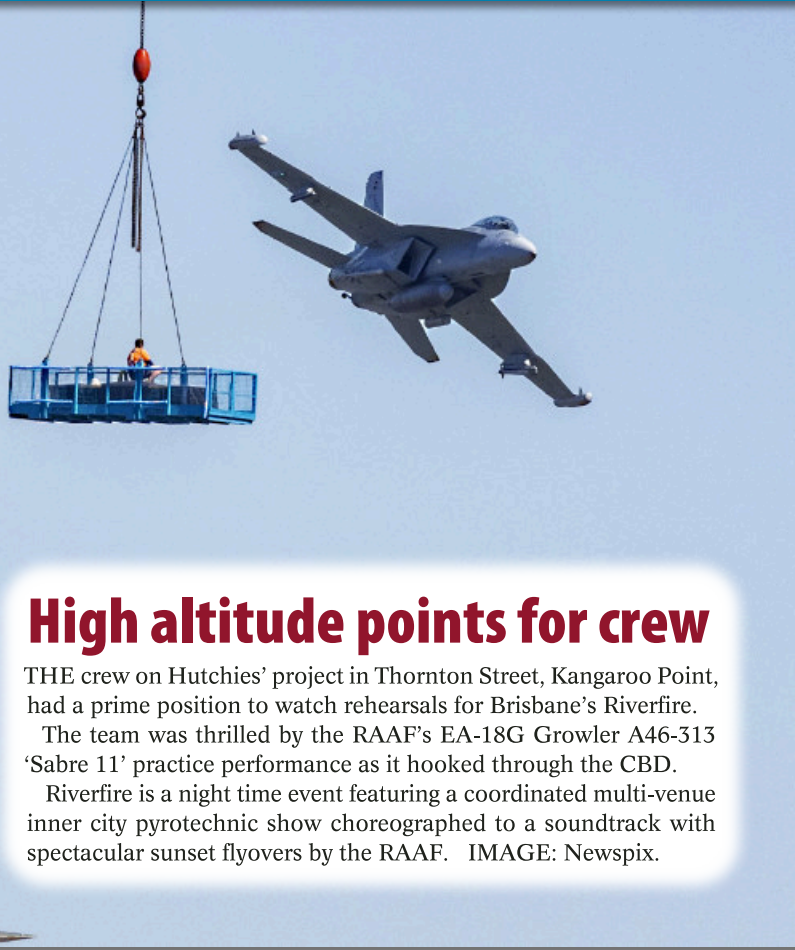


HUTCHIES' TRUTH



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High altitude points for crew

THE crew on Hutchies' project in Thornton Street, Kangaroo Point, had a prime position to watch rehearsals for Brisbane's Riverfire.

The team was thrilled by the RAAF's EA-18G Growler A46-313 'Sabre 11' practice performance as it hooked through the CBD.

Riverfire is a night time event featuring a coordinated multi-venue inner city pyrotechnic show choreographed to a soundtrack with spectacular sunset flyovers by the RAAF. IMAGE: Newspix.

Six education projects poised for new Victorian school year

SIX schools with a value of more than \$210 million are being constructed simultaneously by Hutchies for the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA).

All six projects have reached significant milestones by entering

their final stages of development and will be ready to accommodate a total of 3,450 students at the start of the 2024 school year.

The new education infrastructures are being built along the

growth corridors of Melbourne's northwest.

The schools are:

- Bannum Warrick Primary School, interim name Lockerbie Central Primary School, Koeks Vista, Kalkallo (525 students)
- Topirum Primary School, interim name Alexander Boulevard Primary School, Hardys Road, Clyde North (525 students)
- Laa Yulta Primary School and Kindergarten, interim name Black Forest East Primary School and Black Forest East Kindergarten, Elementary Road, Mambourin (650 students)
- Wimba Primary School and Kindergarten, interim name Tarneit North Primary School and Kindergarten, Tuition Drive, Tarneit (525 students)

- Yubup Primary School, interim name Merrifield South Primary School, Ellscott Boulevard, Mickleham (650 students)
- Binap Primary School, interim name Brookfield Primary School, Grand Scenic Drive, Brookfield (575 students)

Designed as flexible learning communities, the schools incorporate multi-use spaces to cater for different learning needs and abilities.

Hutchies' team leader, Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020), said cost-effective and robust materials were used throughout the builds to provide long-lasting structures, able to withstand student activity over time.

"The design considered low life



Yubup Primary School, one of six under construction by Hutchies for the Victorian School Building Authority.

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THIS year marks the 15th anniversary of Hutchies' Quality Manual.

It's our 'bible' for the critical construction detailing which, if we get right, prevents most major defects in our buildings.

Back then, it took two years to draft and was contributed to by many experts from within Hutchies and the broader industry.

Today, it continues to evolve with new learnings from our own successes and failures.

We believe that quality, or lack of it, will be the underlying and long-term legacy of this current challenging industry cycle.

Much of the discussion to date has been around rising costs due to material and then labour shortages fuelled by record high demand.

Cost of construction has been exposed to three years of unbridled inflation leading to high insolvency rates.

But the hidden problem that will stay

with us if not dealt with head on is poor quality buildings. This problem is industry-wide which, unfortunately, we see first hand when asked to step in to complete distressed projects for others.

Caused typically when the original builder and their trade contractors are stretched beyond their capacity and cut corners to save costs, often payment issues follow.

This creates a lack of resources for good people to execute well or fosters an environment of apathy and a growing volume of defects in the end product.

The current resource scarcity is magnifying this potential through the number of new entrants and unskilled trades carrying out critical tasks on many sites around the country.

Over the years we have learnt a great deal from these unfortunate situations, as we worked hard to make good after others have left the building.

From the
Managing Director



We are not immune to the same challenges and are acutely aware of the risk to Hutchies and our clients if we don't get it right.

The next evolution for us is to more consistently apply the principles of our 15-year-old quality bible.

By combining this industry-leading knowledge with a higher quality process across all we do, we achieve our goal to be the best builder in the country.

We care deeply about delivering a quality product for our clients and protecting the reputation of this 110-year-old family construction company, and will continue to keep getting better.

– Russell Fryer (COTY 2010)



Harris Anamourlis, James Walsh, David Samardzic, Kev Grech, Corey Reilly, Nathan Detering, Nick Mei test run the sports facility at Bannum Warrick Primary School.

Six education projects poised for new Victorian school year

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cycle and operational costs through the selection of durable buildings and low maintenance solutions," said Bernie.

"Landscapes are integrated into the design to provide functional spaces where students can learn, socialise and play.

"There are strong indoor-outdoor connections to provide a range of settings and experiences for students, while retaining student access to centrally located specialist facilities."

Bernie said GluLam was used throughout the builds as a design feature, connecting the inside and outside spaces.

GluLam (glued laminated timber) is an engineered wood product manufactured by gluing timber together to produce larger and longer lengths which can be curved or straight.

Bernie said the projects' demand for GluLam monopolised the manufacturer's activities for six months, requiring exclusive use of their facilities to deliver the volume required for the schools' construction.

IBISWorld survey of private companies rates Hutchies Queensland's second largest

IBISWORLD'S list of Queensland's largest private companies has rated Hutchies, with revenue of \$2.75 billion this year, as the second-largest private company in Queensland behind meat processor, Teys Australia.

Hutchies' result is a 3.5 per cent increase on 2022.

IBISWorld said rising input costs amid high inflation had crushed companies in the construction division, despite revenue success for construction firms in the Top 500.

The report said the 2023 Top 500 Private Companies list unveiled a striking narrative of financial prowess among Australia's leading firms.

The report said:

"Inflation has affected industries across the board over the past year, and the construction division in Australia is no exception.

Specifically, the influence of inflation on two pivotal industries within the construction division has been particularly noteworthy: commercial and industrial building construction and multi-unit apartment and townhouse construction.

The impressive revenue leaps within these sectors seems paradoxical when viewed against the backdrop of increasing bankruptcies in the broader construction division.

While revenue is on the rise, an alarming number of players are facing insolvency, painting a complex picture of various construction industries' health.

For many construction companies, revenue growth has failed to keep pace with these surging costs.

Private companies operating within the commercial and industrial building construction and the multi-unit apartment and townhouse construction industries have borne the brunt of inflationary pressures.

While these businesses have experienced some of the most substantial revenue hikes over the past year, these have not necessarily translated into profitability.

One key reason for this disparity lies in the inflationary environment.

The costs of crucial inputs have been on a relentless upwards trajectory.

For many construction companies, revenue growth has failed to keep pace with these surging costs.

In some unfortunate cases, costs have actually grown faster than revenue, leaving companies struggling to stay afloat.

The crisis has driven around 2,000 construction companies into liquidation over the past two years."

Office highrise tower converts into luxury aged care complex



Australian Unity's former corporate headquarters is now The Alba – a highrise assisted living and aged care residence.

HUTCHIES recently completed an \$80 million conversion of Australian Unity's former corporate headquarters in Albert Park, Melbourne into The Alba – an assisted living and aged care residence complex with prestigious accommodation, facilities and services for seniors.

The Alba is a 15-storey building comprising 95 residential care suites and 60 easy living apartments and completes Australian Unity's Albert Park seniors living precinct that includes The Grace – the 19-storey, 79-apartment retirement village completed in 2019.

Conversion of empty office towers into residential accommodation is a growing trend in Australian cities, solving two problems at once – repurposing empty office space and creating new housing.

Dan Casey's team completed this project for repeat client, Australian Unity.

Designed by architects, Fender Katsalidis, the facility features luxurious high-end fixtures and fittings.

The building includes lifestyle features such as inhouse hair salon, well-being centre, gym, commercial laundry, two commercial kitchens, cinemas, function/dining facilities and recreational facilities on level 15, making the most of the city and parkside views across to the bay.

