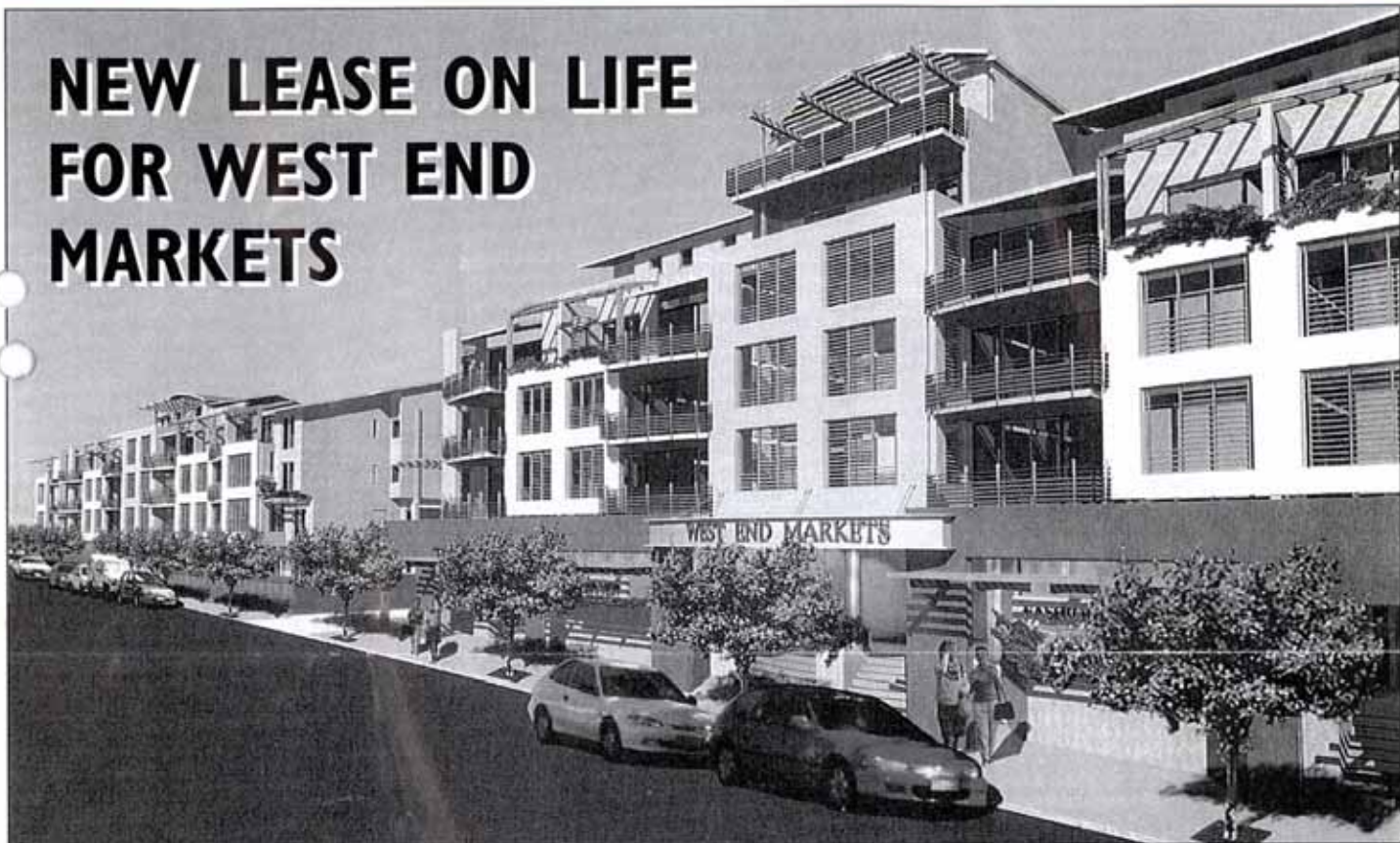


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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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NEW LEASE ON LIFE FOR WEST END MARKETS



Heritage Properties, Proposed West End Markets Development

HUTCHIES is working in Brisbane's West End precinct with a start on the Heritage Properties Commonwealth Bank project in Boundary Street.

