



New Doppler radar delivered

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Regional quarantine centre on track to deliver 1000 beds



Wellcamp's first accommodation modules arrive on site.

CONSTRUCTION of Australia's first purpose-built regional quarantine facility at Wellcamp Airport, near Toowoomba, reached a new milestone in December, with installation by Hutchies of the project's first accommodation modules.

The Wellcamp site, to be known as the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre, will see the Queensland government lease more than 1000 beds

from the Wagner Corporation (500 by late December and the remaining 500 in the first quarter of this year).

Queensland Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries, Mark Furner, said construction had moved quickly.

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110th celebrations postponed to 2023

HUTCHIES has postponed its planned national 110-year anniversary celebrations until next year when, hopefully, there will be more certainty around COVID.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said it was unfortunate to cancel celebrating a happy 110th birthday milestone, but it was important to focus on the work in hand and the times ahead.

"Hutchies' people put a lot of effort into organising our celebrations and the risk of them getting cancelled is too high," he said.

"Hopefully 2023 will be a better year."

Scott said the past two years had been uncharted territory for builders due to COVID-19 restrictions and 2022 remained unknown.

"The past couple of years have been difficult and we expect more of the same this year," he said.

"Construction in New South Wales and Victoria has battled through the impact of the pandemic reasonably well but, meanwhile, Queensland has boomed with closed borders and limited lockdowns.

"All this will change with the borders now open.

"The increasing uncertainty of supply of materials and rising costs remain major problems for builders in the foreseeable future.

"We look forward to celebrating in 2023 which will be our 111th year."



EARLY signals suggest 2022 is going to be another tough year as there are so many issues to manage and control in this COVID-influenced environment.

While in the world of commerce, construction is no different to most business sectors trying to navigate through the many obstacles and uncertainties that come with COVID, however, there are many hurdles confronting construction that require good management and a strong balance sheet together with a little luck.

Things like:

- Product supply chain delays and associated cost escalation linked directly to COVID impact on manufacturing and freight logistics.
- Shortage of capable subcontractors to meet the demands of the property and infrastructure markets turbocharged by government stimulus aimed at so many underlying economic factors directly linked to COVID.
- Labour shortages and availability on our sites and in our manufacturing facilities across the country and the globe directly linked to the impacts of COVID.

I could write all day about the detail but, fundamentally, the above mentioned issues have an almost unmanageable impact on construction timelines and cost escalation.

In some trades and supply items, we have

experienced 25 to 30 per cent spikes and, overall, construction prices are up 10 to 15 per cent on a year ago.

This has major implications for all stakeholders – developers, builders, subcontractors, consultants, suppliers, financiers, investors and purchasers.

Towards the end of 2021, I was thinking that the majority of players in our industry had been able to manage their way through the past two years of COVID and only had to get themselves through Christmas and the new year period when traditionally cashflow catches up with those who overtrade.

I thought 2022 might develop into an OK year. However, Omicron has changed this outlook.

Hutchies will be OK but, trust me, the financial pressures that attach to events like this cannot be sustained by under-resourced businesses – whether that be financial resources or experienced people resources.

It is in times like these when business longevity (Hutchies' 110th birthday in 2022); financial strength (Hutchies' debt-free balance sheet currently sits at circa \$370 million); stable people capacity (Hutchies' executive directors have on average 30 years construction industry tenure which combines with 1370 direct

employees at the coalface); owning our own crane and hoist fleet; having our own scaffold plant and equipment; plus our reputation for producing quality buildings; really come to the forefront.

Overarching all of this is our reputation for paying on time and, in the current world, having the capacity in the procurement space to forward order materials and accommodate efficient payment mechanisms and workforce placement to assist subbies during these difficult times.

As always with Hutchies, we are confronting current events head on and aren't afraid to adapt quickly to new and innovative ways to make things work.

It would be remiss of me not to make mention of the good work undertaken by a handful of major builders and the building unions in the couple of months prior to Christmas to develop a sensible, pragmatic and workable COVID plan that has been embraced by government and deals with the reality of Omicron on construction sites.

The proactive joint approach by unions and employers was good to see and achieved the best possible outcome for COVID management in early 2022.

– Greg Quinn (COTY 2007)

Commissioner praises team's ethos for quality in Byron Bay

THE Hutchies' team working on a mixed-use project in Jonson Street, Byron Bay, has received a pat on the back following a site inspection by New South Wales Building Commissioner, David Chandler.

Mr Chandler visited the Jonson Lane project in Jonson Street as part of an audit of building sites in northern New South Wales.

He said the standout project on his inspection tour from Coffs Harbour to the Queensland border went to Hutchies in Byron Bay.

"It really goes to show how a talented long-serving team, who own the company ethos for quality, can produce great outcomes," he said.

"There is a growing band of constructors showing how important these qualities are."

However, he was unhappy with some of his findings elsewhere in the industry.

He said he found the lack of attention to safety was matched by significant design



New South Wales Building Commissioner, David Chandler (far right), on site with Hutchies' team in Byron Bay.

shortcomings and BCA non-compliance resulting in \$15,000 in fines.

"We will not tolerate this type of work in New South Wales," said Mr Chandler.

"Both Fair Trading and Safework will combine to do a collaborative sweep of the

most risky projects between Tweed Heads and Port Macquarie."

Hutchies' Jonson Lane project is a mixed-use development over two levels with residential apartments, laneway style retail precinct and basement parking.



The new satellite dish has been live since November last year when Hutchies' team craned it into position.

AN outback project by Hutchies will help local communities keep an eye on the weather with the installation of a new Doppler radar at Greenvale, north west of Charters Towers, for the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

As North Queensland experiences a La Niña weather pattern this wet season, residents in the Upper Burdekin, west of Townsville, now have access to more accurate weather alerts.

Until now, the region has had to rely on weather updates from BOM's Townsville weather radar, which some claim have been inaccurate and unreliable in the past.

Following the aftermath of the devastating 2019 northwest Queensland floods, the Australian government committed \$77.2 million for a weather monitoring package, including four new weather radars for Queensland.

Hutchies' project contract value was \$3.3 million, with the new Doppler radar being the largest and the first of its kind in Australia – an S-band radar.

A steel tower was fabricated in Gladstone and transported to site in one piece via road train. Once on site, it was broken into three pieces and raised into place by cranes.

The satellite dish was then installed carefully on top of the tower before being encapsulated in dozens of individual fibre-glass panels, similar to a soccer ball pattern, with a total height of 33 metres.

Greenvale's new BOM facility has been live since November 30 last year and Minister for the Environment, Sussan Ley, said the radar was the first of four Doppler radars proposed for Queensland.

"The new Greenvale radar forms part of the

New eye in the sky for outback weather warning

most significant upgrade to the Bureau of Meteorology's radar and observation network in a generation," said Ms Ley.

"By June 2024, the BOM will deliver eight new radars, plus upgrades to a further 46 radars, nearly 700 automatic weather stations and 200 flood warning network assets across the country."

BOM's radar was an isolated project, with Greenvale being a small settlement in a nickel mining area approximately 220 kilometres northwest of Townsville.

Greenvale was made famous by Slim Dusty in the song, *The Three Rivers Hotel*.

The Greenvale radar information can be accessed through the BOM website.



The Greenvale radar stands as a lone weather sentinel in the bush, connected to the Gregory Development Highway by a 560-metre access road.

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Australian-first regional quarantine centre on track to deliver 1000 beds



Hutchies' team members at Wellcamp (from left) Sean Lees (team leader), Brendon Manteit (site foreman), Gavin Taylor (project manager), Tony Rossini (site foreman) and Bryce Tippins (design manager).

The Minister said that since the announcement of a joint agreement between the Queensland government and the Wagner Corporation in August last year, the first concrete had been poured and the first modules delivered on site.

“Going forward, this quarantine facility will play a vital role in the success of Queensland's COVID-19 economic recovery plan,” he said.

The state's Health, Police Service and Fire and Emergency Services departments all worked closely with the Wagner Corporation on the design of the centre.

Accommodation modules are manufactured at Hutchies' modular facility in Toowoomba and transported to the site in a two-stage delivery schedule.

The first stage, delivered prior to Christmas, consisted of 132 prefabricated modular accommodation buildings with 500 rooms.

In total, the project will consist of 264 fully self-contained and furnished accommodation modules containing 1000 rooms.

On site, Hutchies is delivering final

commissioning.

The facility will provide an economic boost to the region in terms of local jobs and regional development opportunities.

Wagner Corporation chairman, John Wagner, said he was pleased to have the project on track and delivering an important project for Queensland and Australia.

“The facility will enhance safety and provide much needed additional capacity to Queensland's hotel quarantine system.”



An artist's impression of Australia's first purpose-built regional quarantine facility under construction at Wellcamp Airport, near Toowoomba.

Major formwork milestone

THE Prospect Street project in Box Hill, Melbourne, is unique as it is the first major formwork project by Hutchies' team members. The medium-rise residential project celebrated an important milestone when the last sheet of form ply was secured on the level 26 roof slab late last year.

Dave Warner (COTY 2011), site manager at Prospect Street, said Hutchies' first major formwork project went exceptionally well from start to finish, thanks mainly to Mark O'Brien and Jimmy Martin who led from the front, coming in well within budget.