The project was delivered by Simon Deen, Chris Casey, Chris Portillo, Dyllan Whaley, Brent Bloomfield, Charles Le Fanu and Charles Lockley on site, with Mitchell O'Donnell and William Nie assisting from the office.

The build took 28 months, including COVID delays.



From left, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Keith Melksham, Kylie Hardwick, Jesse Rollings, Rob Diamond, Josh Rollings, Lincoln Garth, Andrew Lowe, and Alan Gscheidle celebrate the opening of Yeerongpilly Green's Riverside Centre retail complex.

Yeerongpilly Green team congratulated

YEERONGPILLY Green's Riverside Village opened in August, with Woolworths, BWS and Priceline Pharmacy as the first of many tenants for the new centre.

The Hutchies' team responsible for completing the new retail development to a high standard, safely and with a happy client and tenants was congratulated for delivering during such tough market conditions. (See Feedback Page 20).

Located in the heart of Yeerongpilly Green, Riverside Village is a large, mixed-use, retail, commercial, dining and entertainment centre.

Yeerongpilly Green overall – the \$850 million master-planned lifestyle development six kilometres south east of the Brisbane CBD – is a joint venture between Consolidated Properties Group, CVS Lane Capital Partners, and the Queensland Government.

On completion, the new urban village will comprise a number of key precincts, including commercial, retail, residential, and entertainment, alongside parkland and recreational areas.

Hutchies is also building the first stage of the residential development, King Arthur Terraces, within Yeerongpilly Green.

Truckers muscle out V8 supercar drivers



Hanson's concrete trucks come down 'the straight' at Main Beach to create a new record for Hutchies' Cooly team.

PIT lane of the GC 500 V8 Supercar race track on the Gold Coast took on a new look recently when the V8s gave way to thundering concrete trucks.

Pit lane in Surfers Paradise was the temporary marshalling yard for a fleet of Hanson concretes waiting to do a giant pour at nearby Main Beach.

The fleet delivered concrete to Hutchies' Lagoon project for a 3,700 square metre raft containing 4,500 cubic metres of con-

crete and 400 tonne of reo.

The first main pour required a 4.30am start with trucks lined up down 'the straight' after assembling predawn in pit lane.

A great effort by the Hutchies' team, Hanson, and East Coast Concrete Contractors ensured everything ran seamlessly.

This was the largest pour ever done by the Cooly team, with a big shout out to site manager, Antonio De Lutiis, and project manager, Grant LeBoutillier.

Nation's largest cold and freezer storage facility doubles capacity



Melbourne team members donned cold weather gear to celebrate completion of the NewCold project – Australia's largest cold and freezer storage facility – (from left) Josie Ko, Brad Schram, Jono Bernal, Charles Le Fanu, Alexis Fischler and Claudio Diaz.

IN Melbourne, Dan Casey's team has successfully delivered Australia's largest cold storage facility for NewCold.

The team more than doubled their client's capacity for cold and freezer storage space, while the existing facility stayed in full operation.

Consisting of 3,000 tonnes of structural steel, 60,000 square metres of insulated panels and 10,000 cubic metres of concrete, the 43-metre high structure spans 100,000 square metres and has the capacity to hold 110,000 pallets.

Work on site began in May 2021 and was completed in August this year, with a final contract value of \$68 million.

The expansion to NewCold's existing cold storage facility in Truganina was delivered by Darren Morrison, Georgie Laverick, Aaron Jacobs and William Bongers on the ground, with Claudio Diaz, Marcus Kelly, Jo Nicholls and Alexis Fischler providing assistance from the office.

Happy 30th anniversary

HUTCHIES' Truth celebrates its 30th anniversary with this edition.

And it's official ... Hutchies' Truth is now a magazine.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said the Truth which started out as a newsletter had now morphed into a regular magazine.

The forerunner to the Truth was a simple type-written sheet written by Scott then photocopied and sent to teams and clients with news about team members and new projects.

In 1993, then-chairman, Jack Snr, decided he wanted an eye-catching publication that would be read and not discarded like most company newsletters.

He liked the tabloid style Truth newspapers of that era and so in November 1993 Hutchies' Truth was born.

The original format continues



today – an attractive and often lighthearted facade disguising a serious interior with a message about quality work by people who enjoy doing it.

Check out Hutchies' Truth through the years via The Feed pages on Hutchies' website.

Undercover Boss exposed on worldwide television networks

BELOW: Flashback to Scott in his Undercover Boss disguise from 2011.

THE television program, *Undercover Boss*, that featured Chairman Scott Hutchinson in 2011, continues to spread Hutchies' culture around the world.

The show that follows an executive in disguise working undercover in their own organisation is no longer produced, but is still shown on international networks. (See *Feedback Page 20*).

The episode featuring Scott, with dyed black hair and beard and wearing glasses, had him working as a new employee in the front office in Rockhampton with Karen Reynolds and Nikki Kelly, and also as a labourer with Lachlan James, Graham Grosser and Daniel Dickinson on the College Street site in Sydney.

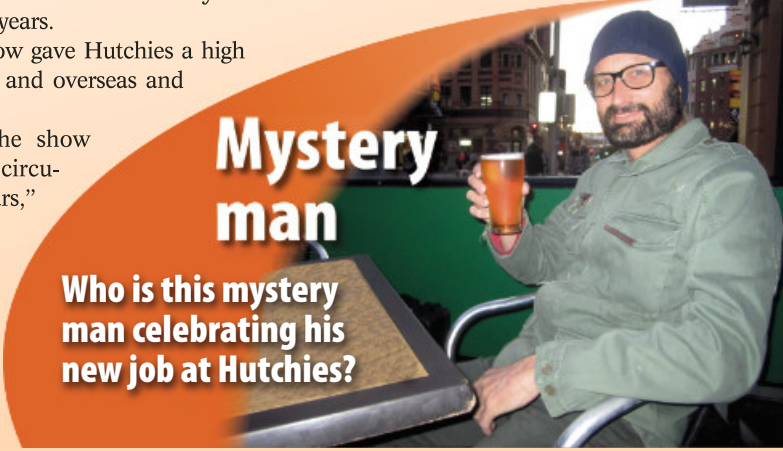
Scott got the sack in Rockhampton after he broke the office binding machine but fared better working on site in Sydney.

Undercover Boss producers hailed Hutchies' episode as a great success which is why it is still in circulation after 12 years.

Scott said the show gave Hutchies a high profile in Australia and overseas and was fun to produce.

"I am amazed the show continues to be circulated after 12 years," he said.

"But the lesson for me was that reception is definitely harder than it looks," he admitted.



Mystery man

Who is this mystery man celebrating his new job at Hutchies?

Heritage-listed home destined to be health and medical museum



The vision for refurbishment of the heritage-listed medical superintendent's house by Hutchies for the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation.

THE Toowoomba Hospital Foundation has reached another significant milestone in the development of a Museum of Health, by awarding Hutchies the tender to refurbish the heritage-listed medical superintendent's house on the Baillie Henderson Hospital campus.

The tender will add to Hutchies' extensive portfolio of heritage projects and continue its longterm partnership with the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation.

Awarding of this tender is the start of a significant project to deliver a museum precinct that will value add to the Toowoomba region's tourism, culture, and

arts industries.

Toowoomba Hospital Foundation received \$1.6 million from the federal government's Building Better Regions Fund to complete the first stage of the project.

As the custodians of the Toowoomba Hospital and Baillie Henderson Hospital historical collections, Toowoomba Hospital Foundation will oversee the region's history of medicine and healthcare preserved in a permanent museum.

A collection of stories and objects will be presented in the house which was built in 1888 for Dr James Hogg, first medical

superintendent of the then-named Toowoomba Lunatic Asylum, now known as Baillie Henderson Hospital.

Stage one of development includes refurbishment of the heritage-listed building into galleries to house the collection; construction of a new amphitheatre; as well as new access and car parking and associated works.

Two stages to follow will include a visitor café, staff offices, museum storage and further development of the grounds, including new courtyard and the refurbishment of outdoor spaces.

Ernest Baynes Stand has stood the test of time

THIS year an iconic Hutchies-built structure celebrated 100 years as the centrepiece of the Brisbane Showgrounds.

The Ernest Baynes Stand was constructed by Jack Hutchinson I (Scott's great-grandfather who founded Hutchies) and was officially opened in time for the 1923 Brisbane Exhibition, today known simply as 'the Ekka'.

Designed by renowned architect, Richard Gailey Jnr, it was built at a cost of £26,884 (indexed for inflation approx \$2,446,000 in 2022) using a steel structure and brick face.

Two tiers of seats provide seating for 5,000 with a total capacity of 7,000.

The building originally housed an impressive dining hall on the ground floor to accommodate 600 people and a row of 10 shops was included to face the rear roadway.

A complete septic system was installed to service the building and the cooking facilities were then state-of-the-art.

It has stood the test of time, with only minor modifications over the years, and remains at the heart of the RNA Showgrounds.

In 2012, to mark Hutchies' own 100 year celebrations, it was the backdrop to the company's Ekka-themed centenary party at RNA with then-Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, as special guest.



Jack Hutchinson Jnr and Scott Hutchinson joined RNA chief executive, Brendan Christou, to celebrate the Ernest Baynes Stand centenary.



Essence at Peregrin Beach

IT was smiles all around at the official opening of Essence at Peregrin Beach on the Sunshine Coast.

Essence, by the Scanlon Development Group, comprises a 32-room boutique hotel and 20 terrace holiday homes.

The complex also has conference and venue spaces, private dining room, community pools and gym.

LEFT: Celebrating the opening of Essence, from left (rear) Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Lochlan Johnson, Ben Tyler, Leo Deboer, Rob Morrison, Patrick Gribbin, (front) Lyle Ellis, Tony Scanlon and Josh Scanlon.



Hutchies' heavy equipment operator attracts spectator interest at the Bureau of Meteorology's remote radar site at Plainby in Queensland.