Brian Griffin is heading the team putting this exciting project together.

Ray Balladone and Harry White are helping cost planner Michael Crossin and other team members include architects, Toohey Elliot, Sandra Browne and Matthew Casell from Cottee Parker; Ian Walker and Bruce Cousner from Property Technologies; Gerald Croucher from McWilliam and Partners; Steve Paul from Steve Paul and Partners; Graham Nunn from Queensland Building Services; and John Meredith from King Planning.

Planned redevelopment of the old West End Markets site by Heritage Properties Commercial will enhance the cosmopolitan appeal of Brisbane's southside.

Two residential towers will be incorporated into the project which is due to start as soon as all current leases expire in October.

The original factory building will be refurbished to retain the Spanish Mission style architecture and the front of the building will be extended for open terraced-style restaurant areas.

The retail component of the project will incorporate a 2,000sqm Coles supermarket and 1800sqm of specialty shops.

Parking will be provided for 50 vehicles at the front of the building and two basement levels will provide for a further 240 vehicles.

Fronting Mollison Street, the residential towers will include 20 three-bedroom units, 40 two-bedroom units and two one-bedroom units and a recreational area with gymnasium, sauna, pool, spa and barbecues.

The new development is planned for completion in November 2000.

Tattersall's redevelopment

OUR dispute with Tattersall's Club was given attention in the Club's Annual Report and recently in *The Courier-Mail*, so it's probably time for me to make some comments.

The project went over the original programmed time and the Club is holding considerable money for this.

The project underwent increased scope and constant change and the dispute is about the cost and impact of these changes.

At tender time, 242 drawings were issued and by the end of the project we had been issued a total of 1,233 drawings. Readers in the industry will understand the difficulty in working on a project like this.

I attended the Annual General Meeting of Tatts and said that I wanted to assure members that we are committed to resolving the matter amicably and that we abhor litigation.

There has been a long time stalemate. We both wish to mediate but Hutchies have always asked that our programming experts confer in detail beforehand. The Club has constantly rejected this.

On Monday, May 31, the Court rejected the Club's application to have immediate mediation and found in favour of our argument that the programming experts meet prior to mediation. We are hopeful that this will assist in leading to an early settlement.

— Jack Hutchinson, Chairman.

Putting the bite on The Croc



Hutchies' Townsville Manager, Robert Weymouth, with his good mate, The Croc.

HUTCHIES recently put the bite on Townsville identity, The Croc, to be their man in North Queensland.

Hutchies North Queensland has sponsored home games for the Townsville "Crocodiles" basketball team for the last two years.

Formerly the Townsville "Suns", the Crocodiles are Townsville's team in the National Basketball League.

The Croc, as he is affectionately known, is the mascot for the team and is the centre of attention for the usual sell

out crowds of 5,500 at the Entertainment Centre.

Hutchies put the bite on Croc to be their ambassador and during the games The Croc wears a Hutchies' shirt and parades around the court.

"The Croc has won Mascot of the Year a number of times in the NBL," said Townsville Manager, Robert Weymouth. "We are good mates with The Croc."

A request to include Hutchies undies in his ambassadorial uniform would test how good a mate The Croc is!

STRAIGHT SHOOTERS



On a recent hunting trip to "Cooma" near Moree, NSW, these three pigs were taken just on dusk and on the run from the back of the Hutchies 4WD. Pictured (from left) are David Nadin (Rawlinson), Richard Ohlrich (Hutchies) and Richard Williams ("Cooma").

FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR



JACK and I are often asked, "Where are you going to take Hutchies?"

There even seems to be an assumption that once we establish a certain turnover and profile then going public or selling to a European company is the way to go.

