

# T HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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## New Broncos Club

CONSTRUCTION is continuing on the Broncos headquarters at Red Hill.

The construction contract, comprising three stages, is worth \$7.5 million and is due for completion by January next year.

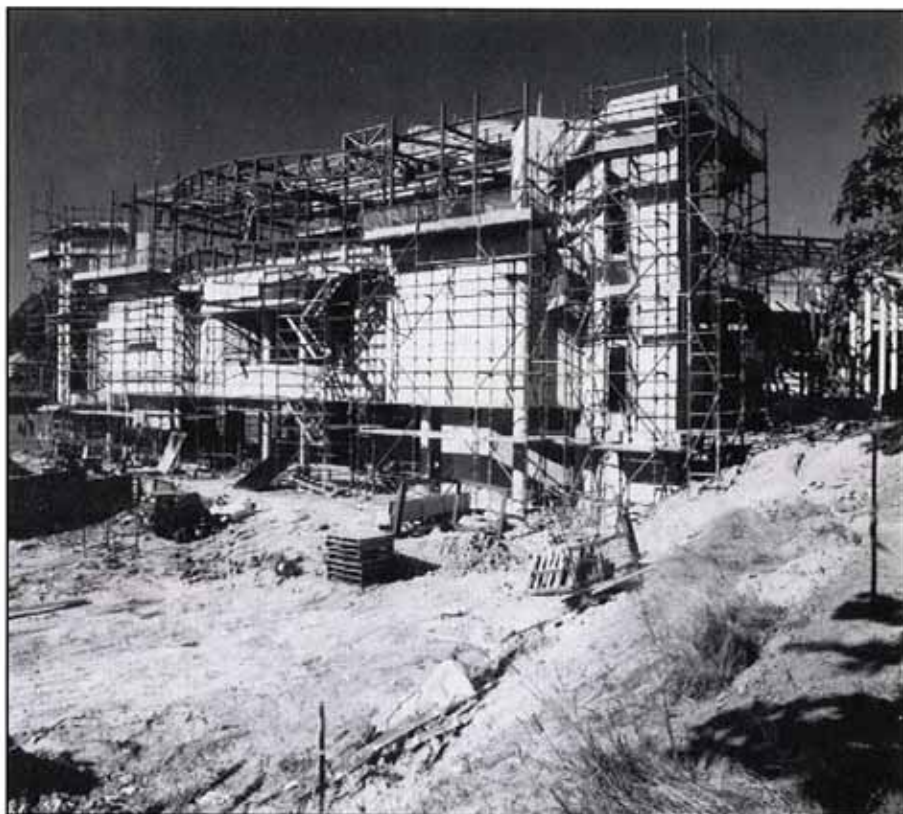
Stage one and two are running concurrently, with stage one handed over on July 25 and stage two to be completed in early September.

Once these stages are completed, the club will relocate to the new building. This will allow work to commence on the final stage, entailing the refurbishment of the upper ground floor.

The Hutchinson team comprises Mike Tickner, Robert Gallagher, Louie Levinson, Graham Gibson, Rex Bird and Rebman Robinson on site, with Murray Creevey and Barry Butterworth in the office.

Excellent relations have been maintained with the consultants, affectionately known as the Fine Cotton Consultants after the touch football game played in May.

The consultants' team comprises Michael Maranta and Don O'Rorke of Consolidated Properties (project managers) and Ed Haysom and Chris Everding of the Haysom Group of Architects (plus a professional ring-in!).



Broncos Leagues Club at Red Hill ... work is well underway on the three-stage project.



A few of Hutchies Pigsters discuss tactics... (from left) Wayne Cullen, Scott Hutchinson, Keith Boucaut, Paul Hart, and (seated) Andrew Letherby and Murray Creevey.

### Broncos touch football Hutchinson Pigsters v Fine Cotton Consultants

A CAPACITY crowd was at hand to watch the second game of the touch football series against the consultants at the Broncos Leagues Club.

In the first game, Hutchies Pigsters were narrowly beaten 6-5, due to the inclusion of a few ring-ins.

But, the Pigsters stuck to their game plan and gained revenge 7-6.

The decider is yet to be scheduled.

