

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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Three wins in building competition

HUTCHIES were well represented at the Australian Institute of Building Awards Dinner in April - with three winning awards.

They were:

- Commercial, Industrial and Institutional \$2-5 million - Brisbane Boys' College Resource Centre (Robert Weymouth and Mal Ashford)
 - Commercial, Industrial and Institutional \$5-30 million - Federal Police Building (Jason Williams and Allan Matthews)
 - Refurbishment over \$5 million - Brisbane Arcade (Robert Weymouth, Paul De Jong and Norm Norman)
- Other Hutchies' projects, although not winners, were highly commended by the judges.



Shown with the winning awards on the night are, from left, Robert Weymouth, Scott Hutchinson and Jason Williams.

Congratulations to all involved in the nominated projects.



Meanwhile, Ray Balladone, gave Hutchies a sophisticated presence at the Queensland Master Builders Association State Awards dinner at the Hilton in April.



Also in attendance for the Australian Institute of Building Awards were, from left, Barry and Patrice Butterworth, Len White, Julie and Jack Hutchinson.

85TH CELEBRATION NOT TO BE MISSED!

Premier, Mr Rob Borbidge, will be guest of honour at Hutchies' 85th anniversary celebrations planned for July 23.

The main event will be held at the Tattersall's Club.

Invitations are currently being sent and this is one not to miss!



BUILDERS CONTRACTORS PROJECT MANAGERS

On April 29, I attended the Australian Institute of Building Awards Dinner and it was with great pleasure that I watched our company win three awards.

Congratulations to those associated with Brisbane Boys' College Resource Centre, Federal Police Building and the Brisbane Arcade - the developers, clients, consultants and all Hutchies' people and sub-contractors.

In addition, the entries for BP Central Control Building, OfficeWorks Windsor and St Margaret's New Gymnasium,

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

although not winners, were described by the judges as first class and deserving.

Thankyou also to Rene Butterworth who put so much into the presentation of our entries.

Although certain names appear on the Awards, I assure all of you, who worked on the jobs, that I fully understand it takes teamwork and I do not underestimate any-

one's contribution to a great effort.

Ten years ago, I was approached by company members wishing to have a Social Club. I believe that, over the years, this has helped mould Hutchies into a team by bringing us together socially and bridging the gap between the job sites and the office.

A big thankyou to Len White, Karen White, Barry Butterworth, Ron Niven and Janis Brischke for their enthusiasm and innovation regarding our Social Club.

Jack Hutchinson

APOLOGY

I would like to apologise to anyone who may have been offended by our article "Site for sore eyes" in the recent edition of Hutchies' Truth.

We try to make our newsletter interesting and fun and, sometimes, we cross the line.

I would genuinely like to thank those who took the trouble to contact me to point out that, in these times, the article may not have been in the best taste.

Scott Hutchinson

The following is an excerpt from a letter to the Editor.

Dear Sir,

Your edition of the Truth arrived today and has been read with interest.

The articles and characters mentioned make it a very personal newsletter along with your achievements.

The extent and diversity of the work with which you are currently involved is a good reflection of the current state of the industry.

The reference to your coming birthday reminds me of being one of the few who has known the four generations of Hutchinsons.

Your grandfather used to come up to Toowoomba when Hutchinson and Sons were building extensions to Pigott's Department Store for my old man.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

George Hamilton was the Site Manager and Arthur Clark was the Foreman. Your father made the odd visit.

I saw more of him after joining Conrad and Gargett in 1956.

Best wishes to you all at Hutchinson Builders for a Happy Birthday and look forward to 2012.

*Yours faithfully,
Don Williamson FRAIA, AIArBA,
Director, Gold Coast Office,
Conrad & Gargett Pty Limited.*

QUOTES

Not what we have, but what we enjoy, constitutes our abundance.

One gauge of success is not whether you have a tough problem to handle, but whether it is the same problem you had last year.

People rarely disclose their character so clearly as when they describe someone else's.

