

# HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

AUGUST 1996

## GREAT PERFORMANCE EXPECTED AT THEATRE

The curtain has gone up on what will be a very public performance by the Hutchies' team on the controversial renovation of Toowoomba's historic Empire Theatre.

Hutchies got the nod for the job with a \$9.5 million bid - the lowest of five submissions considered by the Toowoomba City Council.

The \$12.5 renovation will create an art deco community cultural centre with a 1548 seat auditorium, contemporary backstage facilities, restaurant, administration offices, rehearsal stage and rooms, dressing rooms and corporate entertainment facilities.

Work is expected to be completed in March/April next year following an

anticipated 40 week construction program.

The Empire was built in 1911, was gutted by fire in 1933 and has been derelict since it closed its doors in 1971.

Scott Hutchinson said he had no doubt that Hutchies' track record had as much to do with winning the contract as their competitive pricing did.

"As well as having the best price, Council placed a great deal of emphasis on our reputation and ability to do the job which will be a public showpiece for years to come," Scott said.

"Public attention in Toowoomba has been focused on our performance on Brisbane's St Stephen's Cathedral (winner of the Australian Institute of Building Excellence

Award), Brisbane Broncos Leagues Club, Tattersalls Club and Arcade in Brisbane and Kingfisher Bay Resort on Fraser Island.

"Because of its controversial nature there will be a great deal of public scrutiny and we will need to turn in our usual performance.

"The rebuilding of the Empire will be a real challenge and will need a real team effort to ensure its ultimate completion at the end of April next year," he added.

Ben Randall and Simon Garlic of CMR are Project Managers with Chris Everding from Hassell Architects as team architect.

Hutchies team are Len White, Grant White, Mario Medrono, Randall Younger and Terry (Wobbles) Wilson.

## HALLELUJAH - AND PRAISE THE BUILDER

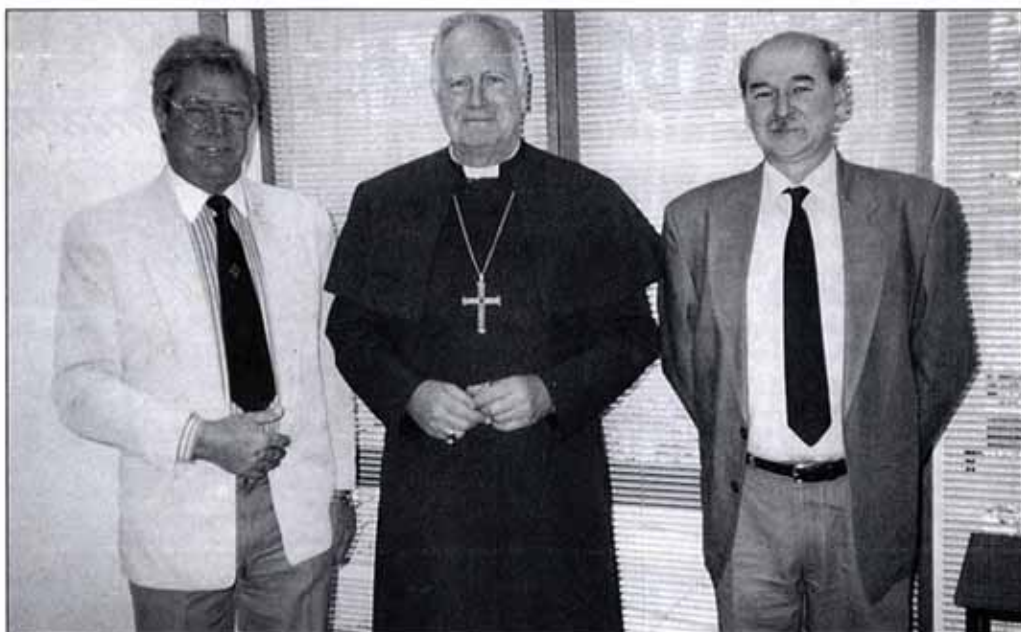
THE effort put in by the Hutchies' team on a refurbishment job at the Tufnell Home complex, Nundah, won the praise of the Anglican Church.

Church people commended the team for the level of interest shown by the workmen in coming up with ideas to improve the job.

In earlier years, Tufnell was well known as an orphanage, but in recent times it has been an administration centre for Anglican Church care programs.

