

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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90th anniversary a celebration of company respect – Premier



HUTCHIES' 90th anniversary celebration, held recently at Brisbane's RNA Showgrounds, was a spectacle, in keeping with the tradition of the Exhibition's main ring events.

The venue chosen for the celebration was symbolic of Hutchies' long service to Queensland – the Ernest Baynes Stand built by Hutchies in 1922.

Performances included live beach volleyball led by Olympic gold medallist, Natalie Cook; driving displays by the Urban Properties Precision Driving team in a fleet of Hutchies' utes; a line-up of trucks from the Commercial Auto Historical Society, representing each decade since 1912 ... and a late night impromptu fashion parade by guests, who found Hutchie g-strings in their showbags.

And the crowd was there too – more than 900 guests, who included Premier Peter Beattie; many State Government Ministers; members of Federal, State and Local government; Mayoral representatives; clients; trade unions and, of course, staff and industry friends.

Premier Peter Beattie paid tribute to Hutchies, saying that, during the past 90 years, the company had not only built many of Queensland's outstanding buildings, but also had won the respect of the community.

Mr Beattie described father and son team, Jack and Scott, as "good blokes", whose personal efforts, as third and fourth generation builders, had developed a family feeling within the company.

This sentiment was echoed by CMFEU union representative, Wally Trohear.

Hutchies' Managing Director, Greg Quinn, said Hutchies was stronger now than at any time in its history.

"Who's ever heard of a building



Jack and Scott Hutchinson serve it up to their guests at the 90th Anniversary celebrations.

business not only surviving for 90 years, but prospering, and being in its best-ever shape at the end of the stretch?" Greg asked.

"Hutchies has seen enormous growth in recent years and this year turnover will be around \$250million – with almost all of that work in Queensland," he said.

"Hutchies' bread and butter has always been in the small and medium size projects up to \$10million in value and that's where our focus will remain," he said.

"Sure, we have 70 projects on at the moment, however, only a handful are in the \$15 to \$40million range. Hutchies' competitive edge is its ability to operate in all parts of the market – both big and small – and we intend to keep it that way.

"Hutchies has this ability because of its people. We have 175 directly employed staff and we intend expanding this workforce."

Greg said Hutchies was financially strong.

"Our PQC rating with government allows us to take on a building up to

\$110million in value.

"Our payment record with subbies is second to none – another reason why Hutchies is so successful – with subbies lining up to work for Hutchies, because they know they will be paid ... and on time ... with the resulting harmony benefitting the entire project.

"Hutchies is prepared to work with our friends and use the strength of our balance sheet to ensure jobs fly," Greg said.

Jack thanked his family for contributing to Hutchies' success.

When Jack took over Hutchies, the company was near to collapse and money was tight and it was during this time that Jack's wife, June, earned the nickname "Mrs Waste Not Want Not" for her efforts to make ends meet.

Jack said it was every father's dream to have a child take over the family company and he thanked Scott for coming in as Managing Director and then as Chairman.

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ABOVE: Jack Kinnaman is presented the ACCE's Founders plaque from Eva Morrison, Student Chapter President of ABC and Lee Niles, Head of the UALR Construction Management Department.



ABOVE: Anne Woker, Margie Hendricks and Jack Kinnaman enjoy stories told at the banquet.



LEFT: Phillip Joiner, President of the Arkansas Chapter of ABC, presents Jack with the National Lifetime Membership Award.

Jack Kinnaman elected to Hall of Fame

THE recently retired president of our USA sister company Kinco Inc, Jack Kinnaman, has been elected to the Arkansas Construction Hall of Fame.

Jack founded Kinco Inc in July 1973 and served as its president and CEO for 27 years. At the end of 2000, he sold the company to four long time employees.

Doug Wasson, a Kinco veteran of 20 years, who took over as president and CEO said: "We plan to build on the strong reputation that Jack established. He has been a tremendous leader and mentor for many of us in the construction industry."

Among Jack's affiliations are Associated General Constructors; American Institute of Constructors, in which he served as national president and as the first president of the Arkansas chapter; Associated Builders and Contractors, in which he served as a member of the national board and as president of the Arkansas chapter; American Council for Construction Education; and Central Arkansas Building Contractors, of which he is a past president.

