

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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Let's go Broncos

MOVE over Allan Langer, Hutchinson Builders have just kicked a sizeable goal in winning a \$7.5 million construction contract at the Broncos headquarters at Red Hill.

And, the Hutchies team, together with consultants, should catch the Broncos winning formula.

It comprises Hutchinsons' Murray Creevey and Mike Tickner on site and Barry Butterworth in the office, working with Michael Maranta and Don O'Rorke of Consolidated Properties (project managers) and Ed Haysom and Chris Everding of the Haysom Group of Architects.

Construction work commenced in early January with completion due in mid-November.

The project comprises three separate parts which involve staged hand-overs.

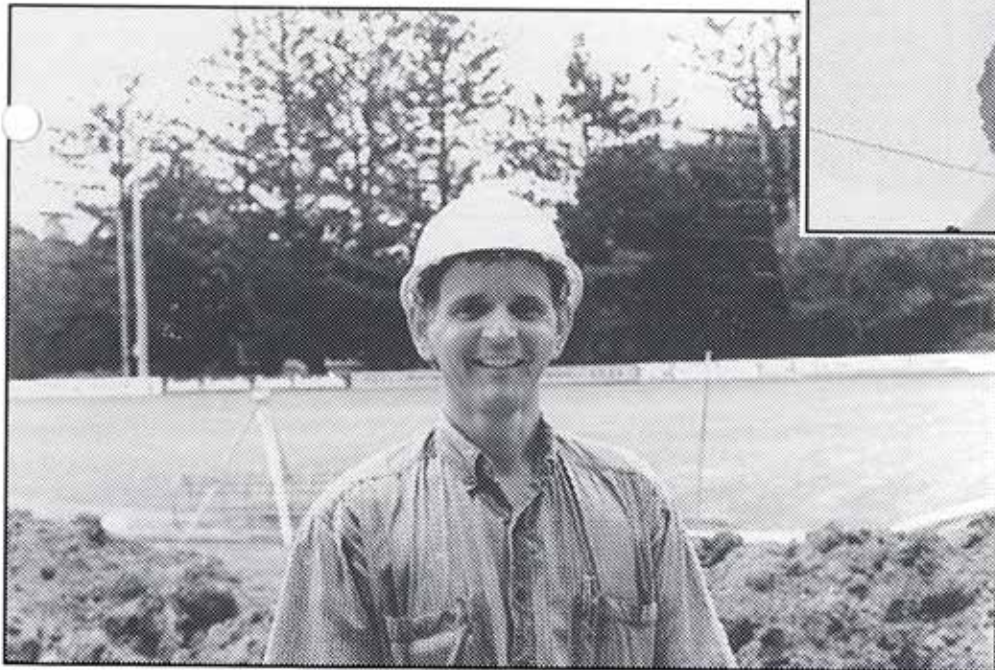
The first and second stages will entail constructing the new complex which adjoins the existing lower ground floor.

Once these stages are completed, the club will relocate to the new building to allow the final stage, being the refurbishment of the upper ground floor, to be carried out.

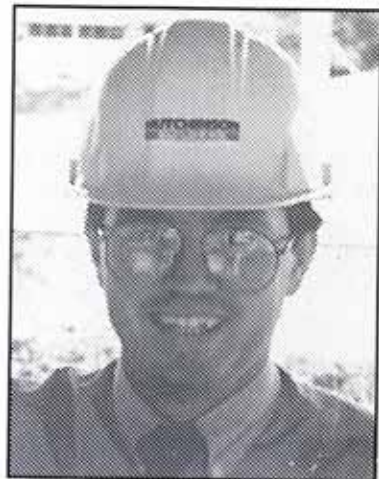
The club will continue to operate throughout construction.



We can also handle any type of commercial, industrial or civil work, whether it be new work, restoration work or maintenance. Call the owners for advice
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Mike Tickner (above) and Murray Creevey (right) ... working on the Broncos Leagues Club which is currently being extended and refurbished.



Chairman's Message

Walk the talk

THERE is plenty of rhetoric going around these days about making the customer number one, that he or she is the most important person, that he/she is the reason why we exist.