Members of the John Berlese (COTY 2006) team are known as Berlesimo Formwork.



The Prospect Street project recently reached full height, thanks to Berlesimo Formwork.



Hutchies' own formworkers (AKA Berlesimo Formwork) celebrating at the Prospect Street level 26 roof topping out party at Box Hill.

Wishlist Centre to enhance Sunshine Coast healthcare

FOR the past 23 years, Wishlist has directed fundraising efforts to initiatives that best support a rapidly growing Sunshine Coast population in need of help at a local hospital.

Now Hutchies is working with Wishlist, a not-for-profit charity, to create Australia's first affordable accommodation facility, offering patient accommodation, primary healthcare services and complementary therapies under one roof.

Located conveniently opposite the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, the four-level purpose-built Wishlist Centre will open mid this year to support patients and their families receiving ongoing treatment or transitioning to and from hospital, and offer low-cost/no-cost services that provide a circle-of-care for those experiencing a health crisis.

Partly funded by a \$12 million grant awarded through the federal government's Community Health and Hospitals Program and a \$2 million gift from local philanthropists, Roy and Nola Thompson, Wishlist Centre will support more patients and their



Wishlist Centre – Australia's first integrative healthcare facility is under construction on the Sunshine Coast.

families requiring ongoing treatment at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

Collaboration within the facility will provide integrated oncology support services, education, training and research to support the patient's health journey, coupled with spaces designed specifically to support young adults and adolescent mental health initiatives.

Hutchies is delighted to be working on this important community project, delivering the fast-growing Sunshine Coast region with healthcare.

Created to promote well-being, Wishlist Centre features light-filled spaces and accommodation, dedicated kitchen and laundry, as well as break-out areas and shared spaces for community and outdoor activities.



National Cricket Campus moving at a fast pace.

National Cricket Campus set to deliver high quality players

COMPLETION of the \$9 million stage C at the National Cricket Campus in Brisbane will provide for the development of high quality cricketers in Australia.

The latest stage of the National Cricket Campus by Hutchies is a redevelopment and extension of Allan Border Field which will be Queensland Cricket's home ground.

Stage C, in conjunction with stages A and B built by Hutchies in 2020 and the Bupa National Cricket Centre indoor training areas, will provide an integrated world-class indoor and outdoor cricket facility.

The project entails the redevelopment

and extension of Allan Border Field by 13 metres to meet international standards, including new drainage, irrigation and broadcast lighting.

It also includes the installation of 11 new centre wicket blocks, construction of tiered seating on the eastern boundary, new sight screens, camera towers and scoreboards, a new amenities building, the upgrade of training fields with lighting, and new local and interstate wickets.

Hutchies' team on the National Cricket Campus includes Michael White, Paul Kruger, Dan Staples, Matt Stevens, and Simon McGilvray.



From left, Scott Hutchinson, Marcus Gaffney (Liberty Invest) and Lachlan Cadden (Brilliant Touch Australia).

Captive audience

FLYING the flag for Australia on the first day of the first cricket test match of the summer has become a tradition for Scott Hutchinson and his mates.

This year, with the first test returned to Brisbane, Scott and crew donned convict garb to watch the home side battle the Poms.

Ironically, the guys missed the excitement of the first wicket from the first ball, courtesy of Mitch Starc, when they were delayed taking their seats for a few minutes.

Crunching cars instead of numbers



Owen Valmadre (just visible at the controls in the front) with his wife, Mandy, and confessed tank nut, Matt Wilson, on board crush a car.

MEMBERS of team Owen Valmadre (finance, accounts, payroll, IT, company services) got tanked at their annual team building gathering and crunched a car.

They visited Tank Ride, based in the country near the Albert River, and played with the unique collection of armoured vehicles. At Tank Ride all sorts of armoured vehicles are restored and maintained but, most importantly, driven by the visitors.

LEFT: Preparing for a concrete pour on a people-free weekend at East Ipswich.

Station accessibility upgrade program for Queensland Rail

QUEENSLAND Rail has engaged Hutchies on two major projects to improve accessibility and make it easier and safer for rail customers to use the rail network.

Projects are at South Bank station in Brisbane and the East Ipswich station.

The works are part of Queensland Rail's Station Accessibility Upgrade Program which focuses on providing greater accessibility to rail services.

Improvements will support many customers who use the network, such as those with mobility devices, the vision/hearing impaired, seniors and those travelling with prams and luggage.

Features of the South Bank upgrade include a full-length raised platform, seating and shelters, upgraded security

cameras and lighting and new wayfinding and platform signage.

Construction at the new East Ipswich station is designed to provide a single access path from accessible station entrances to the assisted boarding points, achieved through platform raising and upgrading accessible parking and essential station and customer facilities.

Main construction on the accessibility upgrade in Ipswich began in August 2020.

Construction of a new station building was completed late last year and supporting works, including the demolition of the old station building and platforms, will continue into this year.



Night shift on the South Bank station upgrade.

Green light for Yeerongpilly Green retail centre



THE official party prepares to spring into action for sod turning to mark the beginning of construction of the Riverside retail centre at Yeerongpilly Green last November.

Consolidated Properties Group (CPG) and CVS Lane Capital Partners hosted the event.

LEFT: Members of the official party were (from left) Scott Hutchinson, Queensland's Deputy Premier Dr Steven Miles, CPG's Don O'Rorke and CVS Lane Capital Partners' Craig Miles.



Connor's life in the trenches

CONNOR Blomfield, Rocky's second-year apprentice, found himself "fit for purpose" when it came to feeding electrical conduit through a trench in the Goondoon Street refurbishment project which involves upgrading the streetscape in the Gladstone CBD.

Connor's slender body was a perfect fit for the narrow trench, whereas his workmates, Nick Colthup (team leader), Calum Ryan (site manager) and Kristy Azzopardi (CA), who all work out in the gym, could not make the cut.

Despite the difficulty, Connor got the job done – winning the admiration of the whole team for his enthusiasm, tenacity and good sense of humour.

He has now gained the nickname, "The Closer", as he always seems to end up working to close off projects.

Lord Mayor's Business Awards



Hutchies' delegation attending Lord Mayor's Business Awards included, from left, (rear) Fatya Azlika, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, Alec Hutchinson, Rob Diamond, Jackie Rose-Diamond, Natalie Roma, and (front) Clare Chau, Josh Chau, Terrence Hutchinson and Meg McPhie.

FOUR organisations competed for the Hutchinson Builders' Award for Outstanding Social Enterprise as part of the 2021 Lord Mayor's Business Awards held in October at Brisbane City Hall.

The finalists for Hutchies' award were Australian Spatial Analytics, Jigsaw Australia, Leap in! Australia and Multhana Property Services.

Winner was Leap in! Australia, a leading NDIS plan manager, supporting thousands of Australians with disabilities across the country live their best lives by getting the most out of their NDIS plans.

The Lord Mayor's Business Awards recognise the best and



Jack Hutchinson Jnr (left) and Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner (centre) present Hutchinson Builders' Award for Outstanding Social Enterprise to CEO and co-founder of Leap in! Australia, Andrew Kiel.

most innovative businesses and entrepreneurs in Brisbane across 11 categories.



Herston Quarter celebrates

Herston Quarter team members celebrate a project milestone.

IN recognition of the massive volume of work and monumental efforts by Hutchies and its subcontractors and consultants, client, Australian Unity, took the opportunity in November to get together for the Herston Quarter project

milestone celebration at the Victoria Park Bistro. On completion, the \$1.1 billion Herston Quarter project which began in 2017 within the five-hectare site will deliver a mixed-use community catering for health, residential,

commercial and retail development.

Metro North Hospital and Health Service is overseeing the redevelopment of Herston Quarter which is being managed by Australian Unity as the development partner.

National award for preservation of live music

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson has been named as one of seven remarkable 2021 Creative Partnerships Award recipients who have generously provided support to enhance arts and culture across Australia.

The awards, supported by the federal government through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, recognise passionate Australians who are dedicated to creating an impact within Australia's arts sector.

Scott was awarded The Business Leadership Award for his key role in the preservation of live music in Brisbane.

The award citation said Scott recognised that inner-city live music venues across the world were in crisis as the value of land increased leading to their purchase and demolition to make way for residential high-rises.

"In response to this, Hutchinson Builders purchased several inner-city high-rise sites to build new music venues and support Brisbane's important live music industry.

"The most significant of these is the construction of the \$43 million Fortitude Music Hall which now anchors Fortitude Valley's live music precinct and importantly replaces the legendary Festival Hall which was demolished in 2003 for a high-rise residential project."

See this link for video presentation <https://vimeo.com/647537471>



The crew shown celebrating 25 years of partnership (from left) Hutchies' Kaitlin Dunk, Sophie Candy, Carmen Lasserre, Scott Hutchinson; NAWIC Queensland president, Sheree Taylor; and Hutchies' Morgan Rooney and Tabi Ward. (Photo courtesy of Georgiou Group).

NAWIC partners for 25 years

NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction) and Hutchies recently celebrated their 25-year partnership during the annual Queensland NAWIC Awards.