At present we have permanent offices in Townsville, Toowoomba and Brisbane with a presence at the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

Lately, Hutchies has more work outside Brisbane than within Brisbane.

We employ about 160 people and last year's turnover was \$120 million.

There is nothing special about turnover and, if these numbers changed up or down over the next five years, it would not be disturbing.

In real terms, the organisation was probably larger in the 1920's, 30's and 40's.

However, it is important for Queensland to have at least one medium/large builder that is 100 percent Queensland owned.

Personally speaking, I don't want to get that large that I don't know our company members and most of the people with whom we work.

Hutchies' focus will always be improving what we do, developing our people and value adding for our clients, rather than meeting ego driven turnover targets or grand corporate strategies. **We Are Builders!**

— Scott Hutchinson,
Managing Director.

Big news from Little Rock

OUR sister company in Little Rock, Kinco, has just successfully negotiated the indoor track facility with the Razorbacks at the University of Arkansas and a new US\$10 million postal distribution centre, similar to those completed by Hutchies at Underwood and Northgate.

Jack Kinnaman sent a newspaper clipping of a recent competition held during Little Rock's "cultural and arts" festivals – the annual Foam Fest '99 – a microbrewery festival.

More than 3,000 people turned up to taste some of the 75 beers and listen to local bands, with all proceeds going to the Arthritis Foundation.

But one of the highlights of the day was the "belching competition". Obviously there are many advantages to the exchange of information between Hutchies and Kinco.



Double header in QMBA awards

HUTCHIES took out two wins in the State Grand Finals in the 1998 QMBA Construction Awards.

The Certificates of Excellence were awarded for the Empire Theatre, Toowoomba (Refurbishment/Renovation of an Historical Building over \$5m), and Tattersall's Club Redevelopment (Refurbishment/Renovation over \$5m).

Jack Hutchinson receives the Award for work on Tattersall's Club Redevelopment from Mr Peter Dalay, of Suncorp Metway, and Megan Young, of QMBA.

New home for old fossils

MINISTER for Mines and Energy, Tony McGrady, last month officially opened the recently completed Stage One extensions to the Richmond Marine Fossil Museum.

The opening coincided with Richmond's annual five-day Fossil Festival and the new Museum was the focus for the hundreds of visitors to the town.

Stage One included an information centre, souvenir shop, cafe, outdoor eating area and toilet block, and these extensions have allowed for more space for fossil displays within the existing museum building.

Stage Two will include a theatrette and a preparation room.

The project was contracted by Richmond Shire Council. Hutchies' team includes Robert Weymouth as supervisor and Noel O'Brien as foreman.

Other team members include architect, Robin Retchford, and structural engineer, Ted Harvey.

Old and new blends in on Ipswich

MORE than 500 students recently arrived at the new \$17 million Ipswich campus of the University of Queensland (Stage One), which is emerging as one of the most innovative and modern learning centres in the country.

The 215 ha campus, 1.5 kms from the Ipswich city centre, has a history dating back to 1878 and contains 17 heritage listed buildings.

Hutchies was awarded the \$11.5 million tender to adapt six existing buildings for modern use and create landscaped gardens and walkways between the buildings.

The students are enjoying the non-traditional learning environment - without a lecture theatre in sight.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Trevor Grigg, described the new Ipswich campus as "a state-of-the-art flexible delivery centre using the very latest technology".

"Small groups will interact, using learning methods including face-to-face teaching, the Internet, interactive videos and telephone tutorials," he said.



Congratulations to Sarah and Sam Kanhalikham on the safe arrival of Andy Keota on February 4.