We appreciate the contribution made by Jack to Hutchies and congratulate him on his success at Kinco and on his election to the Hall of Fame.

Concrete worker Donna mixes it with the best of them in Lismore...

HUTCHIES' building site for the new Officeworks Superstore in Lismore made history recently when Donna Chambers became front page news in the local newspaper as the only female steel and concrete worker on site.

Donna was part of the team from Mitchell's Concrete, Rockhampton, laying the suspended concrete floors of the Superstore.

The Northern Star reported Donna as needing a good sense of humour while she lugged heavy materials, laid steelwork and concrete and jackhammered alongside the otherwise all-male team.

"I work twice as hard to prove myself when I first start on a site. Everyone thinks I am mad, but I just like concrete and steel fixing," Donna explained.

Boss, Tim Collard, praised Donna as a good worker who could tough it out with the best of them. Donna's upside of hanging out with the boys was having a few beers together when the crew finished their 13-hour days. "We have a lot of fun," she said.



Photo courtesy: Northern Star Newspaper.

Donna on site at the Officeworks Lismore job.

Always smile at a (Townsville) Crocodile...

Managing Director, Greg Quinn, recently discovered what it means to be a sponsor of the very popular Townsville Crocodiles basketball team. Greg joined Hutchies' North Queensland crew to celebrate the Croc's performance. It doesn't matter if they win or lose, the celebrations go on regardless.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Scott Hutchinson

ONE of the questions I am asked most frequently is "does Jack have much involvement with the company anymore?"

This is best answered by using a quote that Hilary Clinton said of Bill - "he's a hard dog to keep on the porch."

Motorcycles, country music, rowing and, now, boating keep him busy, but we do get him weekly and at Board meetings.

The other question I get asked is "where are we taking Hutchies?"

The answer is that we simply do what our clients ask for and try hard to remain competitive.

What I am most proud of during our growth is that we are still builders with tradespeople - 13 apprentices and 15 cadets - and employing people for life.

"Hutchies has 14 people who have been with us for more than 20 years, and 28 people for more than 10 years.

We are not just managers who put together a team for each job, we are a community ... and this will never change.

We have always tried to do business "as friends and with friends" and it has been wonderful seeing many of the same faces at our 75th, 80th, 85th and 90th anniversary parties.

We look forward to seeing those same faces, and many more, at our 95th anniversary in 2007 and for the big Centenary party in 2012.

— Scott Hutchinson
Chairman



Dr Nick Girdis in front of Newport on Main, Gold Coast.

Dentist fills in a cavity

HUTCHIES is helping to fill a hole for dentist turned developer, Dr Nick Girdis, with construction of a 20-level Gold Coast tower for Stencraft Pty Ltd, named as Newport on Main.

The building at Main Beach is being undertaken by Stencraft Pty Ltd, the Development Company of longtime Girdis partners, Sir John Pidgeon and Miss Valmai Pidgeon.

The tower, which consists of 38 three, two and one bedroom units, has an elliptical shape with views across the Broadwater and the Pacific Ocean.

Dr Girdis has had a lifetime passion for the Gold Coast, which started as a young boy holidaying at his uncle's house at Labrador.

Since then his name has been linked with many Gold Coast developments including numerous highrise towers, low and medium level projects, office buildings and boutique shopping centres.

As well as a successful developer, Dr Girdis has a long record of community service that includes University, Opera, Greek Community and Enterprise Australia activities.



Some of the Casuarina collection...

Casuarina milestone in home building venture

THE Casuarina Collection – high quality, mid-priced house and land packages at Casuarina Beach, near Kingscliff, northern New South Wales – marks Hutchies' first foray into the home building market after more than 90 years as one of Queensland's largest respected civil and construction companies.

As a major milestone, the first Casuarina display home has been completed and the collection will form the basis of the most stylish and prestigious house and land packages ever offered for sale, with prices from \$415,000 to \$499,000 and available on dry blocks ranging from 532m² to 710m².