Hutchies is proud of the relationship it has built with NAWIC and looks forward to its continuing growth for many years to come.

Unique service to connect with construction careers

HUTCHIES is excited to be a foundation partner of UNIQ You and an advocate for construction careers for women.

UNIQ You is an online platform that aims to connect high school girls with roles and industries currently under-represented by women and to help them explore career opportunities in non-traditional areas.

Volunteers are role models and engage in video calls to share their career journey and give advice to young girls.

RIGHT: Hutchies' Mark Kucks and UNIQ You founder, Tanya Meessmann, share the UNIQ You launch night.



Spending with Indigenous businesses flows through to community benefits

HUTCHIES hit a major milestone recently, surpassing \$50 million spent with Indigenous businesses.

National Indigenous manager, Mark Kucks, said the growth had been steady and the impact great.

Mark said Hutchies had contracts totalling \$1.9 million with 13 Indigenous businesses nine years ago.

"This has grown to 163 Indigenous businesses that we have contracted with over that time," said Mark.

"Indigenous-owned businesses are 50 times more likely to hire Indigenous employees than the broader business sector and a large majority of them support community and grassroots initiatives which has huge impacts on



From left, Indigenous business owners, Jade North and Adam Sarota, with Hutchies' Mark Kucks.

the broader Indigenous community."

Indigenous business owners

and ex-Socceroos, Adam Sarota and Jade North, are examples of people combining their commer-

cial motivations with community aspirations.

As directors of Amaroo Landscape Group and Bridgeman they are providing pathways for Indigenous Australians to pursue tertiary and employment opportunities, as well as running programs like 'Kickin With a Cuz' which are designed to reach young and underprivileged children through football and help them make better life choices.

Jade said football gave him an opportunity to climb out of poverty and to explore the world as a professional athlete and as an Olympian.

"As a business owner, I get to give back to the community that gave me so much," said Jade.

Visit www.statim-yaga.com.au for more information.

WYNNUM Wolves Football Club faithful, including Chairman Scott Hutchinson, gathered for a special end of year function in December to celebrate the club's successful and memorable centenary season.

The 100-year-old club celebrated this significant milestone throughout the year to acknowledge the contribution of those who had worked tirelessly to ensure the community club had survived and thrived for a century.

The evening at the Majestic Cinemas in Wynnum included the official launch of the club's *100 Years of Football at Wynnum* book, written by Vicky Krayem and published by Fairplay Publishing.

Scott was presented with book #1 of the collector's edition with a limited print run of 60.

More than 100 members and dignitaries attended the theatre for the special occasion, with guests expressing their appreciation of the presence of Scott, whose great-grandfather, Jack Hutchinson, founded the Wynnum club in 1921.

The evening was to include the presentation of the inaugural Jack Hutchinson Memorial President's Trophy in honour of the club's founder, first president and life member of the club.



Scott Hutchinson receives his book #1 of the limited edition "100 Years of Football" at Wynnum from Wayne Gracey, a club member for 50 years.

Grand finale to Wynnum Wolves memorable centenary year party

With the inaugural recipient unable to attend, the presentation was postponed until early this year.

The importance of linking the past with the present was the driving force of the club's centenary celebrations throughout the 2021 season.

Soccer's Happiest Man.

Wynnum's President, John Hutchinson.

How the Seasideers Won Fame at the 'Gabba.

Wynnum's happiest man last evening was John Hutchinson, the man who built the new grandstand at the Exhibition Ground. He was happy because the club of which he is president had that day emerged from its obscurity and placed itself on the map, as it were. Wynnum's surprise showing against Latrobe at the Brisbane Cricket Ground has set the local Soccer world agog. Up till last week the seasideers were a mere Second Division club, but promotion to the First Division came when the pistol which Ipswich clubs pointed at the Q.F.A. during the week failed to have effect. And with promotion came fame.

A headline story from Brisbane newspaper, *The Truth*, in 1925, demonstrating the pride Jack Hutchinson had in his beloved Wynnum team.

Centenary book recalls Jack's service

The book records:

- The founding chairman of the Wynnum District Soccer Club was John (Jack) Hutchinson who had emigrated to Australia with his young family from the Lancashire area of England in 1911 and quickly established Hutchinson Builders, which remains one of Queensland's most iconic building companies.
- The first building contract won by Hutchinson was to construct a new kitchen at Fort Lytton in 1912 – just a stone's throw from Wynnum and the current-day home of Wynnum Wolves Football Club at Carmichael Park, Tingalpa.
- John Hutchinson built his family home in the bayside suburb of Manly from which he ran the company in the early years.
- Newspaper clippings from the early 1930s report on "benefit evenings" being held at the Hutchinson family home on Brisbane Road, Manly, to raise funds for the Wynnum Soccer Club, where "dancing (was) engaged on the verandah" (Telegraph, May 12, 1930).
- The Hutchinson family's ties to the Wynnum district were extremely strong, as was the family's commitment to the local community, across both sport and the arts.
- John Hutchinson served as an alderman on the Wynnum Town Council before it merged with the greater Brisbane Council and was deeply entrenched in administration of football in Queensland during the 1920s and 1930s, not only with his beloved Wynnum club but at Brisbane and Queensland level.
- Both his sons, Jack II and Eric, played for the club and followed their father to hold committee positions in Wynnum over the years.



John (Jack) Hutchinson I.



Jack Hutchinson Snr's friend and mentor, Herb Butler.

Jack celebrates with good mate

JACK Hutchinson Snr caught up recently with Herb Butler, his former boss and mentor at the State Government Public Works Department when Jack was studying quantity surveying in the 1960s.

Jack left the state government service in 1966 to join his father and uncle in the family business at Hutchies.

Jack and Herb have remained friends and celebrated Herb's 100th birthday at the Queensland Club.

Hutchies' team says "Happy birthday Herb" and the wish for many more!



Shown at the Murri Carnival 2021 are Morgan Rooney, Belinda Waters, Joel Anderson and Scott Hutchinson.

HUTCHIES' team members again supported the Murri Football Carnival with a stall at the South Pine Sports Complex, Brendale, last September.

The annual carnival is a huge event for the Indigenous community with rugby league teams coming to Brisbane from all over Queensland to compete in junior and senior leagues.

Murri footy carnival

Special thanks to Tim McGregor and the plant and scaffold team for the use of almost a kilometre of hoarding and a big thankyou to the Hutchies' team members who volunteered to help on the day and connect with the Indigenous community.

Antique instruments find their way home

TWO boxed antique instruments that were used during construction by Hutchies' founder, Jack Hutchinson I, last century have found their way home to where it all began.

Hutchies' support of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society has continued with the instruments' donation by former team member, Barry Butterworth (COTY 1996).

Barry donated the valuable boxed pair of instruments – a theodolite and scope – which had been presented to him by Jack Hutchinson Snr.

A theodolite is a precision optical instrument for measuring angles between visible points in the horizontal and vertical planes.

Traditionally used for land surveying, they were also used extensively in the construction industry.

Barry said the theodolite and scope would have been used on countless projects over many decades before more modern techniques for setting out and shooting levels were adopted.

Barry started with Hutchies as an apprentice in the 1960s and he can remember his supervisor, Jack McLany, using the scope atop a timber tripod on site at the Camden apartments project in Hamilton.

The instruments were well used over the years by Hutchies as their worn storage boxes attest.



The scope was used on countless projects over many decades.



The theodolite dates from between 1872 to 1878.

JOBS UPDATE

Wishlist Centre

Job Value: \$8M

Job Description: Design and construction of Australia's first integrative healthcare facility to be built on the Sunshine Coast.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Russell Fryer
 Hutchies' Administrators:.....Melanie Longland/
 Dave Styles
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Lachlan Knowles
 Architect Firm:.....MODE
 Structural Engineering:.....ADG Engineers
 Civil Engineering:.....Covey Associates
 Client:.....Wishlist Sunshine Coast
 Health Foundation

205 North Quay

Job Value: \$275M

Job Description: A 38-storey commercial tower in the heart of Brisbane's riverfront.

