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Family tradition at the Ekka



The 20,000-seat main arena will be the redevelopment's centrepiece, with a new Machinery Hill grandstand.
INSET: Jack Hutchinson Jnr went to the Ekka every year as a kid.

Artwork: Brett Lethbridge, Herald Sun

HUTCHIES' director, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, has welcomed a contract to revitalise the RNA Brisbane showgrounds arena, continuing a family tradition started by his great-great-grandfather with the construction of the existing Ernest Baynes Stand for the 1923 Exhibition.

First held in 1876 as the Brisbane Exhibition, the annual Royal Queensland Show is commonly known today as the Ekka (or exhibition).

The upgrade project is being delivered by the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) in partnership with the Queensland Government.

The 20,000-seat main arena will be the centrepiece, with a new Machinery Hill grandstand and new vertical multi-storey horse pavilion to replace ageing stables.

Works started in August with the demolition of the existing Machinery Hill grandstand, with completion of the project due in 2028.

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Spotlight on Kimberley



Manjali Studio School in the remote Kimberley won the Australian Institute of Architects' 2026 Western Australian Architecture Awards' category of Educational Architecture.
• *More national awards for Hutchies' projects – See Pages 18 & 19.*

Construction profit up 41 per cent

HUTCHIES has just posted its results, which are likely to appear in the media over the coming weeks.

Hutchies' construction profit for the 2025/26 year rose to $47 million, plus $21 million from property rent and bank interest. While still modest, this is an increase from the 2024/25 year.

This represents a 1.6 per cent return on a $2.96 billion turnover. Hutchies expects a better result for the current financial year 2026/27.

Full audited accounts are available on Hutchies' website.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts during the financial year.

From the Managing Director



AT a time when builders are trying to be developers and developers are having to be builders, Hutchies is doubling down on what we have done best for more than a century.

Simply being better and more reliable builders.

We are evolving down, not up, expanding our traditional, hands-on approach of self-performance across critical parts of the supply chain.

This 'builder first' philosophy has driven our business since its humble beginnings and allows us to better service our clients.

Protecting Hutchies for the next century is behind every decision we make, and we like to think that, as a consequence, we protect our clients against the volatility of our industry at the same time.

Particularly now, with the stubborn inflationary pressures that will continue to send marginal businesses broke, and with the ATO recording historically high levels of insolvency across the country, construction is at the front end of those statistics.

Our construction teams remain traditional hands-on builders supported by a network of trade and supply partners which are able to provide that certainty of delivery when it's needed.

Recently, our joinery group delivered its 100,000th cabinet, and our formwork division, nicknamed 'Berlesimo' after its founder and one of Hutchies' most prolific team leaders, John Berlese (COTY 2006), has just completed more than half a million square metres of formed concrete on projects across Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Our Newcastle construction team recently expanded a third modular yard to support our national footprint in the pre-fabrication space and, together with Hutchies' well-established Yatala and Toowoomba facilities, is collaborating with our traditional construction projects around the country.

Through this agnostic approach to construction methodology, we are able to continue the evolution of the build process and provide options for project delivery when challenges arise.

We are proud of the capability of our people and the innovative thinking that has solved many feasibility challenges for our clients to unlock value in their properties.

All this is enabled by the autonomous, flat management structure that the Hutchinson family has always backed, underpinned by trust in our people to take ownership of the outcomes.

– Russell Fryer (COTY 2010)



A new vertical multi-storey horse pavilion will replace ageing stables.

Family tradition carries on with historic Ekka upgrade

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Jack Jnr said he was sentimental about Hutchies being awarded the project.

"I went to the Ekka every year as a kid, and now I can take my own kids," Jack Jnr said.

He said the annual Ekka would continue to be held at the showgrounds during construction, which meant programming the works around Queensland's largest event.

"It's the kind of problem our teams enjoy," he said.

Over the past century, Hutchies has delivered a range of projects for the RNA within the precinct.

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Teams scoop the pool at the Master Builders

HUTCHIES walked away with the most gongs at the 40th annual Master Builders Queensland Housing & Construction Awards night last month, winning six awards, including the new Prefabricated and Modular Commercial Project category for the Normanton Hospital.

Other wins were:

- Education Facilities from $7M to $15M – Plais Early Learning (Brisbane) – team Michael White.
- Community Service Facilities – QAS Gold Coast Operations Centre (Gold Coast) – team Mitch Grimmer.
- Commercial/Industrial Building from $25M to $50M – Townsville Northshore Retail Precinct (North Queensland) – team Michael White.
- Commercial/Industrial Building over $50M – 205 North Quay (Brisbane) – team John Berlese (COTY 2006).
- Commercial Refurbishment/ Renovation from $25M to $50M – Library+ Caloundra (Sunshine Coast) – team Rob Morrison.
- Prefabricated and Modular Commercial Project – Normanton Hospital (Far North Queensland) – team Sean Lees.

— See Pages 18 & 19 for full regional awards round-up.

Mark's national recognition

HUTCHIES' Indigenous and social procurement manager, Mark Kucks, has been named the national Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year at the 2026 Supplier Diversity Awards, run by Supply Nation.

More than 1,300 people attended the event, held in August at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Western Australia.

The award officially recognises Mark's 14 years of quiet, consistent work building partnerships with Indigenous businesses.

Through the Statim Yaga program, Hutchies worked with 84 Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers in 2025, up from 82 the year before.

Contracts with Indigenous suppliers now make up $33 million of Hutchies' procurement spend with Supply Nation businesses, an increase of 10 per cent, or $3 million, on the previous year.

Mark also chairs the Indigenous Participation in Construction Committee (IPCC) in Queensland, which brings builders, government and Indigenous business representatives together to promote participation across the whole industry.



PHOTO: Luca Vines – Bright Star Studios

Jack Hutchinson Jnr and Jamie Coe joined Mark and his wife, Catriona, in Perth for the 2026 Supplier Diversity Awards, run by Supply Nation.

Accepting the award, Mark said it was an honour and a privilege.

"First thing, I want to thank Scott and Jack Hutchinson for having faith in me to do what I thought was the right way to go about things at Hutchies," said Mark.

"And I want to thank my wife, Catriona, for keeping me humble and sane.

"I'd also like to thank the more than 300 Indigenous businesses that have put their trust in Hutchies to look after them and do the right thing by them."

Mark said his goal now was to go bigger and better.

Mark's wife, Catriona, said she was proud of her husband.

"Mark started life with stacked odds against him and has faced just about every barrier and obstacle imaginable," she said.

"But, importantly, he has been surrounded by some remarkable people who saw his potential early, believed in him, and encouraged him every step of the way.

"He has been fortunate to have the support of Hutchies and the Hutchinson family, who have trusted him, backed him and given him the respect to do things his way – his people's way.

"He never forgets where he came from, who he represents, or the responsibility that comes with creating opportunities for others.

"He is genuinely one of the best people I know, and now he has a trophy to prove what so many of us already knew."

Record First Nation spend in construction



Mark Kucks (far left, front row) with Indigenous business, Tru Flow Services, at Logan Reserve Schools site.

OCTOBER marked Indigenous Business Month, with Hutchies celebrating another record-breaking year of Indigenous participation.

In 2025-26, Hutchies achieved $48 million in Indigenous supply chain spend, an increase of 10 per cent on its previous record year.

Hutchies reached another significant milestone in October, surpassing $200 million spent with Indigenous-owned businesses.

Indigenous and social procurement manager, Mark Kucks, said this achievement reflects nearly 15 years of building strong relationships with more than 300 Indigenous businesses across Australia.

"We now have around 60 to 70 Indigenous businesses that are simply part of our standard operations," Mark said.

"The majority of our Indigenous spend is no longer tied to project-specific targets or requirements.

"These businesses are winning work because they've built trusted relationships with our teams and deliver great outcomes."

Mark said that one example was the new secondary and new special schools project in Logan Reserve.

"There are no specific Indigenous procurement targets attached to this project, yet we've engaged eight Indigenous businesses on contracts worth more than $55 million combined," he said.

"That's 15 per cent of the project's $360 million contract value and a great example of how Indigenous businesses are becoming embedded in our supply chain – creating long-term value for our projects and clients."

Mark said the growth of the Indigenous businesses sector is creating more employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

He said Indigenous-owned businesses employ Indigenous Australians at significantly higher rates than non-Indigenous businesses, meaning the benefits of procurement extend well beyond the contracts themselves.

"Hutchies has an Indigenous workforce of around four per cent, which is double the national average," he said.

"Across Indigenous businesses, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up around 30 to 40 per cent of the workforce.

"By supporting a strong Indigenous business sector, we're helping create more pathways for Indigenous Australians to participate in the economy, build careers and support their communities."



Hutchies' team members involved in the inaugural Site Leadership Pathway, led by Peter Haidley.

Pilot learning program gives careers a module-based structured direction

THE Site Leadership Pathway is a pilot program that strengthens Hutchies' internal talent base of leading hands and foremen, and prepares high potential team members for site leadership roles.

It connects young emerging leaders with more than 100 experienced site managers who pass on hard-earned project knowledge.

The first cohort includes 16 emerging leaders working across a wide mix of projects, including health, education, residential and modular construction.

Until now, leaders have progressed from apprentice to leading hand, foreman, site manager and beyond.

That usual progression is well understood, but informal.

The Site Leadership Pathway fills a gap with a formal, module-based process.

It creates a structured, visible progression beyond apprenticeship, helping young team members understand where they are heading and what it takes to get there.

The Site Leadership Pathway has been shaped by site leaders whose input ensures the program reflects the realities of working on projects and concentrates on the skills that matter most.

The program is led by Peter Haidley (COTY 1999), one of Hutchies' veteran site managers who joined Hutchies in 1994.