Hutchies has been responsible for all infrastructure and public construction work at Casuarina Beach – a \$650 million, 185 hectare master-planned community.

The Casuarina Collection completes Consolidated Properties' two-part design expo at Casuarina Beach, which began with last year's search for the Quint-



essential Australian Beach House.

Consolidated Properties Managing Director, Don O'Rorke, said the Casuarina Collection designs would be matched by the quality of the construction.

"Hutchies has been on board at Casuarina Beach since day one of construction and, in the building industry, Hutchies is a company well-regarded for the quality of its work," said Mr O'Rorke.

Scott Hutchinson said that he has long seen the potential for Hutchies to diversify into the home building market and the Casuarina Collection presented the family-owned company with the perfect opportunity to do so.

"We have always seen home building as a specialist situation and people have been encouraging us to enter into the market for some time," He said.

"But we see Casuarina Beach and the Casuarina Collection as more than a business opportunity, it's a chance for us to help maintain the quality of the development we started."





On hand to deliver the \$5,000 cheque (L-R) Pat Edwards BLF, Tiny, Dan, Joe, Scott Hutchinson, Liz Davis from SANDS, Tim Conaty and Gaff.

Tide of success for Regatta Riverside

WITH \$19.5 million of pre-sales recorded at the Regatta Riverside project since late October, developer of the Toowong riverfront project, Leyshon Group, has formally appointed Hutchies to construct the 183 unit residential project over two stages.

The contract, worth in excess of \$30 million, was awarded to Hutchisons based on the company's strong track record in constructing similar high quality residential projects, including the prestigious Manors project at the Kingshome apartment complex, Taringa, and Brett's Wharf.

According to Leyshon Group's Development Manager, Mark Rundle, the dramatic take up of apartments ahead of Regatta Riverside's official sales office opening in March, confirmed the company's predictions that the Regatta Precinct would draw strong interest from owner occupiers and investors.

With around \$150 million worth of residential development now underway in the immediate vicinity of the historic Regatta Hotel, which also is undergoing extensive refurbishment, the Regatta Precinct revival is generating renewed interest from the Brisbane public.

Stage one of Regatta Riverside, com-



Artist's impression of Regatta Apartments with the famous Regatta Hotel (left).



TV news crews record the opening by Lord Mayor Jim Soorley (centre) of the new Citycat Stop to service the new Regatta Apartments at Toowong.

prising a 10-level residential complex, is expected to be completed by January 2003, with stage two adding a further 97 units, due to commence construction mid-2002.

The site incorporates landscaped gardens, lawns and relaxation zones including swimming pool, gym and barbecue areas.

New lifesavers clubhouse as tourists flood waterfront

THE popularity of Townsville's newly developed waterfront area, known as The Strand, has increased the demand for lifesavers and resulted in a new lifesaving clubhouse.

And Hutchies has won the job to build the \$500,000 Arcadian Junior Surf Life Saving Club at the Rockpool.

The two storey building will be in harmony with existing developments and reflect the new vibrancy of The Strand.

It will be pivotal in training young lifesavers of the future - particularly youngsters from Palm Island, which has Australia's only Aboriginal surf club.

With 40,000 people visiting The Strand each week, the Townsville City Council set aside land for the clubhouse in response to the need for more lifesavers.

Building team help for babies

HUTCHIES, the Bridge Port site crew and the Builders Labourers Federation recently raised \$5000 to assist Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Support (SANDS).

SANDS Coordinator, Liz Davis, said the donation would go towards providing support for parents, families and friends who suffer loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death and other reproductive losses.

Liz said approximately 580 babies die from stillbirth and neonatal death and almost 20,000 miscarriages occur in Queensland each year.



Scott the "Bad Boy" of Brisbane's boardrooms

CHAIRMAN, Scott Hutchinson, could earn the reputation of the bad boy of Brisbane's boardrooms because of the bracelet he wears, which reads "punk at sixteen".

It's an unusual story, but hopefully one with a happy ending.

Scott will wear the bracelet until October as part of a pact with a young offender who was arrested for vandalising a Hutchies' building site.

