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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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Langham Hotels and Resorts opens new luxury hotel and residences on Gold Coast

WITH completion of work by Hutchies, Langham Hospitality Group opened its third luxury hotel in Australia in June, complementing The Langham, Sydney and The Langham, Melbourne.

The Langham, Gold Coast features 169 well-appointed hotel rooms and suites.

The group also manages the Jewel Residences by The Langham which consists of 170 serviced apartments designed and built to the award-winning brand's specifications.

With their prime location on the beachfront in Surfers Paradise, the hotel and serviced apartments are in the central and tallest of the three landmark towers of the Jewel development.

Developed by AW Holding Group, the \$1.4 billion Jewel project has been in preparation for almost eight years and is the largest development with direct beach access to be built on the Gold Coast in the last 30 years.

The Langham, Gold Coast is located between the ground and 20th floors while the residences are on the 22nd to 49th floors with stunning city and ocean views.



Official opening of The Langham, Gold Coast and Jewel Residences (from left) GM of AW Holding Group, Bryan Cao; Mayor of the Gold Coast, Tom Tate; and GM of The Langham, Gold Coast, John O'Shea.

Inspired by gemstone shards discovered in the region, the eye-catching towers mimic distinctive crystalline forms.

General manager of The Langham, Gold Coast, John O'Shea, congratulated the Hutchies' team on the final product.

"Hutchinson Builders has deliv-

ered a spectacular hotel that offers The Langham Hospitality Group the opportunity to create a new wave of luxury not seen in this city before," he said.

"The high-end finishes, the details and works completed are second to none and offer guests an unforgettable experience the moment they step foot into The Langham, Gold Coast."

Appointed architects for The Langham, Gold Coast and the Jewel were DBI Design.

Multiplex built the main structure with Hutchies responsible for the \$100 million fit-out.

The Langham, Gold Coast is also positioned to be the new social centre of the local community with the introduction of new dining and lifestyle experiences across the three towers.

It will offer restaurants, a casual café, a lobby lounge, a pool bar and a podium sky terrace with bar overlooking the ocean, and continue the tradition

made famous by The Langham in 1865 – the signature afternoon tea served at Palm Court, the lobby lounge and bar.

The Jewel Residences by The Langham is perfect for guests who place a premium on bright, sunshine-soaked space with generous living and dining rooms as well as well-appointed kitchens. All guests staying at the residences also have full access to the hotel's facilities.

As the wholly-owned subsidiary of Great Eagle Holdings, Langham Hospitality Group encompasses a family of distinctive hotels under The Langham Hotels and Resorts and Cordis Hotels brands, with more than 30 projects currently either confirmed or in a developed stage of negotiation from Asia, Europe and North America to the Middle East.

The Group takes its name from the legendary Langham in London which was widely recognised as Europe's first grand hotel.

The Langham, Gold Coast and Jewel Residences are in the central and tallest of the three landmark towers of the distinctive Jewel development.



Cultural wedding celebration at Bali beachfront villa



Jack Hutchinson Jnr and Fatya Azlika celebrate their wedding Indonesian style in Bali.

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Steve Norton



STEVE Norton, Hutchies' former director and chief financial officer, who retired five years ago, has passed away following a tragic road accident in Vancouver, Canada.

Steve started with Hutchies in 1996 when annual turnover was about \$50 million and retired 20 years later when turnover was more than \$3 billion.

During this time his work was exceptional.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson described Steve as a great work colleague and wonderful friend.

"The first thing that comes into my head when I think of Steve is his incredible competence," said Scott.

"His work was faultless.

"He knew what to do when we were going great and also what to do when we were in trouble.

"I reckon he saved Hutchies during one very bad period.

"Steve was rock solid and humble at work and he is sorely missed, not only for his work, but also especially for his good company."

Hutchies' thoughts are with Steve's wife, Allison, and their children, Sam, Maddison and Rebecca.

Flight to quality

WITH all that is going on in the world of construction at the moment, the concept of "Flight to Quality" has never been more important.

Economic conditions are changing rapidly on the back of rising inflation and the resultant upward pressure on interest rates.

This comes on top of an already difficult market which has significantly heightened the prospect of insolvency throughout the industry.

COVID and all that comes with it, supply chain dramas affecting programs, costs and, in some cases, quality, and then apply the wettest October to June period on record and the associated impact on time and costs plus the deteriorating capacity of the industry due to labour shortages, all means we have a real situation on our hands.

This is not a good situation for anyone in the food chain – developers, property purchasers, financiers, builders, subcontractors or consultants.

"While I acknowledge the situation is more complex than this, there is one simple place to start: select the right builder – one with a strong balance sheet, one that has form and been around a long time, and one with a reputation for producing a quality product and doing the right thing."

The second and equally important aspect of the concept of "Flight to Quality" is about design and workmanship quality – producing a quality building.

In addition to the reality that in difficult times there is a natural tendency to cut corners, the construction industry across Australia is going through a massive transition which is bigger than "Ben Hur" – the fallout from the inflammable cladding disaster and the Opal tower event in Sydney has probably accelerated this transition.

I genuinely believe Hutchies is on the front foot in this space.

From the Managing Director



We realised more than 20 years ago how important it is to get quality right and, if you don't, then go back and fix it.

It is not easy, as there are lots of moving parts and, again, I acknowledge it is more complex than this.

But, Hutchies' formula is:

1. The 10 most frequent quality/defects issues account for 90 per cent of all problems. We have a Quality Manual (Hutchies' Bible) as well as detailed Facades and Services Manuals that clearly define how these critical areas are done on Hutchies' projects.
2. We have design management, quality, facades and services support teams with expert knowledge that review the jobs from start to finish with the construction teams and continually improve and develop resources for our people.
3. We train all our key people, in particular our site teams, to know, understand and enforce our Quality, Facades and Services Manual requirements. This includes building our subbies into the process early.
4. We supervise the subbies and we have our site people out on the job, not just in the site office.
5. Hutchies employs a band of quality champions whose sole responsibility is to work across 31 teams and make sure we get it right.

"At the end of the day, we maintain that it doesn't cost any more to get it right than it does to get it wrong. Again, a good place to start is to choose the right builder and trust them to choose the right design consultants and subcontractors."

– Greg Quinn (COTY 2007)

New commissioner engages with construction industry

NEW commissioner on the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC), Anissa Levy, recently made her first visit to a Queensland construction site since being appointed.

The new commissioner wants to build good engagement with the industry and Hutchies' Odyssey site at Robina was her first destination.

Commissioner Levy was accompanied on the site visit by her senior team members and Gold Coast officers.

Her team included assistant commissioners, chief legal officer, chief strategy officer, chief information officer, the leadership team and regional managers.

Hutchies' delegation included Paul Hart (COTY 2005), Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Cy Milburn



QBCC delegation visiting Hutchies' site at Odyssey Robina.

(COTY 2014), Chris Stevenson (COTY 2016), Danny O'Reilly, Chris McIntosh, Ken McNeil, Jack Keily, James Collins and Adam Beard.

The QBCC is a statutory body established under the Queensland Building and Construction

Commission Act 1991 to regulate the building industry.

Its role is to educate, protect and support the Queensland construction industry and community.

Hutchies was engaged by Odyssey Health Group for the

design and construction of their flagship aged care and retirement mixed-use development at Robina on the Gold Coast.

Odyssey Robina offers residents luxurious resort-style amenities and high-end finishes, along with onsite care facilities.



Hutchies' modular facility in Toowoomba is working on a \$80 million project for the New South Wales government that will provide accommodation for residential communities in flood ravaged Lismore.

HELP is on the way for people left homeless earlier this year in the flood ravaged area in and around Lismore in New South Wales.

The help is coming from over the border in Queensland, where Hutchies' modular facility in Toowoomba is working on hundreds of homes for people displaced by the floods.

Hutchies' team members and hundreds of subcontractors are working on more than 650 modular units, in an \$80 million project for the New South Wales government that will provide accommodation for the residential communities.

The modules will create almost 300 new homes for families currently displaced after the devastating February and March flood events.

Hutchies' Toowoomba team leader, Sean

Toowoomba lifeline to flood ravaged Lismore

Lees, said 200 tradies are completing about eight modules each day.

It is estimated as many as 1300 people are still in emergency accommodation in Lismore, while just 20 per cent of businesses have returned to operations.

Sean said many of those people in the Lismore district remained homeless, displaced

or affected, with many families living in cars or in tents.

"The New South Wales government and stakeholders asked if we could deliver modular products for them to provide semi-temporary emergency accommodation.

"Housing is their priority so we had an opportunity to collaborate with the key stakeholders to deliver what they needed.