It brings together foremen, leading hands, and junior foremen.

Site Leadership Pathway is backed by Hutchies' workforce development team and Hutchies Training, the in-house registered training organisation.



Celebrating the 2026 Master Builders Queensland Housing and Construction Award for Brisbane's Industry School Apprentice of the Year (from left) Anthony Stevens, Brett Seng, Bailey Caplick, Luke Hinds, Glen Walker and Andrew Goller.

Bailey receives industry top honour

BAILEY Caplick was named Industry School Apprentice of the Year at the 2026 Master Builders Queensland Brisbane Housing and Construction Awards.

A carpentry apprentice with the John Berlese (COTY 2006) team, Bailey was also named Third Year Apprentice winner at Hutchies' Training Awards for 2025.

His work ethic, initiative and leadership make him a standout member of the Hutchies' team and a deserving winner of this latest industry accolade.

Accepting the award, Bailey congratulated his fellow nominees and thanked the people who had supported him along the way.

"I am grateful for the support of Luke Hinds, our site manager, and Anthony Stevens, my project manager, and also Brett Seng and Glenn Walker, who have all been great mentors throughout my apprenticeship," Bailey said.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without their support."

Luke Hinds (COTY 2024) said Bailey's attitude, initiative and accountability marked him as a future Hutchies' leader.

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Start on The Stanley apartment tower



Deputy Premier of Queensland, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations, Jarrod Bleijie, takes a group selfie to record the start of construction of The Stanley. With him, from left, are Adam Rainbird, Darren Dougan, Scott Hutchinson and Zorn Zhou.

AFTER almost a decade of planning and collaboration, Hutchies has started construction of The Stanley in Woolloongabba.

The Stanley, a 35-storey apartment tower, is Sarazin Property's third development in Woolloongabba and the second with Hutchies, after Murcia Residences.

Government representatives, project partners and industry leaders gathered on site for the sod-turning ceremony for the 234-apartment project, which came almost a decade after Sarazin secured the land in 2016.

The site sits within the Woolloongabba Priority Development Area's urban renewal zone, just 300 metres from the proposed new Cross River Rail underground railway station, and adjacent to The Gabba (Brisbane Cricket Ground).

Economic Development Queensland approved the project, which already has more than $220 million in pre-release sales.

The Stanley is due to be completed in 2029.

Darren Dougan, founder and managing director of Sarazin Property, said that what began with the purchase of the land in 2016 had taken years of planning, collaboration and commitment.

"We have handed the baton to Hutchies to deliver the next stage of that journey," he said.

Hutchies' chairman Scott Hutchinson said the project demonstrated the value of strong, long-standing relationships.

"We have great collaboration and a great relationship with the Sarazin team," he said.

"Projects like this are built on trust, shared goals and people working together over the long term."

The Stanley's defining feature is a double-storey rooftop amenity precinct that will include an infinity pool, saunas and steam rooms, gym and yoga lawn, cinema and golf simulator, private dining, with a wine cellar and residents' wine lounge, boardroom and work-from-home spaces.



The Stanley sits within the Woolloongabba Priority Development Area and is adjacent to The Gabba.



Pippis' ocean view

HUTCHIES' crane crews working on the Pippis' project in Coffs Harbour are enjoying a sneak peek of the future residents' harbour views.

Pippis is a mixed-use development consisting of 32 apartments and seven commercial tenancies in the heart of the popular beachside area of Coffs.

Build-to-rent apartments in thriving mixed-use precinct

EXHIBITION Place is the latest chapter for Brisbane's Exhibition Quarter, a thriving mixed-use precinct that combines residential, commercial, retail and event spaces at Bowen Hills.

Delivered by Hutchies in partnership with Lendlease and QuadReal, the build-to-rent development brings 443 apartments to Bowen Hills, on Brisbane's city fringe.

It is positioned alongside the new Cross River Rail transport hub at the RNA and within walking distance of the dining, retail and community amenities of King Street and Fortitude Valley.

The project features extensive in-ground works, above-ground car park levels, a six-level podium and a 37-level residential tower, delivering a new community in one of Brisbane's fastest-growing inner-city precincts.



Exhibition Place within inner-city Bowen Hills.



Building bonds beyond the boardroom

HUTCHIES' most recent regional board meeting was held in Sydney.

Alongside dealing with the business side of things, the local office hosted a lunch where Sydney team members had the opportunity to mingle and chat with the directors in a more relaxed setting.



Crane and scaffold crews had a ringside seat to the colourful topping-out celebrations at 185 Wharf Street with the Torres Strait Islanders' smoking ceremony and welcome to country.

Cbus tower tops out in Spring Hill

CBUS Property's 185 Wharf Street has topped out, marking a major milestone for the new residential tower in Spring Hill.

Designed by Rothelowman as an all-electric building, the 30-level development will deliver 125 apartments and set a new benchmark for sustainable inner-city living in Brisbane.

The project is targeting a 5 Star Green Star rating and a 7 Star NatHERS rating.

Project partners, consultants, subcontractors and company members gathered to mark the occasion.

Hutchies' chairman Scott Hutchinson said the project's success reflected the strong partnership behind it.

"This building has been a fantastic example of close cooperation and teamwork, and that starts at the top with Cbus Property," he said.

With the structure now at full height, the team will continue work on the façade, services and interiors ahead of completion next year.

Gloriette tower for Yeerongpilly Green



VIPs (from left) Jack Hutchinson Jnr; CPG chairman and CEO, Don O'Rorke; Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie; and CPG's James MacGinley turn the first sod on Gloriette tower.

HUTCHIES has started construction on the $500 million Gloriette apartment development at Yeerongpilly Green, continuing the Consolidated Properties Group's (CPG) transformation of the major riverside precinct in Brisbane's inner south.

Queensland Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Jarrod Bleijie, joined CPG chairman and CEO, Don O'Rorke, and Jack Hutchinson Jnr to turn the first sod on the 25-storey tower of 181 apartments.

Gloriette is the latest stage of the 12-hectare Yeerongpilly Green masterplan, which CPG has been developing in partnership with the Queensland Government and Economic Development Queensland for around a decade.

The next phase comes as Yeerongpilly takes on an increasingly important role ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, with the riverside precinct earmarked as the home of the future Olympic tennis venue.

Designed by Rothelowman, Gloriette will be a mix of two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments.

The Gloriette name draws from classical European architecture and refers to an elevated viewing pavilion traditionally found within palace grounds.



The 'sod-turning' to mark the start of the PA Hospital's pharmacy expansion project involved shovelling pharmaceuticals rather than the usual pile of soil by (from left, rear) Deloitte's Emma Van Der Zant; HIQ's John Ragen; Hutchies' Nicholas Miller and Phillip Amadis; MSH's Isabel Escudero; Hutchies' Angelo Pagano; MSH's Noelene Herbert; and (front) Hutchies' Jack Keily; Deloitte's Grace Bashford; and MSH's David Saywell, Scott Mitchell, Tyson Kleidon and Elizabeth Currey.

PA Hospital pharmacy expansion

STAGE two of Hutchies' Princess Alexandra (PA) Hospital pharmacy expansion is now underway.

Expansion project senior director for Metro South Health (MSH), Noelene Herbert, said the pharmacy upgrade was a key part of preparing the hospital for its next stage of growth.

"We need to make sure the critical services that support our clinicians, patients and staff are ready for the expansion of beds at the hospital," she said.

Delivering the pharmacy upgrade within a busy, operational hospital calls for close collaboration between the pharmacy team, the expansion team, hospital stakeholders and Hutchies.

Hutchies' project manager, Toby Labuc, said working in a live hospital environment involved careful planning to minimise disruption.

"We work closely with the project and pharmacy teams to make sure the construction program keeps moving while the hospital continues to operate safely," he said.

Joining Hutchies' team members in the 'sod-turning' were representatives from Deloitte, Health Infrastructure Queensland (HIQ) and Metro South Health (MSH).

Shopping precinct for Sunshine Coast



Aura Home+Life is a new $80 million shopping precinct on the Sunshine Coast.

DIRECTOR, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, was among the VIPs who attended the official opening of Aura Home+Life, an $80 million shopping precinct built by Hutchies on the Sunshine Coast.

Developed by the Capital Property Group, Aura Home+Life is a major retail destination designed to support one of Australia's fastest-growing master-planned communities.

With more than 16,000 residents calling Aura home, the new precinct is a major investment in the region, creating local jobs and supporting the ongoing growth of the Caloundra South community.



From left, Daniel Sierant (project manager), Ross Hawley (cost planner), Senator Hanson, Mark Kallinowski (design manager), Anthony Stevens (project manager), Connor Avery (site engineer), and Lucas Leggate (contracts administrator).

Team muscles up with Pauline

HUTCHIES' team working on the RNA arena redevelopment attended the 150th Ekka anniversary dinner, where they ran into One Nation senator, Pauline Hanson.

Project manager, Anthony Stevens, said the senator was happy to pose for photos and chat with the team.

"She asked if we were real builders on the tools," said Anthony.

"We said we were sort of real builders, except we punch keyboards."

As part of the John Berlese (COTY 2006) team's Wednesday Warriors, who work out with trainer, Mark 'Chopper' Burgess, the crew asked the senator to pose 'Chopper-style', as the ex-boxer is one of her biggest fans.

Pies and beer in global exchange program

HUTCHIES has welcomed three company members from Wates in the United Kingdom to Australia as part of the six-month Global Building Exchange Program (GBEP).

Dan Sims, Liv Nicholls and Charlene Sango spent their first week learning about Hutchies, its people and work ethic.

Their week included project tours, introductions to discipline leads and support teams, a visit to the Yatala crane and scaffold yard – and a stop off at the famous Yatala pie shop.