Because of his age, the juvenile offender was ordered to a community conference, which brings the victims and offenders together to work out an agreement, which can include formal apology, performance of work for the victim, replacement of property or payment of damage.

Builders are hard negotiators and Scott requested the offender complete community service for SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Support) and surrender the bracelet, which had been made for the youth by his girlfriend.

Under the agreement, Scott will return the bracelet with a ticket to the Livid Festival in October, provided the youth does not reoffend.

In the meantime, Scott gets to wear the bracelet, which declares him the bad boy of Brisbane's boardrooms.



Paul Hart, Jarrah Hart and David Shaw choose their drinks.

Premier vows to beat the 'kiss of death'

PREMIER Peter Beattie (right) has shrugged off a curse that has befallen previous VIPs at Hutchies' anniversary celebrations.

Managing Director, Greg Quinn, warned Mr Beattie of the danger before the Premier wished Hutchies "Happy goth" on behalf of Queensland.

Politicians who went into the political wilderness after their Hutchies' anniversary appearances in the past included Sallyanne Atkinson, Wayne



Goss and Rob Borbidge.

Mr Beattie vowed to beat the "kiss of death" and promised to be around for Hutchies' Centenary celebrations in 2012.



Jack Hutchinson and Olympic gold medallist Natalie Cook.



Alison Norton, Mary-Jeanne Hutchinson, TJ Peabody and Steve Norton.

RIGHT: Scott Hutchinson receiving his surfboard from Premier Peter Beattie.



LEFT: Greg Quinn takes centre stage in the Ernest Baynes Stand.



Michael Mullens, Michael Harrison, Graeme Wickman & Andrew King.



Debbie Gaggin, Wayne Cullen and Di Adams share a joke.



LEFT: Margie and Jack Kinnaman who made a trip from the USA to be at the Hutchies birthday celebrations with Premier Beattie.



Craig Simpson, with Paul and Jarah Hart.



ABOVE: Terry and Yvonne Bedford, Phil Downes and Rochelle Lawson.



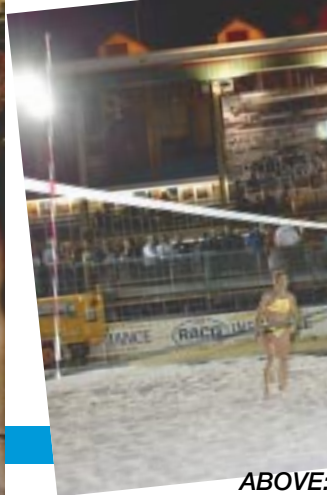
LEFT: Paul David, Trevor Giles and George Bellas.



Suzi Lodeer, Anthony Esposito and Scott Hutchinson.



RIGHT: Steve Pink and Karen Hall.



ABOVE: win the p...



June Hutchinson, with MLAs Robert Schwarton and Terry Mackenroth, and Jack Hutchinson.



RIGHT: Christine Rooney, Greg Quinn and Gary Breakwell.



ABOVE: John, Steve Tyson and Nick Carter.



Richard Field, Dave Smart, Paul DeJong and Steve Dowling.



LEFT: Hassim Alcoshe, Ray Balladone, Liz Pidgeon, Mick Byrne and Matt Hutton.



Dave Hanna and Robert Smith.



Mary-Jeanne Hutchinson, Mike Gould and David Norris.



Volleyballers devise a "lineout" technique to point... but Olympian Nicole (right) is too good!



Ken Green is served one of the famous RNA "Dagwood Dogs".

Port Douglas/Mareeba

Recently completed Kator House in Port Douglas brings an end to Hutchies' three year domination of the Port Douglas building market. Foreman and Port resident for Hutchies, Noel McPherson, who also undertook the Franklins Shopping Centre, has been travelling recently to the refurbishment project, Mareeba RSL, which he is running.