The recent job required the refurbishment of a dining room into more offices.

Architect, Gary Kruger, and Hutchies Building Supervisor, Ron Niven, took part in the re-hallowing ceremony conducted by The Most Reverend Peter J. Hollingworth, A.O., Archbishop of Brisbane.



Supervisor Ron Niven (left) and architect, Gary Kruger (right) with Archbishop Peter Hollingworth, after handing over the building for re-hallowing.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

I HAVE the pleasure of attending many official openings of buildings which Hutchies have constructed.

Openings of our club projects are particularly rewarding.

One of the most enjoyable functions I have ever attended was the opening of the Maryborough RSL Club in May.

The food, drinks, entertainment and company were all first class. The speeches were entertaining and short!

The major address was given by the National President of the RSL, Major General W.B. James, AO, MBE, MC - affectionately known as "Digger" James.

He spoke about change and common sense and on the night was inspirational.

And have included part of his address which is relevant to our industry, our community and our lives.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, let me congratulate those concerned in the develop-

ment of this new club. I wish to particularly congratulate the RSL members who for some years have worked hard in committees to develop the design and plans and funding for this beautiful facility.

I also congratulate all those who participated in the design and construction of the Club. I wish to mention particularly the architect and the builders, Hutchinsons, who have given us such a superb complex.

This has brought about a change for the people of Maryborough. A change from an old club which served so well for so many years to a new Club with new facilities that will offer an outstanding location for social activities in the community.

Let me speak about 'change'.

We live in a time of great change, and change is going on at an ever increasing rate. Much is good, but I believe much is bad. We need to have wisdom in decision making.

I believe change is inevitable, and histo-

ry supports this view. However, change for change sake has no merit. If you accept this, then there is a vital need for all of us to ensure that the change that takes place is for good and not for evil; that the change that takes place is made after wise consideration. Wisdom is the key element.

We need to be able to distinguish what is good in the possibility of change and not get caught in politically correct attitudes.

Extreme views, trendy views and views that are for gain must be avoided. The RSL is dedicated to service for the veteran, his welfare and the welfare of his family. It is also dedicated to the welfare of our nation and I believe we must keep saying sensible things and quoting sensible values.

Change is good if it is for good. The Club offers an opportunity for people to meet and develop sound community commitments and be a leader in effecting change for good.

— Scott Hutchinson



## BURLEY HEADS" FISHING CLUB



Successful fishermen show off their catch.

The competition for the Hutchinson Builders Perpetual Fishing Trophy was held at Mooloolaba in June.

With 10 to 20 knots of breeze and seas of two to three metres - lifting to four metres - many of the braver participants spent considerable time supplying their own form of burley to excite the fish.

It was a great day out with only two sleepers in the pack.

Everyone caught enough for a meal or two with plenty of good eating fish such as Red Emperor, Sweetlip, Parrot and Pearl Perch.

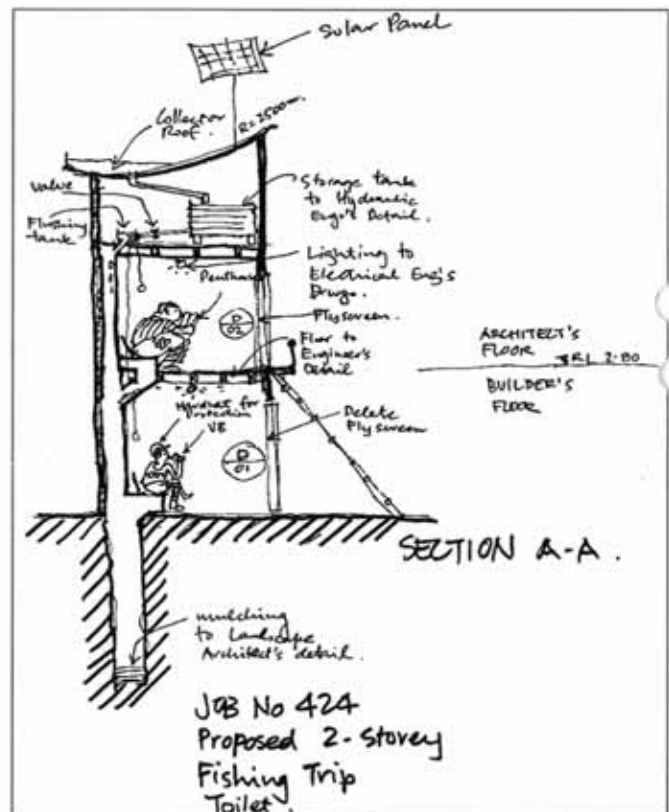
The Trophy was a team event for the largest catch weight on the day.