New horizon for weather forecasts

WEATHER forecasting in Queensland will get a boost when Hutchies' Cooly team completes a new radar installation for the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) at Plainby on the Darling Downs.

The project is a new operational S-band Doppler radar facility expected to be

operational early next year.

It is the second radar installation by Hutchies for the BOM, with the first at Greenvale in central Queensland.

The BOM has fired up three new radars at Greenvale, Richmond and Taroom with this final new radar being installed near

Toowoomba to service the Darling Downs area.

The project requires all associated site work including civil, structural, building, mechanical and electrical services infrastructure to support the new S-band Doppler radar.



Shown on site are (from left) Hutchies' site manager, Ian Hutton, Minister for Health, Shannon Fentiman, and Member for Pine Rivers, Nikki Boyd.

Health Minister inspects new ambulance centre

QUEENSLAND Minister for Health, Shannon Fentiman, recently had a site inspection of the work being carried out by Hutchies on a new Queensland Ambulance Service centre at Lawnton.

The Minister was accompanied on the inspection by the local MP, Nikki Boyd, Member for Pine Rivers.

Is your number up?



DON'T forget to check your personalised lucky number to see if you have shared in the latest Hutchies' merch giveaways in this edition's Lucky Winners competition.

Follow the link to the Lucky Winners page: <https://l.hutchi.es/luckywinners>

Around the table panel discussion

AT a recent Around the Table panel discussion sponsored by *Ocean Road Magazine* at Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast, Scott Hutchinson warned that developers would have difficulty keeping up with Queensland's population growth.

As guest speaker, his warning was distributed widely on primetime television, newspapers and national online media platforms.

He said high interest rates, building costs and inflation would make it difficult for developers to keep up

with a projected population growth. "The big challenge now also is how we find enough tradespeople to deliver much-needed projects to the market," he said.

"There is so much competition for trades due to the extraordinary amount of public infrastructure spending by governments because of Queensland's popularity, growth and the 2032 Olympics."

He said that, despite improving conditions, the property sector faced significant challenges.



Scott Hutchinson addresses the Around the Table forum.

Calile Hotel Australia's best and one of the world's best



The Calile Hotel in James Street, Fortitude Valley.

THE Calile Hotel in James Street, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, has been named the best hotel in Australia and 12th best in the world, according to the World's 50 Best Hotels awards for 2023.

It is the only hotel in Australia to make the top 50 list. The independent list is created from the votes of The World's 50 Best Hotels Academy, which comprises 580 international experts within the hotel and travel industry.

The \$100 million Calile was built by Hutchies for the Malouf family – long-time friend and client.

It was born out of the Malouf family's decision to transform Brisbane's premier shopping district, James Street, into a lifestyle resort destination.

With the sub-tropical design creating an urban oasis for guests with its coastal vibes, The Calile appeals to international, local and domestic travellers and is proving a popular haunt for celebrities and socialites such as Liam Hemsworth, Julia Roberts and George Clooney.

Hotel general manager, Rob Unson, said being named 12th in the world was a fitting fifth birthday present for the 175-room boutique hotel and a great win for Australian tourism.

Speedy build on day surgery



Shown on the inspection tour are (from left) Wayne Rafter, Phil Gregory, Terrence Kehoe, Mike Horan (board chair), Professor Julie Cotter, Alec Noble, Trish Leddington-Hill, Peter Trethewie, Marie Pietsch, Tony Rossini, Dr Ross Hetherington and Dr Stephen Harrop.

BOARD members of Darling Downs Health recently toured Hutchies' construction works at the Toowoomba Day Surgery

project and were impressed at the speed at which the day surgery was being built.

The new Toowoomba Day

Surgery is forging ahead with external construction works largely completed and the internal fit-out well underway.



Enjoying the SEQ Showcase (from left) Jack Hutchinson Jr, Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, and Don O'Rorke, Consolidated Properties Group.

Showcase highlights local SEQ attractions

CONSOLIDATED Properties Group and Hutchies hosted the SEQ Showcase cocktail party at The Fortitude Music Hall.

The event brought the development and construction industries together to celebrate South East Queensland's economy, upcoming 2032 Olympic Games, development, arts and culture.

Special guest of honour was Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner.

BUSSQ board tour to the north



During their visit to Townsville, BUSSQ board and senior executives met with members of Hutchies' team on St Patrick's College project.

DURING a recent visit to Townsville, the directors of BUSSQ visited Hutchies' St Patrick's College project for a site barbecue and held a board meeting at the Cowboys Centre of Excellence through Hutchies' sponsorship.

BUSSQ is a profit-for-members industry superannuation fund, catering for members and employers in the building, construction and civil industries.

BUSSQ's CEO, Damian Wills, said the 39-year-old fund was created by the Queensland construction stakeholders for the benefit of building and construction workers statewide.

"It's so important for Australians to be with a top performing super fund that really understands their working lives and is prepared to work closely with their industry to deliver valued financial advice, fit for purpose insurance and good old fashioned service," he said.

"BUSSQ has delivered an average annual return of 9.28 per cent in its main investment option since inception, and it has competitive low-cost fees.

"Importantly, it is out on sites and workplaces every day across Queensland talking to members to educate them about

the importance of getting their super sorted.

"Our point of difference is that we really understand the work members do and pride ourselves on providing levels of service we feel larger funds are walking away from."

Damian also acknowledged and thanked Hutchies for its strong support of BUSSQ as the fund's largest employer with more than 1,000 team members part of the fund.

Ben Young (COTY 2009), Hutchies' workplace relations director, is a board member of BUSSQ as an employer representative nominated by Master Builders.



Kate Lucarelli on the front cover of the Inside Construction magazine.

Kate Lucarelli is front page news

KATE Lucarelli, project manager for Hutchies in Melbourne, has become a pin-up for the construction industry as the first woman to feature on the cover of *Inside Construction*.

Team leader, Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020), congratulated Kate for her success and her contribution to Hutchies.

Inside Construction described Kate as a shining example of a young woman thriving in the construction industry.

The feature article said that, since joining Hutchies, the devoted construction professional had gone from strength to strength in her career, moving into a project management role after just 12 months with the business.

It went on to say that her success stemmed from a passion for the construction industry

and the opportunities it presents, as well as from the inclusive and diverse workplace culture she is part of at Hutchies.

"There are always going to be hurdles and barriers when breaking into a male-dominated industry, but Hutchies has been supportive in the development of my career," Kate said.

"Bring focus, resilience and passion to the table and then, with the support of the right employer, the challenges become surmountable – if you're the right person, you'll find the right job."

She hopes other young women will learn from her example.

For the full story visit: www.insideconstruction.com.au/news/features/hutchinson-builders-nurtures-a-culture-of-inclusion/

New Toowoomba showrooms

A NEW retail complex has been completed by Hutchies in James Street, Toowoomba – one of the city's busiest thoroughfares.

The high profile space comprises three tenancies with retail areas, modern offices, spacious lunchrooms, amenities, large store-rooms, generous parking areas and well-designed footpaths for pedestrians.

Motif Properties director, Jon Crampton, thanked Hutchies for its efforts and perseverance on the job.

"You guys have been a pleasure to deal with and we sincerely hope that we get the opportunity to work with you again soon," he said.



New retail complex in busy James Street, Toowoomba.



Trainer whisperer, Chris Chainey, second from right, with Hutchies' QR South Bank team.

CHRIS Chainey, known by his team as a true gentlemen of the construction industry, recently celebrated 20 years at Hutchies where he has developed a reputation for his specialised work on Queensland Rail projects and heritage-listed buildings.

Queensland Rail is a unique environment that Chris has spearheaded for Hutchies for the past 15 years where he is known as the 'Train Whisper' and the 'Godfather of Hutchies' rail division'.

Heritage-listed Yungaba House was another high-profile project that consumed Chris for 18 months, with a six-month tender and investigation phase prior to works beginning.

Team leader, Cy Milburn (COTY 2014), said

Chris Chainey – train whisperer on track at Hutchies for 20 years

Chris had steered and assisted projects and employees with good manners, honesty and a passion to deliver an impressive portfolio of projects in his own unique way.

Cy praised Chris for helping many young team members advance their careers and as a person who was always happy to help in any way he could.

"Remote, regional, and damn right difficult projects have been his speciality," said Cy.

"He has poured concrete from a helicopter,

cut roads into mountains, and imported small hinges from a little-known blacksmith in the UK just to get the detail right.

"Chris is a man with many talents – from a dance teacher in London prior to coming to Australia, to an advocate for male mental health and a proud member and participant of the Australian Institute of Builders.

"Over the past 20 years, there isn't much Chris Chainey hasn't done for the betterment of the industry and the people around him."



Pre-dawn panel lift for Cairns crew

A DELICATE tilt-panel lift meant it was all hands on deck for an extra early Saturday morning start for the Cairns team.

Hutchies is building the new multi-purpose hall within the Woree State

School campus in south Cairns.

Following the successful lift, project administrator, Amy Swift, and project manager, Peter King, looked after the crew with a barbecue breakfast.



Amy Swift and Peter King manned the crew's breakfast barbecue.

Pre-dawn lift work was required at the Woree State School site which continued into the morning.



Al Gundy looks forward to a long and healthy retirement

WELL known building industry identity, Al Gundy, has retired after 30 years with Hutchies.

Recently, Al was seriously ill and underwent major surgery but he has had a remarkable recovery and looks forward to a long and healthy retirement.

When Al left school he went to work as a jackeroo then joined the building game through demolition work.

He started with Hutchies and worked on the Treasury Casino refurbishment in the 1990s.

Al said he enjoyed being a builder's labourer because of the variety of jobs and different places he went.

In 2002 he showed his willingness to turn his hand to anything when there was a need for someone to catch a goanna while he was working on a building site in outback Winton.

