

# HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS FEBRUARY 1997

## HUTCHIES PLAN TO CELEBRATE 85TH YEAR

HUTCHIES this year will celebrate their 85th year!

In 1912, Jack Hutchinson Snr, arrived in Australia with his wife, Ellen, and sons, Jack, 13, and Eric, 11, from Manchester in the United Kingdom and settled at Manly.

Jack had been a builder in the old country and wasted no time in founding the firm J. Hutchinson & Sons.

He bought a block of land in Montague Road, almost under the William Jolly Bridge, which remained the headquarters



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until the company, J. Hutchinson Pty Ltd, was incorporated in 1968.

Planning is now underway for a major celebration during 1997 - a five year celebration now a tradition at Hutchies.

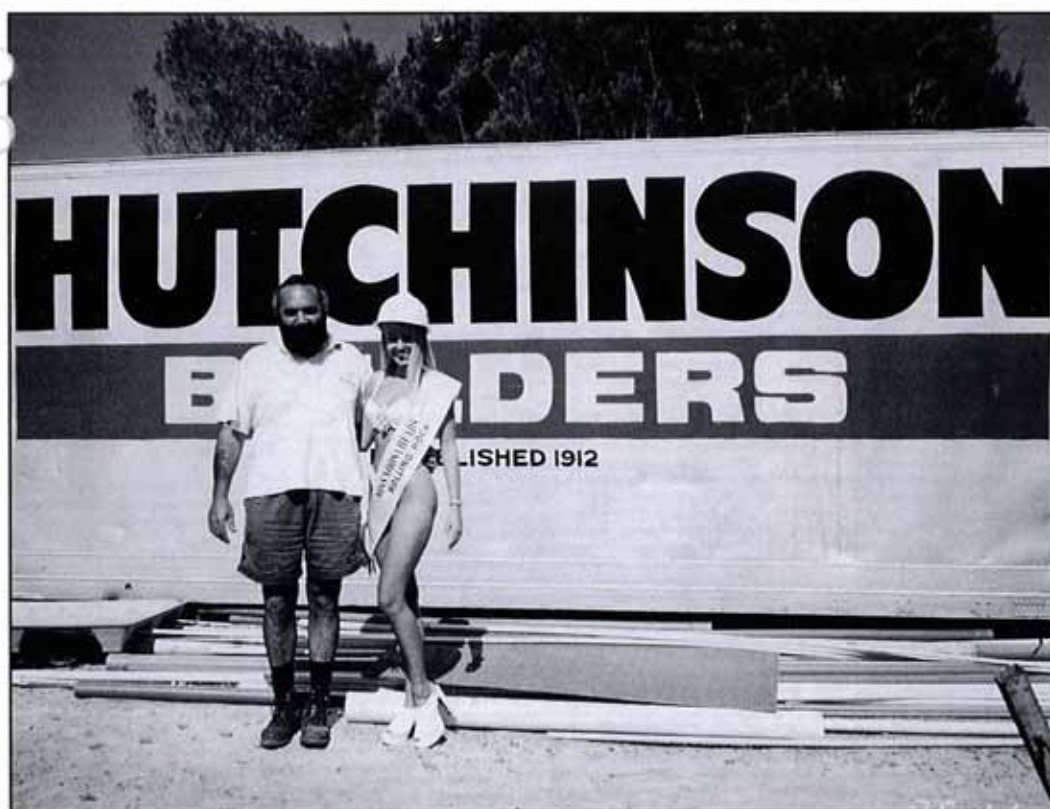
We wish to thank all clients, consultants, sub-contractors and company staff members who have supported us for 85 years.

We want you all to know that we are still in need of your support as we look forward to our 100th birthday celebrations in 2012 and plan for our growth and expansion in the next century.

### JACK FOLLOWS IN GRANDFATHER'S QMBA FOOTSTEPS

JACK Hutchinson recently was elected President of the Queensland Master Builders' Association.

Jack thanked members for their confidence in him and said the presidency was of particular significance because his grandfather had held the same office in 1930 and 1940-42.



### SITE FOR SORE EYES

MISS Noosa Heads, Cindy Richardson, recently joined Hutchies' staff on site at St Vincent's Nursing Home Noosa and foreman, Wally Taylor - always keen to help a new-chum - generously took her under his wing

Foreman, safety officers and unions agreed Cindy's outfit was satisfactory for her to carry out her necessary duties and she was well equipped for the job.