Trophy winners were Rex Bird, Trevor Atcheson, Jeff Clements and Bob (Bell Scaffolding). Each of the Trophy winners also took away a case of beer.

Largest Individual Catch: Trevor Atcheson for a 4kg (gutted) Trevally.

Smallest Legal Catch: Bernie Reid (weight unable to be measured) Pearl Perch.

## ARCHITECT CONTRIBUTES TO ANNUAL FISHING TRIP



FOR years the Hutchies annual fishing trip to Moreton Island has been going along very nicely, but this year, the dunny was produced with true architectural flair.

Unfortunately, the fishing team had to struggle on without the benefit of this magnificent structure - it's impossible to get a builder on the island when the fish are biting.

Many thanks to our honorary architect.

## HUGE RESPONSE FOR ARCHITECTS' AWARDS

HUTCHIES were pleased to be major sponsors for the 57th Annual Architecture Awards conducted by the Queensland Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

This year had its highest level of interest, with a record 172 entries for the eight regional awards, leading up to the State event.

Congratulations to all entrants and, of course, to the winners: FDG Stanley Award Colin Davidson, Davidson Architects & Associates, Crows Nest

Shire Council Administration Centre; and, Bligh Voller Architects in association with The Lend Lease Design Group, Brisbane International Airport; Robin Dods Award John Mainwaring & Associates, Chapman House; Multiple Housing Award Fulton Gilmour Trotter Moss, Pier Avenue Housing Development; and, Clare Design, Cotton Tree Pilot Housing Project; Recycling Award Robert Riddel Architect, Balmoral Reservoir House; Commercial Award Bligh Voller Architects, YHA City

Hostel, Brisbane; Interior Award Donovan Hill Architects, extension and refurbishment of Ground Floor, 127 Creek Street, Brisbane; Civic Design Award Project Services, The Cliffs Boardwalk Stage 2; Tourism Award Davis & Josephson Architects, Riversleigh Fossils Interpretative Centre; Education Award Project Services, Brisbane Institute of TAFE, Ithaca Campus, Information Technology and Amenities Building.



## REPORT FROM OUR DIPLOMAT

PAUL Hart, who is in the Old Dart, has written a long report to say how much he is not missing everyone back home, but gives us the benefit of his overseas experience.

In true diplomat style, he has learned three golden rules for living with the English and passes them along.

1. Never slander the Queen.
2. Do not discuss Australia becoming a Republic.
3. By far the most important - do not say that Paul Gascoigne looks like a dead set fag with his latest hair cut.

Paul and Jerah have managed a few trips and shared the following impressions with us:

"Welsh - A very friendly bunch of people who dislike the English with a passion. They have an incredibly strong accent that can be difficult to understand. I found that after 6 pints I finally knew what was being said but by that stage I was quite difficult to understand. I ended up leaving the pub not having a clue what we talked about but remember having a good time.

"Turks - Dodgy bunch who usually have

an ulterior motive. After seeing their public toilet facilities I was very hesitant to shake hands! Love a good time and have a passion for a drink 'raki' that tastes like Ouzo.

"French - I was required to scrounge the depths of my memory for my year 8 French. It's amazing what you remember when starvation is drawing near.

"Danes - I have nothing but admiration for a country where the workers have two scheduled beer breaks per day as required by the unions. Enough to put a shiver up the spine of any Australian employer. A beer in Denmark is as common as tea and coffee in Australia."

Paul adds that "work in the construction industry over here has been a great experience" and ends by saying that, although they have plenty more to see with a eight week trip to Europe planned, he is looking forward to catching up with a lot of people at the Hutchies' Christmas party.

Paul is keen to explain a bit more about the Danish way of doing things to Hutchies' management.