Al volunteered because an old uncle, Lenny Duncan, had taught him to hunt bush tucker, a skill which Al has passed on to the Boy Scout movement.

During his career, Al had many job offers from other contractors but he said they could never match Hutchies – particularly the social club outings!

Hutchies wishes Al a happy retirement.



LEFT: Young Al with a goanna on a Hutchies' building site in outback Winton in 2002.



RIGHT: Al recently used his bush tucker hunting skills to deal with a snake in his own backyard, proving he is still as good as he was!

Wide variety at Downlands Art Exhibition

HUTCHIES was a silver partner for the 2023 RME Downlands Art Exhibition.

The week-long event in September, coinciding with Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers, engaged the Downlands and wider community with artists, artwork and creative minds.

Oil paintings, water colours, ceramics, photography, sculpture, jewellery, installations, works on paper, drawings and prints were on display at the College's Graham Centre.



L-R, Jess Ramos, Rohan Cox and Rachel Cox, at the 2023 RME Downlands Art Exhibition.

AIB crew on Margaritaville

PAST presidents of the Queensland chapter of the Australian Institute of Building (AIB) enjoyed a day aboard Jack Hutchinson Snr's boat, Margaritaville.

Greg McLean, LFAIB, described the day as "good weather, good food and good company".

RIGHT: Shown onboard on the day are, from left, Bob Wildermuth, John Kirkwood, John Gaskin, Jeff Palmer, Jim Niven, Robin Fardoulys, Jack Hutchinson Snr and Greg McLean.





Artist's impression of the 47-residence Pama under construction at Casuarina Beach.

CMATS BRISBANE SUPPORT FACILITIES

Job Value: \$50.42M
Job Description: Brisbane Air Traffic Services Centre and Control Tower Complex refurbishment and upgrades.
 Hutchies' Team Leader: Mitch Grimmer
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Luke Puxley
 Hutchies' Administrator: Mitchell Collocott
 Hutchies' Project Coordinator: Ellie Salmon
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Nat Creedy
 Architect Firm: PDT Architects
 Structural Engineering: Bornhorst + Ward
 Client: Airservices Australia

HESTER HORNBROOK ACADEMY

WERRIBEE CAMPUS
Job Value: \$13.82M
Job Description: A new special assistance school campus in Melbourne to accommodate 220 students and 40 staff.
 Hutchies' Team Leader: Dan Casey
 Hutchies' Construction Manager: Darren Morrison
 Hutchies' Design Manager: Alexis Fischer
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Georgie Laverick
 Hutchies' Administrator: Claudio Diaz
 Hutchies' Site Manager: William Bongers
 Hutchies' Cost Planner: Jonathan Bernal
 Architect Firm: Gray Puksand
 Structural Engineering: Adams Consulting Engineering
 Civil Engineering: Adams Consulting Engineering
 Services (EECT/MECH/HYD): Erbas & Associates
 Fire Engineer: DDEG (Fire)
 Client: Hester Hornbrook Academy

ROSEWOOD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Job Value: \$11.37M
Job Description: Design and construction of a general learning centre within the campus.
 Hutchies' Team Leader: Mitch Grimmer
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Leighton Stock
 Hutchies' Administrator: Warren Humphris
 Hutchies' Cadet Administrator: Baxter Foreman
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Andrew Grimmer
 Architect Firm: Vabasis
 Structural & Civil Engineering: BG&E Consulting Engineers
 Client: Old Department of Education

WALLOON STATE SCHOOL

Job Value: \$7.38M
Job Description: A new general learning centre building and basketball court.
 Hutchies' Team Leader: Mitch Grimmer
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Leighton Stock
 Hutchies' Administrator: Warren Humphris

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with
Paul Hart
(COTY 2005)

Hutchies' Cadet Administrator: Baxter Foreman
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Luke Reynolds
 Architect Firm: Vabasis
 Structural & Civil Engineering: BG&E Consulting Engineers
 Client: Old Department of Education

CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTRE (CTC)

Job Value: \$4.87M
Job Description: Construction of the Bob Marshman Building within the CTC's Salisbury campus.
 Hutchies' Team Leader: Michael White
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Alexander Swann
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Phil Hiscox
 Architect Firm: Deicke Richards
 Structural & Civil Engineering: Built Environment Collective (BEC)
 Client: CISC

PAMA CASUARINA BEACH

Job Value: \$41.04M
Job Description: Construction of 47 two, three and four-bedroom beachside residences.
 Hutchies' Team Leader: Lewi Corby
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Tim Todd
 Hutchies' Administrator: Kylie Scully
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Ross Durey
 Architect Firm: Cornetta Partners Architects
 Structural & Civil Engineering: ADG Engineers
 Client: Holm Developments & DeMarini Fletcher

GLADSTONE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

Job Value: \$12.96M
Job Description: New multi-purpose hall and carpark.
 Hutchies' Team Leader: Cy Milburn
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Darren Hillier
 Hutchies' Administrator: Henry McClelland
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Gary Turner
 Architect Firm: Biscoe Wilson Architects
 Structural & Civil Engineering: Recor
 Client: Old Department of Education



The twin-towered Mondrian Gold Coast Hotel and Private Residences continues to rise from its beachfront location at Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast. Occupants of the 25-level residential tower will have full access to the adjacent hotel's five-star services and amenities. Mondrian Gold Coast Hotel and Private Residences is a \$400 million venture for Chris and Letitia Vitale of Vitale Property Group.



Hutchies is constructing the new Hester Hornbrook Academy Werribee campus in Melbourne's west.



Hutchies' John Munro (right) passing on construction tips to the prep students, assisted by project manager, Fabian Pisani, and project administrator, Lisa Nagano.

House building tips

THE Hutchies' team working on the St Francis Xavier's School's junior precinct project in Cairns were on hand when the prep teachers asked for some expert tips on how to build a house.

After reading the tale of *The Three Little Pigs*, the prep students had been learning about different types of materials that are used to build things.

What better way to learn about construction methods than from Hutchies' team working on site at the school campus.

At a special classroom presentation, site manager, John Munro, showed the students different kinds of materials used in construction and explained their purpose.

Following the session, the students were tasked with designing a house for the pigs from recycled materials.

Hutchies supplied prizes of construction-focused colouring books for the best houses and John was part of the jury to select the winners.

Rod King named inaugural Design Manager of the Year

HUTCHIES' 2023 design managers' conference was held recently on the Gold Coast where attendees gathered to hear from their peers, share knowledge and examine a wide range of Hutchies' current and recently completed projects.

A highlight of the conference was the inaugural Design Manager of the Year award, won by Rod King, one of Hutchies' pioneering design managers.

The award recognises the invaluable

contribution design managers make to the success of Hutchies' construction projects.

Rod joined Hutchies in 2007 and has been involved in some of John Berlese (COTY 2006) team's most impressive and complex projects.

From project inception to completion, Rod has played a pivotal role in guiding the design management process to ensure the success of Hutchies' built work for the team and clients.



Rod King receives Hutchies' inaugural Design Manager of the Year award from Jack Hutchinson Jnr.



Delegates at Hutchies' design managers' conference on the Gold Coast.



Apiarist, Jack Stone from Bee One Third, works with Hutchies on its bee colonies.

Hutchies' honey bees making a big difference for a decade

IN 2013 Hutchies established its first honey bee hive and now, 10 years on, there are thriving bee colonies across eight Hutchies' offices including Hobart and Sydney.

It is hoped to increase hive capacity and expand colonies to new locations across Hutchies' network with the eventual aim to have a colony attached to every office and yard.

Each bee colony hosts around 150,000 to 200,000 bees across three or four hives.

Hutchies is believed to be the only company in Australia promoting the establishment of urban bee hives on a national scale.

Bees play an integral part in the agricultural industry, responsible for pollinating about one-third of the food the world consumes, with the work they do in this sector valued at about A\$236 billion.

The decline in the honey bee and native bee populations worldwide is a global crisis and

Hutchies established its first hives to help create awareness of the threat of declining bee populations.

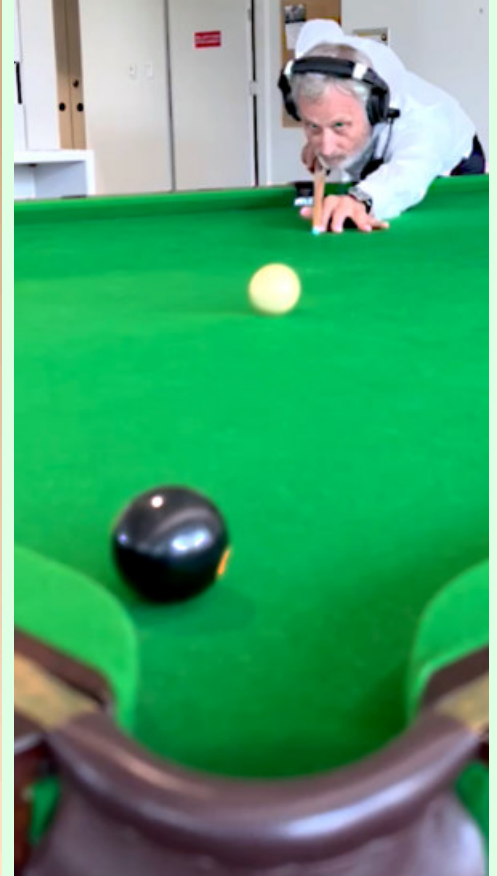
Apiarist, Jack Stone, from Bee One Third, has worked alongside Hutchies on its honey bee project.

Bee One Third is an urban and regional beekeeping organisation working to increase local bee populations within the urban regions.

As well as helping to establish and manage urban hives for businesses or communities, it offers beekeeping courses on how to create and manage bee hives.

Regularly collected, Hutchies' honey is used for event sponsorships, client gifts, weddings, and special events with any donations for Hutchinson Honey Bees jars going to Save the Bees.