Staff would like to see more of this equal opportunity approach in the field and feel Hutchies could learn something from Cindy on uniform design.

Foreman, Wally Taylor (left) and Miss Noosa Heads, Cindy Richardson, on site at Noosa.

# HUTCHIES - 85 YEARS YOUNG

WE are now an 85 year old commercial and industrial builder.

Times have changed, our methods of operating have changed, but our basic market and philosophy has not.

We have always been in the same market with the majority of our work coming through the hard tender market, although in recent years we have obtained a higher percentage through negotiation and design and construct.

But integrity still holds the same impor-

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

tance now as it did in 1912.

Hutchies don't hold to the theory that 'the building industry is not what it used to be' - I have heard that cry as long as my 45 years involvement in the industry.

The business has always been "hard" and it is as tough today as it was 85 years ago.

The fact is we live in a country, hopefully always committed to private enterprise.

This means we have to continually improve to be better than our opposition.

The hard part is adapting to change and maintaining the level of enthusiasm that is required to be better.

But Hutchies are determined to do it.

I ask every company member to make a New Year's resolution to make - or keep - us the best company in the building industry.

*Jack Hutchinson, Chairman*

## ESTIMATOR OF THE YEAR



**ABOVE:** *The envy of the office, Cullo proudly displays his Estimator of the Year Shield.*

**LEFT:** *A more relaxed Cullo takes a well earned rest.*

SADDENED by the fact that an estimator has never taken out the Constructor of the Year Award, Chief Estimator, Keith Boucaut, decided to do something about it.

Keith returned to his days as a master tradesman to fashion the Estimator of the Year Shield, featuring highly polished solid timber and a Swiss Army knife made in Turkey - beautifully illuminated by back lighting.

The inaugural recipient is Wayne 'Cullo' Cullen for amazing enthusiasm displayed at a recent afternoon weekly marketing meeting.

Having just returned from lunch, Cullo displayed remarkable endurance by staying awake the whole meeting and, never lost for words, showed flashes of brilliance that are rarely seen in these gatherings.

Congratulations, Wayne!

# WARM RELATIONSHIPS IN FROZEN CANADA

DESPITE heaps of rain and temperatures as low as -35 degrees, Neil Bladen and wife, Dena, are enjoying life in Toronto, Canada.

Hutchies are building an \$8 million factory for Orion Buses, a division of Western Star Trucks, a company headed by Brisbane's Terry Peabody.

Joe Lofaro, an engineer from Toronto, is on site with Neil to assist management of the project due for completion in April.

Construction is on schedule and relationships with both client and sub-contractors is excellent.

Joe and his wife, Franca, had Dena, Neil, Barry Butterworth and Jack Hutchinson to a marvellous Canadian/Italian dinner at their home to celebrate the progress of the project.



**ABOVE:** Despite an invitation to dine Canadian/Italian with engineer Joe Lofaro and his wife, Franca, Barry couldn't resist sampling local fare on the snack truck at the Orion Bus site.



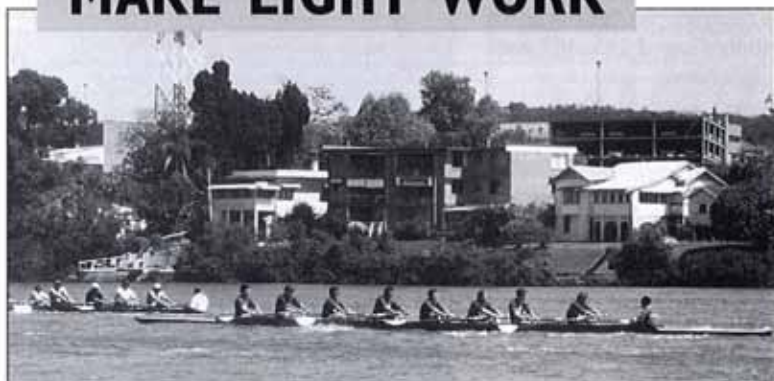
**LEFT:** From left, Jack, engineer Joe Lofaro, Neil and Barry show how pleased they are with progress on the Orion Bus factory project in Toronto, Canada.

## NEW FACES

Hutchies welcomes new faces to the team (seated from left) Nicole Green, reception; Margaret Van Hees, senior accounts; (standing from left) Steve Norton, financial manager; and new administrators, Andrew Kerr, Mario Medrano and Paul David.