*Paul writes: "The photo is not the best but it is very special for Jerah and I. It is the two of us at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli at the Dawn Service. More than 1000 Aussies all crammed onto Anzac Cove for the service...it was unbelievable!"*



## PASSING ON AWARD FOR THE BRONCOS PROJECT

*Hutchies have won the Institute of Building Award for the Brisbane Broncos Leagues project. Here, Scott passes the award to Mike Tickner.*

**JOBS UPDATE**

*with*  
**Barry Butterworth**

**BOUNDARY STREET,  
WEST END**

The project at Boundary Street, West End has had site manager Rob Jones on both sides of the law - committing a 'holdup' at the Bank of Queensland drive-through teller.

The commercial development has a footprint on four boundary lines. Rob and Darryl Gersekowski have underpinned the Bank of Queensland's drive-through teller and over-excavated into the local Police station as well as a lawyer's backyard - all dangerous grounds!

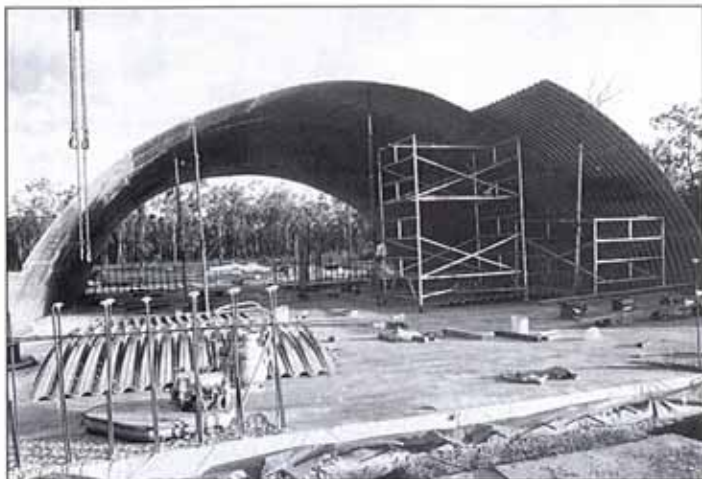
The project is due for completion mid-October - with or without a warrant.

**OFFICEWORKS,  
WOOLLOONGBABBA**

The second of the Officeworks buildings built by Hutchinson was slow to commence due to a month of rain and soil remediation delays. Unlike the peak hour crawl of Ipswich Road, site manager, Paul De Jong, has been able to accommodate the client's requirements for an early fit-out. Project Administrator is Richard Field. Project Manager is Peter White from John Dugan and Associates.

**RAAF BASE WEIPA**

*Work in progressing well on the RAAF base at Weipa - a joint venture project between Hanson-Yucken and Hutchinsons - led by Peter Barry. Tony Swan is representing Hanson-Yucken and Len White is representing Hutchies. Completion date is currently September 30, before the Big Wet.*

**ST MARGARET'S GYMNASIUM**

*St Margaret's School Gymnasium has been officially opened and at the function are (from left) Stewart Hemsley, Murray Creevey, and Frank Meek, from St Margaret's.*

**TATTERSALLS CLUB -  
STAGE 2**

This difficult project is nearing a crucial stage with the final concrete pour on the swimming pool due. The pool, on level seven, comprises some intricate details to ensure its use as an international standard pool. The facade cladding of sandstone and limestone is progressing well, with removal of scaffolding and gantry to Queen Street Mall due early September.

All parties involved in the project have been co-operating well to cope with the numerous documentation and construction changes that have been necessary. Tattersalls will have a first class facility on hand over. Site team includes: Robert Weymouth, Mike Tickner, Norm Norman and Bernie Booth.

**QUEENSLAND IRISH  
ASSOCIATION**

Work is well underway on the roof refurbishment and new air-conditioning plant

project with A.M. Fitzgerald and Associates. Hutchies have a long association with both Fitzgerald and the QIA. Project team includes: Ron Niven, Kevin Hall.

**LOGAN BOWLS CLUB**

Valued at \$3m, this extensive refurbishment and extension to the existing bowls club and addition of large car park, is well underway. It is a joint project with Project Leaders and hand over of the bowlers' lounge area is set for October. Project team comprises foreman Stewart Hemsley, supervisor Murray Creevey.

