

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS MAY 2023

Urgent need to work together

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson is preaching restraint during the current building boom.

Scott said Hutchies would take on only as much work as it could handle and work with reliable team members and in-house trades, partner with proven clients and consultants, and engage known and trusted subbies.

“Now more than ever, builders need to have genuine working relationships with clients and subbies so we all survive,” he said.

“There is strong demand for property, with builders struggling to keep up with supply, trade and material shortages and costs, exacerbated by the impact of COVID-19.

“Ironically, in these boom times, many builders slip into negative profit territory, as the rising cost of labour, products and services on fixed-price contracts present a real test of a builder’s management skills ... a test at which some fail.



“Subcontractors experiencing financial difficulties also put additional pressure on building companies.”

In June 2022, figures from the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) showed the construction industry had 1,284 entities entering external administration for the first time for that year – a 35 per cent increase from the previous 12 months.

Less than one year later, those statistics for April 2023 stood at 1,672 (up from 967) – an increase of 73 per cent in a similar 10 month period.

High profile companies, such as Probuild, Condev, Porter Davis and PBS, were among the builders who collapsed during this loss-making boom.

Scott said Hutchies is surviving because it has good cash reserves, a strong and long-serving team, and a loyal repeat business client base, covering a broad spectrum of project types and values in a wide spread of locations throughout Australia.

“In recent years, financiers demanded that developers look to builders with a sound balance sheet and subbies look to builders who pay on time and who they trust to be there at the end of the project,” Scott said.

“Hutchies has benefitted from this trend.”



It's a girl!

Jack Jnr and wife, Fatya, are proud parents of a baby girl, Marianne Farrah Hutchinson. She was born the evening of Tuesday, May 2nd.

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Safety advisor, Ryan Cameron, toasts the success of Hutchies' Travelling Undies from Sayulita, Mexico.

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From the
Managing Director



CLEARLY, there is significant heat in the market across the country.

A large infrastructure roll-out is underway throughout most states, including new hospitals, underground and inland rail projects, and desperately needed housing developments.

As well, preparations for the 2026 Commonwealth Games and 2032 Olympic Games are gathering momentum.

These buoyant market conditions are likely to stay with us for the next decade.

Rising interest rates will only dampen new house starts for a short time with a significant overall undersupply forcing the need for more stock to be developed, further deepening the problem.

Almost all contributors to the development of our built environment are doing it tough – from developers of product to builders and their subcontractors.

There is no sign of an immediate easing with this challenge – it is one that must work itself through painfully.

Our strong national network of cost

planners is seeing escalation continue for much of this year.

Fuelled by growing demand and the lagging availability of skilled labour, further insolvencies are inevitable and will be the single greatest challenge our industry faces.

Hutchies believes that we are best able to play our part through the strengthening of trade contractor capacity.

We see Hutchies direct engagement model as a critical but short-term solution to fill the gaps.

In time, an emergence of a new generation of well-resourced trade entities is the best possible outcome for long-term sustainability.

The industry is aligned on this front and there are positive steps happening that will contribute to this outcome, including a push to making trade-specific quality and financial services education more accessible.

Above all else, paying on time those who are doing the heavy lifting is the

first and least we can do.

This has been a hallmark of the Hutchinson model of respect since Jack took over the business in the 1960s.

Hutchies is actively increasing the diversity of our workbook across geography, sector and size.

Our construction teams are delivering 192 active projects, including the \$43,000 refurbishment of the Fingal Surf Club in northern New South Wales, to a roll-out of a raft of new schools for the Victorian Government, and the \$300 million 360 Queen Street office tower.

In these tough times, we are simply focusing on what has made us successful over the past century – knowing our capacity and that of the markets we are operating in, and working with and for good people.

– Russell Fryer (COTY 2010)

Accolades for nation's top builder

THE BCI Construction League, in partnership with *The Urban Developer*, has listed Australia's top 50 builders for 2022, with Hutchies taking the number one position.

The Urban Developer described Hutchies as “a dynamic and diverse construction company, delivering sophisticated projects across a comprehensive portfolio.”

Taryn Paris, managing editor of the *The Urban Developer*, described 2022 as the stuff of nightmares for some of the country's biggest builders while aftershocks continued to ripple through the sector.

“The Probuild and Condev collapses proved to be the tip of the iceberg in terms of builder insolvencies in 2022 and others have followed suit in 2023 as inflation and higher interest rates bite into market appetite,” she said.

“While the COVID-led supply chain issues have eased, Australia's builders are still grappling with cost escalations and severe labour shortages that are constraining productivity.

“A \$647-billion national pipeline of 5,500 projects has pushed demand-driven and supply-side

Rank	Firm	Number of Projects	Average Project Value (AUD)	Total Project Value (AUD)
1	Hutchinson Builders	147	\$ 17,962,125	\$ 2,640,432,406
2	Multiplex	8	\$ 264,750,000	\$ 2,118,000,000
3	Richard Crookes Constructions	31	\$ 59,907,046	\$ 1,857,118,423
4	Lendlease	7	\$ 261,432,000	\$ 1,830,024,000
5	Mirvac Group	5	\$ 334,399,400	\$ 1,671,997,000
6	ADCO Constructions	28	\$ 57,885,607	\$ 1,620,797,000

Hutchies' statistics in Australia's top 50 builders indicate a large number of projects with a broad spread of types, values and locations.

risks to acute limits while record rainfall last year caused costly timeline blow-outs for builders.

“But there is opportunity in every crisis and some of the BCI Construction League's top performers in 2022 were those that managed to turn a sow's ear into a silk purse, scooping up the jobs left behind by the collapses.

“While the rain may have hampered much of the eastern seaboard, Hutchies made hay while the sun was shining, moving up in the rankings this year from fourth in 2021 to

the top spot in 2022,” she said.

The Urban Developer said Hutchies was largely focused on the south-east Queensland market with 124 projects under construction across the region, and a further 70 nationally.

“In May last year the builder scooped up Cbus Property's 443 Queen Street tower project on the Brisbane riverfront from failed builder Probuild,” it reported.

To access the full list visit www.bcentral.com/the-bci-construction-league/

Discover Hidden Creek



Hidden Creek Winery on the Granite Belt has a special wine offer for *Truth* readers.
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AFTER almost two decades of speculation on what would happen to the former Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) studios site in Brisbane, its fate has been answered by Consolidated Properties' Don O'Rorke.

The 1.2 hectare inner-city riverfront site on Coronation Drive will be redeveloped by Consolidated Properties and built by Hutchies to feature 224 apartments across two 15-level towers, the last significant riverfront parcel of land in Toowong.

Consolidated Properties' chairman and CEO, Don O'Rorke, said the imminent start of construction by Hutchies represented a vote of confidence in the Brisbane property market.

"Buyers are telling us they haven't seen anything like Monarch Residences in the market which is why we've had such strong interest so far especially from locals," said Mr O'Rorke.

Consolidated Properties' head of residential, James MacGinley, said Consolidated had worked closely with architects, Wardle and Cottee Parker, to appeal to a broad cross-section of buyers.

"The common link across the buyers is that they are all locals who understand the value of a piece of real estate that can't be replicated in Brisbane's inner west," Mr MacGinley said.

"There is no better connected site in Brisbane, especially when considering the rail, bus, ferry, pedestrian and cycleway linkages, as well as the future green pedestrian bridge across the Brisbane River to West End."

Monarch Residences, with 130 metres of riverfront, will feature landscaped gardens, including 3,000 square metres of public



Don O'Rorke with a model of Monarch Residences.

Monarch will reign supreme in Toowong

parkland, and offer apartments priced from \$645,000 to \$15 million.

The two towers will be built simultaneously and are scheduled to take two and a half years to build.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson has

given his stamp of approval and has put his name down for a unit.

"Toowong is my old stomping ground, it's where Don and I went to school, and it's up the road from Hutchies' office," Scott said.

"I think it is great!"

The site, which was home to the ABC for 50 years, had been earmarked for a three-tower Sunland development of up to 27 storeys, however, approval for the proposal was overturned in the Supreme Court last year following strong local opposition.



From left, Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, Hutchies' chairman Scott Hutchinson, and Consolidated Properties' Don O'Rorke discuss Monarch Residences at the project's launch.



An artist's impression of Monarch Residences looking down the Brisbane River towards the city.