As part of this year's program, Charlene will join Andrew Doyle's team in Melbourne, while Dan and Liv will work with project teams in Brisbane.

The initiation week wrapped up with a farewell lunch at the Regatta Hotel for Connor Lee, from Axiom Builders in Canada, who has spent the past year working with Mitch Grimmer's team as part of the GBEP.

The GBEP gives participants a chance to work across different markets, projects and construction environments, and helps build international connections across the construction sector and promote the sharing of international knowledge and experience.

BELOW: Three new Hutchies' team members on exchange from Wates in the UK, (from left) Dan Sims, Liv Nicholls and Charlene Sango, on site with James Dickson.



Arcadia Retirement Living for RetireAustralia in Yeronga.

Arcadia Retirement Living's vibrant community at Yeronga

HUTCHIES has delivered Arcadia Retirement Living for RetireAustralia in Yeronga, creating a vibrant community designed for contemporary living.

The seven-level development of 169 apartments offers a mix of one, two and three-bedroom residences supported by integrated care services, and convenient access to Brisbane's CBD.

The development includes 10 care suite rooms as well as an extensive range of community amenities, including a cinema, wine room, pool and games room, residents' lounge, and restaurant.





Castile on the riverfront at Newstead.

Baby boomers prime targets for unit living

DOWNSIZERS swapping standalone houses for water views are pushing Brisbane's luxury riverfront apartment market to new heights, according to Don O'Rorke, chairman and CEO of Consolidated Properties Group (CPG).

He described the $1 billion Newstead development, Castile, as the last opportunity for riverfront living in the inner northern suburb.

Hutchies started construction on the Woods Bagot-designed development in September.

Castile consists of a 25-storey tower of 227 apartments and a six-floor, 12-residence building on the riverfront.

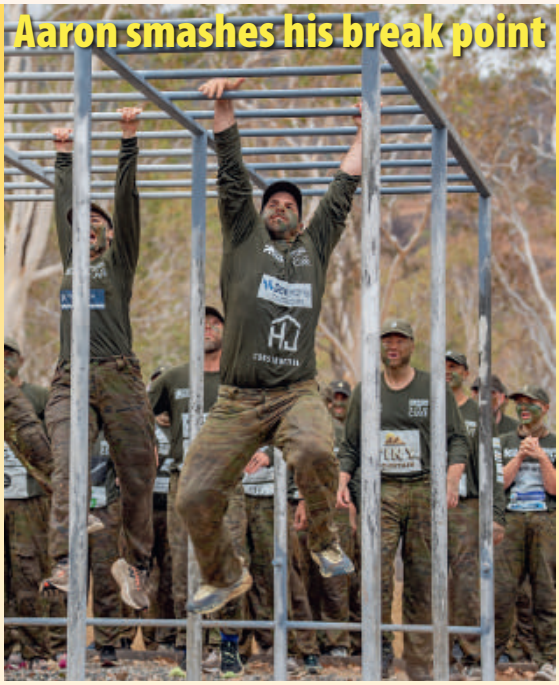
Mr O'Rorke said the growing number of baby boomers looking to downsize over the next five years indicated good returns on the project.

"We are catering to the baby boomer downsizer demographic," he said.

"Their existing homes have doubled in value since COVID, their share portfolios have doubled in value, they don't mind the higher interest rates because they're getting interest on their deposits, and their living expenses are at their lowest ever.

"They are in good financial shape, and they are looking for the next stage of their life with a luxurious quality product – a lock-up-and-go-on-holidays product."

Aaron smashes his break point



TOWNSVILLE team leader, Aaron Ohl, took on the Breaking Point Challenge last month, smashing the gruelling, annual 30-hour endurance event that raises funds and awareness for childhood brain cancer research.

Held in collaboration with the Australian Army, the two-day event pushes participants to their physical, mental, and emotional limits.

This year's event raised almost $1 million for The Cure Starts Now Australia.



Turning the first sod for the new Robin Hodge Community Housing project at Glenvale (from left) Sean Lees, Hutchies' Toowoomba team leader; Robin Hodge, Robin Hodge Community Housing; Sam O'Connor MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works; and David Janetzki MP, Queensland Treasurer.

Helping with regional housing

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team is working with Robin Hodge Community Housing to deliver 108 new homes at Glenvale in Toowoomba.

Glenvale Ridge's 54 one-bedroom and 54 two-bedroom houses will help more people in the community to access safe, secure and affordable accommodation.

Melbourne office joins the inner-city wildlife corridor



Melbourne team members with their rooftop beehives (from left) Mitch Gathercole, Kayla Parlby, Chloe Rowse, Amelia Toogood, Debra Markert and Mitch Petropoulos.

MELBOURNE Hutchies' honeybee project will be expanded with bee-friendly plants being included in its office landscaping.

Teams Doyle and Casey will then join the Melbourne Pollinator Corridor, an inner-city wildlife corridor with Indigenous flora to support native pollinating insects.

The eight-kilometre corridor stretches between the Royal Botanic Gardens and Westgate Park.

Its purpose is to increase the habitat for hundreds of species, including native bees, butterflies and birds.

In the program, volunteers tend public spaces while homeowners and businesses are encouraged to include bee-friendly flora in their gardens.

Teams Doyle and Casey maintain two healthy and productive rooftop hives.

Beekeeper, Dave Baskett, said the bees were happy, healthy and good-tempered, and every mite check has been negative.

The latest harvest produced 30kg of honey, now handed out in newly designed squeezy bottles.

Other supporters of the Melbourne Pollinator Corridor include the Melbourne-based Hassell architecture team.

Friendly army invasion



THE Department of Housing and Public Works (HPW) and Hutchies hosted members of the 12th Chief Engineer Works, an Australian Army engineering unit based at Gallipoli Barracks in Enoggera, Brisbane, for a site tour of the Logan Reserve Schools project as part of their professional development program.

The visiting Army personnel, comprising civil engineers, project managers, and works supervisors, were invited to gain exposure to several of the projects currently being delivered by HPW.

Overall, the day was a success, providing valuable learning opportunities and fostering strong collaboration between HPW, Hutchies, and members of the Australian Defence Force.

RIGHT: Members of the 12th Chief Engineer Works on a site tour of the Logan Reserve Schools project.

Federal grant for Gympie Civic Centre



The Gympie Civic Centre has been closed since the devastating 2022 floods.

FEDERAL Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, Kristy McBain, announced Gympie had received a $11 million grant to support the current renewal works at the Gympie Civic Centre.

The investment will support the restoration and reopening of the community facility for performances, celebrations, community events, civic occasions and shared experiences.

The Gympie Civic Centre has been closed since the region suffered its worst flood in 120 years during February 2022, regarded as the second-highest recorded flood levels in the city's history.

Hutchies has been working on site, with completion due mid next year.



After getting some refresher training on working-at-heights safety from the guys at Tradies On Ropes, Darryl Morris inspected some of the final finishes on UniLodge.

Darryl hits a new high

HUTCHIES' Darryl Morris from Jamie Washington's team couldn't resist a closer look at the finishing touches to the newly completed UniLodge - a new purpose-built student accommodation in the heart of Brisbane's CBD.

UniLodge in George Street is Australia's largest office-to-student accommodation conversion, with almost 1,200 beds across an existing 27-storey building, formerly known as Mineral House.

Developed by Dexus and Marquette Properties, Hutchies handed over the project in time for this year's semester two intake of students.



Team members on the Coles Kingaroy project (from left) Brett 'Washo' Washington, Brianna Charlesworth, Ryan Canning and Gabriella Behr.

Coles Kingaroy kicks off

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team has started work on the Coles Kingaroy project with the official sod-turning in September.

To mark the occasion, the team hosted representatives from Coles, along with the Mayor of South Burnett, Kathy Duff, and councillors.

The new Coles retail development will include three specialty retail tenancies, a stand-alone drive-thru fast-food outlet, and extensive customer parking facilities.

Back to school to teach about building

HUTCHIES' team members are going back to their former schools to spread the good word about construction as a career.



Patrick Dallimore (left) and Roland Johnson returned to St Joseph's Nudgee College for the futures expo, giving the students a feel for life in construction. Pat wrapped up at Nudgee in 2022 and is now studying Construction Management at QUT while with Hutchies. Roland finished school in 2020 and went down the same QUT path. Both are part of Jamie Washington's team.



Annabelle Watts (left) and Matilda Fowke (COTY 2018) returned to All Hallows' School as Hutchies' representatives at the school's careers expo, sharing their experiences and talking with students about careers in construction.



Libby Ireland represented Hutchies at the recent Helensvale State High School's futures expo, sharing her journey with students and families exploring career pathways. As a Helensvale SHS alumna, Libby is now a junior site engineer.



Henry Howse (left) and Cooper Cowan, cadets in Michael White's team, represented Hutchies at St James College Brisbane's career expo and did a great job chatting with students about careers in construction.

Action plan for nightlife economy as Powderfinger announces tour

A PLAN to reinvigorate nightlife for the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics and beyond has been released by the Queensland Government.

The *Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032* is the government's response to *Moonside: The Queensland Night-Life Economy Commissioner's Report 2026.*

Nightlife economy commissioner, John 'JC' Collins, said the government's plan was an important first step in delivering the vision and recommendations set out in his report that was developed through consultation with the sector.

The plan includes improvements to special event trading, entertainment sound requirements, safe night precincts, vibrant entertainment precincts, opportunities for Queensland musicians and artists performing across the state, and cutting unnecessary red tape.

He said he remained committed to his role as the conduit between industry and government and would continue to work on other key recommendations that did not get up this time.

"No report or action plan is going to deliver everything everyone wants on day one, but this is a start in the process and shows a genuine commitment to Queensland's nightlife economy," said JC.

Live music enthusiast Scott Hutchinson said action to improve Queensland's nightlife seems politically stuck.