"The accommodation will have modern conveniences, including air conditioning, ensuites, built-in kitchens, as well as being energy efficient," said Sean.

"Hutchies wanted to get involved after witnessing the destruction first-hand.

"Our initial involvement was to go to Lismore, see for ourselves and listen to the key stakeholders.

"It was very confronting.

"While the work will be good for the local construction industry, it's also an easy project to get behind, knowing the fruits of our labour will take people out of cars and tents and put them into comfortable, safe and appropriate housing.

"The flooding was terrible and the impact on people's lives and property is devastating.

"I had personal experiences in the 2011 Toowoomba floods.

"It's not a distant memory for those of us who saw it and lived through it."

The 650 modules which will be fully completed and furnished in Toowoomba are expected to be delivered within a 16-week timeframe.



Team members among the 200 workers on site turning out about eight modules a day are (from left) Rian Cherry, Jack Carter and Tony Rossini.

Langham by client's



Quality at the Langham extends to the exterior with abseiler, Mitch Redfern, of AccessPro Solutions, one of a team who keep the Jewel sparkling. (PHOTO: Sean Chapman)

Hotel project guided level of luxury and quality

THE Langham, Gold Coast project by Hutchies involved the fit-out of 169 hotel rooms, three levels of hotel facilities across three towers and two levels of back of house facilities integrated into the existing basement.

The project was completed by Greg Crittall's team under a design and construct arrangement with DBI as the project architect and Studio Aria as the interior designer.

Greg said the main challenge of the project for his team – due to the client's high expectation of luxury and quality – was the procurement of materials and fixtures.

“Add in the short program and the global pandemic, the outcome achieved by the team was incredible,” said Greg.

“Hutchies was able to hunt down and approve all of the required items within the first four months to ensure the products were on site in time to be installed without impacting the construction program.

“As some of these items had a 26-week lead time this was no easy task,” he said.

Some of the specialist procurement items included:

- 12 timber floor types
- 10 vinyl flooring types
- 50 stone types
- 65 ceramic tile types

- 10 carpet types (seven custom made)
- 29 different wallpapers
- 30 different window covering fabrics
- 45 paint colours, and
- 180 different architectural light fittings sourced from around the globe.

Highlights of the project included:

- Chairman's suite
- 169 hotel rooms
- three bars, five commercial kitchens and one cafe
- eight luxury spa treatment rooms
- Tang Court world-class Chinese restaurant
- Coral Moon outdoor cocktail bar
- Akoya restaurant with display kitchen and private dining rooms
- ballroom that can be separated into three individual rooms
- bridal suite
- five conference rooms
- lounge area with feature marble wall cladding
- internal relaxation pool with acoustic ceiling
- beachfront gym and group fitness studios, and
- dedicated child minding facilities.

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Scott Hutchinson foregoes his mobile for a traditional phone call at the official opening in June of The Langham, Gold Coast and Jewel Residences managed by the Langham.

The Langham's new wave of luxury and quality heralds the introduction of new dining and lifestyle experiences for the Gold Coast.





Focus on quality is a team effort

Quality team members oversee waterproofing licence training at Southport office.

HUTCHIES' well-known reputation for quality comes from a personal commitment by many team members in preplanning, design, and by troops on the ground delivering good, compliant buildings, according to quality team member, Chris Stevenson (COTY 2016).

Chris said construction teams have open access to specialist support teams who consider the best practices, proven solutions as well as current and upcoming legislation.

"The quality team brings a wealth of experience to offsite planning and design, and quality control on the jobs where the site managers carefully manage the projects to Hutchies' quality standards," he said.

"For more than 15 years of quality team involvement, Hutchies' people have had the

benefit of building resources – including the quality handbooks, quality alerts, training videos and materials, expertise and experienced builders and certification/building surveying support in quality, compliance, licensing anywhere Hutchies' sites are across the nation.

"This support extends into post-completion where valuable building performance and quality data is used to continuously improve Hutchies' people, systems and the quality of its buildings and service to the many clients who depend on Hutchies for long-term solutions."

The quality support team has evolved and expanded during this time and currently includes Chris Stevenson (COTY 2016), John

Groom (COTY 2019), Paul Pereira, Richard Ford, Niall Scott, and Greg Roberts.

This team works closely with the construction teams own quality champions and quality managers in the review of products, details and resources to ensure the best people are kept up to date with developments across the industry.

Looking to the future, the quality team has diversified to take on and provide additional expertise in waterproofing, fire compartments/passive fire, cladding, site management tools and integrated IT solutions.

As a team effort, working from concept design to construction and through to long-term building performance, Hutchies' commitment to quality is in safe hands.



Good spot for breakfast

SOUTHPORT hosted an electrical spotters course as part of its safety program and, with 13 participants in training, the team hosted a big breakfast.

An electrical spotter's role is to minimise risk of electrocution.

The spotter's course is designed to train observers to avoid unsafe approaches by personnel or equip-

ment to overhead and underground powerlines and other electrical sources.

Pictured above are the trainee spotters enjoying a big breakfast.



Welcome to country ceremony.

New centrepiece for the Golden Triangle

WORK has started on a \$302 million project for clients, Charter Hall and Investa, at 360 Queen Street, Brisbane, created as a visionary commercial precinct that will create a new benchmark for workplace experience in the city.

Inspired by Brisbane and the natural environment, 360 Queen Street is a premium-grade 33-level commercial tower at the centre of Brisbane's "golden triangle" – the CBD bounded by the Brisbane River to the south, east and west.

Hutchies is working with long-time development partners, Charter Hall and Investa, to bring this 6-star Green Star A-grade office precinct to life.

Extensive experience on achieving targeted energy efficient ratings ensures Hutchies is able to achieve the objectives of 360 Queen Street.

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Official party turning the first sod (from left) Bradley Norris and Andrew Borger, representing Charter Hall; Cr Vicki Howard, Brisbane's Central Ward; Brendan Looby, representing Investa; and Scott Hutchinson.

New benchmark for workplace experience in Brisbane – 360 Queen Street.

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson said 360 Queen Street was one of four prestige developments currently underway by Hutchies' teams in the Brisbane CBD and Fortitude Valley.

Others include:

895 Ann Street

GLOBAL real estate investment manager, DWS, alongside Consolidated Properties Group (CPG), one of Australia's leading development companies, are building a \$110 million, 15-level commercial development close to the James Street lifestyle precinct.

31 Duncan Street

A \$82 million project, designed to be built above the existing Chinatown Mall carpark in Fortitude Valley, will offer 10 levels of boutique office space. Due to the mass of the carpark, the current structure under-utilised its prime centre position on the mall. Hutchies is well-versed at building in Brisbane's busy malls, having undertaken projects like The Fortitude Music Hall on Brunswick Street Mall and various projects along Queen Street Mall and Albert Street in the city.

205 North Quay

A \$600 million waterfront development at 205 North Quay, designed by internationally acclaimed architecture firms Hassell, New York-based REX and Brisbane's Richards & Spence, is planned to become the first commercial building in Australia to offer tenants a holistic work-life approach including a wellness facility, 25-metre lap pool, childcare facilities, a public auditorium, outdoor terraces, and rooftop collaboration and celebration facilities.



Hutchies-built Proserpine Entertainment Centre.

Proserpine Entertainment Centre “a ripper” – Mayor



The new Cenotaph with a roll of honour for local fallen heroes.

IT is official ... the new Proserpine Entertainment Centre (PEC) and Cenotaph built by Hutchies in the Whitsundays is “a ripper”.

After the official opening and celebratory community street party in March, Whitsunday Regional Council Mayor, Andrew Willcox, enthusiastically declared the end result “a ripper”.

“The new PEC will be a landmark facility in Proserpine for many years to come ... this should allow us to attract world-class acts for our community to enjoy,” he said.

At the official opening Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk reminded locals of the devastation that tropical cyclone Debbie caused to the region in 2017.

“We made the decision not just to rebuild, but to build back better. That’s exactly what we’ve done with the Proserpine Entertainment Centre,” she said.

“Throughout construction it delivered a great boost to the local economy by creating more than 40 jobs for local tradies, and by employing locals and securing events in the future, it will continue to generate revenue for local businesses.”

The Palaszczuk government invested \$13.725 million towards construction of the entertainment centre. The federal government contributed \$5 million.

The new centre has a multi-purpose auditorium and stage, tiered seating with 380 seats, kitchen, café, bar ticketing area, amenities and dressing room.

Rebuilding also included a street foyer, cinema screen, art installation, loading dock and scenery dock, technical theatre equipment, outdoor performance area and an upgrade to the Cenotaph.

The original Cenotaph, a three-wing brick wall with the names etched in marble of local men who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War, was demolished in 2020.