River walkway gathers pace

HUTCHIES' team members have been working on the restoration of a section of the Brisbane City Reach Boardwalk for the Brisbane City Council.

Stage one of the works was directly under Hutchies' 443 Queen Street project.

The job involved demolition of five hollow core precast planks and degraded topping slab that formed the base structure for the riverwalk and precinct and replacement with solid precast panels, topping slab and reinstatement of the riverwalk balustrade.

Due to the complexity of access, Hutchies used a barge to carefully undertake the works, craning into place large sections of new



Hutchies undertaking rehabilitation work on the Brisbane City Reach Boardwalk.

concrete deck panels from the water.

Key subbies working with

Hutchies included marine contractor, Fitzgerald Constructions; pre-cast contractor, LTE Structures;

demolition contractor, Mainland Civil; and structural steel contractor, Beenleigh Steel Fabrications.



Victorian Minister for Education, Natalie Hutchins (fourth from left), joined the Hutchies' team on the successful Tarneit Missen House (now Nearnung Primary School) and Warringa Park Primary School projects.

A+ for classroom performance in Victoria

SIX schools in Victoria were opened on time for the new school year and stamped with a 'good job' sticker by the Minister for Education, students, parents and teachers.

That's an A+ for Bernie Nolan's (COTY 2020) team.

The schools involved were Holyoake Parade Primary School, Lollypop Creek Primary School, Riverdale East Primary School, Rockbank Murray Road Primary School, Tarneit Missen House (now Nearnung Primary School), and Warringa Park Primary School.

The Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) Bundle A project was punctuated by challenges but it was a rewarding year for Hutchies' team members, culminating with all six schools in the bundle being delivered on time to get students through the door on the first day of the 2023 school year.

Openings were attended by the Victorian Minister for Education, Natalie Hutchins, local MPs and the VSBA.

On the back of this six-school project, team Nolan has successfully secured further government

work to be delivered this year.

These are the people that made it happen:

Holyoake Parade Primary School
Adam Paul, Adrian Grigoruk, Declan O'Neill, Harris Anamourlis, Hayley Bishop, Nick Kotsinadelis, Nick von Steiger, Noah Harkins.

Riverdale East Primary School
David Odoriso, David Samardzic, Dylan Buttifant, Joe Sollis, Lachlan Curmi, Louis Karidis.

Lollypop Creek Primary School
Corey Reilly, Jeremiah Vlahek, Kevin Elms, Lucas Meddings, Nick Mei, Rick Wear, Tom Barnes.

Rockbank Murray Road Primary School

Kate Lucarelli, Holly Hood, Hugh Christiansen, Michael Caruana, Nick Mei, Sam Whitford.

Tarneit Missen House and Warringa Park Primary School

Chloe Brittain, David Drysdale, Gary Harpur, Jimmy Miftari, Nicole Xuereb, Stephanie Castaldo, Trenton Dalvean, Walter Hetherington.

The following team members worked across all projects: Andrew Doyle, Carrie Enright, Chloe Rowse, Ed Perryman, John Atkinson.

Campus revamp a boost for healthcare

HUTCHIES has started work on the new \$60 million Victorian State Government-funded Bendigo Kangan Institute (BKI) Health and Community Centre of Excellence project on Kangan's Broadmeadows campus.

The Kangan TAFE Health and Community Centre of Excellence is the first stage of the Broadmeadows campus revitalisation.

Work consists of a three-level building with specialist training spaces, including nursing, aged care, mental health, disability, pathology, child care, general learning, informal student break-out spaces and staff accommodation.

The development will be 5 Star Green Star with a target of 54 points and Hutchies will be required to report on social procurement and Local Jobs First targets.

Architectus was appointed last November to design the landmark centre as the new building will include flexible learning spaces, state-of-the-art laboratories for health simulation and will deliver vital training for jobs in health and health care.



Kangan Hutchies' site crew (from left) Chelsea Cottonaro (project coordinator), Luke Small (contract administrator/Green Star), Loreta Rossiter (contract administrator), Simon Grieco (project manager), Garry McKimm (site manager) and Ryan Fabry (design manager).

Kangan Institute CEO, Sally Curtin, said the new building was a fantastic step towards

future-proofing the local health and community industries and the first stage of the Broad-

meadows campus revitalisation.

• **For more information, see Jobs Update on Page 12.**

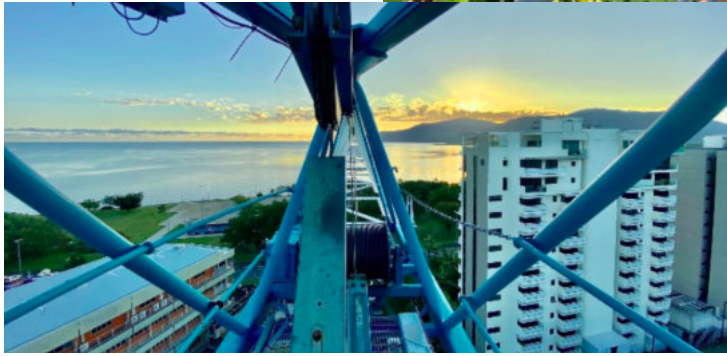


Hutchies is constructing the new Broadmeadows Health and Community Centre of Excellence within the Bendigo Kangan Institute of TAFE campus.

Chris shares his bird's eye view

CHRIS Burkin, crane operator on the Cairns Mental Health Unit project, reckons he's got a special bird's eye view from his workplace ... and some visiting kookaburras seem to agree with him.

A keen photographer, Chris shares one of his favourite shots taken at sunrise across the Cairns harbour.



Mondrian hotel and residences take shape at Burleigh Heads

MONDRIAN Residences project, under construction on the Gold Coast by Hutchies for the Vitale Property Group, is rising rapidly from its beachfront site on The Esplanade, overlooking the Burleigh Heads beachbreak.

Occupants of the 25-level

residential tower, comprising 84 two, three and four-bedroom apartments, nine sky homes and 11 penthouses, will have full access to the adjacent hotel's five-star services and amenities, including 24-hour room service, concierge and private driver.



New neighbour for Kirra Reef surfbreak

CONSTRUCTION is well underway on the Miles Residences at Kirra on the Gold Coast.

The building with one, two and three-bedroom apartments and penthouses is stage one of a four-stage mixed-use development on Marine Parade fronting the beach and opposite the heritage-listed Kirra Pavilion and Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

Miles Residences is also across the road from the famous Kirra surf break – known for its long barrels.





Luther Cora of the Yugambah Language Group performed the ceremony.

Satellite hospital takes off

THE Tugun satellite hospital project site held a smoking ceremony which was attended by representatives from the Gold Coast Hospitals and Health Service, Hutchies' site team and subbies.

Tugun is one of seven new centres in the Queensland Government's Satellite Hospitals Program under construction by Hutchies across south-east Queensland.



Site manager, Steve Williams, and son, Ethan, working together as team members on the Bribie Island satellite hospital site.

Father and son team up on site

AMONG the team members to welcome Ethan Williams to his first day on site as a Hutchies' employee was his dad, Steve.

Father and son are now part of the team working on the Bribie Island satellite hospital for the Queensland State Government.

Steve, a site manager, has been with Hutchies since 2011.

Taking care with heritage cottage



The finishing touches are put to the refurbished former caretaker's cottage for the University of Tasmania.

TASSIE team has completed the painstaking refurbishment of a heritage-listed building for the University of Tasmania.

The caretaker's cottage at the site of the former quarantine station was built in the early 1900s and has now been converted into new office space for the university.

Refurbishment included weather-board replacement, remediation of lath and plaster walls, and work on the cottage's two imposing brick chimneys and internal double-sided fireplaces across four rooms.

Work began in December last year and was completed in late March at cost of \$447,500.



Queensland Deputy Premier Steven Miles (centre) leads celebrations to mark the start of the new \$6 million Moreton Bay Central Fire and Rescue Station.

New station for fire and rescue

A NEW \$6 million Moreton Bay Central Fire and Rescue Station under construction by Hutchies north of Brisbane will enable the service to continue to meet the needs of the growing community.

Ground was broken recently at the 5,000 square metre site on

Steel Street, Narangba and the facility is scheduled to open in 2024.

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner, Greg Leach, said it was an important development to enable firefighters to respond quickly to emergencies as well as to work

with the community to prevent incidents occurring.

“The location of the new station was carefully considered to ensure it will provide the best 24/7 operational response to the surrounding area, in conjunction with existing fire stations,” he said.