TAKING HIS MEDICINE LIKE A MAN

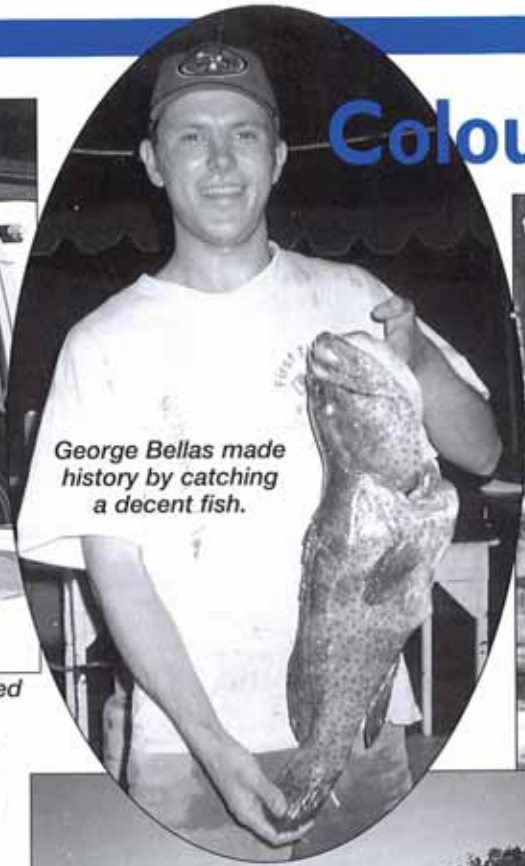


With Winter around the corner, there will be no excuses for sickies after Hutchies people received flu injections en masse. Here, George Bellas bravely receives his medicine from the travelling doctor.

Colourful



The excitement and tension was obvious as Hutchies' fishermen neared Moreton Island.



George Bellas made history by catching a decent fish.



A delighted Howdy McLeod receives the Gold Medal for his Black and White outfit.



Hutchies' Moreton Island expedition.



Brian McMillan takes the Silver Medal.



Howdy thanks Barry Butterworth for his vote in the competition.



It didn't take long for

Black & White night on Moreton Island



The fishermen on location.

HUTCHIES' annual Moreton Island fishing trip will go down in history, with one of the participants actually catching a decent fish.

This honour went to George Bellas who worked extremely conscientiously to land himself a good-sized cod.

But the highlight of the eventful outing was the Black and White Evening, which saw many creations competing for first prize.

The Gold Medal went to Howdy McLeod, who wore a beautiful white skirt with matching sneakers and fetching black top with matching handbag. The Silver Medal went to Brian McMillan in a debonaire black and white suit.

Howdy became so attached to his outfit, he wore it to work the next week and applied for a typing job in the office. Howdy's ruse was discovered when he became confused and was unable to answer the "male" or "female" question.



The morning after.



Bathtime.



The fishermen to get down to business.



**HOME ALONE
GIRLS DO IT
IN STYLE...**

WITH the traditional Moreton Island fishing weekend a "boys only" affair, this year the girls decided it was time for some equality.

On the day the fishing expedition left Brisbane, a stretch limo arrived for the girls and whisked them away to Alexandra

Headland for their own "lost weekend".

A good deal of secrecy surrounds what the girls got up to and this is the only photograph that they have allowed to be shown ... let alone be published!

Travelling in style were (from left) Karen, Vicki, Margaret, Jackie and Shelley.

Southbank Function Centre, Townsville

The Southbank Function Centre, a magnificent building recently completed by Hutchies, hosted the North Queensland Tourism Awards recently with special guest Tourism Minister, Bob Gibbs. It was a big night for North Queensland and more than 350 guests were suitably impressed with Hutchies' standard of workmanship.

Magnetic Island, North Queensland

Picturesque Horseshoe Bay on Magnetic Island off Townsville is the site for a \$2 million three-storey beachfront budget accommodation development which is well underway. The project, which includes 35 rooms, restaurant, bar, pool and entertainment area, is being managed by Vince Corry, of Blades Services. Other team members include Tony Macksey from Macksey Rush Architects; Bruce Lemcke on structurals; Ashburner Francis on mechanical and electricals; Fred Haines from Cochrane Hydraulics; and Nev Cottrell from Grey, Robinson Cottrell as quantity surveyors. Hutchies' team includes Robert Weymouth project manager, Dave Christofferson administrator and Rob Jones foreman.

