

T HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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Staff and subbies chip in to help youth build new lives

A TEAM of Hutchies' people and some of their loyal sub-contractors recently chipped in to build new facilities for the Youth Enterprise Trust at Woodstock, a 121 hectares farm near Beenleigh.

The Youth Enterprise Trust helps disadvantaged young people into careers through a wilderness course and practical follow-up program.

The volunteers donated their labour and materials free of charge at Woodstock, resulting in a new workshop shed, an area for young people to have smoko and an extension to the office.

A Director of Youth Enterprise Trust, Ross Neilson, of Ross Neilson Properties, organised the work.

We wish to acknowledge the work carried out free of charge by the following subcontractors:-

B & M Painters (Bruce 3265 7034)
– painting the shed

Bob Cats Galore (Shane 07 5499 2838)
– slab excavation



Ross Neilson tries his hand at painting.

A & A Painters (Eddie 3398 2553)
– paint supply

Hi Mix Concrete (07 5591 3000)
– concrete supply

QR Concreting (3857 5261)
– concrete placement

Apex Contracting (Hammo 3274 4472)
– plumbing

Metro Hire (3275 1395)

– plant and scaffolding

BHP Reinforcement (Graham Morgan 3845 5655) – reinforcement

Q Electrical (Greg Hutley 3391 0688)
– electrical work.

Thankyou also to the following Hutchies members who gave their time to the project: *Len White, Scott Hutchinson, Karen White, Steve Low, Richard Ohlrich, Keith Melksham, Brian McMillan, Sam Cassidy, Rathlin Trohear, Matthew L'Estrange, Jeff Clements, Paul Clements, Peter Haidley and Ray De Jong.*

And the hard work by volunteers is paying dividends ...

The third wilderness course for the year was recently held with 22 young people selected to face the challenge.

Field Director, Anthony Breach, said: "It's not hard to see that the bush still works wonders on these young people."

Heritage buildings create futuristic Uni village

CONSTRUCTION has begun on the \$16 million stage one of the University of Queensland's Ipswich campus, to open in February 1999 with an intake of 580 students.

Hutchies was awarded the \$11.5 million tender to adapt six existing buildings at the former Challinor Centre site, and create landscaped gardens and walkways between buildings.

The 215-hectare campus, 1.4 kms from the Ipswich city centre, has a history dating from 1878 with 17 buildings heritage listed.

Completion of stage one construction is expected by late November.

The first buildings to be refurbished for modern use are predominantly World War I and pre-World War II buildings constructed by the Department of Works.

These include the former Ellen and Francis House (1955), the Staff Training Centre (1979), Dagmar House (1933), Byron House (1917), Clair House (1917) and the Sewing Room (1913).

Courtyards will be developed to the east of the northernmost buildings, protected

from the westerly winds.

The development of each stage will exploit the hilltop site's superb views to the surrounding countryside and mountains, and strengthen vistas between "oasis landscapes" near clusters of buildings.

Pedestrian malls and piazzas will link the buildings to create a people-friendly site.

Planning has commenced for stage two, due for completion in February 2000.

This will develop buildings in the campus centre and create a "village" to serve as the social and administrative heart of the campus, expected to accommodate 2500 students by 2001.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Trevor Grigg said the commencement of construction was a milestone in the development of the UQ Ipswich campus.

Professor Grigg said the campus was expected to become an important social,



Looking very pleased with progress on the UQ Ipswich campus are (from left, rear) Neil Bladen, Hutchies; Christian Sluo, DEM Architects; Jack Salmon, UQ; and (from left, front) Scott Hutchinson; Peter Sampson, UQ; and Ruth Woods, DEM Architects.

cultural and education resource for Queensland.

UQ Ipswich will be linked to other parts of the University by a broad-band microwave network, enabling staff and students to share knowledge through new technologies.

Big news from the QMBA

HUTCHIES has scooped the pool with three QMBA Awards, two of which were for the Tattersalls' Club project.