But how many companies really mean it? How many just mouth the words?

If we really mean it, we have to live it. We have not only to talk and act correctly, but we have to think and make ourselves believe the customer is number one.

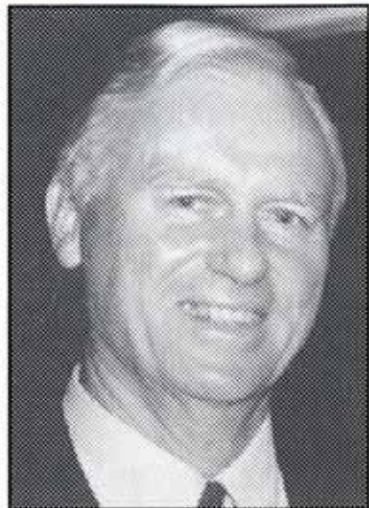
Too often we hear criticism of our clients, our architects and our consultants.

They are all customers, they give us work and put us on tender lists.

If they are number one, if they are the reason why we exist, they should be beyond criticism.

Sure we can ask questions and disagree in a constructive fashion, but negative criticism never.

If we really mean it, we have to live it, to think it. We have to be helpful and a team person in every way. We have to "Walk the Talk".



Jack Hutchinson

HUTCHINSON Builders has been ranked as the fourth largest commercial construction company in Queensland which shows a consistent and dramatic move during recent years.

We will not lose our personal approach and our availability of all company members to all those who wish to communicate with them.



Churchie's multi-purpose facility

WORK is well in progress on the \$3.3 million project for the Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie).

A huge milestone was reached on site in February with the students returning to school and being able to occupy the lower ground and ground floors of the new Jensen building.

This was a great effort by everyone involved and we offer congratulations to all site staff who put in an exceptional effort to allow the stu-

dents to move in.

We also wish to thank Churchie for their cooperation throughout the contract, which has enabled us to perform so well.

Work has now commenced on the refurbishment of the Strong building, which is due for completion at Easter.

The site foreman on the project is Paul DeJong and the supervisor is Robert Weymouth.



The late Bill Smith ... always led his team from the front.

OBITUARY

W.P. (Bill) Smith Foreman labourer

WILLIAM (Bill) Pratt Smith, 86, father of June Hutchinson, died on Thursday, January 27, 1994.

Bill joined the company in 1935 and was employed at Hutchinson

Builders until 1956, excepting for his war service years in the Royal Australian Air Force.

He was a foreman labourer who always led his team from the front, taking the heaviest, dirtiest and toughest jobs himself.

He was tough but fair, expecting an honest day's work from his men.

When a crane was erected, Bill always rode the hook as dogman. (This practice has now been banned.) One notable job when Bill rode the hook over Queen St was

during the construction of the Tattersalls Club dining room in 1938/39.

Bill was a man of principle and always stood up for what he believed in and was willing to speak his mind.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Mrs Irene Smith; his children, June, John, Irene, Will and their families; and also to the family of his other son, Russell, who died recently.

Sandringham, Gold Coast

GREG Cree and his team are working on the \$6 million Sandringham townhouse project in Racecourse Rd, Gold Coast.

Sandringham is a joint venture of two major development companies, Rokard and Performance Property Group, who have employed architects T.H.G. International Pty Ltd to design the new residential village.

Adjacent to the Gold Coast Turf Club, Sandringham comprises 88 Federation-style townhouses set in tropically landscaped gardens beside a wide waterway.

Jerdanefield St units, St Lucia

ORK has just commenced on a block of upmarket units at 9 Jerdanefield St, St Lucia, for Consolidated Properties.

There are eight units in the block comprising a mix of one, two, and three bedroom units.

Because of the location, the units will have a high standard of finish, and are designed to fit in with the surrounding environment.

The contract is a design and construct type contract which will hopefully allow for streamlining of various parts of the work.

The site foreman is Terry Wilson, the supervisor is Robert Weymouth, the project manager is Steve Pink and the architect is George Fatseas of Nettleton Tribe.

Bishop St units

WORK is well progressed on a block of eight units at Bishop St, St Lucia for Blades Projects, through Vince Corrie.