"Everybody knows it will have to change before the Olympics, but I don't see the reason to wait," he said.



PHOTO: Lyndon Mechielsen, The Australian

John 'JC' Collins and Scott Hutchinson.



Students (from left), Sobhan Saeedi, Ella Owens, Zoe McDonnell, Andrew Goller, Faresa Sape and Tausinga Taufaeteau, with trainer, Tony Daly.

Ready for Construction graduates

SEPTEMBER marked a significant milestone for Hutchies Training, with 19 students completing the Ready 4 Construction (R4C) program and achieving their Certificate I in Construction.

Hutchies Training's R4C is a hands-on, school-based pre-employment program that gives Year 11 and 12 students direct experience on live construction sites.

The latest cohort gained valuable hands-on experience on the West Village project and at Hutchies' dedicated training facility at Seventeen Mile Rocks.

R4C also helps students develop the life skills, confidence, communication abilities, and workplace behaviours required in the construction industry.

Thanks to the site teams, workforce development team, and trainers, Tony Daly and Rod Pearce.

The next R4C program starts in February 2027.



On track early to be a tradie

Hutchies' carpentry apprentice, Isabella Mavrogiannis.
(PHOTO: Chris Riordan)

HUTCHIES' Melbourne carpentry apprentice, Isabella Mavrogiannis, discovered she was suited to a career in construction during Year 9 woodworking classes.

Isabella went on to study at the Northern College of the Arts and Technology (NCAT) in Preston and began her career as a tradie at just 15.

As part of her VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) during Year 11 and 12, she set her alarm for 3.30am every Wednesday in time for her work placement with a local builder.

A dedicated student, Isabella was recognised as an outstanding student at the 2025 Premier's VCE Awards.

She finished her VCE with a Certificate II in Building Construction and began a carpentry apprenticeship with Hutchies.

Isabella said her father was dubious about her becoming a tradie, but she has proved him wrong.

"Everyone on site has been helpful and supportive," she said.

Isabella is a passionate advocate for women in trades and regularly mentors other young women through the Young Women in Trades and Technology group.

Time on hand for more vets





The roll-out of 15-year service watches to Hutchies' veterans continues with recent recipients, (pictured left), Mike Tickner (COTY 1991) and (pictured right), Trevor Bruiners, receiving their watches from director, Paul Hart (COTY 2005).

Tangible show of appreciation



Jackson (left) and Lindsay with their certificates of appreciation.

HUTCHIES' site manager, Lindsay Good, and apprentice, Jackson Brimble, received hand-made certificates of appreciation from Year 11 VET Construction students after working on the newly completed Jerrabomberra High School in rural New South Wales.

The awards read: *"Presented with thanks for six months of patience, site access and generosity of time, giving our students the opportunity to see firsthand what happens when a project is done properly and the lessons that come with it."* – Jess Coleman and the Year 11 VET Construction Class.

Learning centre expansion delivers upgraded facilities



Walloon State School expansion.

WORKING alongside the Queensland Department of Education, Hutchies delivered a new general learning centre for a state school in Walloon, a rural residential town west of Brisbane.

The new facilities include contemporary learning spaces, staff facilities, amenities, lift access, and upgrades to outdoor facilities.

Delivered within a live school setting, the project was carefully programmed to maintain uninterrupted activity throughout construction.



Top End site visit worth sightseeing

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba project team members, building a new Hungry Jack's outlet at Berrimah, south of Darwin, headed up to the Northern Territory for a site visit and took time out for some sightseeing.

LEFT: Enjoying a spot of croc spotting in the Top End (from left) Gabriella Behr, Ben Sutton, the group's tour guide, Matt Gemmell, Matt Maag, Luke Taynton, Andrew Nolan and Matt Waldron.



Marist College students on tour at 50 Quay Street.

Students tour Quay Street

HUTCHIES' 50 Quay Street team welcomed 22 Year 11 construction students from Marist College Ashgrove for a site tour.

The students toured all 30 levels of the future build-to-rent residential building, met members of Hutchies' project team, and heard from Marist old boys, Bailey Caplick and George Collyer, about their pathways into construction.

Hutchies also visited the college to chat with Year 10 students about apprenticeships, cadetships and the many opportunities available in the construction industry.

For students, hearing directly from former Marist College students who have successfully transitioned into the industry, provided valuable insights.

Razor gang raises funds in Toowoomba



Wayne Rafter (left) lops the locks off Ryan Canning, while Todd Pimm takes the razor to Jamie Nielsen.

TOOWOOMBA team took part in the Australian Cancer Research Foundation's Brave Shave and raised a whopping $32,199.

A special shout-out to the brave who shaved and those who coloured for the cause. They were: Bailey Weaver (contract administrator), Bec Sutton (project manager), Ben Sutton (project manager), Bree Charlesworth (contract administrator), Carin Steenkamp (contract administrator), Declan Balassa (contract administrator), Geoff Kampf (site manager), Griffin Vicary (project administration support), Jamie Nielsen (project manager), Mal Campbell (site manager), Matt Gemmell (contract administrator), Nick Linnan (senior project manager), Ricky Weinand (roving foreman), Ryan Canning (project manager), Sean Lees (team leader), Tom Lillicrap (foreman), and Wayne Rafter (construction manager).

Thanks also to Toowoomba subbie, Todd Pimm from PimmBuilt, and his partner, Shay Cave.

Shay, a professional hairdresser and owner of Hair By Shay, volunteered her colouring and styling skills, and Todd acted as her 2IC on the day.

Vintage port celebrates team visit

HUTCHIES' team members from Brisbane and Adelaide were hosted by SEIMA at its flagship Adelaide studio for a product overview and a look behind the scenes of the design and manufacture of its high-end kitchen, laundry, and bathroom fixtures range.

Once the serious side of the visit was over, the crew hit the Barossa wineries and ended the day by opening a 29-year-old commemorative bottle of Hutchies' port which Jack Hutchinson Snr had given to SEIMA's national project sales manager, Anita Arnold, in 1997 to mark Hutchies' 85th year.



Helping to empty the 29-year-old bottle of port, (from left) Damian Collett, Mark Kalinowski, Tyson Panagiotou, Tom Barnes, Ogi Latinovic and Anthony Stevens.

Anita said the vintage had held up beautifully.

"Jack Senior certainly knew his port," she said.

"There was something pretty special about sharing it with the Hutchies' team in 2026 – a year that marks 114 years of Hutchinson Builders – and after spending a few days with the team, it's easy to see that while a lot can change over 114 years, strong relationships, good people and a genuine passion for building never go out of style."

VIC Master Plumbers' night of nights



Hutchies' Joe Sollis (left) presents the Victorian 2026 Master Plumbers Excellence Award for Mechanical Services to Joseph Caputo.

HUTCHIES was a sponsor of the Victorian 2026 Master Plumbers Excellence Awards – continuing its commitment to backing the trades and the people who keep the construction industry moving.

There was a record number of nominations across the categories, and more than 390 guests attended the awards night, which also marked 135 years of Master Plumbers.

Representing Hutchies on stage was project manager, Joe Sollis, who presented one of the major awards.



Hutchies' team members who volunteer each week with the Melbourne Youth Bus outreach service (from left) Kate Lucarelli, Chloe Rowse and Andrew Doyle.

Team on board for Melbourne's youth

ANDREW Doyle's team in Melbourne is continuing its ongoing fund-raising and volunteering on Friday nights in support of disadvantaged youth through the Melbourne Youth Bus.

The volunteer-led mobile outreach service, with more than 20 years of community engagement, operates from a purpose-fitted bus.

It offers a safe, welcoming and semi-private space where young people aged 12 to 25 who are at risk, experiencing homelessness or facing social isolation can open up about what they need, without judgement.



Tassie team's big day out

Tassie team members finished their social club outing at Lost in Asia.

TASSIE team organised a day/night social club event which took the crew to MONA to check out some of the new sections of the museum that Hutchies has been working on.

The team kicked off by travelling in style in the MONA ferry's Posh Pit for the cruise up the river to the museum.

After checking out the latest areas of MONA for a few hours, the team made their way back to Hobart for dinner at the popular innercity restaurant and beer garden, Lost in Asia.

Team run away with success on the Gold Coast

TEAM Hutchies took on the Gold Coast Marathon with about 85 runners taking part in events across the weekend.

Hutchies' team members, as well as their families and supporters, came together for two huge days of running, cheering and celebrating.

In the heart of the action, the Southport yard became the main Hutchies' hub, giving runners a place to drop bags, refuel, shower and connect before and after their races, and providing supporters a raised platform for a view of the action.

A finish line Hutchies' marquee also gave team members a front-row spot to cheer runners home.

There were some stand-out efforts from Hutchies' team members.

Melbourne team leader, Andrew Doyle, finished the full marathon in 2:45:05, clocking an incredibly fast 3:54/km pace (15.4 kph), and placing 253rd from 14,549 runners.

Luke Puxley and Luke Reynolds completed the Fixx Nutrition Gold Coast Double, taking on both the half marathon and full marathon across two days, running a staggering 63.3km in one weekend and clocking total times of 6:42:37 and 6:50:43 respectively.

As well, Puxley pushed through an injury in the first 10km of the half marathon to finish both races.

Hutchies' director and COO, Paul Hart (COTY 2005), came an impressive 35th out of 426 in his age group (55-59) with a time of 3:22:09.

The celebrations continued for the Hutchies' crew at North Burleigh Surf Club, where runners, supporters, family and friends came together for an after-party and awards presentation.

Special mentions included Luke Puxley, who received the 'fan favourite award' for helping set up across both days and finishing both races despite injury, and Sean Lees, who received the 'zombie award' for pushing through and getting it done.