Lahania Villas, Clifton Beach

Friday afternoon sausage sizzles for company members and sabbies were the highlight on this site. The \$6m project consisted of 24 three bedroom townhouses with a 20m lap pool, gazebo, pool court, landscaped gardens all with direct Clifton Beach access. Paul De Jong claims his end of week moral boosters helped to keep the project on schedule. Team includes: Richard Field, project manager; Paul De Jong, supervisor; Rob Weymouth, cost planner; Bentley Herrick, architects; CMG, structural and civil engineers; and MGF, electricals.

Dunk Island Refurbishment

Refurbishment of the island's staff quarters began slowly as staff had to vacate the building prior to construction work starting. These days the cycle has sped up considerably as staff are much quicker to vacate the old rooms in favour of the newly refurbished ones.

Craggy Range winery and vineyard, New Zealand

Hutchies is managing the \$35 million design and construction of Craggy Range Winery in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. Building on this site will resemble the French Provincial style with extensive use of limestone cladding, recycled hardwood (from Australia), terracotta clay tiles (imported from the UK), all set around a man-made lake. This site will include office, restaurant, epicurean centre, above and underground cellars with vaulted ceilings, resembling the Roman days, all poured in situ. Also included are two houses - one valued at \$700,000 and the other \$4.5m.



On site at the Craggy Range project are (from left) Steve Smith, winery manager; Paul Gourley, Hutchies' project manager; Terry Peabody, winery owner; John Blair, architect; Mary Peabody and David Peabody, owners; and Mary-Jeane Hutchinson.

JOB UPDATE

with

Barry Butterworth

Aged Care Facility, Waterford

Construction is underway of a new aged care facility on a construction management basis. Team includes: Len White, project manager; Wayne Fox, administrator; Syd Britton, foreman; Conan Beale, cost planner; R.H. Frankland & Associates, architects; Western partners, structural engineers; EMF Griffiths, electricals; and Grant Epple of HK Project Management, superintendent.

St Thomas School, Mareeba

Worth \$620,000, this project involves conversion and refurbishment of two existing classrooms and administration rooms as well as the construction of three classrooms in a new block. Team includes: Richard Field, project manager; Paul York, administrator; Noel McPherson, supervisor; and McElroy Morrison Pierce, architects.

Science Building, James Cook University, Cairns

This two-storey building clad in brick and fitted out with complex services for use as a science block as an addition to existing facilities for the James Cook University is estimated at \$7.35m. Team includes: Richard Field, project manager; Paul York, administrator; Paul De Jong, supervisor; Robert Weymouth, cost planner; Power Graham and Dempsey, architects; McPherson Maclean Wargon Chapman, structural engineers; Sinclair Knight Merz, civil engineers; Rider Hunt, quantity surveyors; and SPA - Simon Perkins & Associates, electricals.

Lagoon Apartments

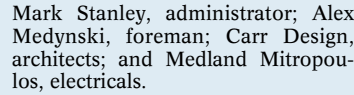
At close to \$3m this 18 unit complex of residential apartments is underway. Team includes: John Berlese, project manager; Tim Ferguson, administrator; Jeff Miller, foreman; Paul David, cost planner; Cameron Chisholm & Nicol, architects; Robert Bird & Partners, structural and civil engineers; Napier & Blakely, quantity surveyors; and Mitchtech, electricals.

Deacons, Eagle Street, Brisbane

This project, valued at more than \$3.8m, involves a high quality office fit out for Deacons Lawyers over four levels at 175 Eagle Street. Team includes: Julian French, project manager and cost planner;



Lahania Villas, Clifton Beach ... Friday afternoon sausage sizzles helped the team keep the project on schedule.



Mark Stanley, administrator; Alex Medynski, foreman; Carr Design, architects; and Medland Mitropoulos, electricals.

Catalina Stage II

Three luxury houses and three luxury units on the river at Macquarie Street, Teneriffe, are under construction for total value of \$4.4m. Team includes: Gary Breakwell, construction manager; Michael Tomkins, site manager; John Loggin, cost planner; Fairweather Property, architects; Morgan Consulting, structural engineers; and Medland Mitropoulos, mechanicals/electricals/hydraulics.