## MANY HANDS DIDN'T MAKE LIGHT WORK



**Hutchies' Eight** - a combination of brawn and brains, just not good enough on the day.

ALTHOUGH Hutchies recently completed a boat shed for Gregory Terrace School - winner of the last two Heads of the River - the experience didn't help any in a Corporate Regatta. Hutchies competed against eights from 12 other companies.

Our crew trained hard for six weeks and, despite inside information from the Terrace champions, suffered defeat at the hands of more experienced crews.

But they have vowed to avenge the loss next time.

Hutchies' crew included Andrew Kerr, Con Dunstan, Richard Ohlrich, Scott Hutchinson, Robert Weymouth, Michael Crossin, Richard Field, Jason Williams, Murray Creevey and Dan Gallagher.

## JOBS UPDATE

with  
**Barry Butterworth**

### URANGAN CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE

THE \$5 million Woolworths shopping centre, 'Urangan Central', in Hervey Bay was successfully opened for trading on December 4.

Congratulations must go to foreman, Matt Hutton who had been back from his honeymoon about three hours when he got the word to go to Hervey Bay.

His efforts paid off and at one stage the job was four weeks ahead of programme.

Let's hope Matt's new bride is still talking to him.

Thanks go also to leading hand, Jamie Silvester and local labourer, Jim Murphy, on an exceptional effort.

Thanks also to Brian Griffin, of Heritage Properties, for the coordination of Woolworths and his design team and to Tony Houston, of Thomson Adsett Architects, for his well documented design.

### SPRINGFIELD

'SPRINGFIELD Fair', the \$4 million Coles shopping centre at Springfield, is ready for Stage One handover for Coles fit out works.

Springfield Fair is a design and construct project in cooperation with Consolidated Properties.

Hutchies' foreman, Darrell Gersekowski, is working with Consolidated Properties and Project Superintendents, R.P.M., to coordinate their requirements for specialty shop tenants.

The centre is due to open on March 17.

### WEST END WONDER

HUTCHIES' foreman on the West End shops job, Rob Jones, reckons the six tenancy commercial development is a great addition to West End's mall style shopping society.

"Take a stroll down Boundary Road and you'll find a retail strip less than 200 metres long but now servicing the local community for all its needs," Rob said.

Our client, Smart & Burgess Properties, has leased the tenancies to Baskin Robbins Icecream, Cafe Da Vinci, Subway, Wok-On-In (Noodle Bar) and Seven-Eleven.

Only one vacancy remained on the building's completion.



Urangan Central in Hervey Bay

Architects, Nettleton Tribe, and engineer, Mategy-Perl-Naggy, combined to produce a well laid out building with impressive finishes and colour and an extra 35 car parking spaces to the otherwise pedestrian style precinct.

### 300 QUEEN STREET

CONSTRUCTION commenced just prior to Christmas on a \$1.2 million refurbishment of the ground and lower ground floor of 300 Queen Street, Brisbane.

Work involves the total removal of all existing tenancies and preparation for the 10 new tenancies.

With tiles coming from Italy, the refurbishment will be high class to match the rest of the underground mall which starts at Rowes Arcade.

Jason Williams and Allan Matthews are controlling the job from Hutchinsons and Neil McEvoy from Project Planning and Management is the project manager.

Paul Worrell, David Corta and Michelle Ivory are designing the refurbishment from Daniels Crone.

### EAGLE STREET

HUTCHIES have commenced the works to prepare for the subdivision of 145, 167 and 175 Eagle Street, Brisbane.

Jason Williams and Allan Matthews are coordinating the services trades and conducting the works at night to minimise disruption.

Henry Hancock from Peddle Thorpe Architects has put the project together and is overseeing the works.

### FREEDOM WALL

ON November 11, 1996, Brisbane's Lord Mayor Jim Soorley opened the Freedom

Wall in the Botanical Gardens, Mt Coottha.

The wall is a timeless memorial to those who contributed in any way to the efforts during World War II.



Scott Hutchinson congratulates Howdy McLeod for his efforts on the Freedom Wall project.

### INDOOROOPILLY CAR SHOWROOM

The \$530,000 new car showroom for Earl Taylor, of Westmore Car Centre, will be completed in February.

Syd Britton is our site foreman, administrator is Richard Ohlrich and the project developer is Vince Corry of Blades Project Services.