The new Cenotaph will be more resistant to extreme weather and is able to cater for larger gatherings with a memorial garden area.

Names of an extra 21 locals have been added to the previous honour roll on the new memorial.

Many of these family names continue today in the region, generations after those who served with honour.

Veterans host cadet training

HUTCHIES has kicked off a reinvented construction cadet program, hosted by veterans Harry White (COTY 2004) and Warren Belford.

A 30-topic schedule covers practical day-to-day content delivered weekly through engaging virtual training sessions across Australia.

The cadet program brings together industry experts representing every facet of Hutchies’ work, with the unique training strategy based on industry best practice techniques and proven real life experience, all of which is intended to mould the newest minds into the



Hutchies’ cadet training program operators at work across Australia. They are (L-R) Katrina Stack, Harry White, Warren Belford, Baxter Foreman, Lachlan Kapetanakos, Ben Ziser.

best future contract administrators, project managers, estimators, design managers, team leaders and builders.

As a family-owned business, Hutchies has

always taken pride in training its people from the grass roots and continues to invest in its people to build a strong legacy for the 110-year-old business.

Team leaders the backbone of unique management structure

HUTCHIES has never been big on bureaucracy and, instead, has a unique flat management structure which is inclusive and accessible.

The structure is based on 35 team leaders, motivated and experienced building professionals, who report directly to the managing director.

Team leaders are empowered to solve problems and make their own decisions, but Hutchies' open door policy ensures they all have instant access to the chairman or managing director whenever needed.

The leaders' construction teams are hand-picked on the basis of individual skills and experience in a particular specialty area.

Team leaders also have the support of Hutchies' board members, consisting of seven people with a combination of business and management skills, as well as construction industry and financial experience.



Team leaders and directors at a recent team leaders' conference held in June at the Hutchies-built Broncos Leagues Club in Red Hill, Brisbane.

Current board members are aging director; Owen Valmadre; Young; Russell Fryer (COTY Scott Hutchinson, chairman; Kellie Williams (COTY 2015); 2010); and Jack Hutchinson Jnr, Greg Quinn (COTY 2007), man- Paul Hart (COTY 2005); Ben associate director.

National throws centre of excellence for future stars

CONSTRUCTION has started on a new \$2.7 million centre of excellence at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSAC) at Nathan for the nation's shot put, discus, javelin and decathlon stars of the future.

Sports minister, Stirling Hinchliffe, turned the first sod on the site of the first Athletics Australia National Throws Centre of Excellence.

Mr Hinchliffe said the high-performance centre of excellence for elite and emerging athletes is another important step in Queensland's journey to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"Construction work on new athlete training infrastructure by Hutchinson Builders will support around 80 tradie jobs," he said.



At the sod turning ceremony are (from left) Minister for Sport, Stirling Hinchliffe; QAS athletes, Matt Denny (discus), Ash Maloney (decathlon), Alexandra Roberts (javelin), and Corey Anderson (para javelin); Scott Hutchinson; and Sergio Sarri and Andrew Caldwell, both from PSC Architecture. Only gold will do, according to the four athletes who insisted on using Hutchies' gold shovels to reflect their intentions to bring home the medals this month.

The \$2.7 million centre will deliver a new indoor training and testing centre for Olympic and Paralympic throw events and an outdoor

precinct at the northern end of QSAC's athletics track.

Having quality, high-performance training infrastructure gives athletes the best chance of reaching their full potential.

Athletes will start training at the National Throws Centre of Excellence by the end of this year.

The Palaszczuk government is investing \$1.85 million in the centre with Athletics Australia contributing \$850,000.

A high-performance boxing training facility will also be built under the existing QSAC stands in partnership with Boxing Australia and is planned for completion by December.

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The Brisbane Lions' home and training centre takes shape.

Lions survey their new kingdom

HUTCHIES escorted members of the Brisbane Lions Football Club through the construction site which soon will be the new AFL training and playing facility at Springfield, known as Brighton Homes Arena.

The new facility will be ready for the 2023 AFL women's season and its completion will be a celebration of 166 years of Australian Rules in Queensland.

Brighton Homes Arena will be a world-class home and training centre for the Brisbane Lions as well as a community asset for Springfield locals.

The arena will have a capacity of approximately 10,000 with grandstand seating for 600.



Brisbane Lions and Hutchies inspect progress on the Brighton Homes Arena.

Flying the flags for reconciliation

HUTCHIES partnered with Australian Unity recently to host a National Reconciliation Week event on the Herston Quarter Heritage Precinct site.

Speakers at the event included Scott Hutchinson, Herston Quarter's development director, Richard McLachlan, and Brisbane Broncos NRLW player, Tallisha Harden.

Tallisha discussed her experiences growing up as a proud Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman and how her passion for Indigenous health led her to a career in speech pathology.

She spoke about practical ways to act toward reconciliation in light of this year's National Reconciliation Week theme of "Be Brave. Make Change."

Hutchies' Herston team was presented with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to be prominently displayed on the construction site until the completion of the project.



At the National Reconciliation Week flag presentation (from left) Joel Anderson, Carmen Lasserre, Morgan Rooney, Scott Hutchinson, Tallisha Harden, Sid Shivpuri, David Shields, and Richard McLachlan (Australian Unity, Herston Quarter development director).



At the event hosted by Advance Queensland (from left) guest chair, Nicole Forrester (Fujitsu), and panelists, Louisa Warren (CSIRO), Sharleen Airs (Coles) and Mark Kucks (Hutchies).

Statim Yaga program on centre stage

HUTCHIES celebrated Reconciliation Week with its social responsibility team participating in a number of events with the theme of "Be Brave, Make Change".

Mark Kucks was also part of an industry panel hosted by Advance Queensland, discussing reconciliation in the workplace and, in particular, Hutchies' award-winning Statim Yaga program.

Dates with speed careering

THE National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) is working with Hutchies to deliver speed careering events across Queensland to promote careers for women in construction.

Events have been held recently in Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton with another in Toowoomba this month.

Attendees are shown at NAWIC's Cairns speed careering event.



Green industrial revolution underway

DOZENS of civil construction machines have assembled on Fortescue Future Industries' (FFI) Green Energy Manufacturing Centre site in Gladstone, Queensland.

Currently, the machines are preparing

the way for the creation of a new pollution-free green manufacturing hub which will create hundreds of new direct and indirect jobs in regional Queensland.

FFI chairman, Dr Andrew Forrest, said

his goal was for FFI to become the world's leading green products company, powering the economy and creating jobs as the world transitioned away from fossil fuels.

Work starts in earnest on Hemingway

HEMINGWAY Palm Beach is a beachside residential development in the heart of this sought-after Gold Coast suburb with 78 one, two and three-bedroom apartments across 12 levels.

The Southport project team on Hemingway is led by Nick Johnston with Fraser Waterman as site manager.

Fraser started with Hutchies in 2012 as a carpenter's labourer and has worked his way up to site manager in less than 10 years.

Over those years he has worked on 48 jobs across all sectors and all around the state from north Queensland to the Gold Coast.



Hutchies' onsite team at Hemingway Palm Beach (from left) Peter Ierna, Glen Stiff, Nick Johnston, Michael Jensen, Spencer Coulter and Fraser Waterman.



Team on site at a new childcare centre in Clontarf are (from left) client's project manager, Lachlan Mallet from Jetba; client, Bernie Neylan from Hambos; contracts administrator, Craig Blair; project manager, Michele Capannini; and Scott Cracknell.

Clontarf childcare centre growing up

HUTCHIES' Southport project team is working on a new childcare centre in Clontarf, a coastal suburb in Queensland's Moreton Bay region.

The two-storey childcare centre is designed to integrate into the existing retail shopping precinct adjacent to a popular medical centre.

Tropical retreat a haven for tourists and workers



TWO Hutchies-owned properties at Airlie Beach in the Whitsundays are being upgraded to help combat a shortage of accommodation in North Queensland.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said accommodation was always a problem in the Whitsunday region, particularly when building projects came on line, and Hutchies had owned two cabin parks at Airlie Beach since 2006 which were bought to house workers during the

construction boom prior to the global financial crisis.

“After a review last year, it was decided to upgrade Kipara Tropical Rainforest Retreat, to focus on the tourist market with 16 new two-bedroom cabins to join the existing 41 cabins and rooms on site,” Scott said.

Modular homes are being produced at Hutchies’ yard at Yatala and trucked north for installation at the resort.

The other site, to be known as Kipara Accommodation Village, will be an accommodation centre for local workers and contractors who visit Airlie Beach for work.

Belgravia Leisure took over management of both properties in July.

Scott said Hutchies had its eyes firmly on the future in North Queensland with this new strategy.