These units are in a prime position with beautiful views and should sell well.

The construction of the units has been a difficult job due to the steepness of the site and the complexity of the design.

These areas have been well handled by Matthew Hutton who is our site foreman.

Robert Weymouth is supervising the job which is due for completion in late April.

JOBS UPDATE



with
Barry Butterworth

Miles St units

THIS set of six units at Miles St, Hawthorne is yet another block of quality units for Blades Projects.

These units are again well-designed and are located high on a hill at Hawthorne, giving great views over the surrounding areas.

Work is due for completion in mid-May.

The site foreman is Syd Britton, with Robert Weymouth the supervisor.

Brothers Leagues Club, Mackay

WORK valued at \$1.4 million is just about to commence on a total refurbishment and extension to the Brothers Leagues Club in Mackay.

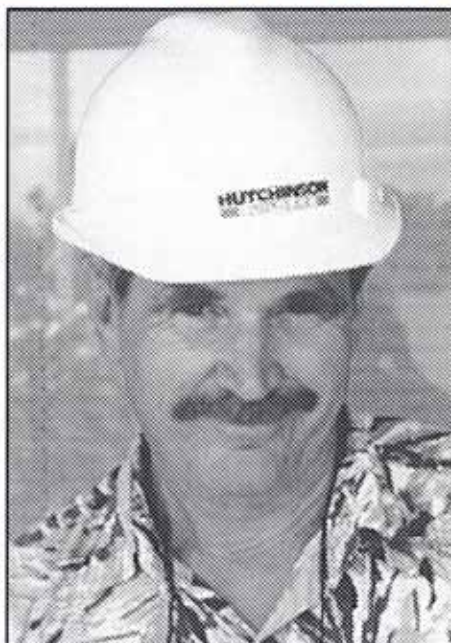
This job is being built in conjunction with Project Leaders who are the project managers/club consultants for the job.

Brothers is the premier club in Mackay, which will further establish Hutchinsons as the leading club builders in Queensland.

The site manager is Len White and the supervisor is Robert Weymouth.

Paradise Centre

IN close association with Stenders and Partners and John Mitchell and Associates, we are completing an extensive refurbishment of the Paradise Centre (the old Grundy's) at



Len White ... outside the Brothers Leagues Club, Mackay.

Surfers Paradise for the Obayeshi Corporation.

The \$2.5 million refurbishment is progressing well with the atrium area reopened to the public and works scheduled for completion in late April.

The site foreman is Alan Matthews with Jason Williams the administrator.

Dulux

WITH a new client, Dulux Australia, Hutchinsons have completed the new beads storage plant at Rocklea under the supervision of Dulux site engineer Jim Vick.

The major part of the work was completed before Christmas and the project hopefully represents the start of a long and successful association between our two companies.

BBC boardroom relocation

HUTCHIES are working at the Brisbane Boys College with Conrad and Gargett's Bill Byrne to complete a relocation of the boardroom, and revisions to the reception area and classroom.

The work has proceeded over the school holidays to minimise disruption.

The site foreman is Gordon Reynolds and Robert Weymouth is the supervisor.

Did you know ...

JANIS Brischke's mother, Mrs Iris King OAM, was presented with an Order of Australia medal on Australia Day, on January 26.

Mrs King, who featured on the front page of the *Southern News*, is known as "Brown Owl" to many young people on the southside.

She has been a Brownie leader for Wellers Hill Girl Guides for 35 years – for so long that she is now guiding second generation youngsters.

Mrs King also is the president of the Southern Districts Horticultural Society, and is on the executive of the Boarder Fancy Canary Club.

All at Hutchies congratulate Mrs King.



Janis (right) with her mother Iris King ... honoured.

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SCOTT and Mary- Jeanne's second child is due in April, with the prediction of another brother for young Jack, 18 months.

Jack and June Hutchinson are expecting another grandchild with Ken and Fiona expecting their first in May.

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THE other birth in the Hutchinson family is that of a new hairdressing salon opened this month by Wendy (Biscuit) Grady, Jack and June's daughter.

