say how much they enjoyed the insights shared and connections made.

Thank you again to our wonderful event sponsors CVS Lane and Consolidated Properties Group for your partnership and support of the AICC again this year and we look forward to mutually working together as the exciting developments in the property sector progress in the lead up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brisbane.

Warm regards,

Michelle Blum
Chief Executive Officer
Australia-Israel Chamber of
Commerce (NSW and QLD)

AS the Ipswich Alcohol and Other Drug Residential Rehabilitation and Withdrawal Management Centre (Ipswich AOD Centre) construction approaches completion, we as direct neighbours of the site wish to express our appreciation of having direct access to your staff, project manager Alan Gscheidle and site manager Grant Delaney.

Right from the start of site development these two men made it known they are available to be contacted if we had any concerns.

We found these two always available, approachable, very pleasant and ever willing to check out and solve any challenge we placed with them.

We are most grateful and thankful for their assistance with some conditions such as dust control, machinery vibration for soil stabilization, overland storm water flow from neighbouring properties which would have been a future concern, and reviewing the type of boundary greenery replacing the original which would have shaded our premises effecting the workings of our solar panels and satellite dish.

We can praise Alan and Grant for their assistance solving concerns we had, construction site neighbours, as they built the Ipswich AOD Centre.

Alan and Grant have been excellent neighbours during this construction period.

All the best Alan and Grant for all future projects that you manage.

Kind regards,

Herb and Vi Richter

I WAS so impressed with the Hutchies' Try-A-Trade Day.

It was the best try-a-trade that I have attended.

The program was really well paced and engaging.

All of the trainers were absolutely exceptional and gave the students just the right mix of care and encouragement through the activities but also honest feedback and tough love with some truths about what you need to do to get (and keep) a job in commercial construction.

It was great to see the students being challenged to step out of their comfort zones.

Small but important things such as shaking hands, greeting people and thanking them by name, were really simple lessons shared with the students and it was so lovely to see students engage in these interactions throughout the day.

It was also amazing to be able to walk through a real, active work site and we felt so privileged to be guided around the site, ask all of our questions and look out at the amazing view of the site from the top of the building.

The day provided a great mix of information about employment opportunities in the industry and hands-on experience of what a day in the life of various trades might entail.

It was special to see students try a trade they had never considered for the first time and get enjoyment from it. So much so that they are now considering that as a possible career path.

Thank you so much Hutchies for having us join you – our students (and teachers) really got a lot from the experience.

Please thank all of the team that

were involved on the day – they were fantastic!

Thanks again for giving us the opportunity.

Kind regards,

Susan Gilchrist
Head of Department – Creative
Industries and Technologies
Yeronga State High School

THANK you so much for your very thoughtful and generous donation (Give a Breath 5K 2025).

Part of the funds from the Walk go to research grants awarded to Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto, one of the top cancer centres in the world.

The work done there improves the lives of cancer patients everywhere.

Thanks,

Teresa Kearney
Teresa Kearney.biz Pty Ltd

THANK you so much for coming by the studio and spending time with us (Architectus Q+A)

The team was pumped, and plenty of people blown away by the big love for Brissie.

To say thank you, Architectus would like to donate to a charity of Hutchies' choosing – is there an appropriate avenue or partnership to direct this to?

Regards,

Isabella White
Digital Content Lead

ON behalf of our team, I extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support for the 2025 Wynnum Fringe Festival.

Your partnership played a vital role in helping us bring live art, music, and community experiences to the Wynnum community.

We are working through plans for the 2026 festival, with some exciting changes on the horizon.

Warm regards,

**Courtenay and the
Wynnum Fringe team**

PLEASE find attached a letter of commendation in recognition of Hutchinson Builder's outstanding contributions to the Thriving in Vertical Schools (TVS) research project.

Mitch and Rachael have been dedicated, insightful and collaborative partners. They have been instrumental in the success of this project, and the TVS research team are deeply grateful.

Thank you once again for commitment to advancing this important research. We look forward to future opportunities to work together.

On behalf of the research team,

Jill Willis,
PhD SFHEA
Professor
School of Education
Faculty of Creative Industries,
Education and Social Justice

HATCHED



Bobbi Alice Bongers, first child for site manager, Will Bongers, and wife, Angelica, who was born in February this year, appears to be taking after Dad and getting on the tools early.



Maeve Ameilia Kidney, born September 29, a daughter for Glynn and Rochelle Kidney.



From left, Brianna Charlesworth, Bailee Ward, Kirsten Kanowski, Amy Rafter, Shelby Abbott, Ishbel Macaulay, Catherine Crumpton, Jaime Bell, and Beck Sutton.