Commissioner Leach was joined on site by Deputy Premier Steven Miles and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, Mark Ryan.

Deputy Premier Miles said the Moreton Bay region was booming and the new station would help meet the needs of the community.

Mermaid Beach start for Yves apartments



WORK has started on Yves, a \$93 million apartment building in the heart of trendy Mermaid Beach on the Gold Coast.

Currently looking more like a giant sandpit, the development will eventually contain 145 apartments across 24 storeys.



At the Symbio Laboratory grand opening at Ravenhall (L-R) Hutchies' contracts and administration manager, Jo Nicholls; Mayor of Melton, Cr Lara Carli; director of Symbio Laboratories, David Phillips; MP for Thomastown, Bronwyn Halfpenny; Hutchies' team leader, Dan Casey; managing director of Symbio Laboratories, Bruce Chen; and Hutchies' project manager, Chris Vangeli. PHOTO: Simon James Photography.

Symbio Laboratories grand opening

HUTCHIES' team members joined other guests at the grand opening of Symbio Laboratories' Ravenhall facility in Victoria – now the largest testing centre in the southern hemisphere.

The facility was completed by Dan Casey's team last year.

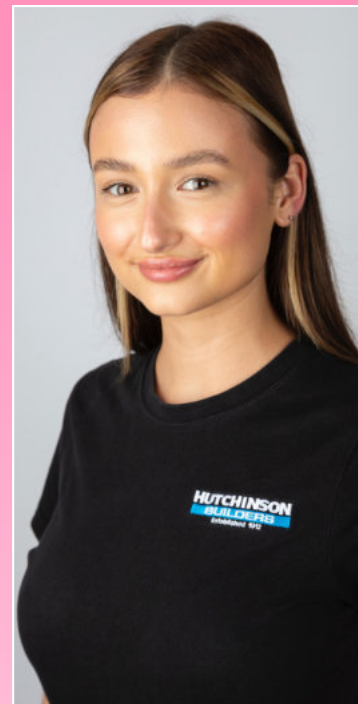
Symbio Laboratories is one of the nation's leading laboratories servicing analytical testing needs of the food, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, agricultural and environmental sectors across Australia by performing more than 35,000 tests

each week on 11,000 samples, across six laboratory locations.

Along with this core work, almost 40 per cent of the three-level Ravenhall lab will be dedicated to research and development.

It plans to genetically map human illnesses for the development of rapid tests to detect viruses before they can evolve and become resistant to specific drug treatments, as well as tests providing early diagnosis of cancers, such as breast and ovarian cancers and chronic myeloid leukaemia.

Megan aiming for Miss Universe



Megan Long – an aspiring Miss Universe Australia.

COOLY team's cadet contracts administrator, Megan Long, has been selected to participate in Miss Universe Australia and will be heading for the Queensland state finals this month.

In her quest, Megan has been fundraising for ToyBox Australia, supporting Camp Quality families in need.

"My career has definitely assisted me with stepping out of my comfort zone," Megan said.

"I know being a part of Miss Universe will provide me with valuable skills and insights to help me succeed in all areas of my life.

"And with the help of Miss Universe Australia, I will be able to help girls like me pursue their passions and step out of their comfort zones too."

Megan has been using her platform to talk about her career in construction and she is proving to be an inspiring role model.



Hutchies-built Symbio Laboratories' Ravenhall facility in Victoria is now the largest testing centre in the southern hemisphere.



Hutchies' estimators and cost planners gathered in Hobart for the third annual Estimators' Conference.

Gavin Estimator of the Year at Tasmanian conference

HUTCHIES' estimators and cost planners recently descended on Hobart, Tasmania, for the third annual Estimators' Conference.

Highlight of the event was the award dinner where Gavin Taylor from the Toowoomba team was named Hutchies' 2022 Estimator of the Year (EOTY).

The two-day conference was packed with information, setting Hutchies' estimators and cost planners up for a successful year ahead.

It concluded with a tour of Hutchies' Novotel construction site and a visit to the Hobart office.

Two previous conferences were held in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.



Gavin Taylor, 2022 Estimator of the Year (EOTY), receives his award from Hutchies' director, Jack Jr. With them are Josh Chau (left) and Paul David.



Redlands Hospital's new 28-bed ward being constructed off site.

New ward planned for transport to hospital

EXPANSION of the Redlands Hospital in Brisbane by Hutchies will consist of a new ward with an additional 28 hospital beds.

The ward is being constructed off-site and

will be craned into place before it is fully equipped with essential services including plumbing, medical gases and clinical lighting.



Hutchies' site team at Kallangur (from left), Shane Couchman, Wade McGrath and Nathan Byrne, with the new power set-up to reduce fuel load and emissions.

WITH ongoing efforts by the building industry to reduce its carbon footprint, Hutchies has joined with Rapid Hire and CEA to supply an Atlas Copco ZBP-45kva battery bank system at the Kallangur satellite hospital job under construction for the Queensland State Government.

This storage unit, partnered with a back-up remote start generator, has drastically reduced the amount of fuel being used on site.

The new power set-up can supply the Kallangur satellite hospital job with 24-hour

New battery bank system cuts site carbon footprint

power. Hutchies' Shane Couchman said standard generator run time had been reduced from 24 hours a day to between five and six hours.

"This has resulted in reduced fuel loads, reduced costs for Hutchies and reduced emissions," said Shane.

"It's a win-win all round."

High demand for regional property

MORE than 50 people applied to rent 12 new luxury units in the heart of the Toowoomba CBD even before construction was completed by Hutchies.

The four-storey apartment block on Mylne Street, Toowoomba City, was conceived by local developers Barry and Mitchell Bernoth, of Bernoth Properties, and supported more than 1,200 jobs during construction.

Mitchell Bernoth said he was delighted with the mix of one, two and three-bedroom units which were completed by Hutchies three months ahead of schedule.

"We have been fortunate throughout the project to partner with some great organisations and businesses like Hutchies," said Mitchell.

Hutchies' team leader, Sean Lees, said the nine-month construction occurred during a turbulent period for the building sector, making the early finish even more impressive. "I am impressed with what the team was able



Pictured (left to right) Hutchies' contract administrator, Cody Lugg; developer, Mitchell Bernoth; and Hutchies' team leader, Sean Lees; at Bernoth Properties residential tower in Toowoomba. PHOTO: Kevin Farmer.

to achieve at a time when the market was challenging to manage, both with the availability of trades and materials," said Sean.

"This was due to be completed by June and

we handed it over at the end of March. Anybody in the property industry who can bring options to market is going to be rewarded and this is a great example."



A new data centre is under construction at Macquarie Park in Sydney.

Park Ridge Stage 2, Park Ridge

Job Value: \$3.26M

Job Description: Construction of a mixed-use retail development.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Michael White
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Richard Boyes
 Hutchies' Administrator:Daniel Harrison
 Architect Firm:ThomsonAdsett
 Structural & Civil Engineering:Tonkin
 Client:Onefin Ops

WestTEC Trade Training Centre, Springfield

Job Value: \$3.08M

Job Description: Development of a new training facility for medical nursing.

Hutchies Team Leader:Rohan Barry
 Hutchies Project Manager:Jamie Coe/Bailey Weaver
 Hutchies Administrator:Bailey Weaver
 Hutchies Site Manager:Beau Gray
 Architect Firm:Vabasis
 Structural Engineering:Group 6
 Civil Engineering:2 Develop Urban
 Client:Department of Energy and Public Works (QBuild)

NSW Temporary Housing

Job Value: \$40M

Job Description: Supply of 726 modular disaster accommodation units to flood-affected Northern Rivers region.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Sean Lees
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Gavin Taylor
 Hutchies' Administrator:Rian Cherry
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Mal 'Blocka' Campbell
 Architect Firm:Green Lion
 Structural Engineering:Eiger Structural Engineers
 Client:Public Works

Athena, Macquarie Park, Sydney

Job Value: \$7.99M

Job Description: Project is a new data centre in Sydney.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Justin Clark

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Hutchies' Project Manager:Frank Rogers
 Hutchies' Administrator:Mitch Freeman/Ayush Shrestha
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Daniel Dundovic
 Architect Firm:Amazon Corporate Services
 Structural & Civil Engineering:AECOM
 Client:Amazon Corporate Services