Ian (Hamo) Hamilton, Bruce Watt, Peter Smith plus Graham and Chris

Caption Capers



WE'RE looking for the best caption for the photo of Paul DeJong, Trevor Atchison, Geraint Morgan, Scott Hutchinson and Jason Williams being taken for a ride at Tangalooma.

Use your creative talents, some

of which will be printed in the next newsletter, ie. keep them relatively clean, if possible.

One caption will be chosen as the winner, who will receive a family dinner at Ned Kelly's Bush Tucker Restaurant, South Bank.

Caption

from Lyon & Laughlan, worked closely with Jack and Biscuit to get the salon, Cramond Cottage, in Cramond St, Wilston, finished in time for the March 1 opening date.

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LENNY'S wife, Karen, has a bit of a reputation as a whit with her poetry (see Poet's Corner, page 5), and it would seem this talent runs in the family.

Karen's father, Cliff Taylor, was chosen out of a very expansive audience to accompany Dame Edna on stage during her recent appearance in Brisbane.

Apparently, Cliff, although usually cutting quite an impressive figure, certainly was a showstopper when he took to the stage dressed as the Queen Mother!



Dame Edna ... caught up with Queen Mother Cliff when last in Brisbane.

Some thoughts

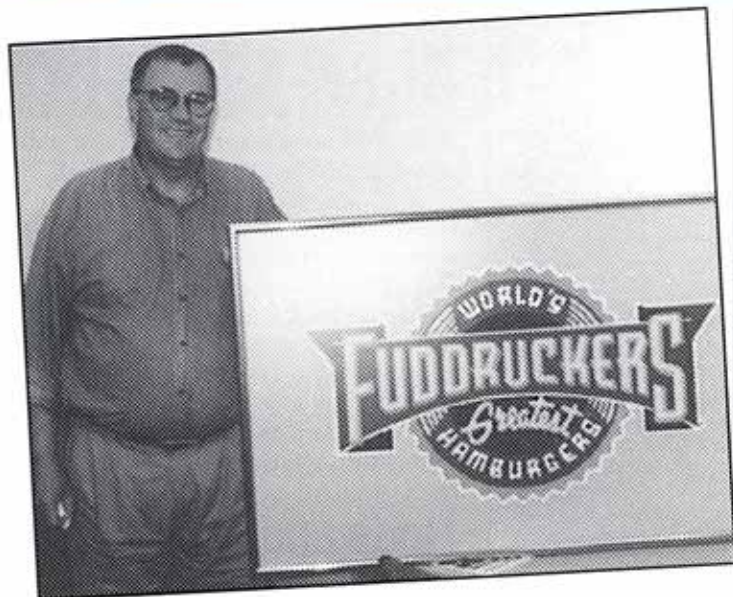
● "THERE are two kinds of people at parties, those who want to go home early and those who want to be the last ones in the place. The trouble is that they're usually married to each other."

● "If you're doing something the same way you have been doing it for 10 years, the chances are you are doing it wrong."

● "If there is any great secret of success in life it lies in the ability to put yourself in the other person's place and to see things from their point of view – as well as your own."

– Henry Ford

(Taken from *Bits and Pieces*.)



In line for a hamburger ... owner of Fudruckers at The Pier, Bob Gaden.



Kate Morgan getting the low-down from Santa.

Social club

HUTCHIES Social Club ventures over the last quarter have included a trip to Tangalooma, go cart races at Mirage Grand Prix and, of course, the

company Christmas party.

The next social club outing will be to see the Buddy Holly Story at the Lyric Theatre on April 16.



Charlie Wilson ... working up to something - at the Broncos Leagues Club.

"It floats!" ... Neil McLeod and Bob Wilkinson floating the new Brisbane Boys College rowing pontoon.



Speed machine Karen White.



Living it up at Hutchies Christmas Party.



Waiting for "The Snake" ... the ratpack rides out.

POET'S CORNER

The brickie

Arthritic old brickies bent over in pain.

Mumbling over and over again;
"I didn't want life with a hernia suture;

I only wanted a concrete future."

- By Karen White



1. The **Company T-shirt Design** prize (\$100) went to Owen (O.J.) Dewe.

2. **Constructor of the Year** goes to Robert Weymouth who received a handmade knife from the famous knife maker from Arkansas, Jimmy Lyle.