### ACACIA RIDGE SHOPPING CENTRE

THIS new shopping centre, costing \$450,000, will be completed in early May for Vince Corry of Blades Project Services.

Site foreman is Syd Britton, administrator is Richard Ohlrich.

## EMPIRE THEATRE, TOOWOOMBA

HUTCHIES' 'western division' is working and playing hard on the \$9.5 million Empire Theatre redevelopment for the Toowoomba City Council.

The division has developed an excellent relationship with the client and consultants and says teamwork is the key to the progress made so far and for being on target for May completion.

The 25 metre structural steel flytower is completed and cladding should take four weeks.

Works to the existing heritage listed building which was built in 1911 are into the finishing trades and a pre-Christmas inspection by the Heritage Commission went well.

The building's famous 'Bomber light' - a newly installed replica of the original auditorium light which was removed during World War II - has been switched on for the first time.

Teamwork is extended to the vigorous socialising - particularly prior to Christmas - when the entire team of architect, engineers, project manager superintendents, Kevin Flanagan from the Toowoomba City Council, subbies and Hutchies boys' had a night out on the town.

Yes, they have been allowed back to the Newtown Hotel...thank you!

Our team includes Len White, Grant White, Randal Younger, Terry Wilson and Terry Wilson Jr.

Architect is Chris Everding from Hassell Architects; and superintendents are Brad Richardson and Ben Randall from CMR.

## EMERALD SHOPPING CENTRE

THE design stage of this \$8 million project for Consolidated Properties has just been finalised and construction will commence this month.

Architect is the Buchan Group.

Hutchies' team includes project manager Len White, site manager Paul De Jong and contracts administrator Andrew Kerr.



Paul De Jong prays for fine weather to start the Emerald Shopping Centre.



Hutchinson Builders get star billing at the Empire Theatre in Toowoomba. (Photo L.R. Cuninghame)

## BLACKWATER SHELL

WORK has been completed on the refurbishment of a Shell service station at Blackwater in central Queensland.

The \$180,000 plus job was well handled by Max Staunten, from Shell, and our team of foreman Steve Low, administrator, Mario Medrano and project manager, Len White.

## OLD MINERAL HOUSE

THIS project involves the complete refurbishment of the Old Mineral House.

This is a heritage listed building and care has been taken to comply with all heritage requirements. New offices, apartments, restaurant and gallery are due to open their doors in this refurbished building.

Client is Old Mineral House Pty Ltd. Consultants are Cox Rayner and our project team includes foreman, Kevin Lee, project administrator, Mario Medrano and project manager, Len White.

## IPSWICH GIRLS

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CHARLIE 'Cyclone' Wilson had the \$250,000 project flying to meet the deadline of the start of the new school year.

The project, awarded to Hutchies by PDT in November, involved a new extension to the Arts building and refurbishment of existing classrooms.

## WHARF STREET, BRISBANE

THIS \$500,000 project which involves the refurbishment of existing offices, lift foyers, tea rooms, toilets and upgrade of main entry facade is due for completion February. Our team includes Ron Niven, Kevin Hall on site and administrator is Mario Medrano.

## LOGAN CITY BOWLS

THIS \$3 million project was nine weeks ahead of programme.

The previous two stages were also handed over ahead of schedule.

The joint project with Project Leaders has been well received - and patronised - by the locals of Logan.

Hutchies' team included Stewart Hemsley and Paul David.

In December, Project Leaders sponsored the Australian Men's Masters Pairs competition to the tune of \$15,000.



Pictured at the lunch on the day of the competition were (from left) Peter Morrow, from Project Leaders, Lynne Collins, Chairman of the Noosa Heads Bowls Club, and Scott Hutchinson.

# CONSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR



*Barry Butterworth joins Constructor of the Year honour board.*

EVERY year Kinco Inc from Little Rock donate a valuable custom made 'Jimmy Lyle' knife to be presented to Hutchies' Constructor of the Year.

Anyone with more than a year's service at Hutchies is both eligible to vote and to receive votes for the coveted award.

Barry Butterworth, our Construction Manager with more than 30 years of service, is this year's winner.

Barry joins the elite ranks alongside the previous eight winners - all of whom are now household names at Hutchies.

They are Len White, Ron Niven, Mike Tickner, Paul De Jong, Ray Balladone, Bernie Read, Robert Weymouth and Bill Winterbottom.