Kings Quarter Clubhouse, Kingston, Tasmania

Job Value: \$1.18M

Job Description: Construction of a clubhouse within the lifestyle community.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Silcox
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Wade Allan
 Hutchies' Administrator:Chan Ramakrishnan
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Daniel Dundovic
 Architect Firm:LXN Architecture
 Structural Engineering:Rare
 Civil Engineering:MRC
 Client:Traders in Purple

Truganina North Secondary College

Job Value: \$46.38M

Job Description: Construction of a new senior college campus in western Melbourne.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Dan Casey
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Chris Vangeli
 Hutchies' Administrator:Jack Wood
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Brett Mazouris
 Architect Firm:Architectus
 Structural & Civil Engineering:Stantec
 Client:Department of Education and Training, Victoria

BKI Broadmeadows Health and Community Centre of Excellence

Job Value: \$44.58M

Job Description: A new health and community facility within the Kangan Institute of TAFE campus as stage one of the precinct's redevelopment.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Dan Casey
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Simon Grieco
 Hutchies' Administrator:Loreta Rossiter
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Garry McKimm
 Architect Firm:Architectus
 Structural & Civil Engineering:TTW
 Client:Bendigo Kangan Institute

84-88 Kent Street NDIS, Rockhampton

Job Value: \$4.67M

Job Description: Design and construction of a two-storey, seven-unit residential development including garages and therapy pool.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Colthup
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Sandra Parker
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Daniel Mackenzie
 Architect Firm:DNSIP
 Structural & Civil Engineering:STP Consulting
 Client:Access SDA 1

Gladstone State High School

Job Value: \$4.77M

Job Description: Refurbishment of an existing block and construction of a new hub including work to the aquatic area, fit-outs and landscaping.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Colthup
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Mick Drew
 Hutchies' Administrator:Nimel Agampodige
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Tim Tibbits
 Architect Firm:Biscope Wilson Architects
 Structural & Civil Engineering:Farr Engineers
 Client:Department of Education

Kennards Self Storage, Roxburgh Park

Job Value: \$9.69M

Job Description: Repurposing an existing building including construction of self storage facilities across two levels, office space, showroom and new tenancies.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Dan Casey
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Brad Schram
 Hutchies' Administrator:Joanna Nicholls, Josie Ko
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Aaron Jacobs
 Architect Firm:Buchan Group
 Structural & Civil Engineering:Klopfier Dobos
 Client:Kennards Self Storage

Ambulance Station & West Moreton District Office, Ripley

Job Value: \$9.06M

Job Description: Project consists of a new QAS ambulance station and district office, with a 10-bay plant room, management offices, conference and meeting rooms, training rooms, dayroom, outdoor areas and 51-bay carpark.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Mitch Grimmer
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Luke Puxley
 Hutchies' Administrator:Jilleasa Zuidland
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Nat Creedy
 Architect Firm:Arklab
 Structural & Civil Engineering:ADG
 Client:Department of Housing & Public Works/ QBuild/Queensland Ambulance Service

Ambulance Station, Glen Innes

Job Value: \$6.32M

Job Description: New ambulance station including demolition of existing nurses' quarters on site.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Sean Lees
 Hutchies' Project Manager:Rian Cherry
 Hutchies' Administrator:Matt Waldron
 Hutchies' Site Manager:Steve Anderson
 Architect Firm:Kearney Architects
 Structural & Civil Engineering:Meinhardt Bonacci
 Client:Health Infrastructure NSW



A new Kennards Self Storage facility is being created from a repurposed Masters hardware store at Roxburgh Park.



An artist's impression of the new Glen Innes Ambulance Station on the northern tablelands of NSW.



ABOVE and BELOW: Hutchies' Cadet Summer School included theoretical and practical training.

Cadet Summer School fast-track for building careers

HUTCHIES' new Cadet Summer School – a 14-week accelerated program – has been voted a success with positive feedback from its graduates.

Modelled on the original Cadet Program, Hutchies' Cadet Summer School curriculum was streamlined to up-skill second-year cadets to make them immediately valuable to their teams.

The content was real, practical with hands-on experience to support the cadets' tertiary studies. Cadets visited 27 sites during the 14 weeks.

The goal of the program was to mould Hutchies' newest minds into the best future contract administrators, project managers, estimators, design managers, or team leaders.

The Summer School began in November 2022 and ran through to February.

Cadet feedback included:
THE accelerated cadet program has been an incredible learning experience. I have now transitioned



smoothly into a team, where I am able to exercise the processes and topics of learnings extensively. I am grateful and appreciative to Warren, Harry, and all of the guest speakers for the opportunity to expand my knowledge and kick-

start my career. I can now proudly say I am officially Hutchified!

– **Daniel Crabb,**
Rohan Barry's team, Yatala.

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I FOUND the cadet program extremely insightful and much

more hands on than my past few years at university and I have enjoyed getting to know the Hutchies' people and culture at the same time. I feel welcomed into the Hutchies' community which made the transition from the cadet program and into a team, easy.

– **Grace Little,**
Rob Diamond's team,
Brisbane.

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I STRONGLY believe that the accelerated cadet program was a great success in preparing not only myself but the other cadets with hands-on knowledge and extensive backgrounding. Katrina, Warren and Harry outdid themselves leading this program and I'm very grateful for having been a part of it. Very excited to see how the program evolves in the future.

– **Mackenzie Lawton,**
Michael Sipinkoski's team,
Gold Coast.



Cadet elected QUT Construct president

DEAN Tyler-Battaglia, a Hutchies' cadet site engineer, has been elected president of QUT Construct for 2023.

The club is for Construction Management and Quantity Surveying majors at the Queensland University of Technology.

It works to provide a platform for connecting and engaging industry partners and students and it holds frequent site visits, industry nights and socials.

Many QUT Construct alumni now work within Hutchies.

Sam Constanzo, another Hutchies' team member, is also on the executive team as the site visit coordinator.



Hutchies' Kipara Rainforest Retreat nestled in the tropical rainforest at Airlie Beach on the Whitsunday Coast, North Queensland.



Airport project lands well

CAIRNS team members, (from left) Tony Doyle, site manager, Chris Fairclough, project manager, and Jackson Little, cadet, recently checked out their work on a successful phase one of the Cairns Airport Terminal 1 refresh project.

Other members of the team involved were Nina Farrugia, contract administrator, and Matt Dwyer, site manager.

Workers village reborn as Whitsunday Coast resort

KIPARA, a Hutchies-owned property at Airlie Beach in the Whitsundays, has been redeveloped by Hutchies' local team and relaunched as the Kipara Rainforest Retreat.

Nestled within the tropical rainforest between Airlie Beach and Shute Harbour, Kipara previously provided worker accommodation for Whitsunday mainland and island resort projects.

The Kipara Rainforest Retreat is now a sprawling three-star resort offering a wide range of facilities to cater for both holiday travellers and short term residents with comfortable accommodation in private rooms, studio-style cabins and fully self-contained villas.

Onsite facilities include a swimming pool and sundeck, barbecue areas, large fully equipped all-weather camp kitchen, laundry

facilities, tour bookings and wireless internet.

A large function room designed for the tropics is also available with seating capacity for more than 80 and ideal for functions, training sessions and classes.

Kipara is an Australian First Nations' term which translates to bush or scrub turkey in the Luritja tribe dialect.



At the grand re-opening party for Kipara Rainforest Retreat in March, chairman Scott Hutchinson and Hutchies' Mark Kucks receive didgeridoo lessons from members of the Ngargo community.



Sunny Coast celebrated with a morning tea (from left) Shahtia North-Cunningham, Olivia Brock, Melanie Longland, Tara Thelwall and Deana Zerafa.

International Women's Day highlights constant advocacy for women in the building industry

WHILE Hutchies celebrates International Women's Day (IWD) each year, it works to support and advocate for women in construction all year round.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said Hutchies' network of female leaders provided a platform for all women to become involved in a range of challenging roles and projects.

"Women make an enormous contribution at

Hutchies and we recognise the positive impact they are having to the industry as a whole," he said.

Last year, Hutchies celebrated 25 years of membership with the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) and partnered with a range of new associations, including UNIQ You and Women in Design and Construction.

More recently, a hub, known as 'Hutchies Hive', was developed for company members to access support and resources.

To celebrate International Women's Day and recognise the specific achievements of

women at Hutchies, a special range of Humans of Hutchies' posters was created for display in offices and work sites.