More information: www.hutchinsonbuilders.com.au/difference/the-heart/honey-bees.



Scott demonstrates his skill with the pool cue while chatting on ABC radio.

Pool skill shown on radio

SCOTT Hutchinson was guest of honour on ABC Radio's Brisbane Mornings program with Rebecca Levingston during September.

Rebecca wanted to interview Scott about his being one of thousands marooned at Burning Man festival.

He played a game of pool with Rebecca and won which was the first time a game had been finished during the segment.

Needless to say, Scott was pretty chuffed.

None the Wiser song win



Darren Middleton (far right) and Hutchies' Harry White present the winner's cheque to the members of None the Wiser.

HUTCHIES sponsors the annual Darren Middleton Songwriting Competition held by Brisbane Boys' College.

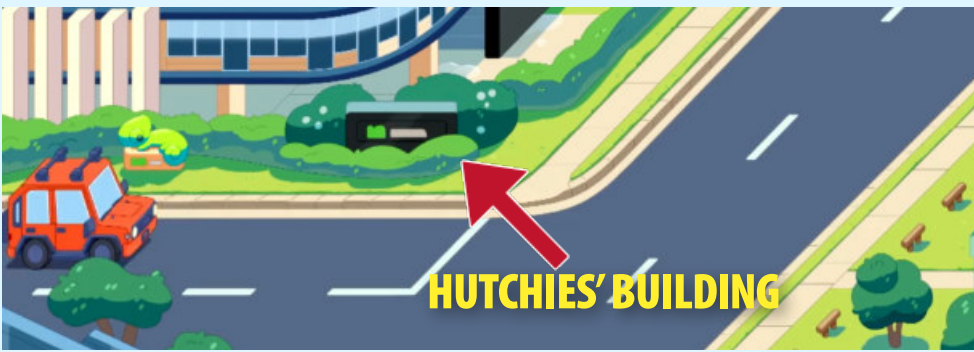
This year it was won by the band, None the Wiser, with their song, Little Things.

Hutchies' donation will enable the boys to record their winning song.

Darren Middleton, of Powderfinger fame, was once again on hand to announce the winner and close out the night performing a Powderfinger song with the senior students.



Hutchinson Honey Bees honey is used for special gifts or fundraising for Save the Bees.



Bluey and family drive by Hutchies' Toowong office.

Toowong office in Bluey cameo role

HUTCHIES' Toowong yard has made a cameo appearance in the world-famous and much-loved ABC children's cartoon program, *Bluey*.

In a recent episode of *Bluey* (Series 3 – 'Show And Tell'), Bandit, Bluey and Bingo drive their car along Sylvan Road, past Hutchies' blue building and turn into Milton Road.

Hoppy's Carwash gets a nod too although its large eye-catching frog has been replaced with a chameleon.

The episode also features Surfer – one of the few dogs with a human-like haircut – who is voiced by three-time world surfing champion Mick Fanning.

Created by Joe Brumm and produced by Queensland-based company Ludo Studio, *Bluey* premiered in October 2018 and has since become an award-winning world-wide phenomenon even featuring in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.



From left, Hutchies' Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020) and panelists, David Campbell (Lendlease) and Joe Piascki (Spark – North East Link), at the Industry Capability Network information night.

Victorian industry unites to demystify government policy

MORE than 150 subcontractors and industry representatives came together in August for the Industry Capability Network (ICN) information night, 'Winning Work: Understanding Government Policy'.

Backed by Hutchies, along with Lendlease and Spark – North East Link, the event brought together government, industry experts and social enterprises to help demystify the Victorian government's social procurement framework and open avenues of further education and collaboration for subcontractors.

The Victorian government's social procurement framework is designed to leverage the government's buying power to drive social benefits above and beyond the value of a build, such as the inclusion of environmentally sustainable business practices and the creation of job opportunities for Victorian Aboriginal people and disadvantaged Victorians.

Meanwhile, the Building Equality Policy (BEP) sets targets around female representation on site for apprentices, trades and non-trade labour.



Redevelopment of the Tara Hospital by Hutchies for Darling Downs Health is part of the Queensland government's rural and remote health program.

Hospital upgrade in rural and remote health plan

DARLING Downs Health has appointed Hutchies for the \$22 million redevelopment of the local hospital in Tara, a rural town in the western downs region of Queensland.

The state-of-the-art hospital is set to elevate the community's healthcare capacity with clinical spaces available by mid-2025.

Expansion of the facility will cater for a wide range of medical needs, including emergency care, palliative care, adult mental health services, clinical services and various outreach programs.

The development is part of the Queensland government's \$943 million rural and remote

health program aimed at rejuvenating ageing healthcare infrastructure across the state.

Tara's new hospital will be constructed on the existing site at Bilton Street, ensuring seamless continuity of healthcare services throughout the construction phase.

The project is expected to provide 130 local jobs.

Tara has preserved its pioneering history and celebrates its multiculturalism with the biennial Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races with the next event scheduled for August 2024.



Manning up for prostate cancer

TOOWOOMBA team's new digs hosted a Man Up! prostate cancer information and awareness session followed by a barbecue.

The awareness presentation was held on Friday September 1 to encourage all guys to go and get checked for Father's Day.

More family support with autism diagnosis

RECENT sod turning signalled the start of a new childcare centre for AEIOU at Idalia in Townsville which will provide more support for local children with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis.

The new centre will replace AEIOU's existing leased centre at Kirwan and will feature three classrooms, state-of-the-art therapy rooms and a dedicated parent education unit.

It is expected to be finished mid-2024.

The Australian government committed \$2 million and the Queensland govern-



Shown at the ceremony are (from left) Jack Hutchinson Jnr; Susan Rix, AEIOU chair; Andrew Wilcox MP; Stephen Jones, Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services; Hutchies' Mitch Grimmer; Leslie Walker MP; Alan Smith, AEIOU CEO; and Mark Hunt, project director.

ment contributed another \$1 million towards the \$5.6 million project.

AEIOU CEO, Alan Smith, said private

philanthropy and community fundraising had been essential, with the costs of construction doubling in recent years.

OBITUARY



Peter Richards
5/3/1961 ~ 19/7/2023

ALL at Hutchies were sad to hear of the passing of longtime Hutchies' team member, Peter Richards.

Pete was a valued member of the Hutchies' family for almost 20 years and beloved by both the Barry Butterworth (COTY 1996) and Cy Milburn (COTY 2014) teams.

Despite battling pancreatic cancer since 2019, it was his style to never let it get him down as he did not want to be a burden on anyone.

Workmates described him as a true gentleman who always got the job done with a smile on his face while providing a good laugh in the process.

Condolences and deepest sympathies to Pete's wife, Mel, and their family.

World identities emerge for EOFY



Some of the Valmadre team members on the night, from left (rear), Claire Hays, Lauren Garrett, Alex Rametta, Rochelle Kidney, Lauren Harris, Owen Valmadre, and (front) Tania Galbraith, Mandie Quint, Lauryan Evans and Aeryn Jones.

THE Owen Valmadre team (finance, accounts, payroll, IT, company services) held its popular end-of-financial-year (EOFY) party at Howard Smith

Wharves with a fancy dress theme, 'famous persons', which prompted the appearance of a variety of international identities.

Desert deluge at Burning Man

SCOTT Hutchinson's annual private pilgrimage to Burning Man festival in the Nevada Desert, USA, became public on international news when four months of rain dumped on the dusty venue in 24 hours.

The 10 square kilometre temporary city became an impassable quagmire and festival goers were advised to conserve food and water when vehicles were bogged for kilometres, the local airport shut down and just moving about the festival became virtually impossible.

Burning Man is a celebration of counterculture ideals, attracting thousands of the global elite, including Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg.

The annual event has been described as the ultimate circuit breaker, inspiration and reality check from high-pressure and all-encompassing jobs.

Apart from a COVID-imposed two-year hiatus for the event, Scott has attended every Burning Man since 2010 and described 2023 as "the best ever" with the novelty of flooding rain in the usually parched desert.

He said Burning Man had a fantastic atmosphere.

"I have a bad habit of dwelling on the past and worrying about the future, but Burning Man helps me appreciate the present," he said.



Pictured at Burning Man, from left, Benedict (Gecko) McMahon, Andre (The Electric Weasel) Lissiman, Bobby (ZuZu Galactica) Gundelach, and Scott (Goatroper) Hutchinson.



Thunder on the Downs

HUTCHIES is the gold sponsor for Tarhlea Apelt and her Apelt Floors Motorsport team as they embark on their racing campaign in the Hi-Tec Oils Toowoomba Speedway Thunder on the Downs sprintcar event.

Hutchies' Gavin Taylor (centre) and Sean Lees (far right) joined with the Apelt Floors Motorsport team for their new Hutchies-sponsored gear reveal.



Alert security nabs thief

SECURITY on Hutchies' building sites was productive recently when a thief was spotted on camera trying to pilfer building materials and equipment.

Security company, Sightmaster, gave the alert and police did the rest.

Hitchhiker on the road to nowhere

ON a recent early morning beach fishing trip on North Stradbroke Island, Dean White and son, Cameron, picked up an unwanted hitchhiker.

A snake had wrapped itself in the car wheel and rode from one end of Straddie to the other.

Dean removed the snake, checked it for any signs of injury and released it back into the bush ... unharmed, but undoubtedly lost, dizzy and dazed.

RIGHT: Dean removes the hitchhiking snake from the car wheel.





WRAPPING up another successful year of awards from Australian Institute of Building, Hutchies' people and projects were recognised with 11 awards across three states by AIB in 2023 and four went on to win in the national awards.

In Queensland, the Brighton Homes Arena for Brisbane Lions received a Professional Excellence Award and Hutchies' Michael White was crowned Building Professional of the Year.