The Tatts' Club project won the 1998 QMBA Regional Project of the Year as well as the Refurbishment/Renovation over \$5m.

The Centro-on-James St redevelopment won in the category of Retail Facilities over \$5m.

The QMBA acknowledged that the Tatts' Club project was not only extremely complex, but completed to a very high degree of excellence.

It involved extensions to the building and additional storeys to the original structure, while ensuring premises within the building remained operational.

The project comprised construction of a 10 storey high building involving major demolition of an adjacent building and sections of the Tattersalls building, underpinning the existing club areas and a major tunnelling and excavation under the Healy building that remained occupied during the alterations.

The project had unique structural engineering challenges with construction work taking place under; beside and above the existing club while the club continued to operate.

The facilities in the new club include two levels of commercial tenancies, two levels of restaurants and a function room, two levels of accommodation for club members and visitors, a gymnasium, a bistro and one level containing a 25 metre swimming pool built to FINA world standards.

STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS...

HUTCHIES have also received recognition at the QMBA, Central Queensland Awards.

The Emerald Plaza shopping centre won in the category of Retail Facilities over \$5 m. Hutchies also won the award for the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton for Commercial Development.



Scott Hutchinson receives the Telstra Refurbishment/Renovation Award from Telstra's State Association Manager, Rae Askew, at the QMBA Housing and Construction Awards (Brisbane) night.

The Optimists' Creed

ESTIMATOR, Trevor Bruiners discovered the following piece of writing and thought it was good enough to live by.

We thought it was good enough to pass on to others who would like to adopt it.

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticise others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



PEOPLE ask me what do Hutchies do so right to be here after 85 years, to get our fair share of work, and to pay our accounts in 30 days.

Well, my answer is we don't do much right.

To qualify that, we don't do anything so right that we can't do it better, much better.

Our survival depends on our ability to do things more right every year. If we stop, our days are numbered.

A quote in *Hutchies' Truth* about a year ago read "everything being done today will soon be done differently, it will be done better and if you don't do it, your competition will".

Another quote I read recently said, "when someone is no longer anxious to do better, that person is done for".

I would ask all of our people never to be complacent, never to think that we know it all, and never to be satisfied with what we do.

— Jack Hutchinson

QUOTES

“ I spent a fortune
On a trampoline,
A stationary bike
And a rowing machine
Complete with gadgets
To read my pulse,
And gadgets to provide
My progress results,
And others to show
The miles I've charted –
But they left off the gadget
To get me started!

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Sometimes it's better to ask some of the questions than to know all the answers.

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Life is like a grindstone – whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you're made of!



Remembering the way we were...



Harry Bergstrom (left) and Sid Kitchener.

FORMER Hutchies' staff member, Joe Sweeney, recently sent us photos of his father-in-law, Harry Bergstrom, and foreman/plumber, Sid Kitchener, which has enabled us to reminisce about times gone by.

Harry Bergstrom emigrated from Sweden and joined Hutchies in 1945. Harry was a very respected foreman-labourer and became a close friend and something of a mentor to Jack.

One night in 1947, Harry and his wife went to the pictures at the Plaza Theatre at Latrobe Terrace, Paddington – now an antique centre – which was owned at the time by the Hutchinson family.

Jack Hutchinson Snr (Jack's grandfather) managed the theatre and was always on the door collecting tickets and generally keeping an eye on things.

Harry spoke to Jack about his son-in-law, Joe, who had come back from the war and was on the trainer carpenters course. As a result, Joe ended up with a job and was a foreman with Hutchies until 1962.

The other fellow in the photo is Sid Kitchener, who worked with Hutchies from 1935 until his retirement in 1959. Sid was head plumber and one of the real characters of the building industry, which has undergone great changes. Sid is remembered as a real tradesman from a great era.

Joe, who lives at Kenmore with his wife Stella, has always kept in touch.

We wish to thank Joe for making the effort to keep in contact and for these photographs.