Across the network, Hutchies' teams celebrated the day a variety of ways: Cairns provided a site tour to female high school students; Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba celebrated with morning teas; Townsville women went out to lunch; Hutchies Training and the Southport team had 20 female high school students on site for a Trya' Trade Event; and Toowong hosted a fun clothes swap, afternoon tea, site tour and attended the NAWIC IWD lunch.



Celebrations at Toowong included the offer of site tours at Hutchies' 205 North Quay commercial building project hosted by site manager, Luke Allman. Among those who went along (from left) Sophie Candy, Jessica Carr and Carmen Lasserre.



Townsville ladies lunched out to mark the day (from left) Sydney Edwards, Sofia Xavi, Teneille McCaine, Rebecca Cayzer, Stacey Jacobsen and Sherry Cullen.



ABOVE: Brisbane site foreman, David Williams, flew the flag for Hutchies at the Byron Bay Bluesfest at Easter.

BELOW: On the annual group cycle across to Bruny Island, Tassie's Will Street created a Hutchies' budgies/lycra hybrid which he is sure will catch on.



So desperate to get his hands on a bottle of tequila, Matthew Townsend got creative. We reckon Matty deserves his tequila!

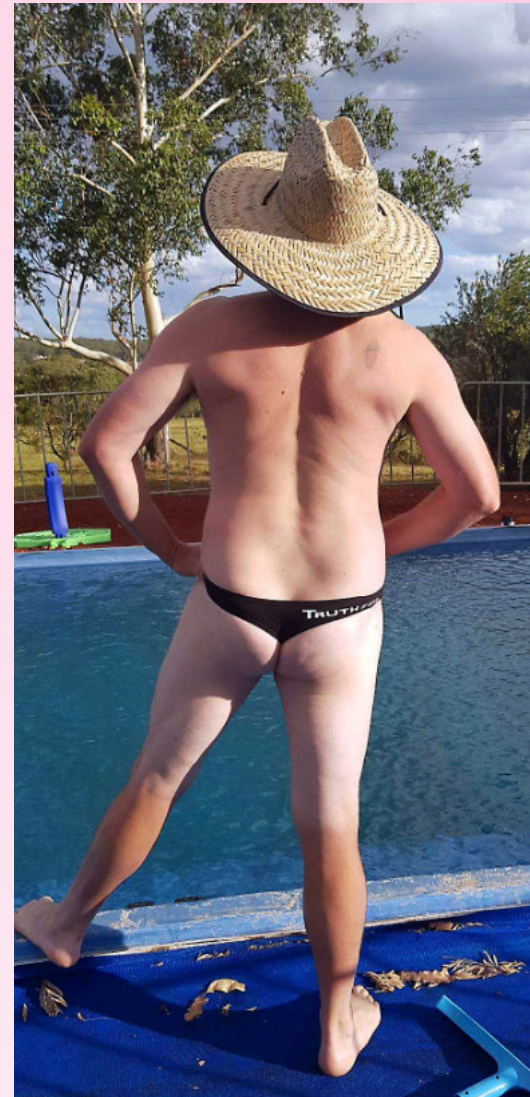


Subbie, Michael Valdiva, an operator for Flowrite Earthworks who worked on the Alan Border field job and Eve Residences, took the Hutchies' g-string 'Truth or dare' challenge seriously when he visited the Orion Hotel.



Hutchies' merch seems to be going global. Structural foreman, Martyn Robinson, while checking out construction methods on a holiday to East Java, spotted this local brickie wearing a Hutchies' cap. It's a mystery how the guy came by the cap and we're sure he wasn't even aware of the tequila offer!

TRAVELLING UNDIES & BUDGIES



This Hutchies' g-string was last spotted disappearing on Tony Rossini.



Seated on Fort Denison, Keegan Moriarty sent this photo in of the three icons of Sydney – the Harbour Bridge, the Opera House and Hutchies' budgies.

THERE was a record number of entries for Travelling Undies this edition ... possibly due to Scott promising a bottle of tequila to all those who sent in.



Townsville's team leader, Aaron Ohl, donned his Hutchies' budgies for a dip in the pool during a weekend getaway to Magnetic Island.



Rocky site foreman, John Beetham, bellied up to the morning tea spread to celebrate St Paddy's Day in March.



LEFT: On a recent family holiday to Abu Dhabi, Owen Valmadre treated the kids to a visit to Ferrari World and persuaded them to don some Hutchies' merch for a photo op – (from left) Will, Zara and cousin, Chloe.

RIGHT: Design manager, Damian Danieletto, decided Hutchies' budgies were a fitting choice for checking out the hotel pool at Howard Smith Wharves.



While on a fishing trip out of Hamilton Island with a client, Stefan Selalaar found Hutchies' budgies the perfect attire ... with a bit of product placement as a bonus.



Construction manager from Toowong, Ken McNeill, cut a dashing figure in his Hutchies' budgies.



While on a trip to Venice, Giancarlo 'Pozz' Pozzebon, site manager from Townsville, stripped down to his Hutchies' undies outside the Basilica di Saint Marco. Given there is a strict dress code to enter St Mark's, we presume Pozz didn't get too far. "I could have used that tequila to warm me up before I took my kit off ... lucky I had my Hutchies' flanno," he wrote.



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FEEDBACK FEEDBACK



ON behalf of the Shake It Up Australia Foundation and the entire Parkinson's community, I would like to thank you for your support of the foundation.

Since the foundation commenced, we have now co-funded 71 research projects across 22 Australian research institutes to the value of \$27.7 million.

Underpinning everything we do at Shake It Up is our mission – to find better treatments to prevent, slow and stop the progression of Parkinson's in pursuit of a cure.

We are as committed as ever to funding Parkinson's research with some promising new drug treatments in the research pipeline that will go to clinical trial this year.

Your ongoing support is even more important than ever.

Thank you for your valued support.

Kind regards,

Clyde Campbell

CEO & founding director

Shake It Up Australia Foundation

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THANK you guys for always believing in and backing me to allow me to grow to this position in my life. I'm so fortunate of your generosity and I will never forget this!

Regards,

Steve Williams

Site manager

Hutchinson Builders

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PCYC Palm Island wish to extend their appreciation to Hutchinson Builders for their support and kind donations to the Palm Island community over the Easter School Holiday Program 2023, run by PCYC Palm Island.

Your contributions were well received and reached out to the kids of Palm Island.

I firmly believe the support to PCYC benefitted the community and on behalf of PCYC Palm Island I would like to thank you for your kind donation.

Kindest regards,

Marc Schneider

Youth Club Manager

Queensland Police-Citizens

Youth Welfare Association, Palm Island

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I RECALL reading an article a few weeks ago regarding Hutchies establishing its own in-house team of tradies to keep its current projects on schedule.

The ability to be agile and adapt to overcome these challenges is a credit to yourself and the wider Hutchies' leadership team, and I wish you the best of luck and success moving forward.

Tate Meredith

Commercial strategy manager

National Rugby League

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I WOULD like to commend your representative, Eamonn Cremin, who was the overseer of the Sunland project at 272 Hedges Avenue.

As the body corporate chairman of the neighbouring property, Blue Pacific, I had dialogue with Eamonn for several years.

Over that period, Eamonn was

always available to address any concerns that our body corporate committee had in relation to construction activities next to us.

Moreover, Eamonn ensured a reasonable outcome in all situations and conducted himself with professionalism and aplomb.

Hats off to Eamonn.

Graeme Stoner

Blue Pacific

Body corporate chairman/secretary

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JUST emailing to let you guys know our season kicks off this weekend and we are so excited to be heading into the season with your support.

We upgraded your sponsorship package to be on the front of all playing shorts for 2023 for juniors and seniors.

We had more than 200 kids begin their journey with Swifts last weekend in the juniors proudly wearing on the front of their shorts the famous Hutchies' blue and white logo.

We will continue to keep you updated on our journey in 2023.

Thanks and regards,

Luke O'Doherty

Swifts RLFC Ipswich

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TO those in charge of building stage 2 of The Verge.

This morning I spoke with a gentlemen in the site office.

His name, I believe, is Damien Whiddett.

He was most polite, courteous and helpful with my problem.

It was a minor matter not related to the building.

As such, I think he should be congratulated by management as he presents your business in a good light.

Thank you.