Thanks to the Southport crew for hosting the team and congratulations to all runners and all supporters who helped make the weekend such a huge success.



From left, Tony Edgar (10km run), and half-marathon runners, Kyle Scully (2:05:16) and Jack Fehr (1:48:48).



Emily (left) and sister, Lucy, were the support crew for parents, Julie and Ash Blake, who ran the half marathon and crossed the finish line together in a time of 2:10:54.

Awards galore rig



Sydney celebrating at the AIB's NSW Professional Excellence Awards (from left) Sam Necola, Yianni Flaskos, John Koumoukelis, Michael Metherell, Andrew Rowland, Mathew Gilyana, Tai Ong, Ali Sad, Khoi Vu and Max Elmes.



TOOWOOMBA Grammar School's new Design, Engineering and Technology Centre won Project of the Year at the 2026 Master Builders (Qld) Downs and Western Housing and Construction Awards as well as Education Facilities over $15M. Pictured as Hutchies' team members celebrate their success (from left, rear) Jodie Kelly's thumb, Alec Noble, Sean Lees, Wayne Rafter, Danny Charlesworth, Dale Borghardt, and (front) Jamie Nielsen, Amy Rafter, Bailey Weaver, Kirsten Kanowski, Gabriella Behr, Andrew Nolan and Catherine Crumpton.



At the 2026 Master Builders (Qld) Far North Queensland Housing & Construction Awards (from left) Josh McLean, Illiana Whipper, Jake Anderson, Jane Quigley, Jacob De Jong, Chris Fairclough, Rachelle Lamb and Shannon Liddy.

THE new Normanton Hospital took out two awards at the 2026 Master Builders (Qld) Far North Queensland Housing & Construction Awards – Health Facilities over $20M and Prefabricated and Modular Commercial Project.

Hutchies' Townsville team accepted both awards on behalf of the Toowoomba team, who delivered the project.

GREEN Square Public School and Community Spaces, brought to life by Hutchies, received major accolades during 2026.

Awards include Australian Institute of Architects (AIA) Educational Architecture William E Kemp Award; AIA Lord Mayor's Prize; Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) Excellence in Social & Community Infrastructure; Australian Institute of Building (AIB) NSW Professional Excellence Awards - Commercial Construction $60M Plus.

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HUTCHIES had a successful night at the 2026 Master Builders (Qld) Brisbane Housing & Construction Awards.

Bailey Caplick, a carpentry apprentice with the John Berlese (COTY 2006) team, won the award for Industry School Apprentice of the Year and project teams were recognised across a range of categories.

They included: Ripley Sub-Acute Hospital Expansion (Health Facilities to $20M) – team Jamie Washington; Plaîs Early Learning (Education Facilities $7M to $15M) – team Michael White; Brisbane Girls Grammar School's New Junior School (Education Facilities over



HUTCHIES' Tom Quinn accepts the 2026 Master Builders (Qld) North Queensland Award for Commercial Industrial Building $25M to $50M for the Townsville Northshore Retail Precinct.

ht across Australia



Celebrating success at the 2026 Master Builders (Qld) Brisbane Housing & Construction Awards are (front left, rear) Nikolas Cox, Glynn Kidney, Coen Wilson, Jack Leahy, Ryley Oughtred, Lachlan Luhrs, James Campbell and George Collyer and (front) Caitlin Porter, Bridget Mulvenna, Ainsley Freeman, Rebecca Flor and Mikayla Daley.

$15M) – team Mitch Grimmer; 205 North Quay (Commercial/ Industrial Building over $50M) – team John Berlese (COTY 2006).

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HUTCHIES celebrated major successes at the 2026 Master Builders (Qld) Gold Coast Housing & Construction Awards, including Mondrian Gold Coast Hotel and Residences being named McInnes Lawyers Project of the Year.

Other wins included: Mondrian Gold Coast Hotel and Residences (Tourism & Leisure Facilities over $10M) – team Jye Bailey; LUXE Broadbeach (Residential Building high-rise over $50M) – team Michael Sipinkoski; QAS Gold Coast Operations Centre Coomera (Community Service Facilities) – team Mitch Grimmer.



Georgie Laverick accepted the 2026 Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards (Western) win for Sacred Heart College Sports & Wellness Precinct in the Commercial Buildings $20M to $50M category.



Team leader, Jye Bailey, accepting the award for Project of the Year for Mondrian Gold Coast Hotel and Residences at the MB (Qld) Gold Coast Housing & Construction Awards.



HUTCHIES' Maroochydore-based Rob Morrison team won the Commercial Refurbishment/Renovation $25M to $50M category at the 2026 Master Builders (Qld) Sunshine Coast Housing & Construction Awards for Library+ Caloundra. From left (rear) Scott Borghardt, Mitchell Cahill, Brandon Tonkin, Lochlan Johnson, Robert Morrison, Lyle Ellis and Steve Hodgins, and (front) Cooper Bessell, Tara Thelwall and Helen Dahl.



LEFT: Hutchies' Michele Capannini (centre) and Colin O'Brien (right) accept the award for LUXE from WorkCon's Walter Hockings.



Celebrating at the MB (Qld) Gold Coast Housing & Construction Awards night (from left) Katie Grimmer, Mitch Grimmer, Luke Puxley, Tamara Puxley, Caron Hall and Mark Hall.



Aaron Jacobs and son, Roman.

Roman is new recruit

HUTCHIES believes in recruiting team members young and training them the Hutchies' way, but Aaron Jacobs, site manager from Dan Casey's team in Melbourne, seems to have taken it to the extreme.

Aaron brought son, Roman, into the South Melbourne office for a project start-up meeting.

Team leader, Dan Casey, reckons the young guy showed some great potential for the future.

"As a matter of fact, Roman managed to contribute more sense to the meeting than his old man," he said.

Keenan makes the podium



Team leader, Keenan Wolski, took to the podium to collect his award – for the 'worst shot of the day'.

HUTCHIES' crew joined in the National Tiles' Annual Golf Day – a corporate networking and community event – held at the Gainsborough Greens Golf Club in Pimpama.



Winners are grinners – 'Greg Crittall' team (from left) Marc Falconer, Luke Wilson, Duncan Nicholls, Jack Fissenden, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Nick Clegg, Harry Hugill and Annabelle Watts.

Testing Toowong's trivial pursuits

TOOWONG yard held a hotly contested trivia night for some team building and inter-office team competition.

Teams put their general knowledge to the test, tackling everything from history and sport to music and pop culture.

The night was an opportunity for people from different teams to connect, have a laugh and enjoy some healthy rivalry away from their projects and day-to-day work.

There were plenty of close results throughout the night, but one team rose to the top to be crowned 2026 Trivia Night champions.

Congratulations to Team Crittall, who claimed the title under the highly creative name, 'Greg Crittall'.

Thank you to Katrina Stack and Leiha Lenehan for organising the event and to everyone who got involved and helped make the night a success.



BBQ for RUOK? Day

Manning the barbie, from left, John Koumoukelis, Andrew Rowland, Paul Kardasis and Tai Ong.

TO mark *R U OK? Day*, Hutchies' Sydney team came together for a barbecue lunch and to strengthen connections, share conversations and support each other's wellbeing.

Held on the second Thursday of September each year, *R U OK? Day* is an annual Australian national day of action dedicated to suicide prevention and raising mental health awareness.



Morgan Bishop, project manager, celebrated completion of the Mossman job by playing a round of golf in Port Douglas. He was so keen to hit the fairways that he went straight from work and played in his steel caps.



Jacob Arnall, site manager, celebrated the end of the Mossman project with a day of deep-sea fishing.

Southport celebrates FNQ MMC completion

HUTCHIES' Southport team has successfully completed a MMC (Modern Methods of Construction) social housing initiative project at Mossman in Far North Queensland.

The team delivered 18 modern units across five two-storey buildings to produce 16 one-bedroom and two two-bedroom homes.

The Queensland Government's QBuild's MMC program is focused on delivering more houses across Queensland in less time.

Using Hutchies' modular manufacturing capability, the units were prefabricated off-site and transported to Mossman by a convoy of trucks.



PROVING Hutchies' merch never goes out of style were some company veterans on a camping trip (from left, rear) Cherise Wilson, Karen White, Mick Franks, Ann Franks, and (seated) Terry Wilson (COTY 2001) and Len White (COTY 1990).

Keen Cody earns congrats in Cairns



Hutchies' site manager in Cairns, Josh McLean, congratulates local student, Cody Ashby, on completing his work experience.

CODY Ashby, a student of St Andrew's Catholic College in Cairns, has successfully completed his work experience placement with Hutchies.

Cairns site manager, Josh McLean, said Cody had attended all days, completed his work experience without any incident, and participated to the best of his ability.

"Cody was keen and eager to please and was a real positive experience for our whole team," he said.