Joe Sweeney

Coalminer's daughter digs up the past

MRS Vi Dux is Jack Hutchinson's cousin and to celebrate her 80th birthday the family recently printed a small book which contains stories and poems written by Vi over many years.

Jack's mother, Lily, who recently passed away, was a coalminer's daughter and the youngest of 10 children.

Vi is the daughter of the oldest girl, and as she was not many years apart from Lily, she became Jack's Aunty Vi.

She grew up in the coal mining town of Tannymorel, near Killarney, south of Warwick.

Following the recent death of Lily, we thought it would be appropriate and of interest to share a glimpse of what life was like for a young girl in a small bush town during the early part of this century.

In this piece Vi recalls her father ... a

gentle, hard-working man.

"My Dad was a coal miner and was the gentlest man I have ever known. I can still see vividly, the miners coming down the hill at the end of the day, all of them covered in black coal dust and all bent almost double.

They worked in shocking conditions in the early 1920's. At one stage they had to lie down to pick the coal. The height they worked in was down to eighteen inches.

My Dad was a piece worker and sometimes when he decided to go down the mine at night on his own to dig another 'skipful', he would take me with him.

He'd pop me in the empty skip at the mine entrance and push me down to the bottom where he dug himself a hole (to lie in) which immediately filled with water.

I sat beside him on the rough coal surface, huddled up. When he had dug enough, he shovelled it into the skip and then pushed it, with me lying flat on the coal so as not to get my back scraped on



Lily (right) and Vi enjoying tea together.

the 'roof', up to the mine entrance.

Then we walked home together hand in hand in pitch darkness.

My Dad was a great Union man and he gave me and my brothers a piece of advice: "Always stand up for your rights and give your boss a fair day's work for a fair day's pay."

We always followed that advice.

I still have his Union Badge which he proudly wore on his watch chain when dressed to go out."

Mike has built his career on high quality



MIKE Tickner joined Hutchies in 1974, having arrived in Melbourne from Rochester, Kent, in England, five years previously.

After a short time in Melbourne, Mike and his wife, Lynn, moved to Sydney and made a trip around Australia, finally deciding that Brisbane was the place for their permanent home.

Mike was employed as a carpenter on the Iona Retirement

Village at Kenmore.

Before long it was obvious that Mike had an ability to supervise and direct work and to maintain a high quality standard.

He soon became a foreman/project manager and has made a name for bringing in large work on time, on budget and with the highest quality.

His jobs include Lennons Hotel in Queen Street, Tattersall's Club, both the arcade and

the latest seven-storey structure, and the Bronco's headquarters at Fulcher Road.

An inspection of Tattersall's building shows the quality workmanship of which he is capable and, in this case, it was produced under most difficult conditions.

Mike and Lynn have two girls, Claire and Amanda, and the family lives at The Gap.

His interests include camping with the family.

Toowoomba SurgiCentre

Work is continuing on the Toowoomba Surgi-Centre (day surgery centre) project, worth more than \$1.7m and being run by the Toowoomba office. Team includes Paul Brammer from Thomson Adsett Architects; Chris Myers from Kehoe Myers as structural engineer; Alex Semple of Cushway Blackford & Associates as hydraulic engineer; and Hutchies' team of foreman Mike Buckley, administrator Dennis Bury and project manager Paul Hart (Toowoomba manager).

Red Cross Blood Bank, Toowoomba

Another project being handled ably by the Toowoomba office is a complex consisting of three separate buildings housing the new Blood Bank and six emergency units for the Red Cross in Toowoomba. Team includes Nicholas Bron from Thomson Adsett Architects; Brett Arthur from Total Engineering Solutions on structurals; Lincolne Scott as mechanical and electrical engineers; Kong-ling McGuffie and Associates as hydraulic engineers; and Hutchies' team of foreman Rod Pelgrave, administrator Dennis Bury, and project manager Paul Hart.

Stanthorpe RSL

Refurbishment and upgrade of the interior of the Stanthorpe RSL Club is valued at \$508,000. Team includes Project Leaders as architects; Osborn Leave as structural engineers; mechanical and electricals by Race Airconditioning and City View Electrical; and Hutchies' team out of Toowoomba of foreman Neil Basnett, administrator Dennis Bury and project manager Paul Hart.