Everything now being done is going to be done differently; it's going to be done better, and if you don't do it, your competitor will.

In times like these it helps to remember that there have always been times like these.

The man who insists upon seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides.



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BIRTH

Welcome to the world for Johanna Rae Field born 4pm, April 17, 8lb 6oz, and congratulations to parents Laurelle and Rod Field (brother of Richard).

Ode from the island

Annual fishing trip celebrates a decade of fun

Hutchies recently held its 10th annual fishing trip to Moreton Island and the largest expedition ever - 65 participants - celebrated a decade of fishing frivolity.

Apart from good fun, it's a great way to get head office and site staff together to consolidate the team effort.

Picture shows the Hutchies' fishing party prior to departure - and it's downhill all the way from here!

Turn to Page six and seven for an informal, close-up look at our fishing experts' technique.



Major praise from the brass

HUTCHIES received high praise during a ceremony to celebrate the turning of the first sod of the new Australian Army Band facility at Enoggera Barracks.

Major Hammond, of the Australian Army Band, said he was delighted with the scheme prepared by Hutchies and the design team.

Major Hammond said he was confident Hutchies would deliver a fine product because businesses can't exist for 85 years without satisfying their clients needs.

Hutchies were awarded the \$2.3 million design and construct contract of the facility in January after a submission was prepared by estimators, Paul Hart and Trevor

Bruiners, over the Christmas break.

Michael Ord, of the Carson Group, the project managers, said one of the reasons for awarding the contract to Hutchies was "the professional standard and presentation of the bid".

Well done, boys!

Hutchies appointed the design team of Interiors Australia (architects), McWilliams (engineers) and Ron Rumble (acoustics engineer), who have been busy on the fast-track project due for completion in August.

The Australian Army Band facilities will include practice rooms, a recording studio and an outdoor performance area.

In appreciation

THE Rowing Association Support Group at Brisbane Boys' College has thanked all those at Hutchies who took part in the construction of the concrete apron in front of the new rowing shed.

President, Ian MacLeod-Carey, recently wrote in appreciation for the effort:

"Thank you for your generous contribution to the improvement of the Brisbane Boys' College Rowing facility.

"In the 1996-97 rowing season, the Rowing Association Support Group has undertaken an extensive construction program which saw the building of a new storage shed, the construction of a new pontoon and the refurbishment of the existing one.

"Your generous donation to construct a concrete apron is greatly appreciated. It certainly facilitates the movement of boats and equipment to and from the water.

"On behalf of the Rowing Support Group, I would like to thank you for your very generous gesture."

Logan bowled over by club

FEBRUARY saw the completion of a major project for Hutchies and perhaps the start of a new one.

Hard work at the Logan City Bowls Club paid off with the February opening by the Governor, Mrs Leneen Forde, of the \$5 million Stage Two extension.

Logan now has the biggest bowls club in Queensland.

Hutchies will maintain an interest in the Club, as Administration Manager, Margaret Murphy, has indicated that Stage Three "may be closer than predicted."

Emerald Plaza

WORK is now well underway on Emerald Plaza - the new \$8 million shopping centre being designed and constructed by Hutchies in Emerald, Central Western Queensland in conjunction with the Buchan Group, architects.

Work started in February and is expected to be completed in October.

Total floor space of the centre is 7963 square metres, with major retailers, Coles Supermarket, occupying 3000 square metres and Fossey's department store occupying 900 square metres. There will be six shops in the food court and another 25 retail stores.

Ipswich Girls' Grammar School - Performing Arts Block

AFTER successfully completing the Visual Arts Block at Christmas, Hutchies are back at school - this time building the new \$880,000 performing arts building.

Estimator, Trevor Bruiners, won the project for HB and has commenced on site with new company foreman David Madele and supervisor John Baldwin. Architects are Powell, Dods and Thorpe and completion is expected in September.