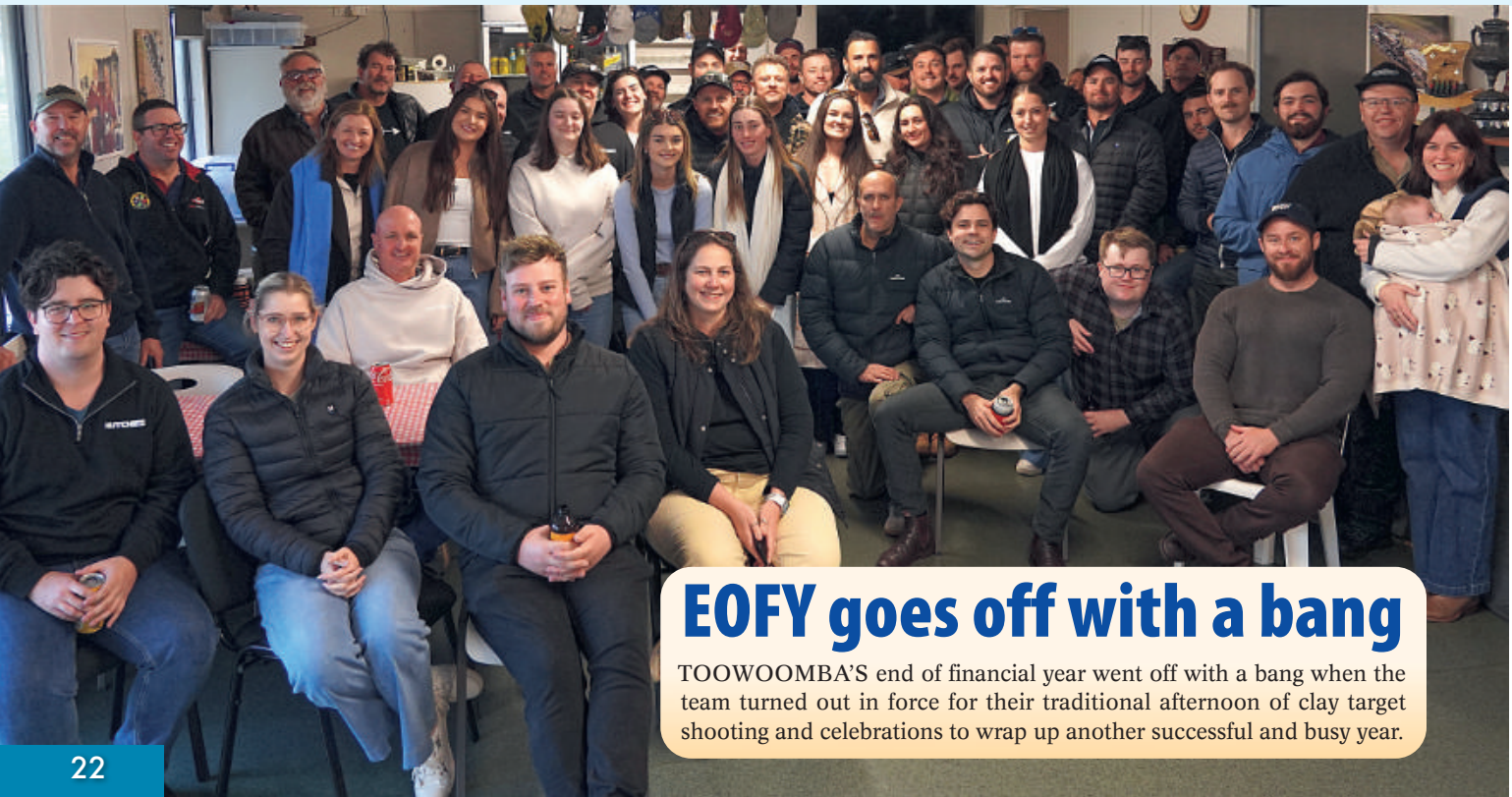
Row for Yak

HUTCHIES' team members joined in the community-wide 42km row-athon to raise funds for Burleigh Bears rugby league player, Jacek 'Yak' McLaurin, who suffered a serious spinal injury earlier this year.

Yak is on a long road to recovery, and the more than $100,000 raised from the event is earmarked for his treatment, rehabilitation and ongoing care.



RIGHT: Pictured training for the Rowing for Yak row-athon is Hutchies' managing director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), flanked by (from left) Alex Burr, Project Leaders' Isaac Cornish, Ash Blake, Julie Blake and Pat Doughan.



EOFY goes off with a bang

TOOWOOMBA'S end of financial year went off with a bang when the team turned out in force for their traditional afternoon of clay target shooting and celebrations to wrap up another successful and busy year.



Toowoomba girls show off their creativity on canvas.

Girls get creative on canvas

THE girls from Hutchies' Toowoomba team chose an afternoon of art for their Ladies' Day event.

Enjoying their time away from the office, the girls got creative on the canvas while catching up over cocktails and some delicious food at The Sip Studio.

The results speak for themselves, and the girls' abstract interpretations of lemons are proudly on display in the office 'art gallery'.



Best wishes to Dan Twomey, pictured with Jimmy Andersen (left) and Jake Anderson, in his well-earned retirement.

Dan hangs up the tools

DAN Twomey has retired after 15 years with Hutchies and the Cairns team farewelled him in fine fashion.

Free Friday barbie thank you

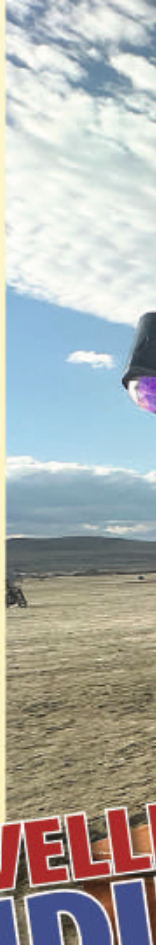


AFTER a couple of busy weeks on Department of Education projects, the team from Southport decided to host a free Friday afternoon barbecue at the yard as a thanks to the crew.

At the same time, they took the opportunity to hand out safety awards to two team members, Max Jeffery (left) and Jyungarah Pearce.

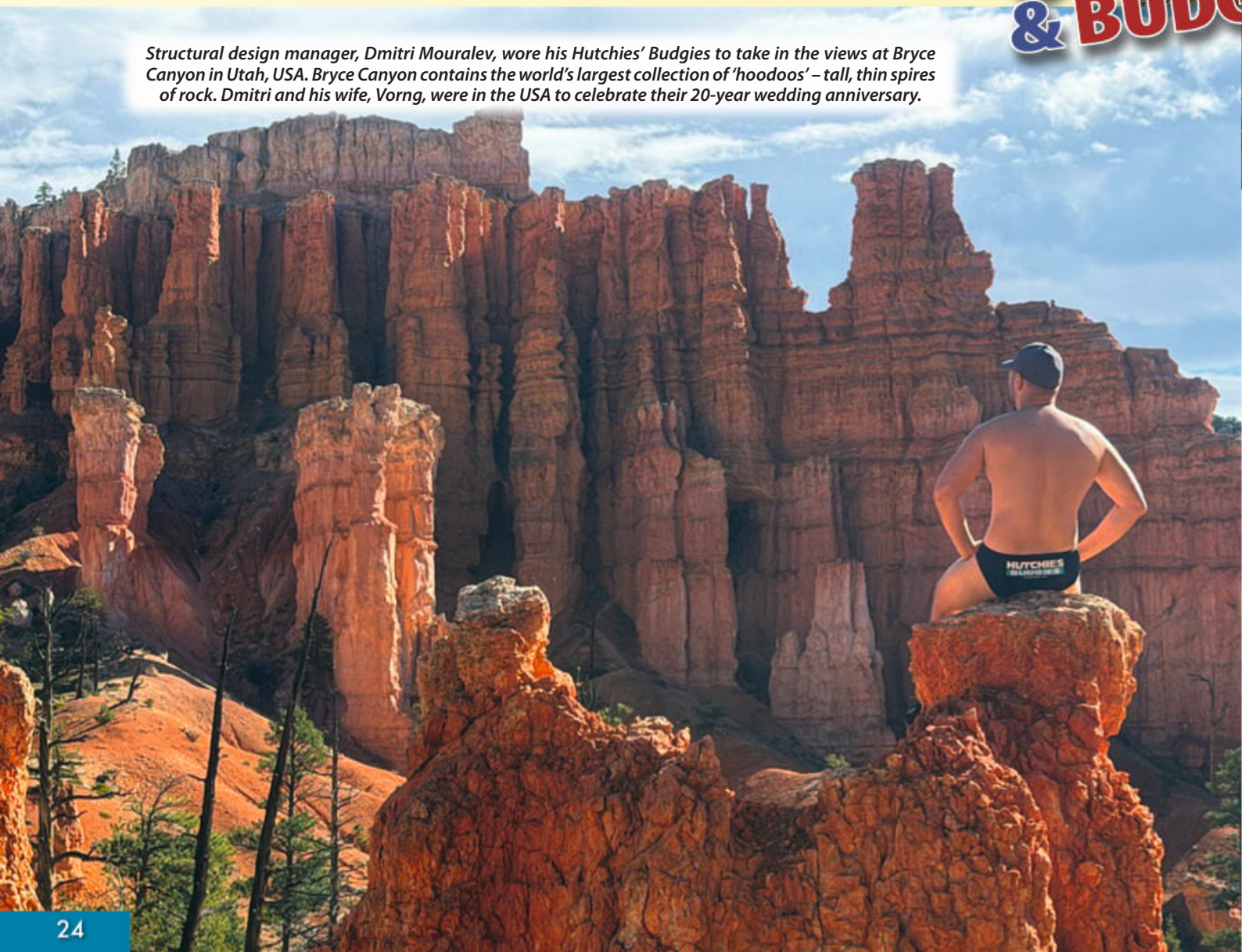


Spotted at the Iceland Eclipse Festival galloping off in a pair of Hutchies' Undies was G-raf (AKA Andrew Stanton) – half man, half giraffe. G-raf is a member of The Squidling Brothers Circus Sideshow, an international travelling comedy circus collective based in Philadelphia, USA.



TRAVELL UNDI & BUDG

Structural design manager, Dmitri Mouralev, wore his Hutchies' Budgies to take in the views at Bryce Canyon in Utah, USA. Bryce Canyon contains the world's largest collection of 'hoodoos' – tall, thin spires of rock. Dmitri and his wife, Vorng, were in the USA to celebrate their 20-year wedding anniversary.





Hutchies' Undies was the perfect attire for Penelope Louisa Carter for the scorching daytime heat in Nevada's Black Rock Desert during the 2026 Burning Man festival.