Gala night for art exhibition

TOOWOOMBA team members attended the gala opening night of the RME Downlands Art Exhibition 2025. Hutchies is a gold sponsor of the annual event which showcases artwork from both local and other artists.



MATCHED



Hutchies' team members, Natalie Roma and Jamie Coe, tied the knot recently in Brisbane in front of close family and friends. Natalie is Jack Hutchinson Jnr's PA and Jamie is from Hutchies' Southport team.

Shaun site manager to stage star

TEAM Washington's site manager, Shaun Spooner, swapped daylight for the spotlight when his band, Sugarbag Blonde, took the stage at the BASEQ Memphis Blues Challenge at Lefty's Music Hall.

The competition, hosted by the Blues Association of South East Queensland, gives local blues bands a shot at international fame – with the ultimate prize being an all-expenses-paid trip to Memphis, Tennessee, to compete in the International Blues Challenge 2026.

Among the audience were many of Shaun's workmates, who turned up in force, sporting Sugarbag Blonde t-shirts, to enjoy an



Team Washo supporting Shaun Spooner and his band, Sugarbag Blonde, at the Memphis Blues Challenge at Lefty's Music Hall. (IMAGE: Rod Fletcher)

afternoon of great music and camaraderie.

"It was amazing to see so many familiar faces in the crowd," said

Shaun.

"We didn't win, but we had an absolute blast – and that's what music is all about."

Congratulations to Shaun and Sugarbag Blonde for representing Team Washington with style and soul.



Ekka wood chop a show stopper

WILL Griffin, from OneFin, one of Hutchies' preferred clients, was steward at the Brisbane Ekka wood chop this year and Scott Hutchinson and Michael White were invited as special guests to join in the finals.

Scott officiated in the presentation of trophies.

LEFT: Scott lines up with the beefy medal-winning woodchoppers.

Pushing up the limit for charity

MEMBERS of Hutchies' ESD team joined in Lifeline's Push-Up Challenge to achieve 3,214 push-ups in 23 days to raise awareness and funds for mental health in Australia.

The ESD team smashed that number and completed more than 30,000 push-ups to raise more than \$7,000 for Head Space, supporting mental health and well-being.

RIGHT: From rear, Theresa Hogan, Dean Kurtz and Nick Redman on their Push-Up Challenge.



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>



Donning pink in support of the site's National Breast Cancer Foundation fundraiser, from left, Darren Rhodes, Craig Mulligan, Darren Whelan, Jess Appleby, Brodie O'Neill, and Bradley Williams.

Jess smashes goal

APPRENTICE carpenter, Jessica Appleby, from Hutchies' Tasmania team organised a fundraiser for the National Breast Cancer Foundation with an

onsite raffle at the Hobart Airport project.

She smashed her goal of \$2,500 raising an impressive \$4,285.

Barbecue fundraiser celebrates progress

HUTCHIES fired up the barbecue grill at 41 George Street with the team at Marquette to celebrate progress on Botanic House Brisbane student accommodation project in the heart of the city and to fly the flag for Mates in Construction (MIC).

Senior site manager, Rob Riches, said the site-wide barbecue was an opportunity for the team to connect, recharge, and enjoy some well-earned downtime and, at the same time, hand over a cheque for \$6000 to MIC.

The cheque was from monies raised at a previous fundraising event sponsored by the client, Dexu/ Marquette.

"Events like these are reminders about the importance of mateship and mental health on site and thanks goes to MIC for continuing to support a healthy construction industry," said Rob.

From left, senior site manager, Rob Riches; MIC's James Lacey; and Hutchies' Liam O'Doherty with the cheque for Mates in Construction.



West's Junior rugby league gift to PNG

WESTS Brisbane Junior Rugby League Club which Hutchies sponsors annually sends left over jerseys to their friends in Papua New Guinea to promote rugby league and spread Hutchies' message throughout the community.

The initiative is another rugby league bond between Australia and PNG.

Architect Marco Giaroli, Aquatic director, said previously jerseys had been sent to a high school in the Highlands.

"This year jerseys were distributed to a school in Port Moresby," said Marco.



Donated football jerseys have been distributed to schoolboy players in Port Moresby.

Shareen wins in Sydney



SHAREEN Forsingdal became a part of history when she joined in the first Australian World Abbott Marathon in Sydney along with some of the world's greatest runners.