Hutchies' Team Leader:John Berlese
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Leigh Krebs
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Ryan Allison
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Nick Dovey
 Architect Firm:.....Hassell/Rex/Richards &
 Spence
 Civil & Structural Engineering:.....ADG Engineers
 Client:.....Cbus Property & Nielson
 Properties

Kings Quarter, Kingston

Job Value: \$35M

Job Description: Stage one, Birch Row, will comprise 80 two-storey townhouses within a master-planned development near Hobart.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Silcox
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Wade Allan
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Grant Davey
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Chris Lally
 Architect Firm:.....LXN Architecture
 Structural Engineering:.....Rare Innovation
 Civil Engineering:.....MRC Consulting
 Engineers
 Client:.....Annalee Tasmania

Ocean Verge, Kings Beach

Job Value:\$10.9M

Job Description: A nine-level complex of two and three-bedroom apartments on the Sunshine Coast.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Sean Lees
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Nick Linnan
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Adam Stewart
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Paul Bowe
 Architect Firm:.....Gibson Architects
 Civil & Structural Engineering:.....Edge Consulting
 Engineers
 Client:.....Citimax Kings Beach

QAS Station & Operations Centre, Rockhampton

Job Value: \$5.65M

Job Description: Demolition, decommissioning, refurbishment and delivery of upgrades to the centre.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Colthup
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Patrick Taylor
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Kristy Azzopardi
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Matt Tamassy
 Hutchies' Estimat./Cost Planner: Patrick Taylor
 Architect:.....ThomsonAdsett
 Structural & Civil Engineer:.....McMurtrie Consulting
 Engineers
 Client:.....Department of Energy
 and Public Works/QBUID

Rio Tinto Yarwun RMA

Job Value: \$1.53M

Job Description: Design and construction of a new control room and workshop at Rio Tinto Yarwun's Red Mud site.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Colthup
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Nihal Agampodige
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....John Beetham
 Hutchies' Estimat./Cost Planner: Chaminada Suraweera
 Civil Engineer:.....GHD
 Client:.....RTA Yarwun

Mabel Park State High School

Job Value: \$12.5M

Job Description: A new three-level learning precinct within the Slacks Creek campus.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Mitch Grimmer
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Jilleasa Challenor
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Andrew Grimmer
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Thomson Adsett
 Architect Firm:.....MPN Consulting
 Civil & Structural Engineering:.....Qld Department of
 Education

Keppel Bay Plaza, Yeppoon

Job Value: \$12.19M

Job Description: Major refurbishment of the centre's mall with new cinema and outdoor dining.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Colthup
 Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Neil Middleton
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Damien Grosse
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Calum Ryan
 Hutchies' Estimat./Cost Planner: Patrick Taylor
 Architect:.....VArchitecture
 Structural & Civil Engineer:.....Bligh Tanner
 Client:.....RAM Australia Keppel
 Bay Plaza Trust



On completion, 205 North Quay will make a striking addition to Brisbane's inner-city riverfront.

Pacific Pines State High School

Job Value: \$16M

Job Description: Construction of a new junior secondary precinct to increase this Gold Coast school's capacity by more than 650 students.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Mitch Grimmer
 Hutchies' Administrator:.....Jilleasa Challenor
 Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Cody Granger
 Architect Firm:.....Group GSA
 Civil & Structural Engineering:.....Northrop
 Client:.....Qld Department of
 Education



Artist's impression of a proposed new three-level learning area within Slacks Creek's Mabel Park State High School.



A new junior secondary precinct under construction within the Pacific Pines State High School will cater for an extra 650 students.

Friends in the Dark

WINNER of the 2021 Darren Middleton Song Writing Competition, conducted by Brisbane Boys College (BBC) and supported by Hutchies, was announced last October.

The winner was More Worlds Than One with the song, *Friends in the Dark*.

Congratulations to band members Aidan Scott, Isaac Wilson and Edward Cox (support drummer Jonathan Vickers).

Celebrating the song-writing skills of BBC students, this competition is fortunate to have the guidance of Australian rock music legend, member of Powderfinger and BBC Old Collegian (1988), Darren Middleton.

Due to border COVID restrictions, Darren was forced to join

the event online.

During the evening the audience was entertained by BBC's rock bands and the following morning Darren presented an online workshop to the music students.

Hutchies received a special thankyou for providing the cash prize which goes towards assisting the winning band to record their song.

Congratulations to all rock bands on their song performances: *Friends in the Dark* (More Worlds Than One), *Alcatraz* (We Build Spaceships), *In the Sunshine* (4 of Spades), *Popcoin* (Unwritten), *Shoot from the Hip* (QuickDraw), and *Can't Stand It* (Kai Vladusic).



The 2021 Darren Middleton Song Writing Competition winners, More Worlds Than One, perform their song, "Friends in the Dark".



At Crosso's retirement lunch were (L-R) Paul Hart (COTY 2005), Levi Corby, Ryan O'Connor, Rhonda Pye, Luke Smith, Michael Crossin, Brendan Kavanagh, Gareth Hodgins and Murray Emmerson.

Fond farewell for Cooly veteran

MICHAEL Crossin (Crosso) has retired from the Cooly team after 27 years with Hutchies.

Crosso started in Brisbane in 1995 and joined the Tweed team in 2002.

He was a pioneer of the estimating team and is credited with the introduction of Buildsoft and cost planning to Hutchies.

Crosso has been an integral part of the Tweed/Cooly team and is recognised as one of the founders of that regional office.

He has left Hutchies in a much better place than when he started.

Congratulations Crosso and happy retirement.

Hands-on for students

GORDONVALE High School students had a hands-on learning experience when they visited Hutchies' Links Drive animal care facility which is under construction by the Cairns team.

Year 10 and 12 students attended with their construction teacher.

On arrival the students received an induction and an overview of the project by Dan Twomey and Mel Clark.

Site manager, Jason Carter, gave a site tour and explained the different trades.

The students then learned about the importance of workplace health and safety, followed by a question and answer session.

RIGHT: High school students learn about construction on a Hutchies' site in Cairns.





Try'n a trade

Mabel Park students on a site tour by Hutchies' Andrew Grimmer (centre).

MABEL Park State High School students recently attended a Try'a Trade event on Mitch Grimmer's construction site at the school.

The event ran over two days with students participating in three different

trade activities – carpentry, tiling and painting.

On conclusion, the students were treated to a lunch provided by the Preston Campbell Foundation and a site tour by Andrew Grimmer.

Floored lessons in concreting



Concrete slump test demonstration by Hanson Concrete's Alex Kovac for apprentices.

THE latest apprentices' concreting workshop was held at The Lanes Residences, Mermaid Waters, Gold Coast.

Despite rain, the apprentices learnt how to excavate, complete slab prep, tie steel and pour, screed, finish and cure concrete.

One six-metre by two-metre concrete slab was completed at Hutchies' onsite training school and, as a result, the training facility is slowly getting a concrete floor with each course being completed onsite.

Thanks to Peter Smith, from Hanson Concrete, who kindly donated the required concrete for the workshop.

Hanson's Alex Kovac also provided training in concrete testing, running the apprentices through how slump testing is conducted and how compression samples are taken which ensure the concrete supplied to the site is the specified strength and workability.

Thanks also to the team on site at The Lanes, with Daniel Briggs (HSE officer) and Luke Sullivan (site manager) among the many who helped.

Natalie's graduation



NATALIE Roma accepts her Diploma of Building and Construction from Jack Jnr.

Nat was dedicated to completing the course, starting at the St Leonard's office and finishing her task at Toowong. Nat is Jack's PA.

T.I. in the spotlight



L-R: Kevin Anderson (construction manager), Robert Ketchell (site foreman) and Steven Hay (site manager) celebrate achievements of people in the Torres Strait and NPA at the region's Employment and Training Recognition Awards night.

HUTCHIES' Cairns team was the major (gold) sponsor of the 2021 Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) Employment and Training Recognition Awards held on Thursday Island in October.

The awards night celebrated its 10th anniversary of highlighting the achievements of people in the Torres Strait and NPA.

The inclusive community event showcases the diversity of the region through cultural performances, food and nominees' achievements across a range of industries. Kevin Anderson, project manager on the Thursday Island Health Services upgrade project, presented a trophy on the night for the best community social responsibility award.



Townsville Stars of the night included (clockwise from top) Aaron Ohl, Jacinta Ceola, Stacey Jacobsen, Matt Townsend, Sherry Cullen and Giancarlo Pozzebon.

Townsville stars shine brightly

MEMBERS of Hutchies' Townsville team celebrated victory at the Master Builders Queensland State Awards in November. The team won in the sporting facilities category for the Cowboys Community Training and High Performance Centre (now known as The Hutchinson Builders Centre).

Tassie takes two

TASSIE team attended the Master Builders Tasmania Awards for Excellence where they scooped up two awards – unique achievement in construction for University of Tasmania's purpose-built student accommodation and the Otterness sculpture installation at Museum of Old and New Art (MONA).

Sunny night out

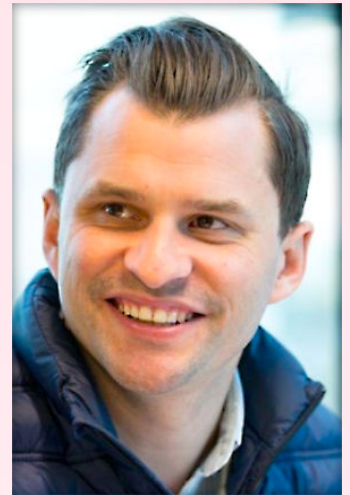
HUTCHIES' Sunny Coast team attended the annual Queensland Master Builders Awards on the Sunshine Coast in September.

Double win at AIB

JACK Peschardt and his team had outstanding success at the New South Wales AIB Awards with two major prizes.

Their Little National Hotel project was awarded the Professional Excellence Award commercial construction \$25 to \$60 million.

To top it off, Jack was named AIB's Building Professional of the Year.



Hutchies' Jack Peschardt – AIB's Building Professional of the Year 2021.



The Sunny Coast team pictured at the QMBA's gala evening are (from left, rear) Glenn Zerafa, Noel Ryan, Ben Thelwall, Lochlan Johnson, Reece Kelly and (front) Tara Thelwall, Deana Zerafa, Cara Johnson, Elkie Hutton and Caitlin Zerafa.