**CONDAMINE SPORTS CLUB  
OF WARWICK**

Brett Darby ensured this \$300,000 project was completed ahead of programme to avoid Warwick's well known bitter winter weather. The project involved the complete refurbishment of the old Langham's Hotel, a heritage listed building. Congratulations to Brett for a job well done. Contracts administrator was Dan Gallagher.

**ST VINCENT'S NURSING  
HOME, NOOSA**

Work is progressing well on this \$4m project which involves construction of an administration and nurse accommodation block, a 30-bed nursing home, a 20-bed special care wing and car park. Each building will be handed over as three separate stages. A close relationship exists between architects John Mainwairing & Associates and Hutchies project team of site manager Glen Houghton, foreman Wally Taylor, projects manager Murray Creevey.



## BP COMPUTER ROOM, FISHERMAN'S ISLAND

*The BP computer room at Fisherman's Island has been completed and Darryl Gersekowski and Bill Hodgson (pictured) are seen admiring the project.*

## CALOUNDRA POWER BOAT CLUB

This \$600,000 project which involves the refurbishment of the existing club bar, installation of a new beer reticulation system and construction of a new bar area, is due for completion in September. Project team includes Brett Darby on site and contracts administrator Dan Gallagher.

## FEDS ARE GETTING READY TO MOVE IN

THE Australian Federal Police's new northern headquarters building in Wharf Street, Spring Hill, is due for completion at the end of September.

Hutchinson's first contract for the \$6.75m design and construct building is nearing completion, with the \$2m fit-out works well under-way.

The Federal Police will be moving from their present premises in Milton to their new home which will allow Hutchinsons to start work on the old building.

Allan Matthews and Jason Williams are controlling the works for Hutchies, with Steve Pink the project delivery manager from Consolidated Properties, and Glen Mallett, Genevieve Callaghan and George Fatseas, from Nettleton Tribe Partnership, working on the design.

As expected, some unusual and difficult construction techniques have been adopted, but all these have been accommodated by the team.

Bob Riley from the AFP has been the Feds' contact and he is looking forward to September!

## "OLD-TIMERS" GET TOGETHER AT THE FENNEL FAREWELL



KEN Fennell's retirement, after 50 years on the job, was marked with a party at Jack's house in April.

Ken and wife, Beverley, were guests of honour at the bash during which Ken received an interesting gift - just to keep his hand in!

Ken's farewell also provided a

unique opportunity for a group of our "old-timers" to get together.

Between them, this group has clocked up 137 years with Hutchies (from left) Bernie Read (23 yrs), Mike Tickner (17 yrs), Barry Butterworth (32 yrs), Ron Niven (15 yrs) and Ken Fennell (half a century!).

## LOCAL TALENT EXPORTED TO CANADIAN SITE

NEIL Bladen is in Mississauga, Canada... and there are many who say it's a good place for him to be, with no real need to rush back.

Among those happy for Neil to be overseas is the Orion Bus Company, of Canada, who are keen to boost production from 14 to 30 buses a week, once the new factory he is supervising is completed.

Orion is important to the local economy currently employing 500 people and creating 1500 spin-off jobs in Mississauga.

The \$8 million factory, with a gross floor area of 21,000 sq metres, is being built for Transpacific Industries, a valued client with head office in Brisbane.

Neil is on site and reports that earthworks are underway.

The biggest challenge with this job is to achieve lock-up before the big freeze sets in with the northern winter later this year.

Chill out, Neil.

## QMBA AWARDS DOUBLE WIN

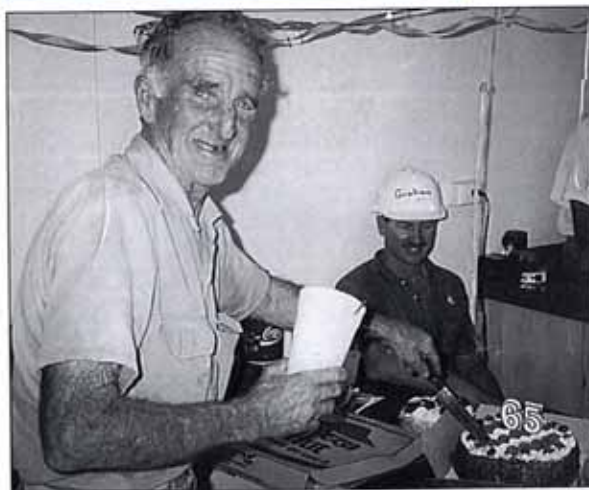
HUTCHINSON Builders won two awards at the Queensland Master Builders' Association's annual dinner.