Executive Building, Brisbane

THE upgrade of the soffit of the building, which is valued at \$140,000, has begun with architects, QPM Property Management, and Howdy McLeod in charge on site.

Suite 313, St Andrew's Place

THIS \$44,000 project with architects, Peter Brown and Associates, is completed. Another successful Howdy job!

St Dymphna's School Administration Building

THE \$630,000 project incorporates a new

JOBS UPDATE

with
Barry Butterworth

school hall and administration building using a combination of structural steel and timber framing. The suspended floor was constructed using a proprietary steel flooring system and provided considerable time savings over conventional timber framed flooring.

Project team includes Steve Low (Slow) as foreman, John Baldwin as supervisor, Alex Seydel as administrator and Rathlin Trohear. Architect is Bill Byrne of Conrad and Gargett.

Foreman is contradicting his nick-name by bringing the project in well under the contract period.

NS Komatsu Track Press Building

NS Komatsu commissioned Hutchies for the expansion of their mining and earthworks equipment workshop area at Sherwood.

This \$100,000 design and construct project was completed within six weeks. The simple metal clad steel structure covered 140 square metres and to allow for high durability and a reduction in the slab thickness, steel fibre reinforced concrete was used.

Project team included Lambert and Smith as architects, John Batterham as structural engineer, David Vincenzi as foreman and Alex Seydel as administrator.

Bennelong - Surfers Paradise Commercial Development

THIS \$2.7 million building is to be ready for tenancy fit-out within 21 weeks so there is no time to laze around on the beach down there.

The project will include underground parking and three storeys of leased floor area. Provisions are being made to cater for all lease possibilities from shops to the special requirements of night clubs

and restaurants while meeting the design brief criteria which specifies a high class finish on this glazed concrete structure.

Project team includes Syd Britton as foreman with assistants, Mick Chapel and Allan Cooksley, Alex Seydel as administrator, Peter Smith of Lambert and Smith as architect and John Batterham as structural engineer.

Buranda Lift Installation

THE \$300,000 project involves the installation of a new lift into the existing three story Lend Lease Building in Buranda with minimal disturbance to tenants.

The project was designed by Conrad and Gargett in conjunction with Lou Hailey and is managed by Peter Jackson of Resolve Engineering Project Management. Hutchies' team includes Charlie Wilson, John Baldwin and Alex Seydel.

Sippy Downs

A recreation sports club for the Sunshine Coast University consists of a timber and steel framed pole-type structure designed to create an energy efficient building, not only through the choice of building materials, but also by using an 'enviroflow' energy water system.

The building's facade is a combination of plywood cladding, glazing and glass louvres and the roof is a Ritek roofing system.

Architect is Clare Design, Glen Houghton is project manager and foreman is Howard McCann.

Nestle Building Murarrie

CONTRACT for this two storey commercial building which has a gross floor area of 3600 square metres, is split between the base building worth \$2.75 million and fit-out at \$1.5 million. Client is Nestle, the developer is Property Solutions and the architect is McKerrell Lynch. Hutchies' team includes Ray Ballardone as project manager, Mathew Hutton as foreman and Ian Hutton as apprentice.

Up the creek without a paddle



What wouldn't the boys have given for a Lindores' Crane on a recent shooting trip outback?

Scott Hutchinson, Fred Brands (F.A. Pidgeon) and "Polly" Lindores and Paul McDougall (Lindores Cranes and Rigging) found themselves up the creek without a paddle during their bush excursion at the back of Ballon.

Next time they'll take a boat when it comes to the fishing part of the trip.

Two challenging projects

THE Hutchies' team has been working with architect, Meredith Hall, as principal designer on two interesting projects.

The first is the \$2.4 million refurbishment and extension to Coles at Everton Park which was originally completed in 1968.

An interesting challenge for the Project Team has been matching old imperial and new metric materials.

Site manager is Darrell Gersekowski, project supervisor is Ray Balladone, contracts administrator is Richard Field.

All are working closely with Robertson Project Management to keep existing services operating and maintain normal store loading during the works.