Galleria Shopping Mall, Surfers Paradise

The Galleria Shopping Mall precinct refurbishment in the heart of Surfers Paradise is being managed by Gerald McKeever and Wayne Thompson from Kumagai Gumi. Team includes Inarc Design Group as architects; Kavanaugh McAnany as structural engineers; Norman Disney & Young as mechanical and electrical engineers; the LHO Group as hydraulic engineers; and Hutchies' own team of foreman Mark Douglas, administrator Jason Williams and project manager Ray Balladone.



Blockside and Ferguson recently signed with Hutchies for work on their building in Brisbane's CBD. Attending the signing were (from left) architect, Tim McCrossin, Jonathan Blockside, Scott Hutchinson and Bruce Blockside.

JOB UPDATE

with
Barry Butterworth

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BBC Tweed Heads

Construction of the \$2.7m BBC Hardware House at Tweed Heads has commenced. Team includes Stephen Evans from Leffler Simes Architects; Rod Larkin from Larkin Teys Engineers handling structurals and hydraulics; Robert Orr from John R. Brogan & Associates as mechanical and electrical engineers; and Hutchies' team of foreman Jamie Sylvester, administrator Jason Williams and project manager Ray Balladone.

QUT, Gardens Point – V Block

Hard and soft landscaping works to the Gardens Point campus is included in this \$2.5m refurbishment of QUT's V Block. Team includes Dennis Eiszele from Tract Consultants; Rob Fischer from Roche; Tom Moore, capital works manager, QUT; and Grahame Wright, senior project manager, QUT. Hutchies' team includes project manager Mike Tickner, supervisor Neil Bladen and administrator Paul David.

Tarragindi Retail Development

Retail shops and car-parking comprise this \$1.1m project. Team includes Justin Morgan of Nettleton Tribe Architects; Warren Brown of Warren Brown & Associates for structurals; and Hutchies' team of foreman John Trevethan, supervisor Neil Bladen, administrator Dan Gallagher, and project manager Ray Balladone.



Pondering the future of the Rex Inn are (from left) Annette Carter, Scott Hutchings and Brendan Carter.

The Rex Inn, Townsville

Brendan and Annette Carter are the owner/clients of this restaurant and accommodation project valued at \$1.36m. Team includes Craig Cornish of Project Leaders; Bornhorst & Ward as structural and civil engineers; Gutteridge, Haskins & Davey as mechanical, electrical and hydraulic engineers; and Hutchies' team of foreman Jim Paddon, administrator David Christoffersen and project manager Robert Weymouth.

Rocklea Hotel

Alterations and refurbishment to the Rocklea Hotel, valued at \$345,000, has been designed by Hassell Architects and Bonacci Winward Engineers. Hutchies' team includes foreman Paul Clements and administrator Dan Gallagher.

Basketball Stadium, Auchenflower

Two new basketball courts are included in the refurbishment of this complex at Auchenflower, valued at \$1.8m. Team includes Allan Young of Woodhead International Architects; Gutteridge, Haskins & Davey as engineers; and Hutchies' team of foreman Syd Britton, supervisor Ray Balladone and administrator Paul David.

Ballera Field Auxiliary

Santos Limited is the client for this project which involves construction of a field auxiliary room, tilt up panels, tilt roof panels and adjoining structural steelwork. Hutchies' team includes foremen Kevin Lee and Grisley Adams, supervisor Barry Butterworth and administrator Mario Medrano.

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GOLD Coast International Hotel is a five star hotel containing various restaurants, food and beverage outlets, conference/ballroom facilities and 297 guest rooms.

Hutchinson Builders recently completed a complicated refurbishment of a 280 sq m restaurant area, including extensions, involving structural and all building services.

The new Patio Restaurant is part of the five star hotel food and beverage operations.