MATCHED



Toowong accounts team members, Chloe Hutton and Jack Bess, married at Rainforest Gardens in Mount Cotton in August.



Earlier this year, Hutchies' Adam Read from Newcastle married Ali Clare at The Banksias, in Crescent Head, before the couple flew to the Maldives for their honeymoon.

FEEDBACK

I JUST wanted to say a big thanks to everyone for their efforts leading up to and following on from site possession of the car park.

Taking that car park away from staff was never going to make us popular, but a big effort from the project team on the engagement, comms, and the on-time handover of the car park extension, followed by Hutchies turning up with half the heavy machinery in town, has made it pretty hard to argue that the disruption hasn't been worth it.

For something that could have easily given us grief, it's been a really positive start for the project.

Thanks and well done.

Kind regards,

Tom Hegarty
Executive Director Infrastructure Program Delivery
Townsville Hospital and Health Service

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ETHAN and I would like to personally thank you (Finlay Ross) for your role as the leading hand on our project at Culya Street.

We believe this was a first for you in a leading hand capacity on this size project. Congratulations!

You should be very proud of the end result. We are!

To have the project completed on time, with limited variation costs and defects is a great outcome.

Ethan and I have made mention to each other in a few conversations what a standout young man you are.

Your attitude, willingness to get things done and your personable approach is a real credit to you and also your family.

It has been great working with you.

We hope you walk away from this project with a spring in your step and an air of confidence and continue to take on bigger and better projects in the future.

All the best,

Ainsley and Ethan

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THANKS so very much for the planning, effort and support from you all in providing for whoever wanted to participate in the GC Marathon 2026.

Such an amazing thing for us to complete, such a wonderful opportunity to be financially supported and encouraged to do so, such a good thing for our kids to witness.

I'm humbled to be a part of such an amazing group of people.

Thank you.

Josh Fergusson,
Project Manager,
Hutchinson Builders

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I WOULD like to thank everyone for a great weekend for the Gold Coast Marathon.

Massive thank you to Jen and the whole crew who pulled this weekend together.

Aren't we lucky to have the people we do at Hutchies?

Lastly, big thanks to Hutchies for encouraging and supporting these kinds of events at significant time, effort and cost.

Amazing business.

Sean Lees,
Team Leader,
Hutchinson Builders

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We couldn't have asked for better partners at Walloon State School.

Mitch Grimmer, Leighton Stock and Luke Reynolds were a pleasure to work with.

The team were collaborative every step of the way and absolutely helped us bring our vision to life.

We love every aspect of our new R Block learning space

Thank you Hutchies!

Lisa Noonan
Principal
Education Queensland

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A HUGE thank you for Hutchies' sponsorship last year.

It helped make the junior competition a great success and was greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

The sponsorship from Hutchies plays an important role in helping us keep costs down for local families and allows us to provide more opportunities, equipment and giveaways for the kids throughout the season.

The kids absolutely love receiving their custom jerseys and footballs so thanks again for your support.

We're incredibly grateful for the contribution and the positive impact it has on our club and community.

Thanks again!

Jack Leahy
Logan Lions



AN appreciative four-year-old daughter gave this heartfelt thanks to Kyle Wright and Oliver Hartwig after they worked on her parents' house. They are a wonderful reminder that beyond delivering quality outcomes, it's the relationships built along the way that make a difference.



Hutchies sponsors the Logan City Lions Junior Touch Football Club.



Ellie Levick, a baby girl for Toowoomba contracts administrator, Joe Levick and wife, Beth.



Cyrus Taynton, a baby boy for Toowoomba contracts administrator, Luke Taynton and wife, Sasha.



Piper Moriarty, a daughter for Sydney project engineer, Keegan Moriarty and wife, Ash Moon, and a baby sister for Harper.

HATCHED



RIGHT: Finishing foreman and proud Hutchies' team member, Alex Turner, reckons you're never too young to start rocking Hutchies' Undies. Alex is pictured with baby son, Will, in matching merch.



Finley Nielsen, a baby boy for Toowoomba project manager, Jamie Nielsen, and wife, Tash.



Jobs Update with Paul Hart (COTY 2005)



Whitfield State School, Cairns

Job Value: $9.94M

Job Description: A new performing arts and music centre within the Far North Queensland school campus.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Kyle Hare
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Rachel Hutchinson
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Thomas Jungnitsch
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Shannon Liddy
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Ilaria Warfield
Client: ..... Qld Department of Education

Ampol Bridgeman Downs

Job Value: $8.09M

Job Description: Construction of an Ampol service station with Foodary and ground preparation for McDonald's.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Michael White
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Matthew Mulcahy
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Harry Allen
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Simon McGilvray
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Brian Hick
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... David Causevic
Architect: ..... Verve Design Group
Structural Engineering: ..... STP Consultants
Civil Engineering: ..... STP Consultants
Client: ..... Citimark Properties

McDonald's Bridgeman Downs

Job Value: $3.67M

Job Description: Off the back of securing Ampol Bridgeman Downs project, Hutchies won the McDonald's restaurant and drive-thru, with the same site team delivering both jobs concurrently.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Michael White
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Matthew Mulcahy
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Harry Allen
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Harry Baldwin
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Brian Hick
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... David Causevic
Architect: ..... i2C Architects
Structural Engineering: ..... STP Consultants
Civil Engineering: ..... STP Consultants
Client: ..... McDonald's Australia

Cairns Community & Multicultural Centre

Job Value: $8.11M

Job Description: Creation of a new centre designed to bring people together and provide access to programs, services, and cultural support for the growing multicultural community in Cairns.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Kyle Hare
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Illiana Whipper
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Thomas Jungnitsch
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Shannon Liddy
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Jackson Little
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... Doug Whipper
Architect: ..... Clarke and Prince Architects
Structural Engineering: ..... STP Consultants
Civil Engineering: ..... STP Consultants
Client: ..... Cairns Regional Council

103 Macquarie Street, Hobart

Job Value: $3.24M

Job Description: Refurbishment of an existing office including structural demolition and a new two-stop lift.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Nick Silcox
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Tim Ziegeler
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Ben Cullen
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Chan Ramakrishnan
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... Myles Castley
Architect: ..... X Squared
Structural Engineering: ..... Gandy and Roberts
Client: ..... Silverleaf Investments

Murwillumbah East Public School Upgrade

Job Value: $15.72M

Job Description: A new flood-resilient school facility, including learning spaces, support unit, canteen, accessibility upgrades, lift and ramp access, service infrastructure upgrades, stormwater improvements and associated landscaping works, within the existing campus.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Murray Emmerson (COTY 2025)
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Robert Doyle
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Francis Planas
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Luke Smith
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Alistair Pillay/Sam Schimke
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... Rick Rowntree
Architect: ..... Pedavoli Architects
Structural Engineering: ..... EDGE Consulting Engineers
Civil Engineering: ..... C & M Consulting Engineers
Client: ..... NSW Department of Education/Schools Infrastructure NSW (SINSW)

RNA Brisbane Showgrounds Arena

Job Description: Redevelopment of the main arena precinct.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... John Berlese (COTY 2006)
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Daniel Sierant
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Mark Kalinowski
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Martin Tanner
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Lochlan Aird
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... Joey Cassin
Architect: ..... Populous
Structural Engineering: ..... Northrop
Civil Engineering: ..... Northrop
Client: ..... Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA)

Cairns Adolescents Mental Health Inpatient Services (CAMHIS)

Job Value: $7.55M

Job Description: Refurbishment of the existing Block A floor for a new adolescent unit.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Kyle Hare
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Chris Fairclough
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Thomas Jungnitsch
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Shannon Liddy
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Jane Quigley
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... Gary Watkinson
Architect: ..... TPG Architects
Structural Engineering: ..... STP Consultants
Client: ..... Queensland Health

Bokarina Beach Village, Sunshine Coast

Job Value: $17.5M

Job Description: Stage one works comprise construction of 28 single-storey beach houses as independent living units.

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Robert Morrison
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Brandon Tonkin
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Chris Adkins
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Lochlan Johnson
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Helen Dahl/Luke Menzel
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... Rob Gee
Architect: ..... Powe Architects
Structural Engineering: ..... Logic Structures
Civil Engineering: ..... Stantec
Client: ..... UnitingCare Queensland



Hutchies is undertaking construction of new flood-resilient facilities within the Murwillumbah East Public School campus.



Artist's impression of the new Community and Multicultural Centre under construction in Cairns.

Hester Hornbrook Academy Geelong Campus

Job Value: $8.76M

Job Description: Construction and various fit-outs within Melbourne City Mission (MCM) and Hester's new campus at Brougham Street, Geelong, with the total scope of works area approximately 2600m².

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Dan Casey
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Georgie Laverick
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Jonathan Bernal
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Lisa Ramondetta
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... William Bongers
Architect: ..... Gray Puksand Architects
Structural Engineering: ..... Adams Consulting Engineers
Client: ..... Hester Hornbrook Academy

EXEQ Warehouse and Showroom, Toowoomba

Job Value: $8.49M

Job Description: ECI through to main works for a new warehouse, showroom and facilities for Excavation Equipment Group (EXEQ).

Hutchies' Team Leader: ..... Sean Lees
Hutchies' Project Manager: ..... Nick Linnan
Hutchies' Design Manager: ..... Andrew Nolan/Gabriella Behr
Hutchies' Cost Planner: ..... Matt Maag
Hutchies' Administrator: ..... Bree Marr
Hutchies' Site Manager: ..... Alec Zajacek
Architect: ..... VHD Studios
Structural Engineering: ..... Kehoe Myers
Civil Engineering: ..... Downs Roadside Engineering
Client: ..... Excavation Equipment Group



The Hutchies' site team on the Ampol Bridgeman Downs project is also delivering the new McDonald's within the facility.