Hervey Bay Village Life

Consisting of 49 standard units and four disabled units, construction of this retirement village also includes a community centre, commercial kitchen and on site manager's residence. Team includes: David Christoffersen, project manager and administrator; Ron Colefax, foreman; Robert Weymouth, cost planner; Bruce Gow Architects; Bruce Lemcke, structural engineers; Concept Engineering, civil engineers; Rider Hunt, quantity surveyors; and Ashburner Francis, electricals.

Taringa Circle Redevelopment

Refurbishment of the Taringa Circle building for Cornerstone Properties incorporates three basement levels, two office levels and new roof top plant platform. New awnings and sunshades, combined with four large architectural fins, have been designed to transform the building's facade. Team includes: Barry Butterworth, project manager; Russell Fryer, administrator; Des Rosenblatt, foreman; Conan Beale, cost planner; Cameron Chisholm & Nicol, archi-



Artist's impression of the Taringa Central refurbishment.

itects; and JH Ward, structural engineers.

Grafton Village Life

Consisting of 42 standard units and 5 disabled units, construction of this retirement village also includes a community centre, commercial kitchen and on site manager's residence. Team includes: David Christoffersen, project manager and administrator; Adam O'Mara, foreman; Robert Weymouth, cost planner; Bruce Gow Architects; Bruce Lemcke, structural engineers; Concept Engineering, civil engineers; Rider Hunt, quantity surveyors; and Ashburner Francis, electricals.

Western Star Truck/MAN

Design and construction of a new truck dealership and service centre for Western Star/MAN Trucks and Buses is worth \$2.8m. The development will incorporate a retail showroom and parts warehouse with 14,000sqm of concrete hardstand for truck display. Team includes: Barry Butterworth, project manager; Russell Fryer, administrator; Ian Partridge, foreman; Wayne Cullen, cost planner; Lambert & Smith, architects; Bruce Lemcke, structural engineers; and Andrew Farr, civil engineers.

Commercial Development, Ballina West

This new dual tenancy commercial premises, worth \$1.2m, includes carparking. Team includes: Len White, project manager and supervisor; David Smythe, administrator; Don Lindo, foreman; Wayne Cullen, cost planner; John Wallbank, architects; Aspect North, structural and civil engineers; and Controlled Power Systems, electricals.

Nouvelle Apartments

A four storey building constructed in the 1980s as office space is undergoing extensive refurbishment and conversion to apartment living. The project is worth in excess of \$11.2m. Team includes: Neil Bladen, project manager; Ron Pearse, administrator; Glen Evans, cost planner; Nettleton Tribe, architects; Multi Span, structural engineers; Bornhorst & Ward, civil engineers; and AGD Quantity Surveyors.

Pilkington Glass

This project involving a three bay extension to an industrial building is headed by the team which includes: Robert Weymouth, project manager and cost planner; Ben Prest, administrator; Tippett Schrock, architects; and Glynn Tucker Engineering.

Takaraka

Two new toilet blocks and two new open kitchen blocks are being built at the Takaraka Camping Ground. Team includes: Robert Weymouth, project manager and cost planner; Ben Prest, administrator; Peter Singleton, foreman; Planit, architects; and Bruce Lemke Engineering.

Arcadian JSLS Clubhouse

A new surf lifesaving club for juniors is under construction on The Strand, Townsville, at a cost of \$500,000. Team includes: Robert Weymouth, project manager and cost planner; Ben Prest, administrator; Neil Berry, foreman; Northpoint Developments, architects; Meecham Engineers; and Ashburner Francis, electricals.

Toowoomba Police Station

At a cost of \$8.25m and due for completion in November, this project is a new regional police headquarters, which includes administration, watch house and prisoner links to the existing courthouse. Team includes: Paul Hart, project manager and cost planner; Alex Seydel, administrator; Bill Henley, foreman; with Project Services.

Clifton Hospital

Worth \$320,000, this building project involves a new medical centre and an upgrade of existing fire services. Team includes: Paul Hart, project manager and cost planner; Matthew Nielsen, administrator; Peter Smith, foreman; parish Clarke, architects and Larkin Teys, engineers.