Hutchinson Builders completed the works and achieved the following:

- completed works within budget
- works completed as scheduled.

Areas of works involving noises to adjacent occupied hotel areas were timed to minimise any disruption. Any extremely noisy works did not occur during peak restaurant hours.

This assisted the hotel to maintain revenue at adjacent food and beverage outlets and the above guest rooms.

Building personnel, on site meetings, interaction with hotel staff, consultants and local authorities were of a very high professional standard.

Problem solving assisted the works to be completed within budget. Final Council Building Approvals were achieved quickly.

Very good building quality control.

Hutchinson Builders' performance was excellent and I recommend their building services for any similar works.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Graham, Chief Engineer

CONGRATULATIONS

MAX McEwen David was born April 2. Congratulations to parents, Paul and Cathy.

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CONGRATULATIONS also to Geoff and Karen Wilson on the arrival of new baby, Ryan.

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ROD Leach married fiancé, Fiona McMillan on July 25. Congratulations and best wishes to both of them.



(From left) Robert Weymouth, Brendan Carter, James Stay and Craig Cornish.

Wilson Residence

The team for this project includes Peter O'Gorman from Anderson O'Gorman Architects; John Batterham from John Batterham & Associates as engineers; and Hutchies' team of foreman Mark Speechley, supervisor Neil Bladen and administrator Paul David.

Cathedral School, Townsville

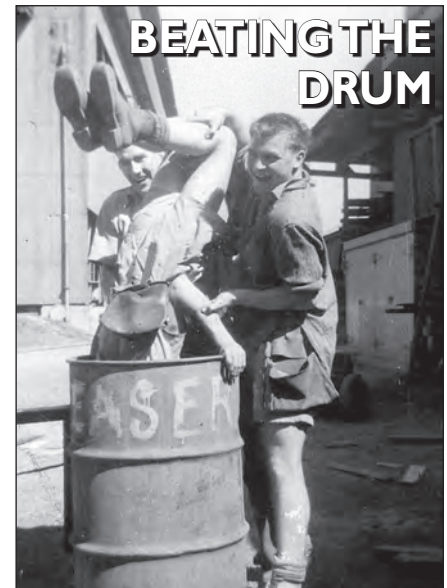
This \$459,000 project involves extension of the science block including addition of a lift and stairs and fitting off the second floor. Team includes Roy Jorgensen of Macks & Robinson Architects; engineers Gutteridge, Haskins & Davey; and Hutchies' team of foreman Noel McPherson, administrator James Stay and project manager Robert Weymouth.

N.O.R.Q.E.B. Powerstation

Townsville is the site of this \$339,000 project which was designed by N.O.R.Q.E.B. Hutchies' team is foreman Mick De Jong, administrator James Stay and project manager Robert Weymouth.

Southbank Function Centre, Townsville

John Van Grinsven of Pierre Properties is the developer of this \$1.76m design and construct project comprising a function centre, "Cactus Jacks" restaurant and coffee shop. Team includes architects Steve Malcolm Design; Kavanaugh & McAnany Engineers; Peter Eustace & Associates as mechanical and electrical engineers; Cochrane Hydraulic Constructions for hydraulics; and Hutchies' team of administrator James Stay and project manager Robert Weymouth.



Foreman, Mal Ashford, is shown here in his younger days, helping a young apprentice clean out a 44 gallon drum full of water. Mal has been enlightened a bit since joining Hutchies and realises we don't do things like that anymore.

Architects acknowledge contribution



From left, Robert Riddel, Jack Hutchinson, Ed Haysom (RAIA President) and Ken Clark (BHP Colorbond) at the presentation luncheon.

HUTCHIES has sponsored the Royal Australian Institute of Architects Award for the past nine years.

To acknowledge the company's involvement, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects recently presented Jack Hutchinson with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The presentation luncheon was held at the RAIA's Queensland headquarters in Merivale Street, South Brisbane.