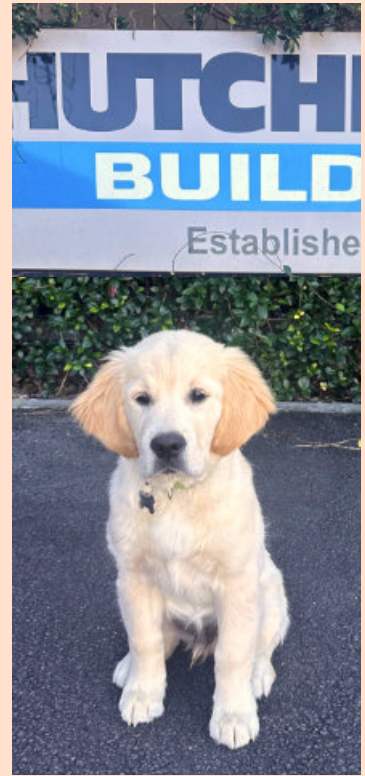
The TCS Sydney Marathon became the seventh Abbott World Marathon Major in 2025, joining the prestigious ranks of marathons in Tokyo, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York.

Starting in North Sydney, the marathon crosses the Harbour Bridge and finishes at the Sydney Opera House.

Shareen admits she finished behind the marathon winners, but did achieve a personal best when she won trivia at a local pub.

Another win during her Sydney visit was bumping into Tim Minchin on her Bondi to Coogee walk.

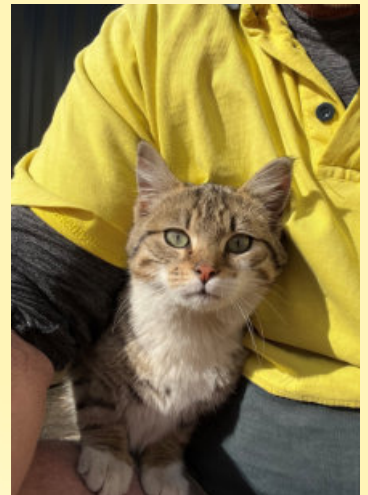
LEFT: Shareen Forsingdal in Sydney for the first Australian World Abbott Marathon.



Muzz is Rob's mascot mutt

MEET Murray 'Muzz' Morrison – the motivation mascot at Hutchies on the Sunshine Coast.

Muzz the mascot is Rob Morrison's new mutt.



Airport crew now mates with moggie

HUTCHIES' team on the Hobart Airport project now has a cat which has taken up residence around the site.

The jury is out on whether the moggie is merely a mascot or an emotional support animal as many of the crew can be found taking time out for a bit of feline affection during the more stressful times of the day.



Refueling station for team Wolski

Team Wolski enjoyed a well-earned breakfast after smashing the Bridge to Brisbane in September. Shown replenishing their energy are (from left) Lachlan Luhrs, Jack Kelleher, Ray Coe, Coen Wilson, Tom Beckett, and Glynn Kidney.



HUTCHIES sponsored the charity, Reclink Community Cup, an Aussie rules game played between musicians and the music industry.

Primarily a fundraiser, the annual day promotes community, live music and a grassroots Aussie rules footy match.

Terrence Hutchinson said each year a genre-smashing assortment of Brisbane

musicians come together to form the Rocking Horses team.

“Rocking Horses is a fearsome and match-hardened unit, including familiar faces from acts such as Powderfinger/The Church, Birds Of Tokyo, Tape/Off, Nice Biscuit, First Beige, Whalehouse, Flamingo Blonde, Shag Rock, Mitch, Please and many more,” said Terrence.

“On the other side, donning the red and white, are the Brisbane Lines, a motley ensemble of 4ZZZ stalwarts, ABC Sport and Rebel FM staffers and music industry workers drafted from Dew Process, Gyrostream, QMusic, The Princess Theatre and Incremental Records and too many others to name.”

Team tees off in Cairns

HUTCHIES' Cairns team members teed off for the Cairns Master Builders BUSSQ Golf Day.

The four-ball Ambrose event was held at the Cairns Golf Club in September.

Hutchies' players (from left) Rachel Hutchinson, Ilaria Warfield, Shannon Liddy, Kyle Hare, Jake Anderson, and Leanne Nixon.



Currumbin Eagles U14 (Div 2) team with Nick Johnston (centre rear) and Luke Hayes (far right).

Currumbin Eagles soar the highest

HUTCHIES sponsors several Currumbin Eagles teams, one of which won the 2025 Gold Coast Rugby League U14 (Division 2) minor premiership and then went on to win the major premiership two weeks later.

The Currumbin Eagles team is coached by Luke Hayes who invited Nick Johnston along to present the special Indigenous jerseys coinciding with NRL's own 2025 Indigenous Round.