Tassie team celebrate at the Master Builders Tasmania Awards for Excellence.

Suggestion of the Year

SUGGESTION of the Year for 2021 was awarded to **Tori Ruggero** of Sydney.

Tori suggested the creation of a computer screensaver with all of the completed projects Hutchies has built over the years.

Hutchies' comms team will send a selection of these out during the year for different parts of Australia.

Tori received an Apple Watch and some cool Hutchies' merch for his great suggestion!



Unveiling the Constructor of the Year for 2021 (from left) Scott Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson Sr, Jack Hutchinson Jr and Greg Quinn (COTY 2007).

2021 Constructor of the Year – Peter Glover

NOMINATIONS for Constructor of the Year are open to anyone who has been at Hutchies for more than five years and votes are counted from any team member who has been with Hutchies for more than 12 months.

Peter Glover of Cranes & Hoists was announced Constructor of the Year for 2021.

On making the announcement, managing director, Greg Quinn (COTY 2007), said that Peter had joined Hutchies in 2007 when it first became involved in the crane and hoist business.

“Peter has managed Hutchies’ cranes brilliantly

since day one,” said Greg.

“It has always amazed me how he and his team can put up the crane at the start of a job, jump it during construction, remove it at completion and bring it down usually after hours and often in the dark,” Greg said.

“Peter and his team have done a fantastic job for Hutchies over the past 15 years.

“He personally is a deserving recipient of the Constructor of the Year award and joins the ranks of some great contributors since the award’s inception in 1988.”



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Watch the video via this link...

<https://l.hutchi.es/coty2021>

ONCE again, due to COVID restrictions and interstate travel difficulties, the annual Constructor of the Year and service awards ceremonies were announced via a video link broadcast simultaneously across the Hutchies’ network.

During the video, both Scott Hutchinson and Greg Quinn made mention of the extremely difficult year all team members, particularly those in Melbourne and Sydney, had faced and both thanked everyone for their efforts and dedication.

Service awards Team members from across the entire national network received long service awards. They are:

5 YEARS

Adams Hosking
Adams Roberts
Aiden Anderson
Akaira Tawhi
Amy Swift
Andrew Doyle
Andrew Rivers
Angus Cuthbert
Aruna Sujewa
Ashley Palmer
Ayman Khalaf
Ben Spink
Benjamin Whybird
Briar Blackmore
Bronwyn Bennett
Caleb Cuff
Chris Battersby
Chris Lawson
Chris Quinn
Clayton Morgan
Cody Granger
Corie Martin-Teale
Daniel Wootton
Darren Morrison
Daryn Prosser
Dave Styles
David Godfrey

David Peel
David Pimpinella
David Soletti
Deanne Barnett
Desmond Thomas
Dylan Allen
Ebony Regner
Eden Hove
Ellie Fedder
Erin Richardson
Garry Spendlove
Gasper Smeh
Glenn Verardo
Graham Gumley
Gregory Brooks
Iain Smith
Illiana Whipper
Ivan Anaya
Jack Chan
Jackson Bamforth
Jake Anderson
Jason Carter
Jesse-James Atherton
Jilleasa Challenor
Joe Ide
Joel Anderson
Joel Starbuck
John Fernandez

Jonathan Braithwaite
Joshua Jukic
Kate Elphick
Kieren Butwell
Lachlan Knowles
Lachlan Twort
Leigh Krebs
Liam Hutchinson
Louise Keam
Luke O’Doherty
Lynda Helmore
Mark Croce
Matt Hutchinson
Matt Little
Matthew Downes
Matthew Townsend
Michael Lawlor
Michael Metherell
Mitch Grimmer
Mitchell Collocott
Mitchell Stewart-Smith
Nicholas DeSteiger
Nicholas Freeman
Nicholas Rollings
Niko Tuvitu
Pat Shearin
Paul Lees
Peter Brown

Peter Kennedy
Peter Schmith
Rene Bernaldez
Reuben Budd
Reza Vahab
Rick Murphy
Robert Ketchell
Ryan Fabry
Ryan Mcleod
Samuel Dillon
Santino Sulfaro
Shane Damian
Shane Williamson
Shani White
Shannon Liddy
Sholto Fotheringham
Sid Shivpuri
Stephen Van Bibber
Steven Parkinson
Thomas Birchley
Timothy Moulton-Harris
Tom Nolan
Trevor Dawson
Warren Humphris
Wei Chan
William Devin
William Gulliford
William Stirling

10 YEARS

Aaron Meredith
Alex Sawtell
Ben Cullen
Cameron Wise
Chantelle Love
Chris Beattie
Daniel Twomey
Darren Bozsan
David McNamara
Derek McPherson
Dominic Schattiger
Donna Ainsworth
Frank Rogers
Gary Dawes
Glynn Kidney
Gomer Lapudooh
Graeme Millhouse
Harley Bylett
Ian Thompson
Jack Pembroke
Jack Peschardt
James Brown
Jarrod Banks
Jye Bailey
Kerri Hollingsworth
Kurt Boyd
Lauren Cockburn
Lauren Garrett

Leigh Ellison
Lu Yin
Marc Pennisi
Marrisa Wixon
Martin Kingham
Matt Grieves
Michael Cohen
Mitchell Hanscomb
Nathan Waites
Nick Colthup
Nicole Thorpe
Patrick McCarthy
Peter Spencer
Phil Shield
Reg Cass
Reilly Bergan
Rob Gee
Salvatore Ruggero
Sam Ho
Shane Slape
Shaun Power
Simon McGilvray
Steve Morrow
Will Street
20 YEARS
Greg Quinn (COTY 2007)
Michael White
Paul Pereira



Moving end of year feast

HUTCHIES' Sunshine Coast office held its Christmas party at Pier 33 Mooloolaba.

The event was a moving feast and cocktail party which proved a winner. After a fleeting shower, the group gathered outside for the perfect shot to record the late night of fun.

Toowoomba hits the bar

TOOWOOMBA team held its combined 2021 annual awards and Christmas celebrations at George Banks Bar and Bistro.



From left, team leader, Sean Lees, with 10-year service award recipients, Geoff Wilkes, Lauren Cockburn, Reg Cass and Lachlan Bloomfield.



Toowoomba's 2021 employee of the year is pre-construction manager, Gavin Taylor.

Santa tries his hand at trowelling



SANTA swapped his reindeers and sleigh for a trowelling machine when he dropped by at the Clontarf Early Learning Centre and lent a hand to get the ground-floor pour done by Christmas knock-off.

Santa borrowed the trowelling machine from Peter Tilney Concreting. Many thanks, Peter!

Toowong celebrates end of 2021



Niall Scott, Andy Becconsall and Chris Quinn in holiday mode.



HUTCHIES' Toowong office held its Christmas party in the car park to farewell 2021 with flamboyance.

LEFT: (L-R) Matt Preston-Smith, James Howden, Jackson Grant (rear), Zach Hinchliffe and Jack Hutchinson Jr.



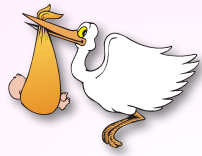
Renowned for taking any opportunity to dress up, Scott is pictured with daughter, Mary Hutchinson (left) and PA, Brooke Wilson.



HAT

Sunny Coast site foreman, Adam Knight, and wife, Jenna, have welcomed their first child, Maeve Evelyn Knight.

LEFT: Luna Latinović, daughter for Hutchies' design manager, Ogi Latinović, and partner, Bara Karlsdottir.



RIGHT: Proud dad, Alex Smith, a scaffold yardman in Sydney, with new son, McIntosh Alexander Smith.



Looking like foreman material is Millie King, daughter of Emma and Brenden King, from the Sunny Coast team.



Hutchies' Ian Partridge gets to know new granddaughter, Elvie Partridge.

CHED



Sydney's Ben Mitchell enjoys first cuddles with new baby daughter, Indiana Mitchell.



Yuna Rose Bremner, a daughter for Gareth Bremner (Hutchies' IT) and Keiko Bremner.



Myla Heikkinen, daughter for Sydney site manager, Adam Heikkinen, and wife, Ashlee.



Isla Rose Mackay, is contract administrator, Will Mackay, and partner, Brittany Anstey's first child.