Congratulations Barry for a most deserved win!

## SUBBIE OF THE YEAR - IT'S A CLASS ACT

DUGGAN Asphalt Paving was presented with the Kinco Subcontractor of The Year award by Jack Kinnaman recently at a function in Little Rock, USA.

To add a bit more class to the act, the function featured one of Nashville's greatest singer/songwriters, Guy Clark.

Photo shows Jack Kinnaman with Susan Duggan, of Duggan Asphalt Paving, the Subcontractor of The Year.

Strong rumours persist about an Australian/USA Exchange Program for Subcontractor of The Year and Hammo is tipped to be a fair swap for Susan!



*Jack Kinnaman presents the Kinco Subcontractor of the Year Award to Susan Duggan of Duggan Asphalt Paving*

## DUCKING THE ISSUE



WITH the politically incorrect motto, 'If it flies, it dies', Jack Kinnaman sent this photograph showing the results of the 1996/97 duck shoot season.

Last year Jack Hutchinson made the trip to Little Rock to help Jack Kinnaman shoot ducks amid harsh conditions and freezing temperatures.

Both Jacks came away without a quacker!

Jack K's excuse was the lack of rains and sent the photographic proof of this year's haul by his wife, Phyllis.

Maybe Phyllis is just a better shot than the two Jacks put together.

## EASY RIDING AT CHURCHIE CARNIVAL

HUTCHIES helped out late last year at a 'new look' Churchie Carnival, which featured market stalls, delicious food and plenty of rides and entertainment for everyone.

One of the most popular rides was on the pillion of Jack's Harley - especially with the ladies.

Jack says it's one of the best carnivals he's ever been to.



## A TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW



ADMINISTRATOR and quantity surveyor, Robert Gallagher, is on a surfing sabbatical and due home sometime this year.

Despite his quest for the perfect wave, Robert kept his eye out for his other love - good looking buildings.

He's pictured here in San Sebastian, Spain, with what he technically describes as 'one big church'.



## CHARLIE WAS IN THE THICK OF IT

SCOTT Hutchinson congratulates Charlie Wilson for his efforts on the sewage treatment plant on Bedarra Island, North Queensland.

Charlie doesn't believe the saying "Beautiful one day ... perfect the next" applies to all aspects of Queensland resorts.

## SWIMMING POOL TAKES SHAPE

WORK is nearing completion on Tatt's 25 metre swimming pool on the 9th level of the Club's extensions - seven storeys above the famous Tatt's Bar.

Our photo shows the indoor, heated pool - well, it will be when Hutchies are finished.



The key to life is accepting challenges. Once someone stops doing this, he's dead.  
**Bette Davis**

Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of travelling.

In picking a winner for the long run, you can bet on integrity ahead of cleverness every time. It isn't outdated. It's still the first requirement of a successful manager.

Criticism is something we can avoid easily - by saying nothing, doing nothing and being nothing.  
**Aristotle**

Set me a task in which I can put something of my very self, and it is a task no longer; it is joy; it is art.  
**Bliss Carman, Canadian poet.**

## QUOTES

People do not lack strength; they lack will.  
**Victor Hugo.**

People say to me, 'You were a roaring success. How did you do it?' I go back to what my parents taught me. Apply yourself. Get all the education you can, but then, by God, do something. Don't just stand there, make something happen.

**Lee Iacocca**  
*Retired auto executive*

A competitor will find a way to win. Competitors take bad breaks and use them to drive themselves just that much harder. Quitters take bad breaks and use them as reasons to give up.

**Nancy Lopez**  
*Professional golfer*

*A windswept Santa brings a smile to the face of Natasha Holmes.*



## SANTA RALLIES TO THE CAUSE

OUR children's Christmas party in December took the form of a car rally which ended at the Warrego Water Park at Haigslea.

Santa arrived in a beautiful buggy pulled by a Kubota ride-on mower and was in such popular demand he found himself distributing lollies to children from a nearby party.

A great time was had by all despite the abrupt finish due to an approaching storm.

The rally was won by Paul and Narelle De Jong and the Christmas stocking went to Len White.



*The big kids' Christmas Party was held in the tropical setting of Hutchies' carpark at Seventeen Mile Rocks and the usual fun was had by all. Our photos show the crowd getting into the Christmas spirit.*



*An interested spectator crowds around Scott as he stands on his soap (suds) box to deliver the Christmas message.*

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