Corporate rugby for Youngcare

HUTCHIES once again competed in the annual Corporate Rugby Tens in support of Youngcare.

The Hutchies' players had plenty of fan support for a day of competition, drinks, food, music and entertainment.

Now in its eighteenth year and held at the Hutchies-built Wests Bulldogs Rugby Club in Toowong, the event is a 10-a-side with seven minute halves of rugby contested by the main property companies in Brisbane.

Property industry players in both construction and commercial property compete, ensuring there are plenty of tough trades taking on the white collar office jockeys.

George Smith played for Hutchies in 2020, the current stars include Brad Meyers, Scott Hill, and Wallaby hero, Steve Kefu.

Hutchies also competed in the Budgie bolt relay before the final, with the winning team winning a \$1000 bar tab.



EOFY celebrations go off with a bang

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team enjoyed an afternoon of clay target shooting to mark the end of another successful financial year.

Team members had a great time competing for the annual Hutchies' Toowoomba Clay Target Shooting Champion shield with Mick Fleming taking the honours for 2025.

From left, championship winner, Mick Fleming, with runners-up, Morgan Carroll and Lachlan Bloomfield.



Melbourne's marathon trip

Team Doyle travelled up in force from Melbourne to participate in the popular Gold Coast marathon.



Toowoomba team's social club members enjoying the NRL grand final at the Telegraph Hotel in Hobart.

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team's social club made the most of the King's birthday long weekend with an escape to Tasmania.

From wandering the historic grounds of Port Arthur, checking out the creativity of MONA, and browsing the Salamanca markets,

Toowoomba team in Tassie for Broncos' grand final win

team members squeezed plenty into their whirlwind getaway.

Friday night kicked off with a

group celebration, Saturday was for solo exploring, and Sunday brought activities for everyone.

The team wrapped it up in style at the Telegraph Hotel, cheering on the Broncos in a nail-biting NRL grand final against the Storm.

With the pub full with a near perfect fifty-fifty split of fans, the energy was electric and the team voted it one of its best trips away.



Proud dad, Gary Turner, was one of the first poolside to congratulate son, Harrison, on his record breaking swim. PHOTO: Channel Nine

Record-breaking swim earns bronze

CONGRATULATIONS to Harrison Turner, son of Hutchies' project manager, Gary Turner, for winning a bronze medal in the 200m butterfly at the 2025 World Aquatic Championships held in Singapore.

Harrison's time of 1:54.17 earned the 21-year-old the Australian record for the event – beating the previous time held by Nick Darcy since 2009.



From left, Hutchies' Greg Inwood and Danny Charlesworth, with Kelly Group's Kevin Gloss and Jordy Gloss.

Subbie golf day on the Downs

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team's annual Subbie Golf Day was a popular event as team members along with subcontractors hit the greens for another day of sporting challenge and camaraderie.

Toowoomba team leader, Sean Lees, said Subbie Golf Day was about more than just the golf.

"The day is a way for our Hutchies' team members to say thank you to the hardworking local legends who help to deliver award-winning projects with us time and time again," Sean said.

Grab life by the balls

HUTCHIES' Sunny Coast team took part in a dodgeball competition held to raise money and awareness for men's mental health.

Hosted by the Grab Life By The Balls men's mental health charity, the competition day was held at The Station, Sunshine Coast.

From left (rear) Robert Morrison, Steven Hodgins, Hayden Willis, Brandon Tonkin, Tara Thelwall, Isaac Whittington, and (front) Sara Walker, Lochlan Johnson, Mitchell Cahill, and Cameron McAndrew.



JB's Team Chopper ringside at Paro fight

THE John Berlese (COTY 2006) team Chopper crew attended the Liam Paro versus David Papot fight at the Pat Rafter arena.

Project manager, Anthony Stevens, said it was an awesome night.

Natalie drops in once more to say g'day

TOWNSVILLE team members were delighted to run into Natalie Cook, OAM – professional beach volleyball player and Olympic gold medallist – during a golf day.

As well as playing volleyball at Hutchies' 90-year party in 2002, Natalie shared the stage with Hutchies' chairman, Scott, when they were both named a Queensland Great in 2024.

Aside from her sporting interests, Natalie, who was the first Australian woman to compete in five Olympic Games, tours as a motivational speaker.

Natalie Cook was a guest of honour at Hutchies' 90th celebrations in 2002, pictured here with Jack Hutchinson Snr.



Champion beach volleyball player, Natalie Cook, dropped in to say hello to Hutchies' Townsville team members on the fairway (from left) Nick Duncan, Rob Ciranni, Mark Fasiolo, and Aaron Ohl.