JOBS UPDATE

with

Barry Butterworth

Commonwealth Bank, West End

A new single level bank building with underground carpark is under construction for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Team includes architects Cottee Parker; Jim Whybird from Whybird & Farr Consulting Engineers; Steve James from James Design on mechanicals and electricals; and Whybird & Farr and Steve Paul from Steve Paul & Partners on hydraulics. Hutchies' team includes Ray Balladone project manager, Searle Balladone administrator and Ian Hutton foreman.

BCC Regional Centre, Indooroopilly

The Brisbane City Council is the client on this \$2.2 million, three-storey regional office building under construction in suburban Indooroopilly for Martin Spinks and Michael Harrison. Mark Fowler from Robertson Project Management is managing the project with architects Scott Medland and Justin Morgan from

Nettleton Tribe Partnership. Other team members include James Thomas from Morgan Fox for structurals; Steve James from James Design for mechanical and electricals; and Mark Kane from Thompson Kane for hydraulics. Hutchies' team includes Neil Bladen project manager, Richard Graham administrator and Peter Haidley foreman.

Commercial Development, Carindale

Another suburban Brisbane City Council Regional Centre will be housed in a \$5 million mixed commercial development on Brisbane's southside for Ross Neilson Properties, along with the National Australia Bank and specialty stores. Managing the project is Frank Hogan from Group 22. Other team members include Mark Stephens from Turnbull Architects; John Peach from Connell Wagner on structurals; Steve James from James Design on mechanical and electricals; and Mark Kane from Thompson Kane on hydraulics. Hutchies' team is Neil Bladen project manager, Richard Ohlrich administrator and Allan Matthews foreman.

Inala Plaza, Inala

A new Bi-Lo store and full air conditioning to malls is

included in this \$7.9 million refurbishment and extensions to the existing Inala Plaza complex. Team includes Mark Fowler from Robertson Project Management; Chris Chetham from The Buchan Group of architects; Gordon Wright from Bornhorst and Ward Consulting Engineers; Steve James from James Design on mechanical and electricals; Gordon Wright from Bornhorst and Ward and Mark Kane from Thompson Kane on hydraulics; and Eddie De Wit from Napier & Blakely as quantity surveyor. Hutchies' team includes Ray Balladone project manager, Searle Balladone administrator and Darryl Gersekowski foreman.

Port Village Shopping Centre, Port Douglas

This \$7.5 million project is being managed by Bob Hogan from Vantage Management with architect, Gary Hunt from Gary Hunt & Partners. Other team members include Bob Colefax from Colefax Clayton Smith on structurals; John MacQuire from Bassett Consulting on mechanical and electricals; Sid Cochrane from Cochrane hydraulics and Simon Hanau from Rider Hunt as quantity surveyor. Hutchies' team is Paul de Jong foreman and Richard Field administrator.



UNDIES IN THE TORRES STRAIT

BILL Winterbottom, one of Hutchies' top foremen, moved on and took a job with the Catholic Church, as Manager of Project Services in North Queensland. But Bill, who has continued to keep in touch, was obviously thinking of us when he recently joined in the Travelling Undies quest and wore his Hutchies undies out on Thursday Island. Not to be outdone, Brother Thomas, from the Monastery, joined in the fun which wins them both a prize!

STONE THE CROWS

NEWEST office staffers who are not afraid to front up in their Hutchies' undies are the crows that help Jodie in reception, after being dropped off by a very smooth talking travelling salesman. The modest crows' had their undies tailor-made by Vicki's mother. Thanks, Mrs Warne.