Other Queensland awards went to: Fortitude Valley State Secondary College Stage 2; 272 Hedges Avenue for Sunland Group at

Broadbeach; Pacific Pines State High School; Habitat Early Learning Peregian Springs; Queensland Rail South Bank Station Upgrade; and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services - QFES Maryborough Fire Station.

In New South Wales, Hutchies won awards for Castle Residences and The Landmark in Sydney.

In Victoria, Hutchies won for the Prospect project in Box Hill.

Four of the projects picked up Professional Excellence Awards and progressed to the AIB

National Awards where Hutchies won the following:

- Fortitude Valley State Secondary College Stage 2 – Professional Excellence Award (Mitch Grimmer).
- Pacific Pines State High School New General Learning Centre – High Commendation (Mitch Grimmer).
- Brisbane Lions Brighton Home Arena – Professional Excellence Award (Michael White).
- 272 Hedges Avenue – Professional Excellence Award (Michael Sipinkoski).



MORE than 35 builders, projects and individuals from Kingaroy to Toowoomba were recognised at the Master Builders Queensland Downs & Western 2023 Housing & Construction Awards.

Hutchies' teams were winners in the following categories:

- Health Facilities up to \$20 million – Toowoomba Base Hospital Emergency Department Extension (Toowoomba).
- Education Facilities up to \$10 million – Good Samaritan College

(Toowoomba).

- Community Service Facilities – Good Samaritan College (Toowoomba).
- Retail Facilities up to \$5 million – Glenvale Medical & Pharmacy (Glenvale).
- Residential Building (high-rise over 3 storeys) up to \$20 million – Mylne Street Units (Toowoomba).



HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team were among those who attended the Building Design Queensland (BDQ) South West Regional Design Awards held at The Goods Shed. They were (from left) Andrew Nolan, Blake Phipps, Danny Charlesworth, Ishbel Macaulay, Kirsten Shore and Sean Lees. Sean was also a member of the panel for the awards.

Queensland Apartment Awards for Excellence

AUSTRALIAN Apartment Advocacy (AAA) held its inaugural Queensland Apartment Awards for Excellence and Scott Hutchinson was named co-winner of the Apartment Sector Leading Light Award.

The inaugural Queensland Awards event attracted 25 entries across 13 companies. Awarded at the judges' discretion, the

Leading Light Award went to Scott for his leadership in the philanthropy space as well as for quality construction and training.

His co-winner of the Leading Light Award was Andrew Elvin of Coast2Bay Housing Group which is delivering affordable and social housing to those in need on the Sunshine Coast.

AAA is a not-for-profit agency that represents more than 2.5 million Australians who choose an apartment as their home.

It undertakes research with apartment owners and residents in order to advise government and developers about the needs of the apartment community.



HUTCHIES' Tassie team turned out in force for the Master Builder Tasmania Awards for Excellence.

The team (pictured above) came away with three major gongs for two of its projects:

- MONA Jetty Tunnel (two awards) for Work Health & Safety – Commercial; and, Civil Construction;

- Kings Quarter – Stage 1 for Medium Density Construction over 5 dwellings.

High Commendations were also received for:

- MONA Jetty Tunnel for New Construction \$5-10M;
- RHH Pre-admission & Outpatients Clinic for Health Facility & Renovation/Fit-out \$5-10M.

FEEDBACK FEEDBACK



Hutchies sponsors the Currumbin Eagles RLFC U12 White team.

I'M in London with my wife on holiday for a week, and she randomly switched on the TV and Undercover Boss Australia was just saying, "after the break is Scott Hutchinson!"

I've only watched about half an episode years ago, so not sure what the benchmark is, but we thought you did a great job.

Given the fact that we have purchased (and moving into) Level 17 in your Luxe project at Broadbeach it was super special and filled us with confidence about where we'll be living.

Anyway, thanks for reading and congrats on caring so much about company culture – something I constantly remind my CEO clients about when searching for C level staff.

Garry Connell

THANK you for the efforts to get the (Yeerongpilly Green) job over the line in a challenging industry at present.

Regards,

Callan Siphthorp ,TLPC

RE: Yeerongpilly Green. This has been a herculean effort delivering this job.

It is a great result, particularly in light of a tight program but, more significantly, the current industry challenges as well as the weather and COVID. The centre looks great, Woolies are very impressed, as are the other tenants. We really appreciate how hard it's been and the result produced!

Well done and thank you very much.

**Kieran Cox
Consolidated Properties Group**

PERSONALLY and on behalf of the entire Rinnai Team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you (Hutchies) for your sponsorship and support of the 2023 Rinnai Straddie Surf Challenge.

This year we celebrated our 20th edition ... and (this) was also our biggest year in terms of attendees.

We had 220-odd register and a minimal number of last minute pull outs which meant plenty of feet in the sand – a magnificent achievement.

As I say every year, this event is a unique gathering with participants across a broad church of industries and, without your support, it would be difficult to provide attendees with the amazing experience that they enjoy year after year.

From discussions at the event,

and after, I know all attendees had a fantastic time again this year.

Whilst it is difficult to ascertain the true return you get from your support of the event, I hope that I plug away enough to highlight your involvement and that, at the very least, provides some acknowledgment of your generosity.

Your kind assistance made this possible and your generous support meant we were able to deliver another event which exceeded all expectations.

**Gary Lemmon
Queensland manager
Rinnai Australia**

HI, I'm a permanent resident at Longbeach Apartments adjacent your Royale project in Northcliffe Terrace, Surfers Paradise.

I just wanted to congratulate your company on the outstanding task of erecting the on-site building crane with minimal disturbance.

A fantastic engineering job. Well done!

**Kind regards,
Kenneth Bremner**

WE just had a short break at Breeze Mooloolaba and we understand that your firm built that project.

We stayed in 304 which is a disabled unit. It was a joy to see the craftsmanship displayed by your employees.

Everything was neatly joined with no visible poor workmanship. Well done Hutchinsons!!

Normally, I could expect to see ill-fitting doors and uneven cabinetry, but your craftspeople excelled. If ever I need to build, I will contact Hutchinsons for a design and quote!

**Many regards,
James and Marissa Williams**

CURRUMBIN Eagles RLFC U12 White team had our presentation day where the team was presented with Hutchies' merch and season jerseys, etc.

The team truly appreciates the generosity from Hutchies and will get plenty of use from the HB gear through the pre-season sessions.

Thanks again guys.

Luke Hayes

GOOD to read all Hutchies' good news in the latest Hutchies' Truth.

Small world, as I know Hayden Sargeant's grandmother Carolyn well and have been following Hayden's great rugby career.

**Cheers,
Teresa Kearney**

RE: 895 Ann Street ... I wanted to reach out to you specifically to really reinforce my sincere appreciation of a job bloody well done.

My read of the play is that, whilst it has been a real team effort, Dave, Josh and John, along with Chris and FP, have done some real heavy lifting.

Achieving PC today was no mean feat. You have worked tirelessly, under a lot of pressure, at a tough, unprecedented time in the industry – and at all times kept it all together and most significantly delivered a superb result.

Thank you very much – it has been great working with you.

**Regards
Kieran Cox
Consolidated Properties Group**

WE write to thank you for you and your team's involvement at the 2023 Queensland Girls in Property program.

Your support of the program has certainly inspired the participants to consider a career in the property and construction industry.

Our 2023 year of Queensland

Girls in Property brought together a multitude of distinguished property companies with a diverse range of students from four schools, all with the goal of empowering our women to choose a career in property.

Once again thank you for your participation and the support of the team at Hutchinsons in the Queensland Girls in Property 2023 program, and for introducing these young women to a new realm of possibilities in their future careers.

**Yours sincerely
Jess Caire**

Property Council of Australia

ON behalf of the Music Department and especially the Rock Band Program here at BBC, I wanted to thank Hutchinson Builders for your support of the Darren Middleton Songwriting Competition.

Your very generous prize donation will get the winning song recorded.

This year's winning band – None the Wiser with their song 'Little Things' – were impressive and performed very well.

Thank you again. Regards,

**Theo Kotzas
Brisbane Boys' College**

ON behalf of the Australian Institute of Architects Queensland Chapter, I would like to thank Hutchinson Builders for your support as Queensland Chapter Partner for the 2023 Queensland Architecture Awards.

We are so grateful of your support through which we can promote the amazing projects/ architecture in Queensland far and wide.

Although the Awards program is primarily about the celebration and acknowledgement of exemplary architecture, it also celebrates the role of the profession and how what we do as architects enriches the communities we live and work within.

The Awards program is our largest commitment of any of the programs undertaken and as such is a valuable opportunity for exposure for our sponsors and demonstrates real engagement to our industry. Thank you again for supporting this longstanding and valuable program, and by extension – excellence in built environment and design. We look forward to partnering you again in 2024 as we grow the reach of the Awards.

Kind Regards,

**Anna Svensdotter
State manager, Queensland
Australian Institute of Architects**

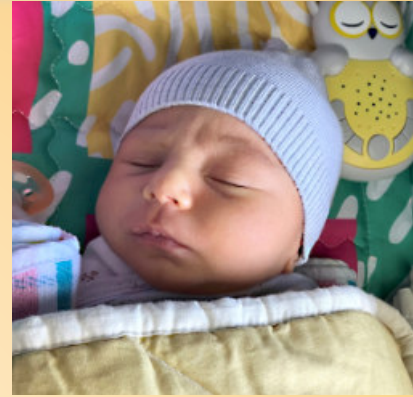
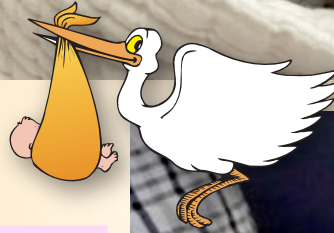
HATCHED



LEFT: George Powell, first baby for Brock Powell (John Koumoukellis team) and partner, Emma Paton, was born September 17.