No citings or send-offs were necessary but there was scrutiny of one incident where quantity surveyor Nev Cottrell appeared to stomp coach Cullo.

Hutchies' Pigsters comprised

Robert Gallagher, Graham Gibson, Rebman Robinson, Murray Creevey, Barry Butterworth, Wayne Cullen, Scott Hutchinson, Paul Hart, Keith Boucaut, Russell Bowden, Andrew Letherby, Richard Clarke, and Robert Weymouth.

Try scorers for the Pigsters included Cullo (3), Creevey (2), Andy (1) and Russell (1).

A barbecue and drinks were provided after the game where the afternoon's events were analysed and a good time was had by all.

It is rumoured that the London Broncos are negotiating with the Pigsters.

# From the managing director's desk

THIS Builder of the Year comic (pictured right) appeared in the Australasian Post in 1990, but unfortunately it still accurately reflects the general public's opinion of builders.

Clients, architects, engineers, and consultants have heard it all before: "I will be finished next week", "I'll be there for sure, first thing next Thursday morning."

This general image of the builder leaves Hutchies with a great opportunity.

Often good service is simply doing what you said you'll do, being where you are meant to be when you're meant to be there or having something completed on time without excuses.

In our industry it also means insisting that other



Scott Hutchinson, managing director.

company members, suppliers and subcontractors with whom we work also keep their promises.

I believe a major reason why Hutchies are still around and did not really suffer in the recent recession



is that we have all kept our promises more often than our competitors.

The challenge now is for

each and every company member to keep making, and not breaking, that promise.

## Ian makes it to a double decade



Ian Holst ... "an integral and invaluable part of Hutchinson Builders".

HUTCHINSON Builders director Ian Holst joins a few stalwarts at Hutchies in making it to the big 20 - 20 years at the company, that is.

Ian joined Hutchies in 1974 and was a manager until 1991, when he was promoted to director.

Chairman Jack Hutchinson, who has worked with Ian during that time, said Ian has been an integral and invaluable part of Hutchinson Builders.

"Ian is noted for his meticulous work, his fair and honest dealings and his untiring efforts for the preservation and advancement of the company," Jack said.

"He continually puts the needs of the company before his own and all at Hutchies congratulate Ian and thank him for all that he has done."

Well done Ian.

### Some thoughts...



● YOU will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it. - Charles Buxton.

● There is no failure except in no longer trying.

● If Columbus had turned back, no-one would have blamed him. No-one would have remembered him either.

● It is a thousand times better to have commonsense without education than to have education without commonsense.

### Suggestions

PLEASE, let's have your suggestions now for anything you feel will improve the company.

There will be a \$100 prize, presented at this year's Christmas party, for the best suggestion.

## Inaugural training day

ON May 30, Hutchies held our first training day for foremen, leading hands and apprentices.

The new in-house training development program has been designed by our Training Council, consisting of a balanced representation of office and on-site personnel.

This followed an extensive skills audit carried out by Robert Weymouth and Scott Hutchinson.

The scheme consists of formal training modules delivered by outside lecturers as well as our own company members.

It also involves experiential learning in the office and on site, and has been designed using the input and experiences of our present successful foremen and project managers.



Peter Byrne, Steve Low, George Cannon, John Francis, and Ian Hutton take part in the training day.

This training is especially important for a "Hutchies" style of company because our history shows we hold our company members for many years and this training will

make them more valuable.

The wide range in dollar value of Hutchies' projects means that at some time all our company members will be looking after a project.

## Churchie stairs donated

HUTCHINSON Builders and Morgan Fox and Harvey donated stairs to the Anglican Church Grammar School, more often known as Churchie.

The headmaster of the Preparatory School, Bruce Howden, held a ceremony to open the new stairs.

At that ceremony he thanked Hutchies chairman Jack Hutchinson, director Ian Holst, and managing director of

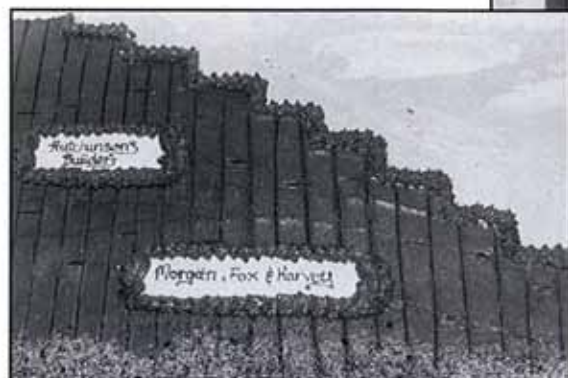
Morgan Fox and Harvey Structural Engineers, Rob Morgan, for their generous donation.