Suncorp Metway Call Centre

The very latest in data/communications transfer systems is being incorporated in the construction of this new \$4.3m 3000m² high-tech building to be used as a call centre for Suncorp Metway. Team includes: Paul Hart, project manager and cost planner; Craig Simpson, administrator; Peter Barnett, foreman; Davenport Campbell, architects; Ove Arup, structural and civil engineers; Rider Hunt, quantity surveyors; Lincolne Scott, electrical/mechanicals; Qantec, hydraulics; Hassell Architects, internal fit-out; and Terrain, on landscaping. Client is Ross Melson Properties.

Rammed earth walls rise out of ground



Rammed earth walls were used in construction of the building to house dinosaur tracks.

HUTCHIES has more than 90 years' experience in dealing with construction materials, techniques and technology, but a recent job using rammed-earth is one of the company's more unusual assignments.

Two massive rammed-earth walls are currently rising from the red hills, 120km south west of Winton, as part of a scheme to protect historic dinosaur tracks in Lark Quarry Conservation Park.

The nine metre high walls have been manufactured on site, using 500 tonnes of excavated earth, which will eventually support a curved steel roof.

Inside the building are 95 million year old tracks of the

only recorded dinosaur stam-pede on earth.

The \$2million building is being funded by the Queensland Heritage Trail Network to preserve the dinosaur tracks.

To do the job, architect, Jim Gall, needed a coordinated team, aware of the constraints and sensitivities of the site.

He said Hutchies was to be commended for the way in which the project was being managed.

"They are ensuring the trackways and surrounding park are not damaged as well as ensuring the health and safety of the building team in the hot summer conditions," Mr Gall said.

Site foreman, Lionel Mitch-

ell, said his team was meeting the challenge of heat, dust, flies and isolation.

The team is working 12 hours a day, six days a week in blazing sun with average daily temperatures in the high 40s.

He said the team was working in a constrained building site on the side of a hill in a Conservation Park.

"This poses continual challenges as things change all the time. Anticipated clay foundations become rock in places and the team has to solve such problems on the spot," he said.

The trackways building is expected to be completed and open to the public by late June, weather permitting.

Smiles all round for Riverside refurbishment

HUTCHIES' Jeff Lacoste (left) and clients, Hume Campbell and Steve Girdis, have every reason to be pleased with the results of the refurbishment of Riverside Marine headquarters at Newstead.

The project included stripping and fitting out the old building, closing in open areas and installing new glazing with a total landscape job.



Saga of a young man and the sea

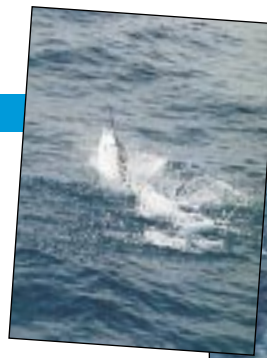
NORTH Queensland fishing stories paled into insignificance recently when Hutchies' man in the north, Robert Weymouth, captured his first marlin ... off the Gold Coast.

Robert was fishing with Peter Scott and Rhys Brotherton, of Wincam Property, on board Reel Chase, when the marlin struck.

After an enormous struggle, Robert landed the marlin ... before releasing it to fight another day.

Robert regrets having to leave North Queensland to catch a decent fish but promises to step up his fishing expeditions to the Barrier Reef to restore North Queensland's fishing reputation.

In the meantime, it's a damn good fishing story and he doesn't mind repeating it, regardless of where the fish came from.



TOP: Proof the catch wasn't an old boot!



RIGHT: A jubilant Robert Weymouth boats his Gold Coast marlin.



Travelling Undies and gallivanting g-strings

COMPETITION rules for Hutchies' Travelling Undies awards have been extended to include Hutchies' g-strings, which were launched with great success at the recent 90th anniversary celebrations.