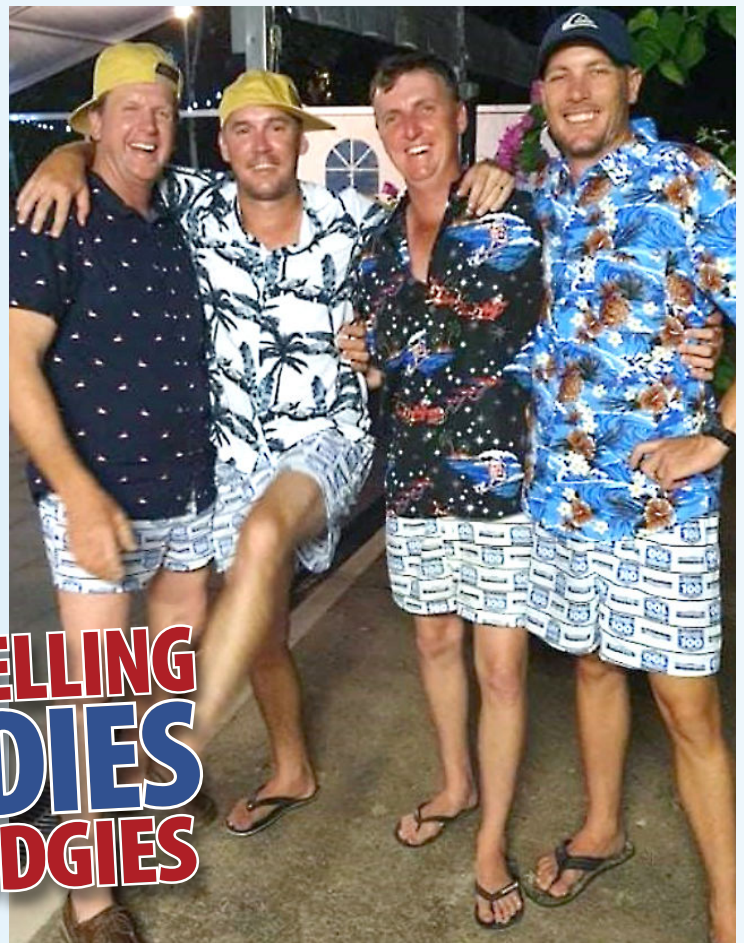
Emerson Elijah Harris, a son for Hutchies' scaffold designer in Brisbane, Zac Harris, and his wife Catherine.



Ada Davey, a daughter for Hobart contract administrator, Grant Davey, and partner, Nella Watson-Lowe, and a little sister for big brother, Marlo.



Site apprentice on the West End State School expansion project, Jaime Wiki, stripped down for Fancy Friday.



TRAVELLING UNDIES & BUDGIES

Hutchies' undies and Hawaiian shirts were formal wear at Townsville team's tropical theme Christmas party on Magnetic Island where the food and drinks flowed. The undies were ideal for dinner and for a late night swim in the pool. From left, Michael Gattera, Jake Barry, Chris Williams and Pete Reardon made a typical tropical team.



Naomi Vierow, sporting a Hutchies' bitches singlet, cools off in the heat.



Once a Hutchies' man, always a Hutchies' man. Former team member, Maurie Vierow, donned Hutchies' budgies for a South Seas day cruise. He is pictured with wife, Shan (left), and a fellow traveller, Sandy, who they met and found they had friends in common.

Friday flannies for a cause



THE management team from the Prospect Street project in Box Hill, Melbourne, donned Hutchies' flannie shirts to support MND during a pre-COVID Friday beers session before hitting the Led Zeppelin pinball machine.

From left, Will Jobson, CA; Noah Harkins, finishes foreman; Ante Kozul, WHSO; Mark O'Brien, structures manager; Jacki Chan, hoist driver extraordinaire; Dave Warner (COTY 2011), site manager; and Jimmy Martin, structural foreman.



Mini-bash members in front of the Shrek Bus during their camp-out and pub crawl through the Brisbane Valley, from left, (rear) Ian Partridge, Barry Butterworth (COTY 1996), Dave Wooley, Terry Wilson, Pete Richards, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010) and (front) Al Gundy, Darryl Morris and Mick Franks.

PETE Richards, site manager and 20-year Hutchies' veteran, is battling some health issues and expressed a regret at a Hutchies' social event that he would probably never achieve his lifelong desire to do a Variety Bash.

Site manager mate, Darryl Morris, swung into action and with the support of close

An unforgettable Variety mini-bash for Pete

contacts within the Variety family, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010) and some Hutchies' team members, he was able to arrange a mini-bash in Pete's honour.

The mini-bash involved an overnight

camp-out and pub crawl through the Brisbane Valley.

A great time was had by all, including Pete and his wife, Mel, who described the experience as "unforgettable".



Ladies in pink

THE annual ladies' lunch returned in 2021 with a pink and white themed party at Ping Pong Thai restaurant in Newstead to celebrate, followed by drinks in the afternoon at The Sound Garden in Fortitude Valley.

Transportation was provided from Toowong to Newstead for lunch and then on to Fortitude Valley in the afternoon. The ladies are delighted that lunch is back on their menu!



Hail to the local heroes

MEMBERS of Hutchies' Coolangatta team dressed as their favourite council workers to celebrate "national council workers day". It was all just in fun, but the team paid serious homage to the work done by local council officers.



From left, Hayden Sargeant, Georgia Carew and Jesse O'Neill, enjoying the under 30s night out.

Under 30s back in action

THE popular under 30s dinner returned in 2021 after a COVID cancellation the previous year.

A long-standing Hutchies' tradition, the dinner is where company members under the age of 30 dine together with Scott Hutchinson at the exclusive Queensland Club.

After the posh dinner and a civilised game of kelly pool, a bus takes the group on to some of the shadier parts of town in Fortitude

Valley for a fun night of socialising.

The dinner started 25 years ago and has grown to be one of the most popular events of the year.

Scott started under 30s night in the 1990s when he decided to get all the twenty-somethings together as a way to encourage them to step up and take more responsibility.

Hutchies was happy to welcome the tradition back in 2021!



Culture for the Chairman

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson had an opportunity to catch up with former Governor-General Dame Quentin Bryce when they both attended the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) 2021 Foundation Annual Dinner.

Guests had the opportunity to farewell the European Masterpieces from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York exhibition at GOMA on its final weekend and enjoy a performance by Camerata, Queensland's Chamber Orchestra, at the Queensland Art Gallery (QAG).

Support for live music



AUSTRALIAN live music had the enthusiastic support of Hutchies' team members on Ausmusic T-Shirt Day.

Team members were asked to wear an Aussie music shirt to show support for the industry and to make a donation to live music on <https://www.ausmusicshirtday.org.au/teams/hutchies>

Hutchies volunteered to match the total of donations.

Hutchies' team member, Harry White (COTY 2004), supported the effort by wearing a shirt for his son's band, We Build Spaceships.

BBQ lunch for project friends



Hutchies' Josh Lee with residents (from left) Dot and Mavis.

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team members pooled their talents to put on a barbecue for residents at Benevolent Living premises which is a major project on the Darling Downs.

Residents have made friends with team members as they have gone about their work on site.

Team leader, Sean Lees, said the barbecue idea was an initiative from the team members and the day had created plenty of goodwill with the residents' understanding of the project and

the unavoidable noise and disruption to their lives.

The barbecue lunch included Hutchies' merchandise gifts to the residents.

Key team members involved in the goodwill project are Nick Linnan, Josh Lee, Richard Hansen, Damian Mills, Brett Washington, Damian Nugent and Ben McNalty.

Congratulations for a good result goes to Damian Nugent who took responsibility as barbecue chef.

I AM superintendent on the project formerly known as the 'Cowboys Community Training and High Performance Centre' in Townsville - now The Hutchinson Builders Centre!

The purpose of this email is to commend Hutchinson Builders on its performance on The Hutchinson Builders Centre and, in particular, project manager, Aaron Ohl, and Peter Lee's team.

While the project has been nothing short of a challenge in various aspects of the construction (and throw in a pandemic), the conduct and behaviour of Aaron has been both honest and praiseworthy throughout the time we have dealt with each other (daily during construction) over the past two years.

Maybe it is that Aaron, with his youth, has not absorbed the bitter exposure to the litigious merry-go-round that sometimes infects our industry, or the self-important chest-beating that some individuals display. Notwithstanding, I believe it is simply an approach by the contractor's PM in an honest and communicative relationship that has shone through.

It was gratifying to see you receive the Master Builders latest award for the project and, once again, it was a project well done by Hutchies.

Greg Hall
Project Manager
North Queensland Toyota
Cowboys

JUST a quick note to provide feedback to you on your work site at the Paradise Centre in Surfers Paradise.

I have been visiting Gold Coast for the last week staying at Paradise City Apartments on Hanlon Street adjacent to your work site on The Esplanade.

Your work crew should be commended for keeping a very clean site and also being very nice. We have been staying right next to the site and, when we arrived, dreaded the fact that we would be staying next to an active work site.

But your crew have been pleasant and respectful. My son has taken a keen interest in the build and while observing formworkers one day they waved and had a nice conversation.

I am in the civil construction sector and know how rare it is to get positive feedback.

Well done and thanks for

making our stay a pleasant one.
All the best,

Steve Kochergen
Infrastructure Manager
Civil Engineering
McMahon Services Australia

JUST a short message from us regarding one of your current projects, The Village in Palm Beach.

We look at the building from a northerly direction from our apartment in The Jefferson just up the road and we must say that we are very impressed with not only the overall look of the building but also the personnel you have working on it.

My wife and I walk past every day and we are always greeted with a smile from the guys directing the traffic on Jefferson Lane and, now and then, have asked a couple of questions about the building with very friendly responses. The crew are just now removing scaffolding in between rain bursts which is always great to watch.

Congratulations on achieving such a beautifully designed building and we hope to see the finished product soon.

Well done to all in your team.

Andre and Veronica Banen
Palm Beach

I HAVE been in my role at Grafton Base Hospital since September 2020 and in that time your company has been doing upgrade works in our "west wing" building.