Reginald Hogan

Miami

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WE would like to express our sincere gratitude for (Hutchies') support which

contributed to the resounding success of the inaugural Equal Access for Autism Gala event held on April 1, 2023. As a direct result of your generosity, more than \$2 million was raised from table purchases, auctions, car raffle and corporate and personal donations.

It is with your generous donation, we are able to begin to pursue our objective of ensuring young adults and adolescents with autism are provided equal opportunity to live happy and fulfilling lives free from the social, environmental and economic barriers currently existing with the community.

Aside from raising funds at the event, we were eager to promote awareness of autism and, in particular, highlight those young autistic people who rely on the support of a personal care assistant in their everyday lives.

We are extremely pleased to report that several parties have now come forward with the intent of working with us to implement the changes that will make a greater difference to the lives of autistic people and their families.

Once again, thank you for your support and generosity.

Kind regards,

Peter Marshall

Mick Gatto

Cheryl Gatto

Equal Access For Autism



Hutchies is a sponsor of the Swifts Rugby League Football Club in Ipswich and its logo will feature on the front of the shorts of all junior and senior players this season.



Mortal combat in territorial war



Casualties of the hard-fought territorial war for Hutchies' hives.

TOOWONG team members were alarmed when they witnessed a rare but natural phenomenon with hundreds of dead bees around Hutchies' hives.

The event was caused by native bees swarming in an attempt to take over the Toowong hives.

Hutchies' beekeeper, Jack Stone from Bee One Third, said the

swarming was perfectly normal as the bees were going through a territorial war.

He advised it was best to leave them alone, give them some space and let nature take its course.

We are glad to report, Hutchies' bees came out strongly and fought off the intruders.

Apprentices with their new slab at the Yatala Modular Yard are (from left) John Sangricoli, New Horizon Homes; Taylor Miller, Hutchies' apprentice Jamie Washington's team; Lachlan Nelson, Build 52; Harrison Cassimatis, Hutchies' apprentice Levi Corby's team; Jake Mathers, Elevation Homes; Nathan Chappel, Hutchies' apprentice Levi Corby's team; and Jaimyn Wiki, Hutchies' apprentice Mitch Grimmer's team.

Apprentice workshop delivers concrete asset at Yatala yard

A BONUS from Hutchies' recent concreting workshop at the Yatala Modular Yard was the creation of an extra working area with a brand new concrete slab.

The apprentices did a great job during the workshop and poured a slab 11.5m by 3m.

Since large forklifts would be driving on the slab, it was poured to 200mm.

Thanks to the apprentices, the yard now has a valuable extra work area.

The concreting workshop conducted by Trent Cowie, apprentice development coordinator, taught apprentices how to excavate, prepare, tie steel, pour, screed, finish and cure concrete.

A massive thankyou to Peter Smith, from Hanson Concrete, who organised the donation of a seven cubic metre maxi load of concrete from Hanson Concrete.

Hutchies thanks Hanson Concrete for its continued support of quality training over several years, which has dramatically increased the skills and knowledge of a new generation of carpentry apprentices in the construction industry.

Thanks also to the modular team of site manager, Scott Hill, and Brad Meyers and Lenny Walsh, who all helped throughout.

HIDDEN Creek Winery is no secret anymore.

The award-winning winery has become one of the best known producers in Queensland's Granite Belt wine region.

A group of Brisbane builders, led by Andrew Corrigan – a Master of Wine, builder and civil engineer – and including Hutchies' chairman Scott Hutchinson, purchased Hidden Creek in 2005 and today their wines win a steady stream of medals and trophies.

Only three hours from Brisbane, near the New South Wales border, the Granite Belt is one of Australia's highest-altitude and coldest wine regions and, with occasional snow, it's a cozy place to visit in winter.

Hidden Creek Winery is particularly high at around 1,000 metres, compared with King Valley and Tumbarumba high country vineyards in Victoria at between 700 and 800 metres.

Hidden Creek Winery was established in the early 1990s and now its plantings of shiraz, tempranillo and viognier are more than 30 years old and considered some of the region's best estate vineyards.



Al fresco dining at Hidden Creek Winery.

Discover Hidden Creek Winery with this special *Truth* reader deal

Wine regions in Europe that are similar to Hidden Creek, with its windy high altitude and arid, rocky soil, are areas like Ribera del Duero in Spain, home of tempranillo, and the northern Rhone, home of shiraz (syrah), viognier and marsanne.

So, it is no coincidence that Hidden Creek has great quality

estate grown wines of these varieties.

In addition, Hidden Creek has verdelho and chardonnay grown on a nearby vineyard.

Scott named his Hidden Creek favourites as Syrah and the Rare Tawny.

Hidden Creek Winery is offering all readers of *Hutchies' Truth* a

special deal.

Checkout www.hiddencreek.com.au for information on the wines and visiting the region this winter.

Use the coupon code **SPECIAL2023** at the checkout on any six bottles and you will receive a special discount as well as free shipping.



Fundraiser for subbies' accident

Conor Garcia-Small and Ben Plehanoff raising money for injured workmates.

HUTCHIES' team members organised a site barbecue in Bundaberg to raise money for two tilers involved in a serious road accident.

The team effort raised \$2000 for subbies, Razzegh Rahmani and

Mohammad Qasimi, who were driving home to Brisbane on a Friday afternoon after work when they received serious injuries in the traffic accident. Both were airlifted to hospital and, thankfully, are now OK.

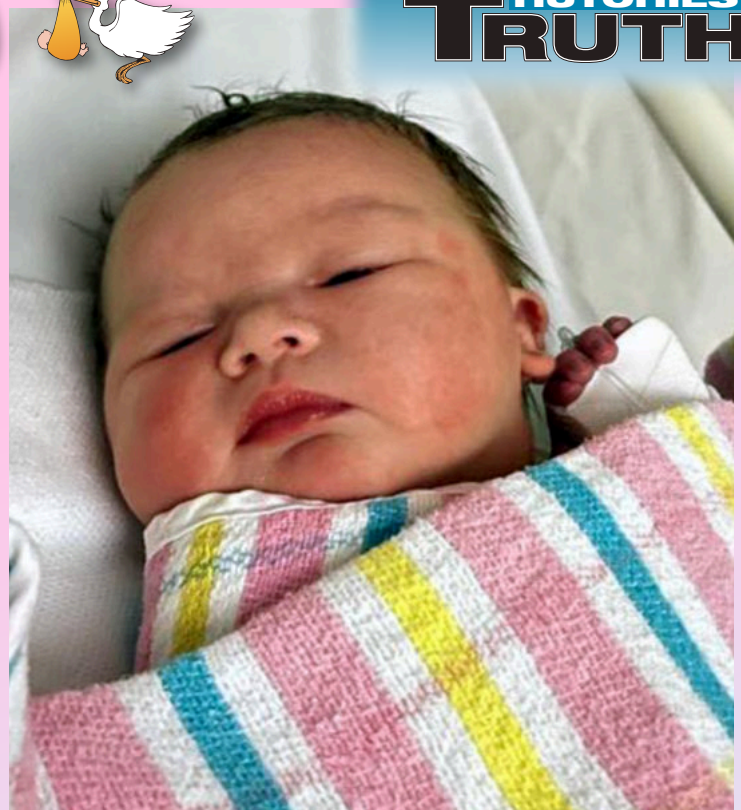
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Pippa Elizabeth Auld, a daughter for Hutchies' Jess Quinn and partner, Carter Auld.