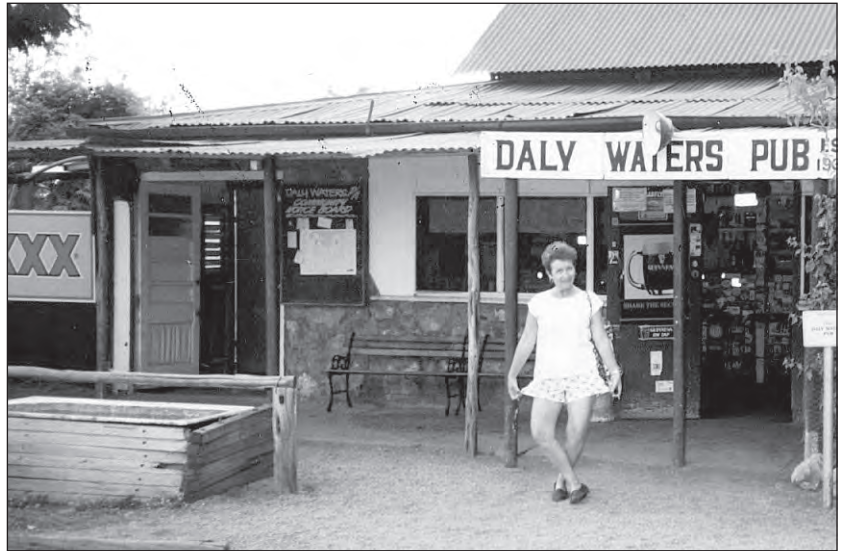
Certificates of Appreciation were also awarded to co-sponsors, BHP Colorbond, and architect, Robert Riddel, the Chairman of Juries.

DEAD HEAT IN TRAVELLING UNDIES



THIS month's *Travelling Undies Award* is a dead heat between the Outback and Europe.

Karen White appeared in her Hutchies' undies outside the pub at Daly Waters, which is the Northern Territory's oldest watering hole.



Not to be outdone, Jack appeared in his undies (with a matching Hutchies' shirt, which earned him extra points) in Seville, Spain.

Jack didn't catch the bus in his undies, which cost him a few points, and put him on a level score with

Karen for her daring appearance at the front door of the Daly Waters Pub.

Remember, if you can supply us with a picture of yourself or a friend wearing Hutchies' undies in an easily identified location you could be a winner!

EMPIRE STRIKES YET AGAIN

EMPIRE Theatre had two prestigious wins at the QMBA Housing and Construction Awards in Toowoomba, with Best Project and Project of the Year.

The refurbishment of this heritage theatre, which cost the Toowoomba City Council a total of \$16 million, has resulted in a number of building and architectural awards.

Accepting the latest awards, Grant White (Project Manager) and Randal Younger (Administrator) praised the client, consultants, subcontractors and Hutchies' own people.

Architects on the project were Hassell Architects, the Quantity Surveyors were Project Services and McVeigh Larkin Teys were the Structural Engineers.

The Empire project reached international status by being published in World Architecture which described it as "one of the country's art deco gems".



Randal Younger (left) and Grant White (centre) at the award evening with Toowoomba Mayor Tony Bourke.



CRAFTY IDEA TAKES SHAPE

GOLD Coast Mayor, Gary Baidon, turned the first sod to signal the beginning of work by Hutchies on Australia's first purpose built art and craft market at Hope Island on the Gold Coast.

The \$20m Village Square will feature more than 300 art and craft shops, restaurants and bars, a food court, street entertainment, coffee and icecream shops, demonstration areas and onsite art and craft tuition.

The project is being undertaken by Lancet Pty Ltd – headed by Gold Coast developer, Wayne Price and Olholm Developments.

GOING TROPPO IN THE TROPICS

HUTCHIES Townsville recently had their first official Social Club function and by all accounts everyone had an excellent time.

The group ventured overseas to Magnetic Island for the weekend to Sails on Horseshoe Bay Resort, for three days of eating, drinking, swimming, fishing, jet skiing, relaxing and a trip to the wildlife sanctuary.

They also had some sort of a presentation.