He said the upgraded facilities would have a dual purpose of providing accommodation for locals and visitors as well as a work camp for future projects on the Whitsunday mainland and the offshore resort islands.

“When the two property upgrades are complete, Hutchies will have a ready supply of long and short term accommodation available in the Whitsundays for tourists, local workers, Hutchies’ team members and visiting subbies,” said Scott.



The first of the 16 new two-bedroom cabins being installed at Kipara Tropical Rainforest Retreat, Airlie Beach.

Rhys is part of something big



ONE of Hutchies’ contract administrators in Tasmania, Rhys Hall, is one of the stars in the latest statewide advertising campaign to encourage participation in the building and construction industry.

Rhys is one of several workers in the industry who are showcased in Keystone Tasmania’s promotional video “Be Part of Building Something Big”.

Each participant was filmed as they go about their typical day either on the tools on site or behind the scenes in the office.

Keystone Tasmania is the peak organisation facilitating building and construction industry workforce development in Tasmania.

To check out Rhys’ starring role go to <https://vimeo.com/722406037>

Man flu is worse than hard labour



FORGET COVID, foreman Steve Wilson on the Fortitude Valley State Secondary College stage two project recently went home with a severe case of the “man flu”.

The team got together and gave him a get well card with flowers and chocolates on his return.

Steve complained man flu is worse than giving birth.

Team members are curious to learn how Steve would know.

360 Queen Street, Brisbane

Job Value: \$302.14M

Job Description: A premium-grade commercial tower across 33 levels in the heart of Brisbane's CBD.

Hutchies' Team Leader: John Berlese
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Chris Kavney
 Hutchies' Administrator: Daniel Wootton
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Nick Dovey
 Architect Firm: Blight Rayner
 Structural & Civil Engineering: ADG Engineers
 Client: Charter Hall & Investa (joint venture)

Vaucluse Apartments, New Farm

Job Value: \$13.58M

Job Description: A four-storey, 10-apartment luxury residential building.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Greg Crittall
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Matt Hutchinson
 Hutchies' Administrator: Lily Robson
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Andrew Taubman
 Architect Firm: bureau^proberts
 Structural & Civil Engineering: Oska
 Client: JNA Property Group

Green Energy Manufacturing Centre, Gladstone

Job Value: \$45.72M

Job Description: Stage one of the world's largest electrolyser facility for the production of green hydrogen.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Cy Milburn
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Marcus Hoddinott
 Hutchies' Administrator: Ethan Reay
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Ian Hutton
 Architect Firm: Elevation Architecture
 Structural Engineering: Tungsten Structures
 Civil Engineering: Morgan Consulting Engineers
 Client: Australian Fortescue Future Industries

QAS Throws Facility, Nathan

Job Value: \$2.7M

Job Description: New, fully covered 'Throws' training facility for javelin, discus, hammer throw and shot put.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Michael White
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Tom Quinn
 Hutchies' Administrators: Leah Williams/James Dickson
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Dan Staples
 Architect Firm: Phillips Smith Conwell Architects
 Structural & Civil Engineering: Bligh Tanner
 Client: Stadiums Queensland

Orrcon Steel, Building No. 2

Job Value: \$2.6M

Job Description: The project is a refurbishment of the existing Orrcon Building No. 2 to allow gantry crane installation and heavy duty access.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Keenan Wolski
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Glynn Kidney
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Murray Farrell
 Architect Firm: Hamilton Hays Henderson
 Structural Engineering: GRG Consulting Engineers
 Client: Orrcon Manufacturing



Esprit at Rainbow Bay on the southern Gold Coast will have a rooftop pool and outdoor entertaining areas with views to the famous surfing break.



Luxe Broadbeach

Job Value: \$78.9M

Job Description: A 34-storey residential tower with 28 luxury full-floor apartments.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Michael Sipinkoski
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Briar Blackmore
 Hutchies' Administrator: Nathan Odessa
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Hilton Wells
 Architect Firm: DBI Design
 Structural & Civil Engineering: ADG Engineers
 Client: Total Property Group

Esprit Residences, Rainbow Bay

Job Value: \$48M

Job Description: A residential development across two buildings with a linked basement.

Hutchies' Team Leaders: Murray Emmerson & Levi Corby
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Brad Doherty
 Hutchies' Administrators: Julian Kajewski, Murray Damro, Megan Long
 Architect Firm: Cottee Parker Architects
 Structural Engineering: Edge Consulting Engineers
 Civil Engineering: OSKA
 Client: S&S Projects

Wallenius Wilhelmsen Warehouse

Job Value: \$17.63M

Job Description: The design and construction of a warehouse and offices for the Brisbane Airport Corporation.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Cy Milburn
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Ben Plunkett



Artist's impression of the new Wallenius Wilhelmsen warehouse and offices under construction by Hutchies for the Brisbane Airport Corporation.

Hutchies' Administrator: Ivan Anaya
 Hutchies' Site Manager: David Williams
 Architect Firm: Spark
 Civil Engineering: Inertia

Structural Engineering: Morgan Consulting Engineers
 Client: Brisbane Airport Corporation



Luxe Broadbeach – a 34-storey beachside residential tower with 28 full-floor apartments.



Hutchies is building a centre of excellence for the nation's shot put, discus, javelin and decathlon stars of the future.

Healthy honeycomb yields golden nectar



Beekeeper, Jack Stone from Bee One Third, working on the honeycomb.

HUTCHIES' bees are hard at it producing honey, although wet and cold weather in parts of Australia has slowed production in some areas.

Jack Stone from Bee One Third, Hutchies' beekeeper at Toowong and Sunny Coast, has been working with some magnificent honeycomb to deliver golden nectar for bottling.

Former *Hutchies' Truth* pin-up star, Richard Boyes, best known for his affection for KFC, has discovered the delights of honeycomb straight from the hive and has developed a sweet tooth to go with his fried chook.

The good news for Richard is that honeycomb is healthy and full of essential minerals, including calcium, iron, magnesium and zinc. It also contains vitamins C, B6, B12, A, E, and D.



Richard working on his honeycomb.

Uncle Cody helps nephew Caleb in the fight of his life

CODY Granger, Hutchies' site manager, is helping his three-year-old nephew, Caleb, in his battle with cancer.

And Cody's workmates have joined in with his effort.

Team mates raised \$5000 which was matched by Hutchies with another \$5000.

Caleb was diagnosed with an incredibly rare tumour.

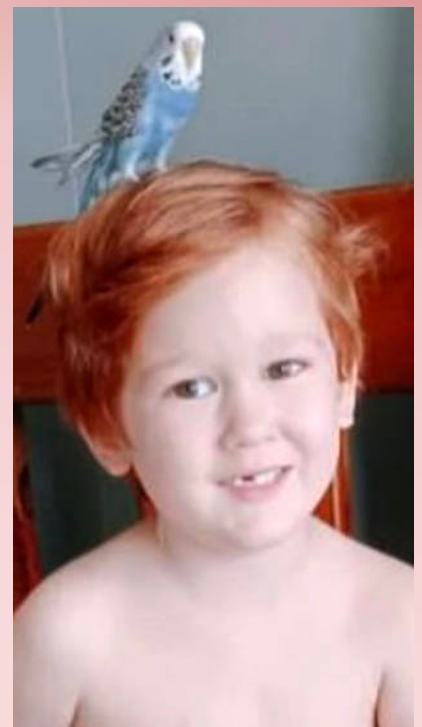
Cody said Caleb's parents did not earn a combined income substantial enough to afford medical bills needed now and in the future.

"Caleb made it through surgery but finances are low with the added potential of needing to travel overseas to receive further treatment," said Cody.

"Please keep us in mind should you have any ability to assist."

GoFundMe

<https://gofund.me/2b799d61>





After being together for more than 20 years, Toowoomba team members, Amy Ward and Wayne Rafter, decided it was time to make it official. Amy, a contracts administrator, and Wayne, site manager, married at South West Rocks from where they are working on Hutchies' Bunnings Kempsey project.



Ashleigh Bliss and Hutchies' Tim O'Connor tied the knot at Brisbane's The Lushh before taking off for a May honeymoon in West Australia. Straight after the ceremony, the couple's pooch, Remy, who was waiting expectantly in the wings, joined in for the photographs.



Hutchies' contract administrator, Will Slater, popped the question to Caitlin Page at Rainbow Bay in June. The smiles say it all ... she said "Yes!"

Jack and Fatya's double celebrations across two

MATCHED

HUTCHIES' Jack Jnr (John Elmore Hutchinson) married Fatya Junissa Azlika on June 4 this year.

Jack met Indonesian-born Fatya while they were both studying at the London Business School in the UK.

The ceremony was held on the rooftop of the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, followed by a reception for more than 250 guests at The Fortitude Music Hall.