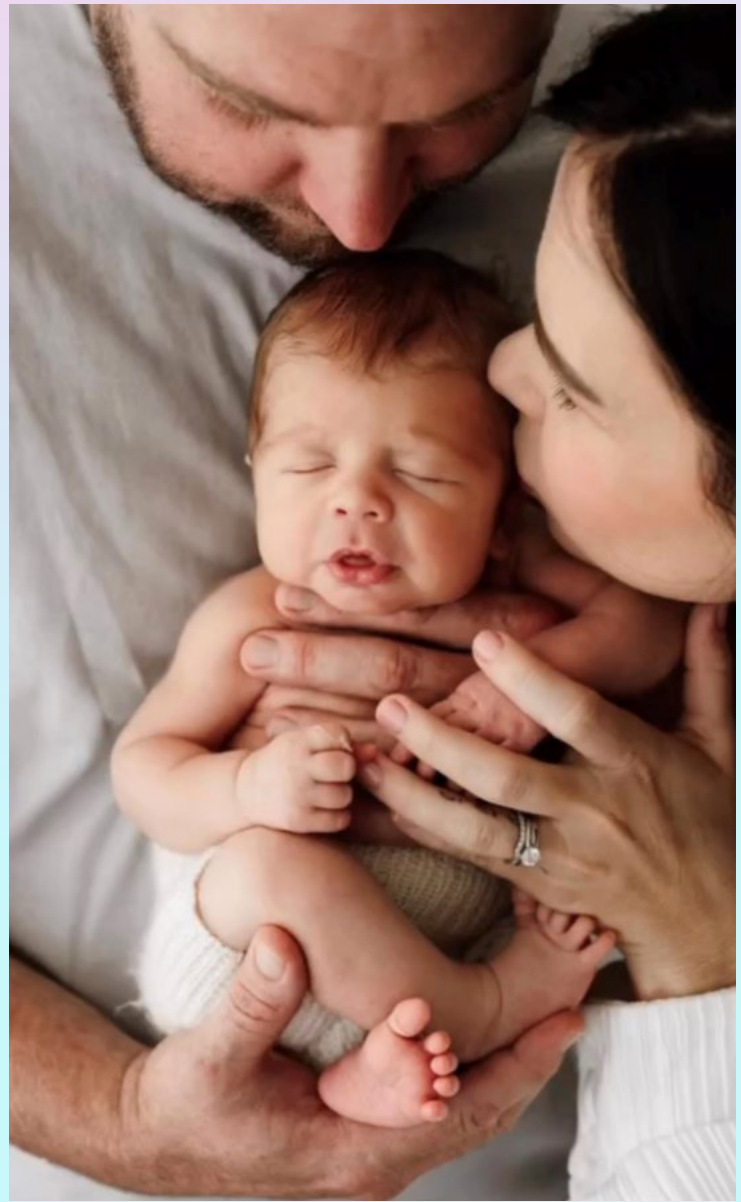
Tommy Boyd, a son for Hutchies' site foreman, Kurt Boyd, and Chiara Gerard.



Meet Marianne Farrah Hutchinson, first child and daughter for Jack Jnr and his wife, Fatya, born at 6:41pm on May 2.



Isabel Ellen Hare, first child for Cairns' team leader, Kyle Hare, and wife, Leah.



Noah Joseph Spooner, a son for health and safety manager, Jamie Spooner, and site manager, Shaun Spooner.

OBITUARY

Ronald William Atkins

19/10/1935 ~ 20/02/2023

HUTCHIES was sad to hear of the passing of rugby league legend, Ron Atkins.

Born in Tweed Heads, Ron was a formidable rugby league player but was best known as a stalwart of the Brisbane Wests Old Boys and Men of League and instrumental in the early days of the Broncos.

Men of League (now Family of League) was close to his heart and the annual Ron Atkins' Golf Day remains one of the highlights



of the foundation's social and fundraising calendar.

Ron leaves behind his wife, Maureen, four daughters, 13 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



Tinkering in Toowoomba

TOOWOOMBA team's annual ladies' lunch was the largest ever held with everyone keen to mingle and get creative.

This year's get together was held at the Tinker art studio, where the girls showed off their talents and made polymer clay trinket dishes.



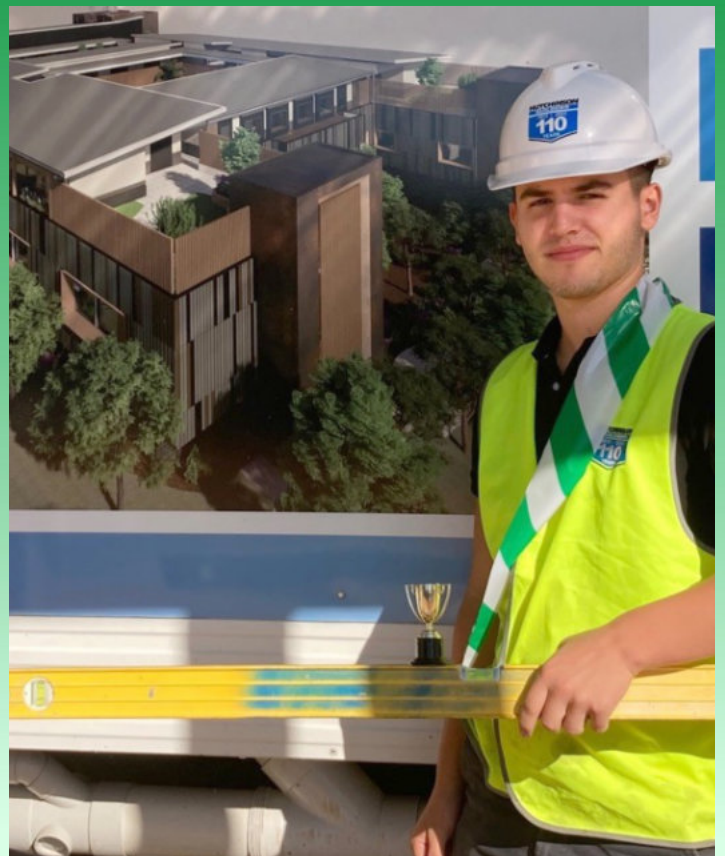
Scott and Murray on site in Fortitude Valley.

Working on the night moves

SITE manager, Murray Farrell, and his nightshift crew working in Fortitude Valley got a pleasant surprise when chairman Scott Hutchinson popped in to see how things were going at 1.45 am. The team is working on a new

McDonald's outlet in Brunswick Street Mall, in the heart of Brisbane's live music precinct. Scott was on his way home from the Fortitude Music Hall, when he decided to stop and have a chat.

Beau a safe winner



SITE cadet on the Blacktown Hospital project in Sydney, Beau (Boz) Bozinovski, was the recipient of the team's monthly "safety excellence cup".

Boz is proactive in all aspects of safety and is much loved by the client for his quirky personality and his repertoire of goofy dad jokes. The site team recognised his efforts by awarding him the prestigious green and white safety sash and cup.

Keeping cool with a kilt



HUTCHIES is trialing a new addition to its clothing range with the introduction of a line of robust kilts specially designed for the workplace.

Rob Gee, site manager at the satellite hospital project in Caboolture, found his Utilikilt helped him keep his cool during the recent summer heat wave.

Although many Scots believe wearing nothing under their kilt is a time-honoured tradition, "going commando" will be optional for kilt-wearing team members on work sites, particularly those on scaffolding or working at heights.



At the East Coast Forum (from left) Michael Johnson, Jack Hutchinson Jr and Jeff Horn.

National CEOs at East Coast Forum

JACK Hutchinson Jr recently joined in the East Coast Forum (ECF), a networking event which is attended by Australia's major CEOs.

The ECF brings together a wide variety of premium stakeholders to hear insights from exceptional, influential and high

profile keynote speakers.

While at the ECF, Jack Jr met with Australian boxer, Jeff Horn, who held the World Boxing Organisation welterweight title from 2017 to 2018.

As an amateur, Jeff represented Australia at the 2012 Olympics.

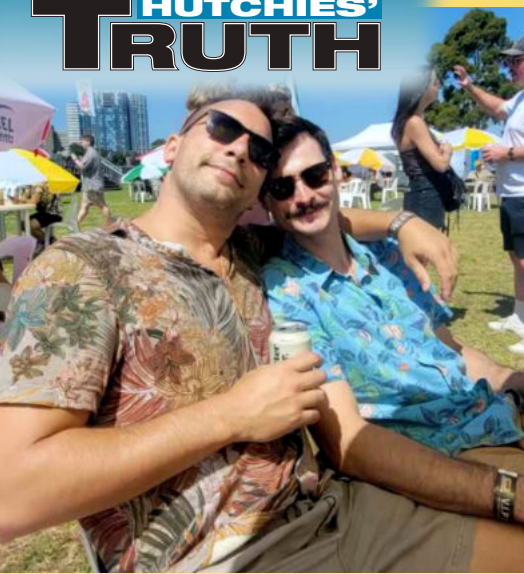
Townsville team takes time out



TOWNSVILLE'S first social function for the year was drinks, dinner and a night of watching the NRL at the pub for all team members, partners and families.

From left, Mitchy McMahon, Giancarlo 'Pozz' Pozzebon, Vivek George and Aaron Ohl.

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A laid back David Drysdale and James Walsh at Melbourne's Laneway festival.