In the category of Commercial Building to \$2 million - for Brisbane Boys College. Congratulations to project administrator Robert Weymouth, site foreman Mal Ashford, project architect Paul Brammer and architects Thomson, Adsett and Partners.

For Refurbishment/Renovations in the \$5 million-plus category - Broncos Leagues Club. Congratulations to the team of project administrator Murray Creevey, site foreman Mike Tickner, project architect Chris Everding and architects Haysom Group Pty Ltd.



*Mal Ashford's special efforts as site manager for the Brisbane Boys College Library and Resource Centre were recognised with an award - presented here by Scott Hutchinson (left). The job was brought in on time, on budget...and showed great quality. Above all, Mal's efforts ensured the school was put to as little inconvenience as possible during the project.*



## PARTY TIME AT TATTS

*Rex Bird's 65th birthday party was held at Tattersalls...well, at the site anyway! Rex has been a labourer with Hutchies for nine years. Recently, he has been away from work sick. Get well soon, Rex!*

## TEED UP WITH QIDC

Hutchinsons sponsored the recent Queensland industry development corporation Golf Challenge which was a great success with 120 players in the field.

## WINNERS AND LOSERS

- The WINNER is always part of the answer; the loser is always a part of the problem.

- The WINNER always has a programme; the loser always has an excuse.

- The WINNER says, "Let me do it for you"; the loser says, "That's not my job."

- The WINNER sees an answer for

every problem; the loser sees a problem in every answer.

- The WINNER says, "It may be difficult, but it's possible"; the loser says, "It may be possible, but it's too difficult."

- A WINNER listens; a loser just waits until it's his turn to talk.

- When a WINNER makes a mistake,

he says, "I was wrong." When a loser makes a mistake, he says, "It wasn't my fault."

- A WINNER says "I'm good, but not as good as I could be", a loser says, "I'm not as bad as a lot of other people."

- A WINNER feels responsible for more than his job; a loser says, "I only work here."



*An offer too good to refuse*



*The Hutchies Social Club lines up to display their talent which challenged the local professionals at Movie World. The normal looking person is the one from Hutchies.*

# MOVIE WORLD NIGHT



*Old friends*

HUTCHIES Social Club members recently enjoyed a great evening at Movie World, putting on some acts which challenged the local entertainers and gave the talent scouts something to think about.

Two buses were chartered and soon after arrival everyone experienced "The Ride" - a great way to start the evening - hurtling through the streets, skies and sewers following Batman.

An excellent meal with wines and ales and a mixture of live country music and vintage rock and roll completed the outing.

Everyone was so relaxed they could hardly stand up.



*Let your fingers do the walkin' too.*

## KINNAMANS DOWN UNDER

PHILLIS and Jack Kinnaman, from Kinco Inc, Little Rock, Arkansas, visited Brisbane in June.

The two Jacks had an unsuccessful barramundi fishing trip to Darwin. The only trophy that came South measured just half a centimetre above the legal length (stretched!).

As the Arkansas economy is buoyant, Kinco are very busy and Jack Kinnaman visited our Tattersalls and Federal Police sites.

The Kinnamans joined in the fun at the Social Club's night at the Aussie World and Jack addressed 30 Hutchies members and shared stories about the building industry in Arkansas.

The surprise visit of Bill Winterbottom, who arrived from Cairns for the occasion, meant that all eight Constructors of the Year - recipients of the Jimmy Lyle custom-made knife - were present.

And Jack Kinnaman proved what we Australians know...that Americans are great entertainers.



Jack Kinnaman entertained Hutchies with stories about the building industry in Arkansas.



ABOVE: It was an historic occasion when Constructor of the Year winners lined up for a photograph with the two Jacks. They are (from back left) Len White, Ron Niven, Mike Tickner, Paul De Jong, Ray Balladone, Bernie Read, Robert Weymouth and Bill Winterbottom.



It didn't take Jack long to slip into Hutchies' company stance.

## HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

Established 1912

31 STAPLE STREET  
SEVENTEEN MILE ROCKS, QLD 4073

Telephone: (07) 376 4044

Facsimile: (07) 376 2454