The day and night featured performances by friends' bands (Suicide Country Hour, Millions, and Collar) with many kicking on until the early hours at The Fort, fuelled by Craggy Range wines.

Guests travelled from far and wide to be there, including Fatya's family and friends from Indonesia.

The happily married couple, with Aussie family and friends in tow, then travelled to Bali for a Sumatran cultural wedding ceremony at the beachfront villa, Phalosa, on the island's south-west coast.

This smaller second celebration on July 2 was held to respect Fatya's family heritage as a part of the Mandailing cultural group from Northern Sumatra, Indonesia.

Jack Jnr and Fatya flew to Europe for their honeymoon.

LEFT: In July, Jack Jnr and Fatya had a second wedding ceremony in Bali, Indonesia, to honour Fatya's family heritage.





HATCHED



The grandchildren just keep coming for Hutchies' Greg Quinn and wife, Anne. This year the family has welcomed No. 8 with Beau Darcy Quinn, first baby for Steve Quinn (left), and his wife Sophie; and No. 9 with Louie Colin Quinn, first baby for Matt Quinn (right), and his partner, Megan Edwards.

Vada Baker, baby girl for Hutchies' Jacob Baker and wife, Jess.

wedding nations



Rory, baby boy for Shannon and Rachel Scott. Shannon is Hutchies' national HSE co-ordinator.



Adelaide Elizabeth Hardie with proud grandfather, Alby Kunst (Hutchies' site manager).

Jack Jnr and Fatya Azlika's tied the knot in Brisbane on June 4.



Long before international relations with Russia turned so frosty, tourist Scott persuaded Vladimir Lenin impersonator to fly the flag for Hutchies as well as the more traditional hammer and sickle. Let's hope that other Vladimir doesn't include Hutchies' Truth on his "black list".



Rocky's John Beetham stripped down to his Budgies for a weekend away in tropical Townsville.



Andrew Stevens from Project Urban sent in this memento of a recent surfing trip. He writes, "me wearing my Hutchies' beach bag while taking a last look at the line up Jailbreak from the back of our dhoni (boat) at sunset at North Male Atoll in the Maldives."



Ken McNeil, construction manager on the QR Southbank project, demonstrates what it takes to reach the top in the fashion stakes.

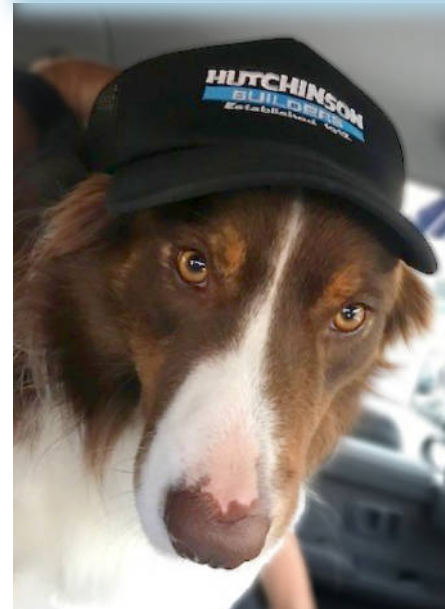


Terrence Hutchinson couldn't resist donning his Hutchies' Undies during his brother's wedding in Bali. Presumably he was trying to impress Jack Jnr's new in-laws.

LING IES GIES



Daniel Moles, site manager for Matthew Dawson's team, moonlights as a pretty handy sidecar motocross racer and recently wore his Hutchies' Undies on a few laps.



Ollie doesn't wear undies but he does have a hat and likes to hang out with his human, Alby Kunst (Hutchies' site manager), and his builder mates.

Expedition reaches tipping point



Greg Brooks' family flew the flag, literally, for Hutchies at the tip of Cape York – the northern most point of mainland Australia – during a holiday. Pictured from left, are Samantha, Kai, Greg and Kiki.



Rowen Steer, site engineer from the Southport team, all decked out for a chilly winter on the Gold Coast.

HUTCHIES' team members scooped the pool at the Australian Institute of Building (AIB) Queensland awards announced in June.

Winners were:

- Dan Harrison – QUT second year award.
- N1 Anzac Square – Team Jamie Washington for Commercial construction \$25 million to \$60 million (Professional Excellence); Interior construction (High Commendation).
- West End SS Expansion – Team Mitch Grimmer for Commercial construction \$25 million to \$60 million (Professional Excellence).
- Rio Tinto Fit-out – Team Greg Crittall for Commercial construction \$25 million to \$50 million (Professional Excellence); Interior construction (Finalist).
- Midtown Centre – Team Greg Crittall for Commercial construction above \$60 million (High Commendation).
- Nicolas Street Precinct – Team John Berlese (COTY 2006) for Commercial construction above \$60 million (Professional Excellence); Sustainability (High Commendation).
- Herston Quarter Heritage Precinct – Team Jamie Wash-



Hutchies' winners are grinners at AIB Queensland awards night.

Teams shine in AIB awards

- ington for Residential construction above \$50 million (High Commendation); Heritage (High Commendation).
- The Standard – Team Otis Towill for Residential construction over \$50 million (Professional Excellence).



Jesse O'Neill and Kyle Patience with their MBA awards.

MBA regional winners

HUTCHIES' teams had major wins in the Master Builders Association New South Wales Northern Region Excellence in Building Awards.

They are:

- Commercial projects over \$20 million – Epiq Marketplace Lennox Head
- Energy efficiency/environmental management – Epiq Marketplace Lennox Head
- Civil project – Casuarina Town Centre Stage 1D and E.

Dan awarded QUT accolade

SPECIAL congratulations to Hutchies' cadet, Dan Harrison, winner of the 2022 Australian Institute of Building Queensland QUT's Second Year Award.

Presented by Isaac Morrison, chair of the Young Builders Alliance and a Hutchies' foreman, the award recognises the student with the highest results at the halfway point of their Bachelor of Urban Development (Construction Management) course at Queensland University of Technology.

Dan, who joined Hutchies in 2021, is a cadet contract administrator with the Michael White team.

He said he enjoyed being part of Hutchies' cadet program.

"It's good working with other cadets in Hutchies and getting regular insight from experts in the industry," said Dan.

"It has allowed me to gain a better understanding of the role of a CA with examples from live and completed projects.

"Hutchies has been supportive and flexible with my study."

Team leader Michael White said in the short time Dan had been with



Dan Harrison (left) received his AIB award from Hutchies' Isaac Morrison.

Hutchies, he had been involved in a range of important upfront activities across a variety of projects.

"This is an important step for our future leaders, as it builds relationships with trades and improves communication skills and understanding of the tendering process," he said.

"We know how important university is during a cadetship and we work with all of our people to balance study and work commitments to get the most out of both."

Valley Leaks reveals top secrets of Fortitude Valley

For this edition, Hutchies' Truth asked Valley Leaks to explain who they are what they are to Hutchies, given their mutual relationship as Fortitude Valley stakeholders.

VALLEY Leaks started in an office above what is now Kickons bar in Fortitude Valley.

The firm has seen exponential growth in recent years, from humble beginnings of one person (Terrence Hutchinson, the founding chief chairman and managing director), to a team of 150 full-time writers and consultants who are tasked with researching the latest Valley market intel and regurgitating this to provide Fortitude Valley updates on a monthly (and sometimes ad-hoc) basis.

Valley Leaks has been extremely ground-breaking in its employment approach, having hired 10x monkeys to head up the editing department.

It was initially intended as a serious property newsletter, in order to provide intel on Valley commercial property sales evidence, leasing rates and general market activity.

Due to the CCMD's writing style and some influence from the first Neanderthal employee, the update quickly turned more operational and patron focused, with pieces including "Party Shirt of the Week", "Friend of the Fortnight", "Bao Gossip" and "Who Burnt the Bin".

Although Valley Leaks highlights comical Valley activity, the common theme of the update is that there is more to Fortitude Valley than the pinger popping, one punch party precinct that it is often made out to be.

Although it can be all of the above, it's so much more than that.

Where else can you go to dinner (choice of 50+ restaurants), get a cocktail (from a choice of 14 specialty cocktail bars), play pinball at Netherworld, see a rock gig (choice of 19 music venues), go to a

rap show, quickly buy an illegal vape (19 convenience stores), stop in for a beer at a brewery (18 pubs/bars/breweries), go to a pop club night (24 nightclubs), finish up with a late night kebab (21 takeaway outlets) and then make a regretful decision to get a massage at 3.30am (19 massage parlours as well as 12 adult entertainment clubs).

[This is an educated estimate of venues in The Valley Heart and surrounds, which excludes James Street and Howard Smith Wharves.]

Regardless of whether you want to do all or just a few of the above, you have many options.