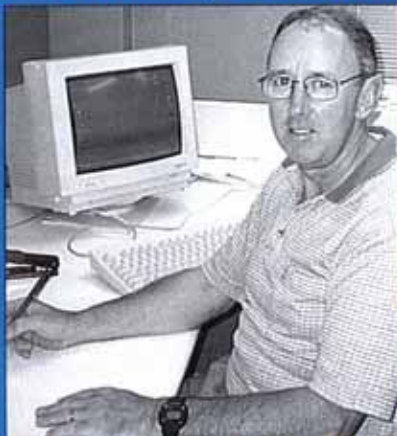


PAUL'S AIM IS QUALITY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

PAUL Adams has been employed to manage and drive Hutchies' Quality Assurance and Workplace Health and Safety.

Paul, who managed his own business for 21 years, was a licensed builder for 10 years and a licensed plumber, drainer and gas-fitter for 28 years.

He holds a Building Industry Specialists Contractors Certificate and Workplace Health and Safety Officers Certificate. Practical Quality Assurance is his passion and he is a firm advocate of communication and consultation in building successful relationships.



New Design & Construct manager

TREVOR Giles recently joined J. Hutchinson Pty Ltd as Design and Construct Manager.

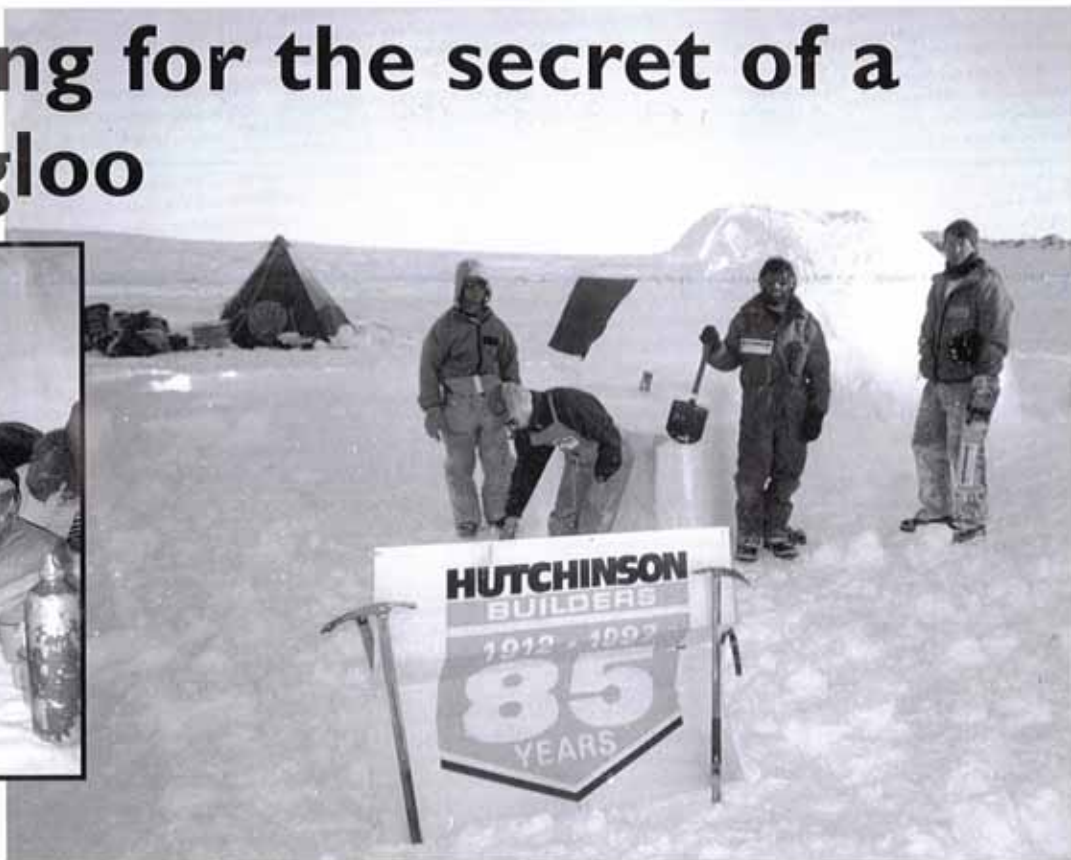
Prior to joining Hutchies, Trevor was with Civil & Civic for 15 years where he had project specific design and construction management roles on the Brisbane International Airport, Queensland Police Headquarters in Brisbane and the National headquarters for the Department of Social Security in Canberra, before taking up a management role overseeing all projects.