The other interesting project was Stage 1 of the Richlands Industrial Development.

Some long weekend hours were required of the Hutchies' plumbing crew who needed to run a 675 mm diameter stormwater line from the site, along and across Boundary Road, and into neighbouring parkland.

This required a full road closure for 48 hours. Hutchies' crib retaining wall team placed their last concrete stretcher before heading off to Moreton Island for the annual fishing trip.

On the right track with Waltzing Matilda

CONSTRUCTION is well down the track on the Waltzing Matilda Centre at Winton.

The centre is being built to celebrate Australian poet, Banjo Patterson, and the town where he penned the famous Australian poem, Waltzing Matilda.

Included in the centre is a museum and art gallery also acknowledging Winton as the birthplace of Qantas.

A billabong theme will be included so tourists can walk through a setting straight out of Banjo's poem.

Our very own "Kings of the Road" Michael De Jong, Len White and Paul Hart have been soaking up our outback culture while working on the project.

Architect is Robin Retchford, of Robin Retchford Architects.

Uniformly popular

THE girls in the office agreed it would be a smart idea to have uniforms. Once Jack and Scott gave the nod, the six women 'went shopping' and came up with their stylish mix and match outfits. Modelling the new Hutchies' look are (from left) Margaret Van Hees, Nicole Green, Cheryl McCaffery, Mandy Campbell, Christine McIvor and Julie-Anne McCoombes.



Ode from

TEN years ago, Hutchies organised a fishing/camping trip to Moreton Island, and on that venture, the seeds for a social club were planted.

The concept has grown into a great success and a way of fostering a team spirit in an organisation which stretches from one end of the State to the other and, at times, even further.

Recently, the Moreton Island Fishing Trip had its 10th anniversary and a record crowd turned out for the celebration.

The influence of Banjo Patterson must have rubbed off on Hutchies while working on the *Waltzing Matilda* project at Winton, because a poem was penned - in true bush ballad style - to thank Jack Hutchinson for his support over the years.

Some words have been left out, to maintain the high standard of Hutchies' Truth, but the reader should be able to understand the sentiment of appreciation and loyalty expressed in this ode from the Island.



They came from miles around, well prepared for the trip.



There was great anticipation and excitement as they waited for the call to go on board.



The expedition sets forth.



A strategy for the weekend is worked out as detailed plans are made.



"Shark? Where? I can't see a shark!"



A nice spot is chosen for the fireside chat.

the island

Whenever there's a success story,
There's someone to thank for its start.
And for ten years of fun on Moreton,
Lots of credit must go to the old grey ---.

"Let's go fishing", ten years ago we said,
But to some, fishing wasn't important.
So we voted instead to roll up our beds,
and go camping and drinking on Moreton.

Now on the way back, we put it to Jack.
A social club might be the trend.
"We could save all year, fill a barge up with beer,
And come back and do it again."

"Why not!" Jack said, with a nod of his head.
As always the amiable scholar.
"You blokes sort it out, and bank what you can,
And I'll match it dollar for dollar."

We started out small, and we all had a ball.
Jack helped us through all the hard yards.
He offered his son so that we may be free,
And taught us the rules of cheating at cards.

So we take this opportunity to stand and raise our glass.
We honour you for your support; for you we'll even bare our ---,
remember when you raise your hand to make that final bid,
One-eyed support from Moreton is worth a million quid.



The housework's never done.



Sometimes it can be hard
to make new friends.



Members of the Coca Cola Club interview an
applicant who wants to join.



Hanging clothes out to dry.



Scott Hutchinson receives a presentation of thanks from the Hutchies' crew.

**Dressed
to score**



Hutchies' love of sport, and fetish for dressing up in silly clothes, has spawned a Skirmish Team. Here's the crew geared up for a Red versus Blue battle. Hutchies' Skirmishers will meet all comers and anyone wishing to field a team will be warmly welcomed in battle.

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