The venue has been booked again for the same time next year so it must have been good to line up for a return visit.

The next Social Club outing will be something different – a formal theme dinner at the Metropole Hotel.



Some sort of a presentation ceremony took place on Magnetic Island.

Inaugural Lou Sorrensen Memorial Golf Day

TEN Wallabies played in the inaugural Lou Sorrensen Memorial Golf Day which raised \$44,000.

Lou Sorrensen, who was well known in Rugby circles, died of cancer at the age of 37, leaving his wife, Kerrie, and four children.

David Roberts, of Heritage Properties, organised the day at Indooroopilly to help towards the education of the Sorrensen children.

The Ambrose was won by the team from Armstrong Bros at Rocklea Markets. Hutchies' team of Craig Lagerroth, Eric Hebron, Nev Cottrell and Jack Hutchinson was proud to support the day.

Jason 'Rupert' McCall, poet and good friend of Lou Sorrensen, wrote and recited a poem at the presentation, which held the audience spellbound.

With his kind permission, we reproduce it here:

SCRATCH MY BACK AND WIN

WE hope you enjoyed our first "Scratch My Back" competition.

The following prizes were claimed:

Hammers:- *Kellie Harrie, Norm Norman, Keith Melksham, Bill Holmes, Alison Sciberras, Ron Burgess, Keith Victorsen, Glenn Toms.*

Boxer Shorts:- *Trevor Reddacliff.*

T-Shirts:- *Glen Goodwin, Paul Bankier, Rachel Shah.*

We hope you like the new system with the inserted "Scratch-It" card.

The 30 best looking company members were chosen to pose in groups of five to have their backs scratched. All did it very willingly.

Prizes this time are:-

- Three 8m measuring tapes by Supercraft from **Finlayson Timber and Hardware**, 135 Wellington Road, East Brisbane and Upton Street, Bundall, Gold Coast.
- Four T-shirts from **Morgan & Wacker** (*the oldest Harley dealer outside the USA*), Ross Street, Newstead.
- A voucher for new car battery from **Century Batteries** (tel 132 287).
- Five quality Australian made queen-size bath towels donated by **Decina Bathroomware** (tel 3279 2944).
- Five **Hutchies'** T-shirts from Brisbane's best builder.
- Five **Hutchies'** boxer shorts from Brisbane's best builder.

Winning numbers are:-

Hutchies' Boxer Shorts:- 7, 11, 784, 941, 1165.

Hutchies' T-shirts:- 219, 349, 476, 514, 668.

Harley T-shirts:- 125, 392, 421, 992.

Measuring Tapes:- 98, 744, 1045.

Queen-size towels:- 74, 456, 641, 888, 1107.

Century Battery:- 278.

Please cut out your scratched winning number and send it to:- **Hutchinson Builders, PO Box 3075, Darra, Q 4076.** (*If you have won a T-shirt or boxer shorts, please include preferred size.*)

Thanks again to **B.B.C. Hardware** for the hammers.

~ LOUIE ~ by Jason 'Rupert' McCall

As the photos fade and night gets late...
the memories consolidate...

A kid who came with something special resting in his sights
when he landed in Inala which he renamed "Durack Heights"

Nothing in his path was gonna bring him to a stop especially in rugby league, where as a fearsome prop he represented Brisbane and quickly caught the eye of Cullory, the teacher, who would lure him to State High

The socks were up, the tie was on, he acted good and proper
a quiet unassuming lad - but then he met with "Whopper"

together they were sure they'd have the females in a trance

when they donned the purple trousers at a certain Grade Nine dance

But with bright white belts,
the lads were lookin' just a bit too cool
so they hid them in the bushes then prepared to make 'em drool

still the girls were full of sidesteps
for the trendy purple rockers
and their belts were flogged as well,
so you could say they both had shockers

The purple strides were turfed and Lou remained a decent bloke
he made the Firsts' in rowing and displayed the perfect stroke