RIGHT: Ted James Lees, son for Toowoomba team leader, Sean Lees, and wife, Kisyne, and brother to Harvie and Billy, was born September 21.



Alexander Tzaglakis, a son for Hutchies' Sydney design project engineer, Sara Aren, and partner, Alex Tzaglakis, was born September 8.



Hutchies' property manager, Louise Keam, married Aaron Klar at the Brisbane Registry Office in August. Their children, Alyssa and Rafferty, were ring bearers for the big occasion.



Emily Louise Bloomfield, a daughter for project manager, Lachlan Bloomfield, and wife, Rachel. Big brother, Levi, is delighted with his new baby sister.

MATCHED

RIGHT: There was no crying in the chapel, just plenty of smiles, when Hutchies' Maggie Wilson and Ali Mitchell exchanged wedding vows in August at the Elvis Chapel in Las Vegas. The King performed 'Hound Dog', 'Love Me Tender' and 'Suspicious Minds' and the entire ceremony was live-streamed for family and friends who couldn't be there on the big day.





**TRAVELLING
UNDIES
& BUDGIES**



Project manager, Ben Plunkett, and son, Louis, briefly tested the not-so warm waters of Tasmania's Wine Glass Bay during a recent family holiday to the Apple Isle. Topped with warm headgear, Ben reckons it was the only time their Budgies saw the light of day.



Junior estimator, Coen Wilson, spent a week sailing the coast of Croatia where his Budgies proved a hot favourite.



ABOVE: Taking Hutchies' undies to new heights was Guy Bartlett (building services/ESD) seen here surveying the majesty of Lhotse (8,516m) and Everest (8,849m) from Kala Patthar vantage point (5,644m) during his epic Everest Base Camp trek.

Jamie Washington's eldest son, Callum, did his country proud when he wore his Hutchies' undies to the Aussie backpacker mecca of the Oktoberfest in Munich.



Lisa Ketjen of Usher Group and son, Calvin, decked out in Hutchies' boardies, holidayed in Bali. Calvin is following in his Mum's footsteps and is pursuing a career in the construction industry as an apprentice electrician.



Site manager, Lincoln Garth, and his Budgies made it to the famous El Totumo Mud Volcano in northern Columbia where tourists bathe in the dense, warm mud and have the option of receiving personal massages from the attendants. The mud is alleged to have healing properties although Lincoln described his experience to "swimming in a tub of cream".



Serial Travelling Undies contributor, construction manager, Ken McNeill, donned his Budgies for a snorkelling trip to spectacular Hastings Reef on the outer Great Barrier Reef.

Mark 'Chopper' Burgess chose to model his Hutchies' Budgies on a recent visit to swanky Noosa beach.



Contractor, Ian Ward, added a flash of colour to Indonesia's coral reefs with Hutchies' Statim Yaga shorts during a diving safari to the Gili Islands off the coast of Lombok.

Wide ranging discussions at Valley Chamber of Commerce

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson was guest speaker at the Valley Chamber of Commerce business lunch held at Victoria Park Golf Complex.

Members asked Scott about Hutchies' activities, including Philanthropist of the Year for its support of not-for-profit organisations, and Queensland Govern-

ment's 2020 Business Reconciliation Award for its work developing an indigenous employment initiative.

Members also quizzed Scott on

his personal interest in preserving Brisbane's live music scene and his support for young bands and music festivals throughout Queensland.



Scott at the Valley Chamber of Commerce business lunch with chair, Ebony Cavallaro from Channel Nine News.



The NCAT Young Women in Trades and Technology leadership group, pictured with Hutchies' Stephanie Castaldo (apprentice) and Teri MacIntosh (social procurement and community engagement team).

VICTORIA'S Northern College of Arts and Technology (NCAT) was a sea of Hutchies' blue at the school's Bring It On! event.

The school's Young Women in Trades and Technology leadership group spoke to young women, non-binary students and their parents about careers in construction, helping them understand apprentice and trade pathways under the VCE vocational major and the new Victorian certificate.

Hutchies, the builder of choice for the event, worked alongside the CFMEU, Incolink and other

industry partners to guide students through trade information stations before taking part in a panel discussion about overcoming gendered stereotypes in construction.

Team Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020) apprentice, Stephanie Castaldo, was a stand-out, recognised by attendees and organisers

for her infectious enthusiasm as she described her experience as a young woman on the tools and on site.

The Bring It On! project was awarded funding by the Victorian government and is of particular interest to the Minister for Industrial Relations and Treasurer, Tim Pallas, as it is the only one of its

type for school-aged women in Victoria.

Minister Pallas will join Hutchies, NCAT and other industry partners to sign the Code of Respectful Conduct, a zero-tolerance commitment to bullying, discrimination and harassment in structured workplace learning environments.

College teaches young women about apprenticeships and trade pathways

Girls in Property learn about construction

MORE than 100 school students taking part of the Girls in Property program visited Hutchies' work sites at North Quay, 360 Queen Street, and the Parliamentary Annex.

Girls in Property was developed six years ago by the Property Council of Australia to raise awareness of the range of career paths the property industry has to offer.

The program allows high school

students to learn about various career opportunities, hear from property experts, and make valuable business connections.

The property industry spans many sectors including residential, shopping centres, retirement villages, industrial estates, offices and infrastructure.

Hutchies thanks site managers, Nick Dovey, Shaun Spooner and Luke Allman, for hosting the visits.



School students visit Hutchies' work sites to learn about future opportunities in the property industry.

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



Model tradie

HUTCHIES' moonlighting male model, Nick Johnston, has made another appearance – starring in a marketing video for Q1 Resort and Spa on the Gold Coast.

Nick featured in the previous Truth modelling for his partner, Candice Groves' wellness company, Best Cellf. This time both Nick and Candice appeared.



L-R, Lisa Ketjen (Usher Group), Morgan Rooney (Hutchies) and Rosalyn Wilson (Wilson Environmental Compliance) at the inaugural Usher Cup charity golf day at Emerald Lakes on the Gold Coast.

Angelo's colourful 50-year career



From left, Dan Casey, Chris Casey, Ange Peluso, Jo Nicholls, Simon Deen and Marcus Kelly at the farewell.

HUTCHIES' Melbourne recently said thank you and farewell to Angelo Peluso who retired as a true legend of the construction industry.

Dan Casey's team's key labourers who spent 50 years in the industry – a feat achieved by few.

Angelo started with Hutchies in 2017 as one of

Thank you for everything, Ange.

Usher Cup charity golf

HUTCHIES joined in the inaugural Usher Cup charity golf event at Emerald Lakes on the Gold Coast for a day of friendly competition, networking and fundraising for 10 local charities.

More than 130 players joined 12 personalities for the day on which plans for the Usher Cup World Cup Challenge were unveiled.

Usher Cup World Cup Challenge, to be held at Snapper Rocks in January, will be the first international boardriders club surf competition to bring international clubs together in Australia, competing for both individual and club titles.

The Usher Cup is sponsored by the paint, trade and construction industries.



Chopper stars at leagues club

HUTCHIES sponsored the 2023 RACQ CapRescue Biennial Ball held at the Rockhampton Leagues Club.

The Hutchies' team and guests seized the opportunity to pose with the AgustaWestland AW139 chopper on the grounds of Browne Park, Rockhampton's home of NRL.

From left, Mel Genade, Gideon Genade (Gideon Town Planning), Jakkiah Colthup, Nick Colthup, Cara Colthup, Mick Drew, Molly Owens, Caiden Labone, Kylie Riley and Ben Riley (Rilec Electrical).



Doomadgee school visit to Yatala

Doomadgee school students on a Preston Campbell Foundation visit to Hutchies' Yatala yard.

PRESTON Campbell Foundation arranged for young people from Doomadgee, in far north-western Queensland, to visit Hutchies' yard at Yatala on a recent vocational learning experience.

The excursion was for students at Doomadgee State School who attended school regularly and did well in class.

Fun was mixed with learning and the goal of

the excursion was to make students aware of opportunities which exist in urban regions for when they leave school.



Farewell to Rowland THE Rob Diamond team farewelled Rowland Lampard at his retirement lunch at Howard Smith Wharves.



Niko Tuvitu from the tower crane crew on 360 Queen Street playing the team's newly delivered Star Wars Mandoorian pinball.



Moulin Rouge comes alive

HUTCHIES' social club had a night out at QPAC's Lyric Theatre to watch Baz Luhrmann's 2001 revolutionary film come to life on stage as *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*.

Brent and Nicole Davis were among the theatregoers who enjoyed the spectacle.



Teams bond on pinball campaign

HUTCHIES' plan to have pinball machines throughout the national network for team building is well on track.

So far approximately 40 pinballs have been distributed to offices, yards and major building sites.

Scott Hutchinson said the pinballs were proving a success with team members and clients for social get-togethers after work.

"I often get phone calls and messages hours after knock-off with teams bragging about their latest scores," he said.

"The pinballs are great bonding tools."

Dinosaur at 50



HUTCHIES' social responsibility team leader, Mark Kucks, recently celebrated his 50th birthday with team members and a cake.

He might be 50 years old, but the dinosaur-themed embellishment his workmates decorated his desk with seems a bit unfair.

Keeping watch on Listen Out

HUTCHIES' crew attended Listen Out Festival in September.

The gang had pre-drinks at The Triffid before heading to the RNA

Showgrounds.

Hutchies' people have been attending Listen Out for the past seven years.

Tour and goods sampling

TOOWOOMBA'S social club recently enjoyed a tour and sampling of the goods at the Fortune Distillery in Noosaville before moving on to Maroochydore's Duporth Tavern for dinner and drinks.

Around the table (from left), Steven Kanowski, Kirsten Shore, Griffin Vicary, Cody Lugg, Ben Sutton, Alec Noble, Wayne and Amy Rafter, and Emma Meiklejohn.