MELBOURNE team members turned out in record numbers for that city's Laneway Festival held in February at Flemington Racecourse. It was stunning weather for a great line-up of acts.



Brisbane's Laneway crew started off at The Triffid for pre-drinks before heading to the festival for a fun-filled day of great music. From left, Lucas Leggate, Coen Wilson, Monique Anderson and Mackenzie Branch.

Laneway antics



From left, Kim Robertson, Ebony Regener and Carrie Enright at Melbourne's Laneway.



Gamers' heaven

HUTCHIES is once again the main sponsor of the Brisbane Pinball & Arcade Collective's (BPAC) major annual competition.

This year's 10-day event, billed as Thunder & Lightning, will be held from July 14 to 23 at Brewdog in Murarrie.

The BPAC is a group based in Brisbane with the purpose of promoting competitive pinball, arcades and classic gaming.

Formed in January 2019, the group includes representatives from the local pinball and arcade venues, Netherworld, Pincadia, Pinball Haus and 1 Up Freeplay Arcade.

More information visit www.bnepac.org

Cy keeps the trains running on schedule

HUTCHIES recently donated \$500 to the Action Model Train Club towards the purchase of a defibrillator for their club.

In appreciation, the club allowed Hutchies' Cy Milburn (COTY 2014) free rein on a section of their tracks.

Over the past eight years, Cy's team has handled more than a dozen projects for Queensland Rail making him Hutchies' resident rail expert and just the man to keep the trains running on time.





The Rock – in her dreams

WHILE modelling the new Hutchies' range of uniforms, Jessica Carr claimed the turtleneck and blue jeans combo bore a striking resemblance to the outfit made famous by Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.

It was too good an opportunity not to invite the big guy himself out to Toowong for a quick photo shoot.

Here Jess and The Rock (in her dreams) pose in their matching outfits.

Toowong twins

GREG Birnie (left) reckons he and Alan Gscheidle could be mistaken for twins when they wear their matching Hutchies' polos.

Not sure who is going to be game enough to tell him.



Adam hits 40

DESPITE the clever disguise, Adam Knight, site manager at the multi-deck carpark project in Maroochydore, couldn't escape turning 40.



Sweet celebration

SHANE Damian (left), one of Townsville's project managers, organised a surprise celebration and congratulations for Aaron Ohl to mark his first year anniversary as team leader.



Olivia knocks off a legend

TRADITIONALLY Sydney office organises an Easter egg guessing competition where everyone tries to estimate the correct number of the little goodies stuffed into a large jar.

The person who is closest gets to take home the lot.

For the past six years, Ayman 'The Legend' Khalaf has amazed everyone with his incredible winning streak for accurate guessing.

Ayman reckons it is his superpower and what he was born to do on this earth.

However, this year, a last minute entry pipped him at the post.

There were 312 eggs in the jar and, although Ayman was once again deadly accurate with his guess of 313, Olivia McGrath, with 311, was declared the winner through an obscure ruling when the numbers are tied.



Tassie team's big night out

TASSIE team's social club function found the late night stayers at Boodle Beasley in north Hobart.



Hutchies' volunteers on Clean Up Australia Day.

Clean Up Australia Day

HUTCHIES' hi-vis gear was very visible for Clean Up Australia Day on Stradbroke Island.

Dean White said nine Hutchies' families were on Straddie for the weekend clean up effort.

"With Hutchies' fluoro vests swarming over the beach and dunes, it was great to have passing vehicles stop to see what was happening and have some

even join in on the clean up," said Dean.

"Unfortunately, a south-easterly wind was howling up the beach and the sand blow covered much of the smaller micro plastics."

But 28 volunteers managed to

remove a massive 228 kg of rubbish from the beach.

Main culprits were single-use bottles, hard hats from cargo ships, bottle tops and lids, shoes, thongs, sandals, glow sticks, light tubes, polystyrene, foam,

toothbrushes, combs, ropes and buoys.

Dean said it was sad to see what was there and to imagine what would have been missed covered by sand.

"But Hutchies' families were happy to get involved and also make others aware of ocean pollution by showing what washes up," he said.



Henri says hello

MEET Henri – the Townsville office mascot – pictured with team leader, Aaron Ohl.

At just eight weeks of age, Henri was so small he could easily escape the fence at the Ohl home, so Aaron brought him into the

office for a time while the fencing was being rectified.

Lovable Henri quickly became a firm favourite and was declared the office mascot. These days the popular pup pops in every now and then to say hello.



The result of their efforts.



Egg hunt example

TOWNSVILLE team organised an Easter egg hunt and office manager, Sydney Edwards, was declared the winner as she sniffed out the most eggs.



Shane a safe subbie

SITE manager on the Cairns Mental Health Unit project, Josh McLean (right) congratulates Shane Teau from J Bros for winning the safest subbie on site award.



Wests youngsters show their thanks

THIS year, Hutchies is once again a major sponsor of Wests (Brisbane) Junior Rugby League.

Running out at the season opener (from left) Will Gregory, Maverick Mirecki, Alby Coman, Jacinta Condon, Molly Barden, Lawrence Moore and Carter Blakeley.

PHOTO: The Courier-Mail.

Townsville takes the trophy



TOWNSVILLE team took home the trophy at the BUSSQ Mates in Construction Annual Golf Day.

Winning with a mixed foursome was Giancarlo 'Pozz' Pozzebon and Aaron Ohl (holding trophy), as well as Ben Walsh and Stacy Jacobsen.



Shown celebrating the return of the Thrifty Newcastle 500 are (from left) Mark Ferrie, Adam Read, Tim Johnston, Jamie Coe, Geordie Boyce and Scott Cracknell.

Welcome back to Thrifty Newcastle 500

LOCAL Novacastrians celebrated the return of the Supercars Championship in 2023 with the season opener at the Newcastle 500, following a COVID break of four years.

Hutchies' Newcastle team joined in the celebration, enjoying some downtime at the Thrifty Newcastle 500 in March.

The Newcastle 500 is an annual motor racing event for Supercars, held at the Newcastle Street Circuit in Newcastle since 2017.



Lucky winners are grinners – has your number come up?



THE popular Scratch-its competition is now fully online ... and has been renamed Lucky Winners.

With each new edition of Hutchies' Truth, readers get a personalised email notification with a link to the online version PLUS a unique lucky number.

Simply check your unique number against

the winning list to see if you have won.

There are heaps of great Hutchies' merch on offer with an expanded range of prizes and an expanded number of possible winners.

Items up for grabs include everything from Hutchies' Honey, bar blades, backpacks, towels to selected items from Hutchies'

clothing range including bamboo undies and the popular new 110-year boxers.

If your number matches ... follow the prompts to collect!

Click the link to go straight to the Lucky Winners page:

<https://1.hutchi.es/luckywinners>



At home on the hill

A LARGE permanent marquee installed at the Clive Berghofer Stadium, known as Hutchies' Hill, is proving a popular addition to the Toowoomba Sports Ground. The facility in the heart of Toowoomba is the home

ground for the Western Clydesdales Rugby League Football Club, the South West Thunder Football Club and plays host to major events for Darling Downs Rugby Union.



World Rugby Sevens debutante has his dream come true in LA

HAYDEN Sargeant, Hutchies' contract administrator, was named in the Aussie squad for the World Rugby Sevens series in Los Angeles in late February.

Hayden said he was super grateful to the people who had helped him – parents, brother, girlfriend and friends.

“My boss was all for it too. He said he would hate to think I would turn down an opportunity like this for work,” he said.

“I have sacrificed a lot for pretty much my whole life to make this happen and I have missed family holidays, special events, weddings and birthdays to commit to my training or to play in tournaments.

“I have worked hard and that has paid off,” said Hayden.

Hayden was named as a debutante in the Aussie squad after playing through the 7s pathways and the Bond University Rugby Club.

He played at Bond University for his first season out of The Southport School before going to Melbourne on a development contract with Super Rugby club, the Melbourne Rebels.

Hayden is a Bond University Bachelor of Construction Management and Quantity Surveying graduate.

LEFT: Hayden Sargeant, Hutchies' contract administrator, and Australian World Rugby Sevens debutante.

Cowgirls champion surf riders

HUTCHIES-sponsored Curumbin Cowgirls surf boat crew won gold at the recent Queensland State Championships held on the Sunshine Coast.

Check out the style that earned them the top spot with a video of a recent training session, viewable in the online edition of *Hutchies' Truth* on Hutchies' website.

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