As this project is coming to an end, I would like you to know how well I have been able to work with your site manager, Tim Thompson.

Tim has always been approachable and available. He has managed to keep all the staff on side and informed and worked well in what, at times, has been difficult situations. COVID has, of course, added to these issues.

I would love in the future if all the site managers I need to deal with are as professional, respectful and efficient as Tim has been.

Tim is a great ambassador and credit to your company, and I hope that you recognise him as such.

Unfortunately, I will not be available when the project does

complete in a few weeks to offer Tim my own thanks as I will be on leave. I trust that you will convey to him what a great job he has done.

With thanks.

Howard Watt
Maintenance Engineer
Grafton Base Hospital



Wayne Murray, general transport supervisor, presents Hutchies' Adam Munro, with his personal gift of appreciation from Team Transport & Logistics.

WE recently asked Adam Munro (scaffold yard manager, Bowen Hills) to visit our team depot at Acacia Ridge, as we wanted to acknowledge and thank him for being our "No.1 customer service favourite person of the year 2021"!

Our dedicated service team voted for Adam Munro and some of the feedback prior to asking Adam over to receive this gift from Team Transport & Logistics was that he was a true gentleman!

Some quotes from our team:

"He is without doubt just the nicest human being to deal with and nothing is a real issue and, even on the odd occasion when we let Hutchies down, we don't get the grief that some of their competitors throw at us"...

"He is the easiest to take a booking from and the most knowledgeable, so there are very few transport errors which is refreshing"...

"He is a wonderful family man with three kids and has some great

values in life that he also expresses and those values come across to all of our team members in the workplace, so he must do the same at Hutchies".

We appreciate and like to acknowledge people like Adam; they make a difference and should be recognised.

Our token of appreciation was also to wish Adam and his family a merry Christmas and big thanks for a great year!

Warm regards,

Kylie Wilkinson
General Manager - Transport
Team Transport & Logistics

JUST wanted to let you know our copy of More than the Truth: Hutchies' Hundred Years arrived safely.

This is a very handsome book and we're particularly pleased to have acquired a limited edition copy for the Library's Queensland collection in the John Oxley Library.

You may be aware that any book acquired for the John Oxley Library (Level 4 of the State Library building) is regarded as a permanent acquisition and is preserved for the use of future generations.

Access to the catalogue record we create will be via the Library's online catalogue, OneSearch.

On behalf of the State Library thank you very much for your generosity.

We look forward to making More than the Truth available to our many readers.

Regards,

Libby Fielding
Specialist Librarian

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 BISHOP Robert McGuckin and Dr Pat Coughlan, my executive director, were very pleased with the almost completed housing projects at 2 and 4 Watson Street, Cunnamulla.

I would like to pass on the collective thanks to Lachlan Bloomfield, Nick Furey and Michael Schmidt in getting these projects done in a professional manner, to a budget, and to agreed timeframes.

Cheers,

Paul Bryant
 Facilities Development Manager
 Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic
 Schools Office

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 WE would like to take this opportunity to say today is our last day working for Hutchies as we have resigned from our position as managers at Kipara.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone for all their support over the last almost 11 years.

A special mention to the guys we have worked closely with and for the relationships we have built over this time, Owen, Mandie and Gaylene we thank you immensely, to all in the IT department for helping with all our needs and, of course, Scott, who leads a fantastic company.

We have enjoyed being part of Kipara's growth for over a decade and have had many ups and a few downs over the period.

Kipara has survived through cyclones, downturns and COVID and will continue to be unique accommodation in the Whitsundays.

Due to being managers here we have had the opportunity to experience one of the most beautiful parts of the world.

Our family awaits us on our next journey and we are looking forward to returning to South Australia for a while and spending quality time with them.

We are excited to explore our beautiful home state next year before our return to Queensland in the winter.

From there our journey is unknown, but hopefully our paths will cross at some stage.

Once again a massive thankyou for providing us with this opportunity.

We wish all at Hutchies, the caretakers here now, and the future managers of Kipara all the best for the future.

Regards,

Shirley and Bruce Manners
 Kipara Tropical Rainforest
 Retreat

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 ON behalf of the students, staff

and families of the BBC Rock Band Program, I wanted to thank you for your ongoing support and for donating the prize money for our event.

Your support guarantees that our students experience the complete process from writing the song to having it recorded as a finished product.

As you might be aware, Darren Middleton was not able to attend this year's event in person, but joined us online.

He adjudicated the event and nominated More Worlds Than One with their song Friends in the Dark as the winner.

Darren Middleton is very keen to return to BBC again next year and hopes that he will be able to be there in person.

We would be honoured if you might consider joining us as our guest.

I thought that I would also let you know that the 2018 band that benefited from your support have just gone on to win the Battle of the Rock Bands competition run by Clairvaux MacKillop College.

We Build Spaceships (Charlie White, Benjamin Marshall and Oscar White) have a performance at the Triffid on December 7.

Regards,

Theo Kotzas
 Head of Performance Music

and Head of Strings
 Brisbane Boys' College

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 Hi Scott,

I just wanted to say thankyou for taking time out of your busy schedule to spend two hours with us on Wednesday evening.

It meant a lot to have you in the theatre with us.

A big part of our 100 year celebrations this year has been making sure current club members were able to connect with the club's history and be proud of the club they are a part of.

As you know – culture is so important to any organisation. Having you there – talking about your great grandfather who founded the club – helped to connect that loop for us – so thankyou.

We're looking forward to catching up in the New Year when we have a few more projects to unfold including the presentation of the Jack Hutchinson Memorial President's Trophy.

Unfortunately the inaugural winner couldn't be there on the night so we have held that over until the New Year.

Rabies Krayem
 President
 Wynnum Wolves Football Club



Toowong dresses up for Xmas

TEAM Owen Valmadre (finance, accounts, payroll, IT, company services) participated in a Christmas pod decorating competition at Toowong.

All desks and areas had to be decorated by December 1 and a Christmas lunch was held on December 3 to announce the winner.

The clear winner was IT with Santa's workshop.

LEFT: Claire Hays (AKA Cindy Lou Who from The Grinch) from accounts payable gets into the mood in the run up to Christmas at the market stall.



Girls over the moon with candles

SUNSHINE Coast held a ladies' team building workshop making crystal soy candles with local company, Crescent Moon Candles.

It was a great way to end a hectic week and as a bonus the candles made ideal gifts in the lead up to Christmas.

Shown at work in the candle workshop are (L-R) Deana Zerafa, Olivia Brock, Melanie Longland, Emma King, Tara Thelwall, Shana Keam and Jamie Spooner.

Glasses and funds raised for chopper rescue

THE Rocky team sponsored a table at the annual RACQ CapRescue Degustation held to raise funds for the rescue helicopter service.

Hutchies is a longterm sponsor of the Capricorn Rescue Helicopter and built its new hangar in 2017.

The degustation comprised six locally sourced courses created by Matt Golinski and matched to wines from the Brockenchack vineyard in the Eden Valley.



Working hard at raising funds are (from left) Motiata Hooper, Connor Blomfield, Mick Condon, Reilly Bergan, Patrick Taylor, Olivia Sherry, Kristy Azzopardi, Kasey Taylor and John Beetham.



Picnic Day at the beach

IT is a tradition for Hutchies' team Rowland to go to the beach on New South Wales construction's annual Picnic Day to eat, drink, play beach cricket and swim in the ocean.

Although the official industry-wide day was cancelled due to COVID, the crew organised their own smaller gathering at Clovelly Beach.



Alaska Sawtell couldn't fault the food at the kids' party.



Cameron White gives the kids' party the thumbs up.



Austin and Archer Sawtell were delighted with Santa's gifts.

WhiteWater World a winner

THE 2021 kids' Christmas party at WhiteWater World in November was a huge hit and voted a great day out!

Alex Sawtell, quality assurance officer, said it was his first kids' Christmas party and it certainly did not disappoint.

"I can't thank Hutchies enough for the smiles it brought to my kids," said Alex.

"They needed it. Well done."

Lyle Ellis, senior site manager, agreed.

"We had a ball. Thanks for organising the day," said Lyle.



Statim Yaga sunscreen

STATIM Yaga has collaborated with award-winning Indigenous supplier, Ochre Sun, to develop Hutchies' own range of sunscreen.

Founder of Ochre Sun, Alana Kennedy, said she previously had been involved with beauty products which she felt were not authentic.

"Indigenous Australians have our own bush medicines so it made sense to harness the knowledge ingrained in our culture to source native botanicals as a solution to the harsh Australian climate," said Alana.

"This includes Kakadu plum, gukwoonderuk and other native ingredients."

A large portion of Ochre Sun's profits is reinvested into social housing, employment and programs for victims of domestic violence.

National Indigenous manager Mark Kucks said Ochre Sun's business culture resonated with Hutchies.

"With Alana's partner, Luke, being a former Hutchies' site manager, it was a natural connection and wonderful way for Hutchies to be supporting Indigenous enterprise," he said.

Alana and the team at Ochre Sun recently took out the Diversity through Supply Chains award at the recent 2021 Buy Queensland Supplier Awards in Brisbane.