Searching for the secret of a D & C igloo



ABOVE: Igloo dining in the Antarctic.



One of Hutchies' more unusual building sites.

ONE of the most unusual buildings ever to wear a Hutchies' sign recently rose out of the wasteland of Antarctica – and enjoyed a brief but spectacular life.

An igloo – built of 300mm ice blocks – was the creation of Hutchies' foreman, Kevin Lee, who is spending his second winter as a member of the Australian Antarctic Division.

As part of field training, expedition members participate in a three day survival course, which includes building

a snow shelter. The shelter took three hours to build before Kevin was able to claim it as a Hutchies' job by hanging up his sign.

Shortly after construction was completed, two low pressure weather systems joined to create an intense front which generated winds of 190mph.

During the night the igloo was blown apart and Kevin and his two companions escaped, stumbling through the blinding blizzard to the shelter of a nearby van.

The trio were frozen and badly shaken, because men have been lost in similar weather conditions. After the blow, they returned to the igloo to retrieve lost possessions and found it demolished and covered by a metre of snow.

A radio call to Casey Antarctic Base brought the snow vehicles to the rescue and the slow trip back to base gave Kevin and his companions time to think about how the Eskimos design and construct indestructible igloos.



WINNING UP NORTH

HUTCHIES is contributing to North Queensland sporting history by winning the Port Douglas Outrigger Championship.

The team battled its way through two heats and then took out the grand final.

They are (from left) Kerry Smith, Paul de Jong, Richard Field, Robert McConkey and Will Cotter.

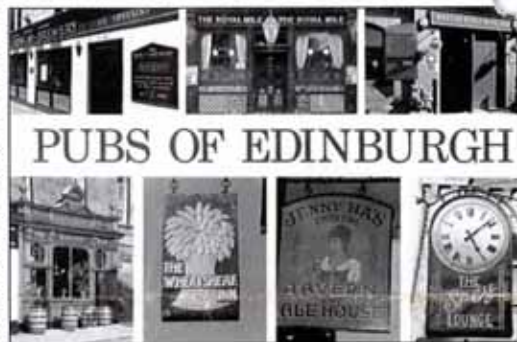
The team also won the award for best dressed.

WINNING SCRATCH-IT NUMBERS

1801 - Boxer shorts	3489 - Century Car Battery	3869 - Hammer (BBC Hardware)
1817 - Hammer (BBC Hardware)	3511 - Port	4081 - Measuring tape (Finlaysons)
1845 - Crow	3567 - Crow	4133 - Hammer (BBC Hardware)
1869 - Boxer shorts	3599 - Hutchies' T-shirt	4207 - Port
1888 - Measuring tape (Finlaysons)	3641 - Hammer (BBC Hardware)	4265 - Crow
1926 - Harley T-shirt (Morgan & Wacker)	3693 - Harley T-shirt (Morgan & Wacker)	4312 - Hammer (BBC Hardware)
1962 - Port	3724 - Port	4363 - Crow
1977 - Hammer (BBC Hardware)	3750 - Boxer shorts	4401 - Harley T-shirt (Morgan & Wacker)
1999 - Hutchies' T-shirt	3804 - Hammer (BBC Hardware)	4453 - Port
2003 - Boxer shorts	3846 - Hutchies' T-shirt	
3458 - Crow		

KEITH'S VIEW OF EDINBURGH

This postcard from Chief Estimator, Keith Boucaut, is an indication of his cultural pursuits during his overseas holiday. He says he's having a great time and was about to leave for Europe when he wrote.



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