Robert joined the company in 1987 as an apprentice carpenter and represented Australia in the Workskill Olympics.

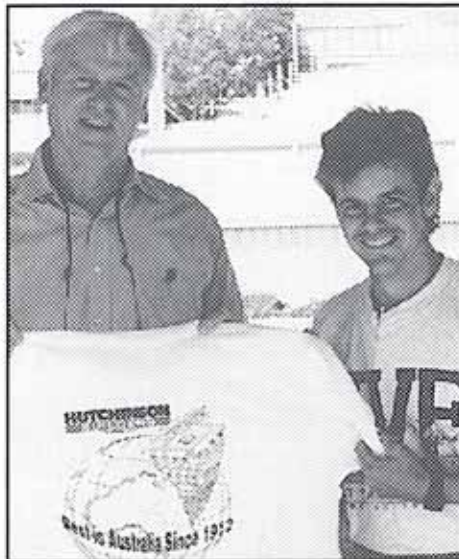
He is now a supervisor who is doing a great job of completing his projects on time and to budget.

One of Robert's recent projects is Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) which has been featured in both newsletters.

He is in his final year of a Bachelor of Applied Science/Construction Management degree at QUT.

Robert is married to Cathy and they have one daughter, Monica.

Congratulations to Robert on winning Constructor of the Year and we'd again like to thank Jack and Phyllis Kinnaman and all at Kinco in



Jack Hutchinson and O.J. Dewe take a look at O.J.'s winning t-shirt design.

Little Rock, Arkansas, for making this valued presentation possible.

3. **Suggestion of the Year:** The prize of \$100 went to Jason Williams who suggested: "Leading hands and the young foreman who manage jobs under the senior foreman's supervisor should be at our 'hand over' meetings to help prepare the budget, schedule and building strategy."

4. Company members honoured:

Paul DeJong for his tremendous work in bringing the \$3.3 million job at Churchie in on time for the start of the school year and for the excellent relationship that Paul and the rest of the team have estab-

lished with the school.

The watch was presented to Paul DeJong at the Christmas break-up.

Paul Hart, the last recipient to be honoured, also received his company watch at the break-up.

Bernie Read – In January it was decided to present the next watch to Bernie Read.

Bernie had a big write-up in the last newsletter so there is little point in again saying it all.

Let's just say that Bernie carries out the good and the bad jobs with tremendous enthusiasm.

Rods and Reels

AT the end of 1993, Rob Weymouth, Neil McLeod, Trevor Atchison, Trevor Bruiners, Peter McIntyre, and Owen (O.J.) Dewe received their company rods and reels for five years' continuous service.

They join Darrell Gersekowski, David Whittaker, Merv Todd, Bob Wilson, Peter Ivey, Dave Christoffersen, Keith Boucaut, Barry Butterworth, Ian Holst, Janis Brischke, Ray Balladone, Rex Bird, Ken Fennell, Matthew Hutton, Mick Moran, Ron Niven, Barry Wilson, Bernie Read, Mike Tickner, Len White, and Louie Levinson, John Taylor, Scott Hutchinson and Jack Hutchinson as company members with five years or more service.

Townsville talk

HUTCHIES have been featuring in the local news in Townsville.

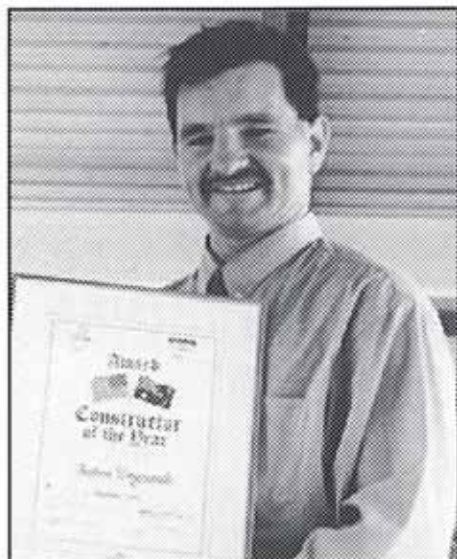
The two jobs which have been making headlines are the Townsville Mall's centre stage and the renovations and refurbishing program being carried out at the Bowen Memorial Club in Brisbane St.