We encourage you to forgive the late night debauchery (see it as a chance to people watch) and, more importantly, have a laugh and have fun.

Valley traders have done it tough for the past 18 months which fortunately changed recently since vaccine mandates lifted and venues started seeing the benefits of nil capacity restrictions.

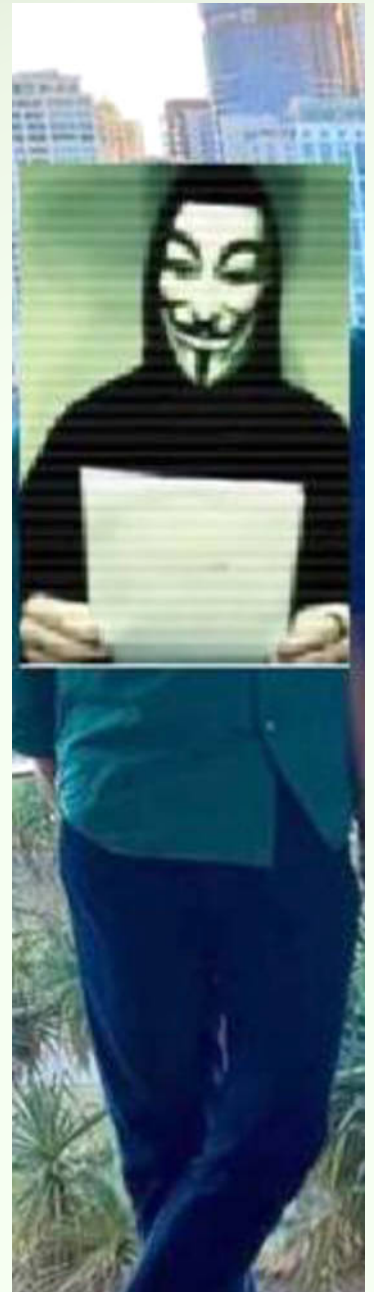
With the entertainment market being so competitive, we still need all the help we can get.

So go out and see a gig and tell your children to have more than a few drinks and meet the love of their adolescent lives in Australia's (if not the world's) best entertainment precinct.

Valley Leaks intends on starting a website soon.

Know someone (including yourself) who would like to receive regular Valley Leaks updates? Please advise the CCMD via valley.leaks.tm@gmail.com

RIGHT: Although the Valley Leaks writer prefers to remain anonymous, it is quite obviously Terrence Hutchinson after he provided this mugshot.



Wasting away on Margaritaville

Jack Snr rounded up a motley crew to join him for a men's cruise on his boat, Margaritaville. Seen wasting away again on Margaritaville are (from left) Mick De Jong, Barry Butterworth (COTY 1996), Frank Withy, Paul De Jong (COTY 1995), Len White (COTY 1990) and Captain Jack Snr.



Hitting the town in Townsville

HUTCHIES' Townsville ladies hit the town recently partying at trendy 237 in Flinders Street, Townsville.

Pictured on the night are (L-R) Sofia Xavi, Teneille McCann, Sherry Cullen, Rebecca Cayzer, Stacy Jacobsen and Andrea Tulley.



Kerry McKenzie (centre) receives his Certificate III in Carpentry from Ben Lund (left) and Neil Middleton.



Joh Brandt (right) receives his Certificate III in Carpentry from Trent Cowie.

Trainees take their places in construction teams

KERRY McKenzie and Johannes (Joh) Brandt are celebrating completion of their carpentry apprenticeships and joining Hutchies' construction teams.

Kerry and Joh started their construction journey by completing their Certificate I in Construction in the Trade Start Course with Hutchies' Training.

Through this course, they both started carpentry apprenticeships on the same day four years ago with

Russell Fryer's (COTY 2010) team and both finished in June this year.

Trent Cowie, apprentice development coordinator, said it was great news that both Kerry and Joh had worked hard to make themselves a valuable part of the Hutchies' team.

Joh is working in the Sunshine Coast team as general foreman and Kerry is working in the Gold Coast team as general foreman.

Tail back where it belongs



IN the last edition of *Hutchies' Truth* (May, p.10), Scott Hutchinson put out an appeal to help find a tail which had gone missing from his favourite reptile skin costume.

Darren Lockyer had borrowed the pants for a Burning Man themed party, but the all important tail went missing.

Good news is that the search was successful and the tail and the pants have been reunited ... ready for their next adventure.



Carpentry apprentices in concreting workshop.

Apprentices learn about wet weather

DESPITE the wet weather, a marquee was set up so a three-day concreting workshop for carpentry apprentices could run on schedule at The Lanes Residences, Mermaid Waters, on the Gold Coast.

Apart from learning how to deal with wet weather, the apprentices learnt how to excavate, complete slab prep, tie reo cages and pour, screed, finish and cure a six-metre by three-metre concrete slab.

The onsite Hutchies' training facility that was once dirt is slowly getting a concrete floor

with each concreting course completed.

A big thanks to Peter Smith from Hanson Concrete, who once again donated the required concrete for the training workshop.

Hanson continues to support the construction industry by helping to provide quality training for a new generation of carpentry apprentices.

Appreciation also for the support of the site team – Daniel Briggs, health and safety officer, and Luke Sullivan, site manager.

Zooming in on estimating

HUTCHIES holds regular meetings via Zoom, usually on a monthly basis, to discuss relevant topics to its estimators across the network.

At a recent estimating meeting, the topic of head contacts was led by Harry (AKA the black Wiggle) White (COTY 2004) and Desmier Nairn, followed by Paul David and Josh Chau who went on to present on the escalation of trades currently being seen around the country.

Presenters (L-R) Paul David, Harry White, Desmier Nairn and Josh Chau.

Sobah says down a beer and get back on the tools with thirst quenched

SOBAH Beverages has been hosting happy hours on Hutchies' building sites to introduce its range of premium, non-alcoholic craft beer to the construction industry.

Proudly Aboriginal-owned and led, Sobah Beverages delivers Australia's first non-alcoholic craft beer brewed with Australian bush tucker.

Sobah is based on Kom- bumerri country (AKA the Gold Coast).

A roadshow of events across Hutchies' Gold Coast sites was held by Sobah to provide awareness and education on its non-alcoholic drinks.

Sobah's theme for happy hour is "down a beer and get back on the tools with your thirst quenched".

LEFT: Demonstrating "down a beer and get back on the tools" (clockwise from far left) Paul Maher, Max Semore, Thomas Lewington, Harrison Kennedy, Scott Knight and Kaine Rowels.

AL (Gundy) had a big two weeks with surgery.

Like the true little fighter he is, he came through the 15-hour operation like a legend.

He is now home.

Al wrote down "thank you" for all your support and was wondering if there is any Hutchies' honey about, as he would like some.

He is eating soft food and eats a lot of honey to make it slide down nice and easy.

Kind regards,

Tracey Kelly



The Gundy family's favourite photo of Al which first appeared in Hutchies' Truth 20 years ago. The Hutchies' team is thinking of Al and wishing him all the best for a speedy recovery.

I JUST wanted to say a big thankyou for making the purchasers' experience such a

great one (Narellan Stage 1).

As you could see, everyone seemed so impressed and so excited.

Thankyou so much for being so patient and obliging.

You have done such a wonderful complex and you all should be very proud.

Kind regards,

Jenni Mitchell
life@somersettrise.com.au

NOT sure who to get in touch with, but I found your email on a bit of paper, so you will do.

I work at Wellington Correctional Centre and your company sent a guy by the name of Jack Carter out to help with the set-up of the shed for these modular flood relief houses we will be doing for this new business unit.

It's a busy time we all live in, but I wanted to let someone in your company know how impressed we were with Jack.

He is a great young fella, was very knowledgeable and held himself well.

He was a big help and gave us some things to think about moving forward, which will really help.

Even after visiting he has been keeping in touch with us and sending through pictures of the

huts in different stages to help us out.

He really has gone above and beyond what we were expecting.

So, if someone can pass this on to his manager/supervisor we would appreciate it, as he certainly deserves it.

kindest regards

Dean Matthews
Wellington Correctional Centre

I WOULD like to share a good news story.

Our contractor in Queensland, Hutchinson Builders, had an issue with structural steel due to one of their contractors not being able to supply.

They informed us straight away as this was an issue.

Hutchies did a great job locating a new contractor. This was no mean feat reaching out to 39 fabrication houses to ensure they met schedule.

This is a great example of Hutchies and FFI working hand in hand to resolve problems.

Overall a fantastic working culture living up to our FFI values.

Regards,

Garry Mewett
Manager of Construction
Fortescue Future Industries

I JUST wanted to pass on my thanks for the work your team is

doing on site.