Statim Yaga – Ochre Sun Sunscreen can be found in the Hutchies' shop. *(Hutchies now has its own online shop that employees can access to order uniforms, safety gear, merchandise, stationery, etc).*

<https://www.ochresun.com.au>



Hot and cold weekend

MELBOURNE's social club had its men's weekend away in November at Fawltly Farm near Lake Eildon.

Shown enjoying a cold one in the hot tub are (from left) Trenton Dalvean, Nick Kostos, Dave Drysdale and Tom Barnes.



Hutchies-built Bulimba State School as it was ... and as it is now.

A BRISBANE school built by Hutchies more than 100 years ago is about to start the next phase of its lifecycle in the town of Canungra in the tourist region of the Scenic Rim, 30 minutes drive inland from the Gold Coast.

The building began life as the Bulimba State School in 1914, where it served faithfully until it outlived its usefulness and was sold and moved in 2016 to Kidston Street, Canungra.

The school was moved in three pieces, meticulously restored to

maintain its heritage features, and started its new life as professional serviced office spaces in the health industry.

Period features of the original school building, including gables and verandahs, were retained while the three infant school classrooms, cloakrooms and teachers' quarters were converted into commercial suites.

The property has been listed for sale via an expressions of interest campaign with Ryan Langham and Thomas Clark, of Ray White Commercial Broadbeach.

It is now a mixed-use premises with office space upstairs and a two-bedroom residential downstairs.

Upstairs, the building has seven consulting rooms, reception area,

kitchen, storerooms and toilets.

Downstairs, the air-conditioned home has two bathrooms, open plan lounge, dining area, outdoor undercover entertaining space, private garden and undercover parking for two cars.

The building could continue as commercial space or be converted for tourism activity in its new life.

School graduation to new occupation



Time out in the green room

Sydney team leader, Justin Clark, says the ocean and the waves ignore lockdowns so he can always find time for a break.

Double the celebration



WARREN Humphris (left) shared a joint birthday celebration in November with his team leader, Mitch Grimmer.

Warren's only regret on turning 30 is that he will no longer be able to attend his favourite Hutchies' event – the annual under 30s knees up.

Mullets for Mental Health



Chris Stevenson (COTY 2016) shows off his Mullets for Mental Health effort.

NEW South Wales team members groomed their mullets in 2021 to support a fundraiser, Mullets for Mental Health, by Black Dog Institute.

In the first few weeks of the campaign, Hutchies smashed its \$6000 and \$7000 targets and in the final week hit \$10,000.

Thanks to team members for their effort to grow mullets and raise money for mental health research.

Mullets for Mental Health was held in conjunction with RU OK? Day.

Suicide is the leading cause of death among Australians aged 15 to 44 years and approximately 50 per cent of those reporting symptoms of mental illness don't seek help.

The construction industry has the highest rates of suicide in Australia across all industries.



Will Klip living his dream and admiring a panoramic view from Brisbane Skytower's lofty levels.

Will on top of the world

BRISBANE Skytower recently had a VIP visitor, Will Klip, a budding young builder of the future.

Will is a fan of the landmark high-rise and featured in *Hutchies' Truth* (October 2021) with his Brisbane Skytower collection.

When Hutchies found out

about Will's interest, he was sent a box of photographs, information and merchandise to add to his collection.

A highlight for Will was an invitation for a personal tour of Brisbane Skytower and go to the top levels which, until then, he had admired only from afar.



Birch Row, comprising 80 two-storey townhouses, is stage one in Kingston's Kings Quarter development in Tasmania. More details, see Jobs on Page 12.

HUTCHIES' Scratch-its has been an integral part of *Hutchies' Truth* for almost 24 years.

To keep up with modern times and save on printing, this popular feature has switched to a new electronic version.

A simple lottery-style system has been set up on Hutchies' website (where you may be reading *Hutchies' Truth* right now).

The way it works is:

1. When a new *Hutchies' Truth* comes out, subscribers get an email with a link to the latest edition, plus a unique lucky number.
2. Check your lucky number against the winning numbers announced on the website to see if you've won a prize.
3. If you are one of the lucky winners, you can

Digital Scratch-its

claim your prize via Hutchies' website or by email: TheTruth@hutchinsonbuilders.com.au.

Scratch-its first appeared in June 1998 as the 'Scratch My Back' competition which was the brainchild of Jack Hutchinson Snr as a way of promoting team spirit.

When the competition was announced as front page news it read:

"Scratch My Back has been designed as another way Hutchies can show its appreciation for the help and co-operation it receives from all those people who, together, create the building

industry in which we work.

"The old saying 'You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours' seems a pretty good way of everybody helping each other achieve a common goal."

A year after its launch, the popular competition became known simply as 'Scratch-its' and over the years has given away literally thousands of prizes.

Visit <https://www.hutchinsonbuilders.com.au/the-feed/the-truth> to see the latest edition of *Hutchies' Truth* or to check if you're a lucky winner!



The Hannas (from left) Anabelle, Matt, Angie, Abel and Abi.

Bridge to Brisbane leaderboard change

THE annual Bridge to Brisbane run has become a family affair for the Hannas with 2021 being the eighth event for them. Matt Hanna used to be first on the family leaderboard but now he is down to third.



Foreman, Robert Ketchell, (standing left) with his home team from Badu Island.

Torres Strait league carnival

HUTCHIES' Thursday Island health facilities upgrade project team sponsored uniforms for the Wakaid team from Badu Island in the Zenadth Kes Rugby League Carnival in the Torres Strait.

Hutchies' foreman, Robert Ketchell, who is from Badu, played for his home team.

Robert had an excellent game and was cheered on in the stands by the Hutchies' TI project team, Kevin Anderson, Steve Hay, Mick DeJong and Gary Watkinson.

Unfortunately, the Wakaid team went down 22-16.



Shown enjoying the day at Twin Waters are (from left) Adam Knight (Hutchies), James Schollay and Alex Rigby (Altum) and Steve Hodgins (Hutchies).

End of project gathering

HUTCHIES' Sunshine Coast team took part in the annual Master Builders BUSSQ Golf Day at Twin Waters which was a great way to wind down with the client following the completion in October 2021 of the third and final stage at Parkridge Noosa Heads.



Shown having a refresher are (from left) Brandon Barnes (DBS), Tim Tibbits (Hutchies), Tyler Barnes (DBS), Patrick Taylor, Damien Grosse and Nick Colthup (Hutchies), Neil Berry (DBS) and Keith Turner (Designtek).

Rocky's golf day refresher

HUTCHIES' Rocky team played a fun round of golf with the Diversified Building Services team and Keith Turner, director of Designtek, at the Master Builders BUSSQ Golf Day at Rockhampton Golf Club.

Bush to beach

Toowoomba social club's outing for 2021 was a trip to Fraser Island for much needed rest, recreation and fishing. Shown enjoying a day on the water aboard the Spruce Moose off Fraser are (from left) Rian Cherry, Sean Lees, Gavin Taylor and Morgan Carroll.



Among the happy Hutchies' runners in the gruelling Point to Pinnacle were (from left) Kerri Sharman, Darren Thompson, Vanessa Hollister, Wade Allan and Courtney Winter.

Point to Pinnacle – a tough half marathon

A TEAM of 14 from the Hobart office competed in the unofficial World's Toughest Half Marathon – the Point to Pinnacle – from the Wrest Point Casino to the top of Mount Wellington.

Four physical specimens braved it to the top with an elevation of 1,271 metres – Mark Dawson, Benjamin Khu, Luke Chamberlain and Grant Davey. The smart set did the 10km run to the Fern Tree Tavern.



Hutchies' Bardon touch rugby league team is preparing for next season when they hope to take the win!

Team getting in touch

HUTCHIES' Bardon touch rugby league team had a great season taking second place in the competition.



Cairns Amateur Races

HUTCHIES' team members, clients and subcontractors joined forces to attend the Cairns Amateur Races making it a big day out for all concerned.

Fishing for fun

THE annual Rinnai Straddie Surf Fishing Challenge was once again supported by Hutchies in 2021.

More than 150 fishos joined in this great industry event which brings together many from across different fields of construction for a great weekend.

Competitors shared good times and plenty of fish, with a great lightning show on Saturday night.



Dean White (left) and Peter Ierna prepare to release their shovel nose shark, but Laurie Jenson (Jenson Joinery) held onto his fine catch of tailor.



Wishlist Spring Carnival gets back onto the track

THE Sunshine Coast annual Spring Carnival was back on track after being pushed back twice during the year.

It was a lively afternoon raising funds for local charity Wishlist.

Hutchies' Sunshine Coast is undertaking the design and construction contract for the new Wishlist Centre in Birtinya (see story and photo on Page 5).

LEFT: Shown enjoying the carnival (from left) Shana Keam, Belinda Lindsay, Tara Thelwall, Paloma Hodgins, Deana Zerafa and Julie Moates.

Youngcare rugby charity winners

HUTCHIES took part in the annual Corporate Rugby Tens charity football day to raise funds for Youngcare.

Congratulations to everyone who participated on the day.

Hutchies ended up winning both the 12-team rugby competition as well as the 4x50m relay race.

More than \$400,000 was raised and donated to Youngcare before the day even kicked off.



Supporters at Youngcare's charity football day had a great time on and off the field.