He was voted State High Deputy, a scholar strong and keen

he kept Wally in the centres in the State High First Fifteen

From school he joined the Magpies where he played for Colts and State and it didn't take him long to drink as everybody's mate it didn't really matter if you played for Souths or not Lou was always there to laugh a laugh and share a pot He then enrolled at Griffith for Environmental Studies where he met another bunch of pure angelic buddies "Jock Strap", "Pipe" and "Big John" well you couldn't get much cuter and for reasons undisclosed, the boys would christen Louie "Hooter"

Environmental expertise - the boy would soon acquire and it must have come in handy in the job he got at Myer

and speaking there of "Handy" and the Buddah's schooner sucks

him and Lou were sucking plenty on the night of Magnate's bucks

Skull for skull they traded, they were two of drinking's best

but Hooter put his nose in front by lighting up his chest!
A devastating spectacle but clearly not as awesome as the hunting expeditions of a famous Brisbane foursome "Whopper", "Ghost" and "Hooter" and a jug of beer makes four

at the Embassy, Criterion, the Underground and more
But their nights would often end by switching off the female scanner

as they cuddled up to pancakes in a lovely Pancake Manor

Then "Whopper", "Pipe" and "Hooter" thought it relatively rational

to polish up their drinking shoes and take them international

Making butter for the pommies, putting tents up for the frogs

a nervous stint in bouncing, playing rugby, drinking grogs

But the boys, as far as drinking goes, were getting sick of beer

the future was in milk and so they made their way back here

and somewhere on that milkrun well it must have dawned on Lou

that his future was with Kerrie - yes his love for her was true

a love that she returned to him - she saw it in his smile and then one day she saw it - she was walking down the aisle

A smile forever full of life, a smile forever warm and never was it prouder than when tiny feet were born It was shining when a mate called out

to help him through some hell

It was beaming in the clubhouse, in the coffee shop as well

as a friend who stood beside you on the field and in the sheds

as a manager triumphant with the mighty Queensland Reds

His love of life was special and he passed it onto others to his wife and to his children, to his sisters and his brothers

his undenyng spirit will be part of every picture and every life he reached to touch will always be the richer

As the photos fade and the nights get late
we'll drink a toast to you old mate

And then the smile that you once smiled will surely find our face

it will be as if the Hooter's spirit never left the place

it will be as if that last farewell - you never ever bid

but then again my old mate Lou - you never ever did.



A SIDECAR NAMED DESIRE...

THIS tropical transport caught Scott Hutchinson's eye in Far North Queensland, but he decided against it. Scott figured to fit in this rig, he would have to swap the malibu for a short board, but his surfing ability demands the big mal stay!

...AND BIKER NOW A TRIKER

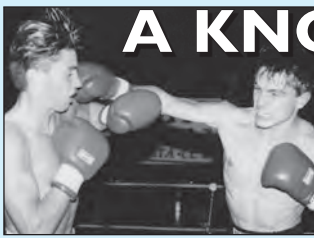


JACK recently acquired a Bon Trike which has a 1600cc Volkswagen motor, is designed and built in Germany and assembled in Sydney.

Better known as a Harley man, Jack says: "It's very practical and I can't drop it like I do the Harley...but my Harley is staying."

Jack wryly observed that, trike or bike... the result is the same if you run under a truck!

June Hutchinson's last word on the subject: "It's proof senile decay is now in an advanced stage".



A KNOCKOUT!

HUTCHIES now sponsor boxing at Gleason's Gym - a steal of the name of where Mohammed Ali learned to box.

Ken Hayward, MLA for Kallangur, is the driving force behind the bouts as amateur boxing is his passion and hobby.

Hutchies' first sponsored clash was between Queensland Heavyweight Champion, Danny Buzzza, and Justin Clements, the Great Britain Heavyweight. The second was the middleweight contest for the Asia Pacific Title between Rick Thornberry (Australia) and Lionel Okulu (Solomon Islands).

Bouts will be held the first Thursday of every month and we can provide a limited number of free tickets. Please telephone Nicole at Hutchies for details.

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