Both jobs were completed at the end of last year.

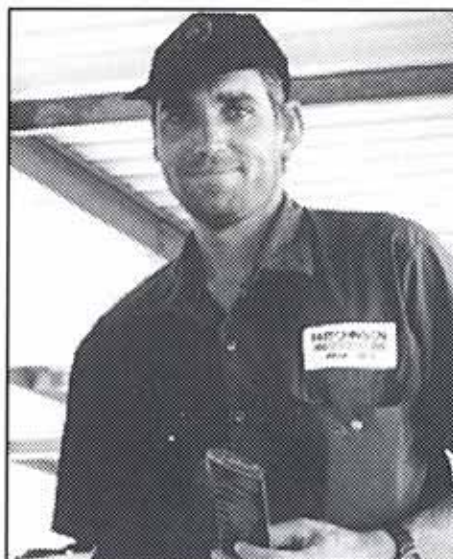
The team working on the Townsville Mall, Tim West, Alex Renton, and Alan Marshall made the news with their rendition of the Pointer Sisters (or something like that) on centre stage a few weeks before the opening.

The *Townsville Bulletin* reports they mounted their impromptu performance during a site visit by Townsville City council alderman Jack Wilson.

The stage was officially opened at the



Robert Weymouth ... Constructor of the Year.



Paul DeJong ... honoured for work on the Churchie project.

Pioneer Head of the Brisbane

THE Pioneer Head of the Brisbane rowing regatta, of which Hutchies are a major sponsor, took place on Saturday, February 5.

Despite a number of downpours, spirits weren't dampened by the rain and an enjoyable afternoon was had at Oxley's On the River restaurant at Milton.

The main event of the day, the Pioneer Head of the Brisbane, was won by Commercial Rowing Club, with a Toowong Crew (coached by Jack Hutchinson) in second position in a very strong field.

More than 50 crews took part in the regatta with Brisbane Boys College (BBC) winning both the First and Second School Eights.

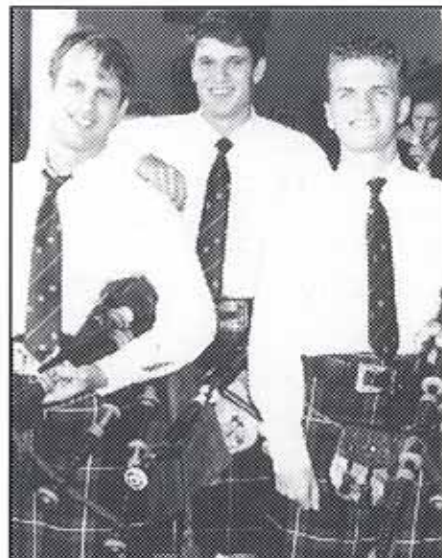
Toowong Rowing Club's chairman Chris Lyndon said there was but one disappointment during the afternoon.

"We didn't have any streakers this year. We had a nude male waterskier come through between the races last year," Chris said.

Hutchinson Builders would like to thank all their many subcontractors and suppliers who were sponsors of the Pioneer Head of the Brisbane rowing regatta. They were:

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Hutchinson Builders' Andrew Taylor with Rowan Chapman and Timothy Rush helped move the rowing regatta along with a bit of wind from the BBC Old Collegians Pipe Band.

Photo: courtesy Quest Newspapers.

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end of November last year with the bursting of balloons, fireworks, dancers, singers, and street performers.

However, we believe the Hutchies trio were not asked up for a repeat performance.