Cooly crew at Hammo

HUTCHIES' Cooly team members were among the crew aboard the Hutchies-sponsored *Yeah Baby* during the Hamilton Island Race Week in August.

Joe Newrick, Hayden Allsop, Jennifer Hunter and Daniel Skrinis headed to the Whitsundays to compete in Australia's largest offshore keelboat regatta.

Yacht *Yeah Baby* and her crew had a great couple of days out on the water and won race five on both line honours and on handicap.



Yeah Baby on the water taking out race five.



Nutbushers (from left) Damian Berket, Anita Berket, Michelle Williams, Steve Williams, Bec Wilkinson and Darren Wilkinson.

Nutbushers crack world record

SITE manager, Steve Williams, was one of the 5,838 people at the Birdsville Big Red Bash earlier this year who broke the world record for the most number of people doing the Nutbush.

The iconic line dance is performed to the song Nutbush City Limits, first recorded in 1973 by

Tina Turner who died in May.

It was for a great cause, with all proceeds of the \$15 entry fee per person, going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Steve also took part in the Big Red Drag Race where contestants dress in their best Priscilla Queen of the Desert outfits.

BELOW: Hutchies' Steve Williams and crew danced in row 59.



Danny retires after enjoying every minute in construction



Danny O'Reilly demonstrates his future retirement intentions.

DANNY O'Reilly, one of the great gentlemen of the building industry, retired recently from Hutchies.

Danny, national safety manager and 55-year veteran of construction, has supported many in the industry and, in particular, at Hutchies for the past six years.

Managing director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), thanked Danny for his efforts and wished him well for a long and happy retirement at farewell drinks at the Toowong yard.

Danny said he had enjoyed every minute of his 55 years in the industry.



Celebrating their podium finish in the go-karting, from left, Joel Gardiner, Jack Yang and Keaton Ross.

Completion celebration karting

TO celebrate the completion of the Rudata Data Centre project, Sydney team went go-karting where a position on the podium was hotly contested.

The racing was followed by dinner and a high stakes poker night.

Flowers, food ... and flowing wine

SOME of the crew from Hutchies' local team attended the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Festival of Food and Wine.

The three-day Festival of Food and Wine is held during the famous annual Carnival of Flowers which runs during the month of September.



Rare entry to exclusive nightspot

AUSTRALIAN live music entrepreneur, Scott Hutchinson, has done hands-on research at one of the world's most famous and exclusive nightspots with a rare visit to the Berghain club in Berlin, Germany.

The Berghain was founded in 2004 and has since become the "world capital of techno".

Patrons queue for hours to get in, but only a select handful are given the nod by the front door security.

Nobody knows what the entry criteria is but Scott guessed it was image, fashion and attitude.

He dressed accordingly and, after queuing for hours in the rain, was one of the lucky few given access on the night.

The club is located in a former heating plant built in 1953.

Scott said the building had a cavernous main room with 18-metre ceilings dominated by steel and concrete.

"The dance club's main room is focused on techno, with a smaller upstairs space featuring house music," said Scott.

In 2016, a German court officially designated Berghain a cultural institution, which allows the club to pay a reduced tax rate.

It is possible the Berghain influence could appear in some of Hutchies' properties in the Fortitude Valley entertainment precinct including The Fortitude Music Hall, Outpost, Blute's, Black Bear Lodge, Triffid, Soundgarden, Kickons, and Netherworld.

RIGHT: Scott Hutchinson and Marcus Gaffney chose the right dress code for entry into the world famous Berghain nightclub in Berlin.



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MIDDLE ROW: Alesio Vili, Riaan Velvick, Lachlan Kapetanacos, Jimmy Anderson, Joel Keen, Andy Launiuao, Jack Kelleher, Bailey Caplick, Andrew Walker
BACK ROW: Tom Blackmore, Scott Hill, Chris Kuridrani, Niko Tuivitu, Brad Meyers, Jason Watson, Andy Launiuao, Solomoni Junior Rasolea, Matene Downes
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Corporate rugby for Youngcare

HUTCHIES once again competed in the annual Corporate Rugby Tens Brisbane supporting Youngcare at Wests Rugby Club, Toowong, in September.

As well as the hotly contested footy, players and spectators enjoyed plenty of drinks, food, music and entertainment.

The competition is made up of the main players in the construction and property industries, ensuring plenty of tough trades taking on fancy office jockeys. Hutchies had Origin legends, Brad Meyers and Scott Hill, making up the numbers.

As well as the main game there was the traditional Budgie Bolt relay with the winning team receiving a \$1000 bar tab.

This was the 16th year the fund-raising competition has been held.

Rocky hottie takes crown

IT'S official ... Rocky team's Caiden Labone (pictured in white shirt) has been crowned Central Queensland's hottest tradie.

The 18-year-old fourth-year carpenter apprentice attracted a whopping 18 per cent of the people's vote in the local newspaper's quest to find the region's hottest tradie.



At the Toowoomba Rugby League presentation night (from left) Jake Sutton, Geoff Kampf and Barry Davidson.

Rugby League trophy night

HUTCHIES is the major sponsor of Toowoomba Rugby League.

Recently, Hutchies' Geoff Kampf had the honour of presenting the Team of the Year jerseys alongside Steve Price for the A Grade Team of the Year announcement.



Sisters (from left), Jessica and Regan White, before the start of the gruelling three-day 96kms Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge.

Kokoda Challenge

HUTCHIES' Dean White and wife, Lisa, were part of the support crew for two separate teams tackling the Gold Coast Kokoda 96km Challenge, completing the gruelling course in finishing times of 30:06:50 and 36:50:18 respectively.

Jessica took on the course with her school group (Trinity College Beenleigh) and Regan took part with the Kokoda Youth Foundation.

Dean said the teams appreciated Hutchies' support over the weekend.

"They were fuelled by soup in Hutchies' mugs, warmed by Hutchies' beanies and sheltered by Hutchies' gazebos," he said.

COOLY'S social club held a long lunch at popular Rick Shores at the beachfront Burleigh Pavilion on the first Saturday in September. From left (rear) Jennifer Hunter, Bec Brown, Josh Brown and (front) Karleen Sheridan, Megan Long and Bronte Hodgins.



Sunny Coast's safety manager, Cameron McAndrew, turned 50 recently and the team made sure the big day did not go unmentioned.

No sweat matching



SUNNY Coast team members, (from left) Olivia Brock, Deana Zerafa and Tara Thelwall, looked comfortably smart in their matching Hutchies' sweat shirts.

Rocky are rugby champions



Connor shows his winning style passing the ball in the final.

ROCKHAMPTON fourth-year apprentice at Hutchies, Connor Blomfield, played in the Rugby Capricornia reserve grade grand final – Dawson Valley Drovers versus Biloela.

Hutchies supported the Drovers and the team won their division 27 to 10.

Team in the swing



COOLY'S social club organised an evening session at Topgolf on the Gold Coast. From left, James Karch, Jordan McDonald, Natalia Wilkinson, Suzanne Gray and Cherdon Gray.



From left, Aidan Millhouse, Courtney Winter and Mark Dawson took on the spectacular Barnbougle Dunes links golf course – rated #2 in Australia and #11 in the world.

Tassie social club hits the links

TASSIE'S social club, with 40 team members and partners in tow, went to Barnbougle, on the north-east coast of Tasmania, for a weekend of golfing and wine touring.

The first night of drinks, pizzas and AFL preliminary finals in the sports bar took its toll on a few for the 7am tee-off the next day.

Half the group played the spectacular Dunes links golf course (rated #2 in Australia and #11 in the world) followed with an afternoon session on the 14-hole Bougle Run course.

The remaining crew took a more relaxed approach visiting nearby Pipers Brook Vineyard, Delamere Vineyards and Bridport Distilling Co.

Saturday night they regrouped for dinner at the Lost Farm restaurant and, although a few retired early after a long day of golf, others enjoyed some eight ball in the sports bar. A fantastic weekend was had by all.

Good season for Mulgrave U12s



HUTCHIES helped sponsor the Mulgrave U12 Basketball team by supplying hats, backpacks and towels to the boys.

Jaxon, son of Josh McLean, site manager on the Cairns Mental

Health Unit project, is part of the team.

Proud dad, Josh, reported the boys competed well, finishing eighth out of 11 teams in the U12 division 5 for the state.

Rinnai Straddie notches up 20 years of fishing

THIS year the annual Rinnai Straddie Surf Fishing Challenge marked its 20th event with a record number of participants.

Hutchies is a regular sponsor of the weekend, which is an industry event attracting anglers from the building, plumbing and gas industries, and routinely fields a competitive team.

This year the crew wore new eye-catching Hutchies' fishing team uniforms.



Decked out in their new Hutchies' fishing team uniforms (from left) Dean White, Laurie Jensen, Cameron White, Leo Deboer, Peter Ierna and Lee Gagliardi.

Rain squalls and particularly strong winds resulted in tough fishing conditions with few fish caught.

Hutchies' resident angler, Dean White, summed it up by reporting: "Weather was terrible on the beach and bugger all fish were

caught, but that's fishing. "And, although the team uniforms made a great impact, they didn't help with the fishing."



Sunny Coast team tees off

HUTCHIES' local team members competed in the Sunshine Coast Master Builders BUSSQ Golf Day at Twin Waters. From left, Steven Hodgins, Lochlan Johnson, Rob Morrison and Lyle Ellis.

Mates in Construction BBQ

A BARBECUE was held recently by Jamie Washington's team working on the Brisbane South satellite hospital project at Eight Mile Plains to raise funds for Mates in Construction.

Hutchies hosted the barbe-

cue and donated meat trays for the raffle.

Subbies kicked in with about 15 other prizes up for grabs which included a slab of beer and assorted gift cards.

The day raised \$1,865.