Grade 7 student Jack King-Scott made a presentation to them before Jack and Rob cut a ribbon and declared the stairs open.

The ceremony was performed in front of the whole Preparatory School and included a specially baked cake in the shape of stairs to mark the occasion.



Jack Hutchinson (front) accompanied by Rob Morgan (back, left) and Ian Holst at the ceremony to open the new Churchie Prep. School stairs.



The "stair" cake which was cut to celebrate the opening of the Churchie stairs.

## Mayfair Crest

WE have begun an extensive refurbishment of the Mayfair Crest foyer that will provide for an even greater level of finishes throughout.

Our new foreman, Grant Campbell, along with Jim Ford and Oscar Wilkinson from Ralph & Beattie, Bosworth; and Annette Sanders from Davenport Campbell, are coordinating the project which mainly consists of marble, timber joinery and veneered wall panels, and coffered ceilings.

The project is due for completion at the end of August.

## Kallangur Childcare Centre

Gordon Reynolds from Hutchinsons and Michael Vicanzino from Resource Coordination Partnership have just completed a new childcare centre in Duffield Rd, Kallangur.

Our client, Heritage Properties, has seen the need for this in the area and has moved to meet the demand.

## Commercial Development, Kedron

Roger Smart and Guy Burgess from Smart & Burgess Properties have asked Hutchinsons to build a two tenancy tilt-up building at 538 Gympie Rd, Kedron.

With a bank already lined up as the major tenant, the development is sure to be successful.

Anderson Street Architects have provided the design.



Matthew Hutton outside Brittany, the Bishop St units receiving the final touches.

## JOBS UPDATE



*with*  
**Barry Butterworth**

Jamie Silvester and Ray Balladone are Hutchies' men managing the project.

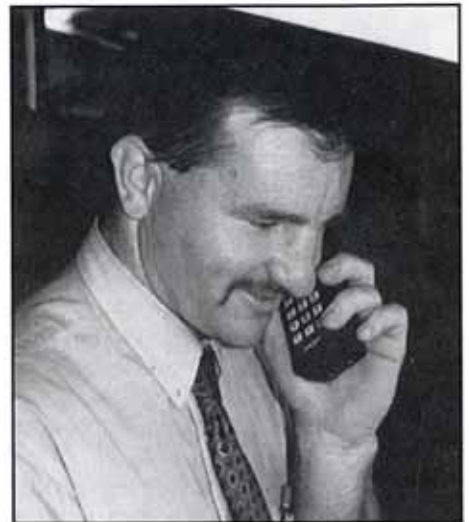
## Keperra Sanctuary Retirement Village

Work is well underway on Stage 7B of the Keperra Sanctuary Retirement Village for IOOF Community Villages.

Stage 7B consists of 17 self-contained units and incorporates all roadworks and associated services.

The construction cost is approximately \$1.65 million and the contract is being undertaken on a construction management basis.

We are also negotiating to build the new hostel contract which is valued at \$3 million, and is due to start in September.



Robert Weymouth ... supervisor for the Keperra Sanctuary Retirement Village, Brisbane Arcade, Bishop St and Miles St units and Jerdanefield St units projects.

The site manager is Len White and the supervisor is Robert Weymouth.

## Brisbane Arcade

Work has recently commenced on a \$3.4 million upgrade of services and structure to the Brisbane Arcade.

This contract includes work to the existing basement, where the whole floor structure is being pulled up, with new service trenches being constructed below the floor to allow easy access to new services.

The contract also includes the construction of a new plant room structure at existing roof level and the installation of a new lift shaft.

The work is being undertaken on a construction management basis.

The site foreman is Paul DeJong and the supervisor is Robert Weymouth.

## Brothers Leagues Club, Mackay

The refurbishment and alterations to Brothers Leagues Club, Mackay, is yet another club project that we have with Project Leaders.