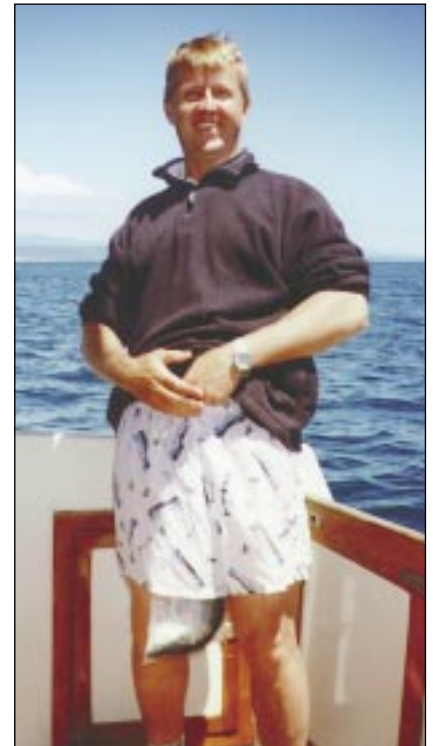
From now on, anyone providing photographic evidence of Hutchies' undies or g-strings (*Len White note: preferably female*) being worn in famous/unusual places will be in the running to win a prize.

Steve Spijkerman, Hutchies' site manager at Craggy Range Winery in New Zealand, is the winner of the Travelling Undies Award for his daring appearance on Lake Taupo, in New Zealand's North Island.

The protrusion from the leg of his pants seems to have a head on it like a fish, which probably explains why Kiwis always wear long pants!

Nice performance, Steve. Keep it up.

Some guests at the 90th anniversary celebrations were quick to whip on their new g-strings and give them a work-out at the party.



An architect's view of architects

BRISBANE architect, Peter Newell M.Arch., L/F R.A.I.A., recently published a delightful book "The Art, Trade & Mystery of Building", which is a 60-year collection of quotes, anecdotes and thoughts relating to architects and the building trade.

It starts with his observations as a student and apprentice during the Great Depression of the 1930s, when his employer emphasised that being late was "equivalent to taking money out of our till".

It concludes with a conversation with a builder in the USA:

"Listen buddy, we have been dealing with your lot for years. This is how we operate: if you watch, our hourly rate goes up; if you talk, it goes up even more; and if you tell us what to do, we all go home."

The book also includes the "Image of the

Architect" and how architects are viewed differently by the public, client, quantity surveyor, planner, builder and themselves ... all very differently.





Hutchie apprentice, Bill Lenehan Junior, recently turned 21 while working on the dinosaurs' tracks project at Lark's Quarry, near Winton, and work-mates and locals joined in at the RSL to help Bill celebrate. To add to the occasion, Bill Senior flew all the way from Sydney to help his son celebrate. "No way would I have missed it," was his verdict on the night.



Scott and Mary-Jeane Hutchinson joined the Hutchies' New Zealand crew for dinner in Hawkes Bay to celebrate progress on the construction of the Craggy Range Winery.



Karen White enjoyed 10 days as volunteer driver at CHOGM on the Sunshine Coast. Karen said it was one of the most exciting times in her life and nominated the delegation from Malta as her favourite. "It was like being in a James Bond movie," she said.



Scott's lucky clinch on the ropes

A LARGE Hutchies contingent turned out to watch Queensland boxer, Nathan (*The Real Thing*) Sting, make the first defence of his Australian bantamweight title recently at the Hutchies' sponsored fight night at the Greek Club, South Brisbane.

Sting took on African boxer, Sande Kizito, over 12 tough rounds, but the real winner on the night turned out to be Chairman, Scott Hutchinson, who was lucky enough to get one of the hostesses in a clinch on the ropes!



Ron Niven, Patrice Butterworth and Val Dripps joined with other Social Club members for an enjoyable night out at Groucho's Theatre Restaurant.



Jack's stroke of good luck

JACK Hutchinson is developing a reputation as being something of a good luck charm for Brisbane rowers after Brisbane Boys College won Head of the River this (their Centenary) year.

Hutchies sponsored BBC this year and Jack helped out as co-coach, with the school winning Head of the River for the first time in eight years.

Coach, Ben Young, acknowledged Jack's contribution and "the amazing influence he had on the crew."

In 1999, Hutchies sponsored the Church of England Grammar School First Eight who won for the first time in 23 years.

Is it coincidence or good luck?

No doubt contenders for next year's crown will be lining up for a touch of Jack's magic.

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