I know it is a very tough time for construction contractors right now. The standard of service delivery your team is displaying is outstanding and further justifies our choice to work with you.

Thanks again.

Cameron Smith
Fortescue Future Industries

I WANTED to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for joining me at the site of the new Redlands Satellite Hospital.

The ground breaking ceremony was a success and it's terrific to see the progress so far.

Please pass on my appreciation to everyone in your team.

I look forward to working with you to deliver this critical health infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,

Mick de Brenni MP
Minister for Public Works
and Procurement

P.S. Terrific leadership on these projects from you and your team.

IT has been an enjoyable journey working with Hutchinson Builders (Langham Hotel, Gold Coast).

You obviously created the best hotel in this country with your hands.

All the best and wish we could find our next intersection in near future.

Cheers!

Bryan Cao
General Manager
AW Holding Group

FEEDBACK



Safety awards for best practice



CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of Hutchies' Roblane Safety Awards, Tyran Stehbens of Hawking's Electrical and Dwayne Aitcheson of Shore Plumbing.

Both have been consistent on site with a great focus on safety.

They have shown excellent safety attitudes towards their work and displayed best practice at all times.



From left, Andy Becconsall, Ben McNalty and Sean Lees.

Ben makes the grade

TOOWOOMBA'S Ben McNalty has completed his Certificate III in Carpentry and Hutchies' apprentice coordinator, Andy Becconsall, was on hand for the presentation.

Andy was in town to discuss the opportunities offered by Hutchies' Gold Coast School of Construction when starting a career in the construction industry.

June revisits her family history at the Herston medical precinct

JUNE Hutchinson recently took a sentimental visit to the medical precinct adjacent to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Herston, to see the results of a major heritage restoration project by Hutchies.

June lived, studied and worked in the precinct during her nursing career in the 1950s.

Featuring public space and commercial and residential accommodation options, the Herston Quarter was a two-year \$110 million heritage refurbishment for Hutchies.

It is the lifestyle heart of the Herston Health Precinct, a \$1.1 billion redevelopment program by Australian Unity for the Queensland government.

The Hutchinson family also has other strong historic links with the precinct.

The Lady Lamington buildings were the nurses' quarters where June lived and Hutchies built the north tower in 1936 when June's father, Bill Smith, was a leading hand on the project.

Lady Lamington buildings are now known as UniLodge Herston, a purpose-built student accommodation community, 3.5 km from the Brisbane CBD.

Accommodation is directly adjacent to the University of Queensland (UQ) Herston campus, including the faculty of medicine, dentistry and public health.

The century-old state-listed heritage building has been modified from its original purpose as nurses' accommodation and refurbished for contemporary student accommodation.

The Herston Health Precinct is internationally renowned, situated among world-leading research and tertiary institutes and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.



Scott Hutchinson and his mother, June, on a tour of UniLodge Herston, guided by property manager, Robin Clements.

Robin Clements, property manager, said it was a privilege to have June tour UniLodge Herston.

"Scott Hutchinson's great grandfather built the North Tower and his mum was a nurse who lived and trained other

nurses at the property," he said.

"With Hutchinson Builders completing the recent restoration to preserve these buildings for future generations, this is a property which is rich in history."

Fond memories of nursing as a preparation for a productive life



By June Hutchinson

I COMMENCED my nursing career aged sixteen-and-a-half years as a cadet nurse (message girl) and on reaching 17 years of age I started nursing training in "prelim" school.

First year was mainly taking temperatures, pulses and respirations, counting cutlery, tidying the pan room and cleaning bedside lockers.

Ward 4E, an intermediate ward, was my first ward and I was surprised the patients were offered tea, orange juice, cocoa, hot milk, cold milk, coffee. Other duties included bed making, sponging, back rubbing, injections, medicines in most wards until I completed my training.

My four years' training was hard work and

long hours but very rewarding and stood me in good stead for later life.

I made lots of friends who I still keep in touch with and we tell lots of stories of our time "living in".

In the good old days we had a home matron who would wait at the "back gate" to make sure our goodbyes to our boyfriends didn't go past 11pm as that was the time we had to sign in and be in our rooms.

In my last year I roomed in one of the multi-storey buildings which I learnt was built by my husband's family company in about 1937 and that my own father worked on the building as well.

I graduated in 1958 and spent six months back on the trained staff and was married in the December.

In those days, if you got married, you had to resign, as did teachers.

I spent the next six years having four babies.

LEFT: June as a Registered Nurse wearing the General Nursing Registration Badge of the Nurses & Masseurs Registration Board, Queensland. Circa 1958.



Building sites host women students

Sites across Brisbane and Gold Coast have hosted women completing a Certificate 1 in Construction with Careers Australia. Of the 20 students, eight have already begun their apprenticeships.



Apprentices (from left) Hayden Willis, Kevin Matthys and Connor Gillen at Hutchies' training facility at Yatala.

Apprentices hone their skills with power tool, fire training

THREE new apprentices assigned to hospitals at Redland Bay, Caboolture and Ripley were put through their power tool and fire extinguisher training at Hutchies' training facility at Yatala by Andy Beconsall, apprentice development coordinator.

Hayden Willis, Kevin Matthys and Connor Gillen used a variety of tools and equipment and worked from plans to complete a project.

All enjoyed the training and are looking forward to their next courses.

Andy Beconsall said the trio will hone their skills and gain experience throughout the duration of these important government hospital projects.

Practical projects proving valuable



James Spark with portable fire stands constructed as part of the pre-employment training program.

STUDENTS from Hutchies' pre-employment training program have been building portable fire stands to ensure firefighting equipment and signage are visible on construction sites.

Often the building sites' egress and access points change to suit the progress of the construction project, so fire stands need to be portable.

The students planned the task for

construction of the fire stands and have already constructed numerous stands with more to come.

This project provided an opportunity for students to continue developing skills to work in the construction industry, including estimating materials and hardware, use of hand and power tools, teamwork, communication and occupational health and safety procedures.

Continued support for Women in Construction



Duncan MacFarlane gives Harrison Smith the thumbs up to the bath tub installation following their wet area framing workshop. Duncan and Harrison work for J&K Constructions, a sub-contractor working at Hutchies' modular yard at Yatala.

Wet area framing workshop

A WET area framing workshop was completed recently by nine apprentice carpenters during which they learnt how to correctly frame up a bathroom.

The two-day program included installation of a "notch-in" type bath and shower tray, as well as water-resistant linings, correct layout with tiles, waterproofing and faults and testing, bathroom falls and plenty of bathroom framing tips and tricks.



Guests at NAWIC awards launch night.

THE National Association of Women In Construction (NAWIC) awards launch night was held at Hutchies' Toowong office.

Hutchies has been a proud sponsor of NAWIC for more than 25 years and, as in previous years, it hosted the Queensland

awards launch night.

The opening of the awards nominations was celebrated with a panel of last year's award winners.

Guests enjoyed playing pinball games and catering by the local Delicafe.

Women on Tools celebrate International Women's Day



Attendees at the recent Women on Tools Breakfast at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) in Beenleigh.

HUTCHIES celebrated International Women's Day with the NAWIC Women on Tools Breakfast at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) in Beenleigh.

Built by Hutchies' Bernie Nolan (COTY

2020) team, the Queensland government set an ambitious target of 70 apprentices to be employed across the PICAC project which was exceeded by an additional 41 apprentices.

NAWIC WOT breakfasts are attended by

students, apprentices, employment agencies, training providers and contractors and are a great way to advocate construction careers and the perfect place to find a new apprentice.



His brilliant career

TOWNSVILLE team threw a brilliant party to farewell Peter Lees to celebrate his brilliant career with Hutchies.

Hang with a Mustang at the Cowboys



A HIGHLIGHT on the North Queensland Cowboys' yearly activities calendar in Townsville is the themed mid-season event for its corporate members.

This year's event, with the theme "Let's Go Retro", was a relaxed and informal get-together on the lawns of the Ville Resort and Casino.

For the popular mid-season event, Cowboys offer complimentary tickets to full season corporate members and sponsors.

Hutchies is a major sponsor of the Cowboys and also undertook the upgrade of the Ville Resort and Casino in 2017.

Going retro with a Mustang at the Cowboys are Hutchies' Townsville team members (from left) Ash Akbar, Rosa Akbar, Jesse Ohl, Rebecca Cayzer, Aaron Ohl and Stacy Jacobsen.

Rounding up support for campdrafting

HUTCHIES' Townsville team is supporting community events in the rural centres of Greenvale and Charters Towers following completion of major projects in both regions.

Recently Hutchies sponsored campdrafts which are popular in the rural communities.