This contract is worth \$1.4 million, and when complete will transform the Leagues Club into the premier club in Mackay.

Completion of Stage 1 of the three-stage contract was handed over last month.

Site foreman is Michael DeJong and supervisor is Len White.



Work is progressing well on these top quality units in Jerdanefield St, St Lucia.

## Bishop St (St Lucia) and Miles St (Hawthorne) units

Construction is nearly complete on both these sets of quality unit developments for Blades Project Services and Petrac Properties.

Hopefully, these are two of a lot more developments to be undertaken on a construction management type basis with Blades and Petrac Properties.

Both contracts have a high level of finish and are both well-designed and laid-out units.

Bishop St foreman is Mathew Hutton

and the Miles St foreman is Syd Britton. The supervisor is Robert Weymouth.

## Jerdanefield St units, St Lucia

Work is progressing well on a set of eight units for Consolidated Properties in Jerdanefield St, St Lucia.

These units are again of top quality in class St Lucia, with selling prices in excess of \$200,000 each.

Our contract value is \$935,000, and the contract is a design and construct type contract.

The site foreman is Terry Wilson and the supervisor is Robert Weymouth.

## Gold Coast – Diamond Sands

Hutchies have now commenced three more projects as well as the Sandringham Units reported in the last issue.

We are coming out of the ground on the Diamond Sands project at Mermaid Beach.

This is a 93 unit low-rise resort valued at \$9.3 million.

The general foreman is Alan Hindmarsh and the supervisor is Greg Cree.

A further stage of this project is currently being designed and we are negotiating for the construction.

## Gold Coast Hospital

We have also commenced work on a \$1 million refurbishment of Gold Coast Hospital Accident & Emergency section for Q-Build.

Brian Hill is looking after this job, with Greg Cree again supervising.

## Broadwater Keys

Site possession has been granted for Broadwater Keys, an old motel at Labrador which is being refurbished into bed sitter units.

This job has a value of \$1 million and is being completed for Warren Wadley Pty Ltd.



An artist's impression of Diamond Sands on the Gold Coast ... a \$9.3 million project for Hutchies.

# Rods reeled in at Moreton

A NUMBER of rods and reels marking five years' service with the company were presented at Moreton Island.

It was a particularly cold night for the presentation and the setting and stage were not grand.

And, while many of the recipients had their "wobbly boots" on, the acceptance speeches were very amusing.

Scott Hutchinson presented Owen Dewe, Neil McLeod, Trevor Atchison,

Robert Weymouth, Trevor Bruiners, and Peter McIntyre with personally inscribed rods and reels made by Alvey Reels.

To add some culture to the evening, Hutchies brought in an international guest speaker, Mr Gordon Reynolds, of Cambridge, England.

Neither the audience, the award winners, or Mr Reynolds remember what his speech was about.



Sleeping on the job



On the job?



LEFT: Robert Weymouth takes hold of his new rod ... rather excitedly.



RIGHT: A few beers and I'm anyone's.



Tent's are up ... now where'd I put my wallet?



An estimator ... burying his head in the sand.



The new crew ... Sue Tomlinson, Cheryl McCaffery, Dellis Wilkinson, Mandy Campbell and Julie Lowe.



Jamie Silvester  
... award  
winner.

## Company Award

THE company watch for the May/June period has gone to Jamie Silvester.

Jamie has done a great job at the Petrie Barracks refurbishment in all of the key areas – time, budget, quality, and client satisfaction.

Congratulations Jamie on an outstanding effort.



## New faces at Hutchies

HUTCHIES has a number of newcomers who have joined the company and we welcome them.

They are: Mandy Campbell and Cheryl McCaffery sharing reception and clerical duties; Dellis Wilkinson and Sue Tomlinson in accounts; and Julie Lowe attending to the payroll.

## Social Club

THE last social club function was to the Lyric Theatre to see *Buddy*, which was a great success.

The next function will be on September 3 and will be *Dinner in the Diner*.

This is a three-course meal aboard a steam-powered heritage train.

It should bring back nostalgic memories for some while providing a glimpse at the olde-world charm of yesteryear for the younger members of the company.

Partners are welcome and we ask that you contact Janis to register your interest in attending.

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