Ladies' long lunch goes long into the night

THE ever-popular annual Hutchies' Ladies' Lunch was held last month at the Stanley Restaurant at Howard Smith Wharves, one of the city's popular waterfront dining destinations, renowned for its award-winning Cantonese cuisine and views of the Brisbane River.

Following the long lunch, the girls kicked on into the night with drinks at The Alligator Club – the New Orleans-inspired underground cocktail bar in the Valley.

LEFT: A few of the 150-strong Ladies' Lunch cohort for 2026.

First fund recipients celebrate



Four of the first six recipients of the May Hendry Developing Women Fund were among those at the Ladies' Lunch (from left) Erin Richardson, Katrina Stack (Hutchies' people support manager), Melissa Butler, Kylie Hardwick, Penny Hoolihan (Hutchies' director), and Emma Topen.

THE Ladies' Lunch coincided with the announcement of the first recipients of the inaugural May Hendry Developing Women Fund.

It is named in honour of former Hutchies' team member, the late Elizabeth 'May' Hendry, recognising her valuable 32-year contribution working tirelessly for Hutchies from 1945.

The fund is a new initiative to support the continued learning, development and career progression of women across Hutchies.

Congratulations to Brienne Makovsky, Megan Long, Melissa Butler, Kylie Hardwick, Emma Topen, Erin Richardson, and Roisin Twomey.

Dolphin man for the day

IN July, the Logan Reserve Schools team hired a box for the Dolphins vs Roosters NRL game.

Leading up to the day, the team held a pinball competition on site.

The 'reward' for the loser was to wear a dolphin suit to the game.

As it turned out, site manager, Grant Delaney, is challenged at pinball and was the lucky one to don the costume.

The dolphin suit was removed before the crew continued the day late into the night at a cabaret club in Fortitude Valley.



Phins up for dolphin man, Grant Delaney.



Proud dad, Antonio DeLutiis, on son Massimo's debut for the Wallabies.

Wallaby in the family

SITE manager, Antonio DeLutiis, who has been with Hutchies since 2018, has some serious bragging rights with his son, Massimo, 22, now playing for the Wallabies.

The Queensland Reds prop was capped Wallaby number 1000 and scored a try on debut when Australia defeated Japan 56-17 in Townsville in August.

Only 1000 players have earned a Wallabies' cap in 127 years of Test rugby.



Massimo DeLutiis was capped Wallaby number 1000.

PICTURED BELOW: Teammates celebrate Massimo's try on debut during the Australia v Japan game in Townsville.

Super fan Kampfy at GF



Pictured on grand final day (from left) Toowoomba Mayor, Geoff McDonald; the Mayor's mother and wife of Hall-of-Famer, the late John 'Cracker' McDonald, Joan McDonald; NRL legend, Steve Price; and Hutchies' Geoff 'Kampfy' Kampf.

HUTCHIES is a major partner and sponsor of the Toowoomba Rugby League (TRL).

The local team members are great supporters, and site manager, Geoff 'Kampfy' Kampf, has made a significant contribution in his own right to the TRL community.





Hutchies was a major sponsor of the Bluey's Bandits team car in this year's Variety Bash.

On the run with Bluey's Bandits

HUTCHIES was a major corporate sponsor for the Bluey's Bandits team car during this year's Variety Bash.

The popular Variety Bash is Australia's longest-running charity motoring event, which this year raised more than $1.81 million for Variety – the Children's Charity of Queensland, supporting children who are sick, disadvantaged, or living with a disability.



Darling Dingoes juniors with their mascot.

Dingoes on the Downs

HUTCHIES has been a major sponsor of the Darling Dingoes T20 cricket team since its formation in 2021.

The Darling Dingoes franchise represents the Darling Downs region and fields teams from under 12s through to U23 and senior ranks, playing in the Brisbane Premier League and the Century Champions League.

Two of the three owners of the Darling Dingoes, Grant Spies and Nick Payne from Livewired Electrical, are longtime Hutchies' subbies.



Hutchies' team line-up for the 2026 Corporate Rugby 10s competition. (Photo-bombed by Natalie and Jamie Coe's daughter, Billie).

Rugby raises funds for Youngcare

HUTCHIES fielded a handy team in the 2026 Corporate Rugby Tens competition held in September.

The annual competition is a charity rugby event that brings together teams from Brisbane's prominent corporate, construction, property, and engineering sectors to raise funds and awareness for Youngcare, supporting young Australians with high care needs.

Hutchies' team included former Prime Minister's XIII front rower, Brenton Lawrence, as well as Hutchies' national safety manager, Jimmy Andersen, and keen players from Toowong, Cooly, Southport and Toowoomba teams.

The fast-paced rugby competition features 10 players a side and seven-minute halves.

Hutchies fell short this year, with the win going to Blue Commercial and runners-up, Buildcorp Queensland.

Riding high at the SBC rodeo

HUTCHIES in Rockhampton is a gold sponsor of the annual St Brendan's College (SBC) Rodeo in Yeppoon.

Held in term three each year since 1978, the SBC Rodeo is the country's only school-based rodeo. These days it attracts more than 300 competitors from around Australia and is a feature event on the Australian Professional Rodeo Association's calendar.



The annual St Brendan's College Rodeo is Australia's only school-based rodeo.



Hutchies' team (from left) Mitchell Cahill, Luke Menzel, Robert Morrison and Alex-Daniel Caux.

Teeing up for SunnyKids

SUNNY Coast team members hit the links at the Master Builders Sunshine Coast BUSSQ Golf Day for a day of golf, networking, putting and driving competitions, lunch, and a post-game presentation. This year's event raised $2,650 for SunnyKids to support vulnerable children and families experiencing hardship and domestic violence across the Sunshine Coast.



From left, Evan Grego, Jack Maya, Scott Black and Rod Thomas.

Rocky golf day big success

HUTCHIES fielded a team in the Master Builders CQ Building Certification Rockhampton Golf Day in late September, which attracted 104 players plus sponsors.



From left, Peter King, Jackson Little, Jake Anderson, Josh McLean and Jane Quigley.

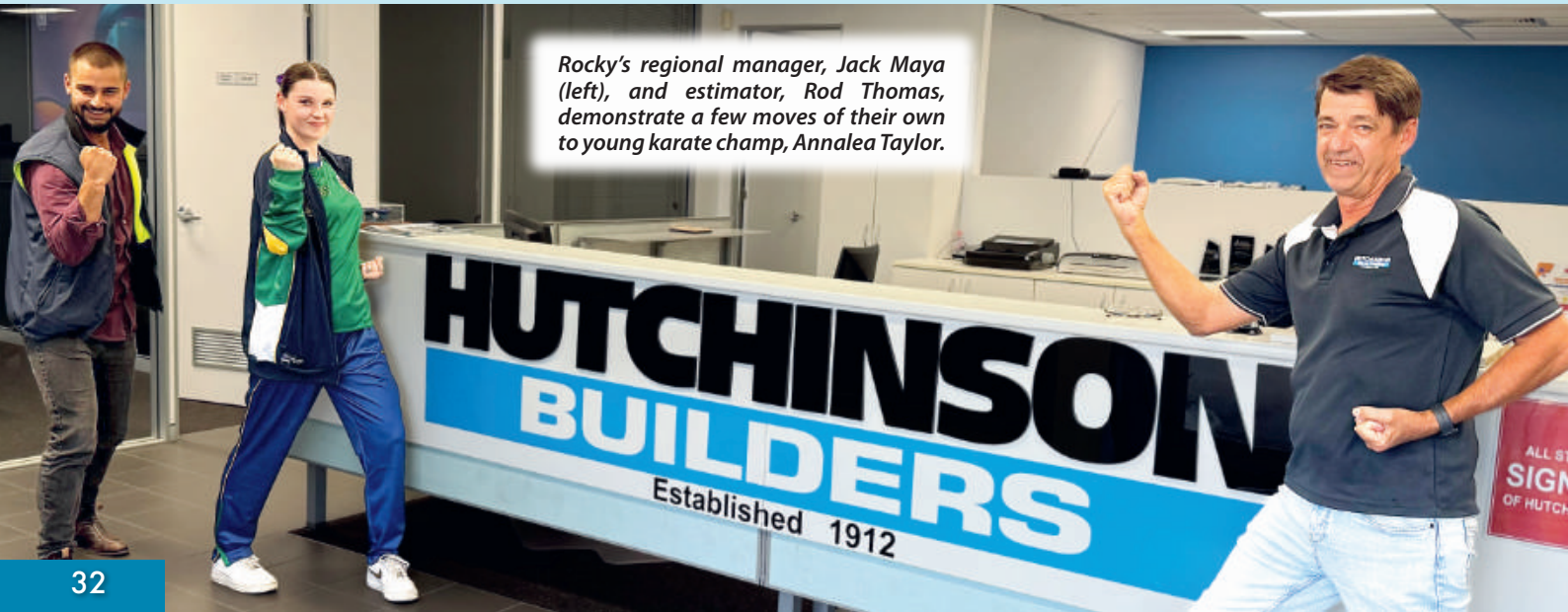
Cairns crew right on course

HUTCHIES' team in Cairns were invited to participate in the Bretts PHD (Project Hardware and Doors) Golf Day.

Annalea takes on the world championships

HUTCHIES in Rockhampton is proud to support local Rocky girl, Annalea Taylor, as she takes on the world representing Australia at the 2026 Shotokan Karate-Do International Federation World Championships in Turkey this month.

After competing at the Australian National Championships in Brisbane, where she claimed three national titles and gold medals, Annalea popped into the Rocky office to share the news with the local team.



Rocky's regional manager, Jack Maya (left), and estimator, Rod Thomas, demonstrate a few moves of their own to young karate champ, Annalea Taylor.