Following a project at the Charters Towers Hospital Satellite Renal Service, Hutchies was a sponsor of the Gold City Campdraft in Charters Towers which attracted competitors from all over the region.

Hutchies sponsored the women's draft event with 60 competitors.

In Greenvale, where Hutchies recently completed the Bureau of Meteorology's weather radar station, it sponsored the Maiden A draft event with almost 200 competitors as well as the children's sand pit.



Hutchies-sponsored campdraft competition in Charters Towers.



Outback enjoying the good life

RETIRED Hutchies' men and their partners recently held a reunion at the most unlikely outback location of Leichhardt Lagoon, Normanton, in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Enjoying the good life and talking about the good times are (from left) Terry Wilson (COTY 2001) and wife, Cherice; Karen and Len White (COTY 1990); and Mick and Annie Franks, with Lucy the dog!

No sign of slowing down



Scott presents Cassidy with his farewell gift.

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson was on hand to farewell Cassidy Holland who has retired from Hutchies after 22 years.

But it appears he does not intend slowing down.

The mystery box delivered by Scott contained a special request by Cassidy as a farewell gift – a Nordic skiing exercise machine.

Cassidy Holland started at Hutchies in July 2000 and, over the years, went from being a leading hand to site foreman and then site manager.



Crew's search for quality

SOUTHPORT quality crew did team bonding on a recent fishing trip off the Gold Coast, but the only thing missing was quality fish.

Team members swear no fish were harmed in the making of this day as none were of legal size.

Fishos on board were (from left, rear) Gavin Musk and Scott Hill, (from left, front) Anthony Cuic, Luke Hayes and Rohan Barry.



BBQ brekky a great start to the day

TEAM members enjoyed a barbecue breakfast on the terrace at Toowong. Chefs for the day, Greg Birnie and Richard Ford, are congratulated on their efforts by an appreciative Ken McNeill.

Check your Scratch-its online

DON'T forget to check your lucky Scratch-its number for a chance to share in heaps of great Hutchies' merch up for grabs.

With each new edition of *Hutchies' Truth*, subscribers get an email with a link to the online version plus a unique lucky number.

Check your number against the winning numbers announced on Hutchies' website.

If you're a winner, claim your prize via Hutchies' website or by email: TheTruth@hutchinsonbuilders.com.au

The Magics from Mulgrave



MULGRAVE Magic Under 12 basketball team is sponsored by Hutchies.

The team has been fitted out with Hutchies' merchandise including duffle bags, towels, drink bottles and lanyards for each player. One of the player's dads, Tony Doyle, is a Hutchies' team member. Mulgrave Magic is a member of the Mulgrave Coastal Basketball Association.

Moggill Marathon a COVID creation



HUTCHIES is a major sponsor of the Poolwerx Moggill Marathon, instigated in 2020 by local residents when COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the Brisbane Marathon.

The marathon is an inclusive whole of community event, with half marathon, as well as 10K, 5K

or 2 kilometre fun runs.

The routes take in the beautiful mountainous scenery of the Moggill area, located in the western suburbs of Brisbane.

The Hutchies' team (pictured) put in a big effort for the Moggill Marathon.

Cairns charity golf team tees off



CAIRNS team members turned out for a charity golf day sponsored by Hutchies. Shown representing Hutchies on the green are (from left) Isaac Whittington, Travis Budd, Anais Dickason and Shannon Liddy.



Prospect Street team on the ball

HUTCHIES' team members and subbies on the Prospect Street project in Melbourne's Box Hill shared drinks recently and competed in a fierce table tennis tournament.

The overall winners were Noah Harkins and David Corrin, both from Hutchies, defeating all who came before them and earning themselves the kitty of \$200.



Going psycho for the Turnbuckles

NOT wasting the opportunity to catch the US-based Psychotic Turnbuckles perform, Scott Hutchinson and Hutchies' resident muso, Steve Morrow, made sure they were in the mosh at The Zoo in Fortitude Valley to see this classic group.

The Psychotic Turnbuckles, all ex-professional wrestlers from California, first formed their garage punk band in Sydney in 1984.

Machine's magical mystery tour

THE riddle of the mysterious piece of machinery discovered on display in the Historic Village in Herber-ton on the Atherton Tablelands (see *Hutchies' Truth*, May 2022, P.10) has been solved.

Paul De Jong (COTY 1995) confirmed the batching plant originated from the Cairns office.

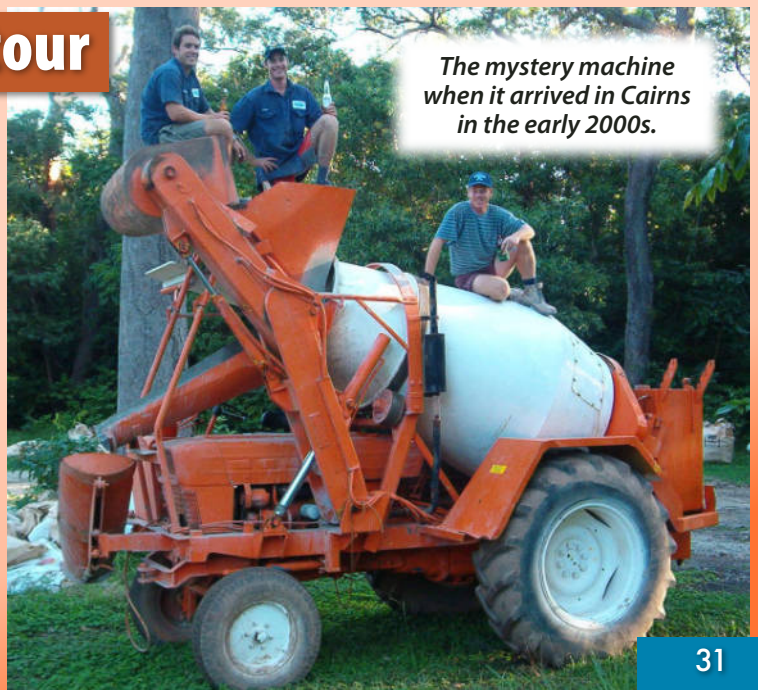
He said the equipment was

purchased for work on Dunk Island around 2001/2003.

Paul said it was advertised for sale originally in The Cairns Post and came down from the Torres Strait on a barge.

When the Dunk Island work finished the machine was sent back to Cairns where it was kept in the yard at Stratford.

Paul explained that the gearbox had no reverse which made it hard to manoeuvre, so eventually he made the decision to donate it to the Historical Village in Herber-ton.



The mystery machine when it arrived in Cairns in the early 2000s.

Old timer mystery in historic village

THIS ancient piece of equipment was spotted and photographed in the Historic Village of Herber-ton on the Atherton Tablelands. If anyone has information on its background and its connection with Hutchies, please contact Scott Hutchinson.





Hutchies' gang celebrates the 35th anniversary of the infamous men's weekend fishing trip.

THANKS to the Hutchies' social club for another great event on the 35th anniversary of the infamous Hutchies' men's weekend fishing trip.

It was a good turn-out with 61 in total for the Sunday lunch. Some of the retired boys

returned especially for the anniversary lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Ron Niven (COTY 1989) said it was great to catch up with old friends and workmates, some who date back almost 40 years. "We don't often get the chance

and hope we can do it again sometime," Ron said.

Barry Butterworth (COTY 1996) congratulated Dean White for organising the event.

"The weekend at Straddie was an outstanding event and enjoyed by all," said Barry.

"For me, catching up with the guys over lunch on Sunday, some of whom I haven't seen for a very long time, was extra special.

"Dean's hard work was very much appreciated by everyone who attended," said Barry.



Hutchies' Josh Lee declared winner of the Hutchinson Builders vs ATD Ceilings charity boxing match in Rockhampton.

Mates battle it out for Mates in Construction

WORKMATES, Josh Lee and Luke Pickard, became serious opponents for the night in a charity boxing match to raise money for Mates in Construction.

Their bout raised \$1,560 – well above the target of \$1000.

Hutchies' site manager, Josh, and owner of ATD Ceilings, Luke, work together on the Benevolent Living Project in Rockhampton and spent eight weeks preparing for the boxing challenge.

Team Hutchies took the win, but congratulations go to both contenders for doing their bit for Mates in Construction.

Tattersall's Tiara Race Day



Enjoying Tattersall's Tiara Raceday, from left, Rosie Geldard, Catriona Mitchell and Rukea Lennon.

SOCIAL club hosted a party for the Tattersall's Tiara Raceday at Eagle Farm Racecourse in June for five hours of fun, food, drinks and racing.

The Tattersall's Club Tiara Race Day was the 157th anniversary of the first Tattersall's Cup which was run in 1865.

Hutchies' crew took over the Squires Perch lower level with a private bar and premium viewing of all the action.