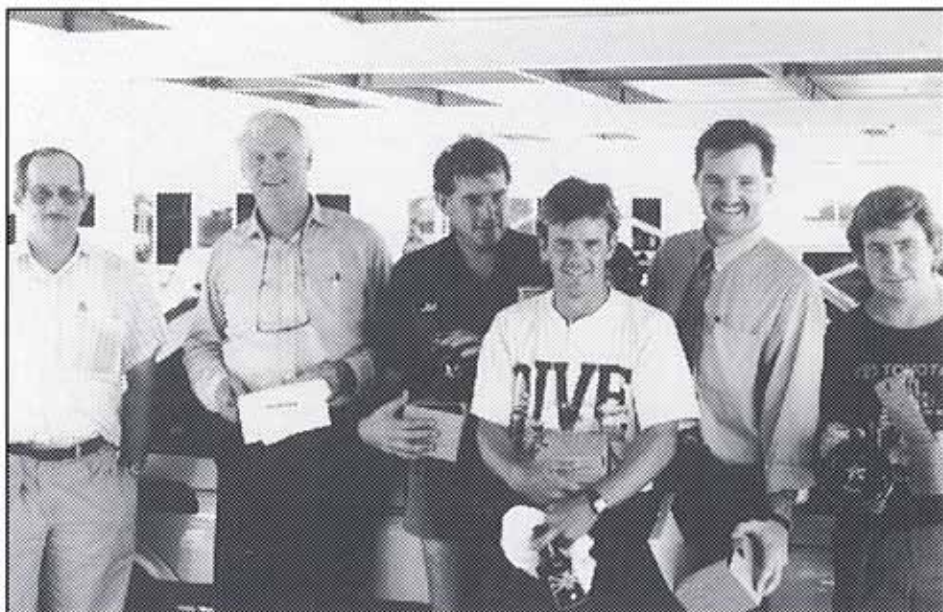
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OVER at the Bowen Memorial Club, the work included building a completely new bar area to give customers twice the space.

A coldroom was relocated and a new one installed, plus carpets, tiles, ceilings, lights and fans were all replaced with new, modern units.

The *Bulletin* reports secretary and nominee of the club, George Shiels, saying: "When finished, the club will be a definite asset to the town, very modern, very up-to-date and a pleasure to visit."

We hear George is very happy with the project, now completed.



Jack Hutchinson (second from left) presents (from left) Trevor Bruiners, Neil McLeod, O.J. Dewe, Rob Weymouth and Trevor Atchison with their company reels.

Kinco News ... direct from Little Rock, Arkansas, USA.

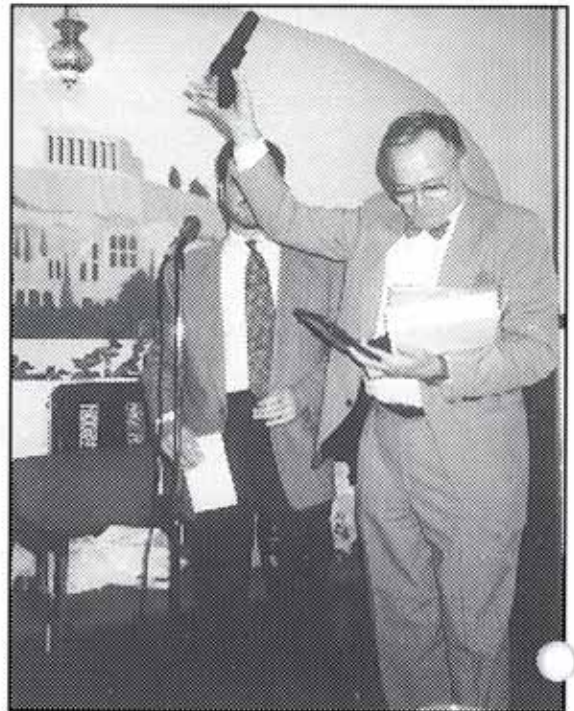


HUTCHINSON Builders congratulate Jack Kinnaman and all at Kinco on their 20th anniversary.

Kinco is a building company in association with Hutchinson Builders and is located in Little Rock, Arkansas, USA. Their president is Jack Kinnaman.

The company presents a Constructor of the Year Award each year to one of their employees, on behalf of Hutchinsons.

Jack Kinnaman presents the Constructor of the Year Award to Steve Marshall. Steve was presented with kangaroo hide R.M. Williams boots donated by Hutchinson Builders.



Jack Kinnaman is presented a Glock model 20, 10mm pistol at Kinco's annual Christmas party (Doug Wasson in background) ... eat your heart out Scott.

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