

T HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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Restoration project for birthplace of the nation

HUTCHIES' long experience with working on heritage listed buildings and tourism projects helped win a prestigious contract for the restoration of the Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts in Tenterfield, New South Wales, which will be a focal point of Australia's Centenary of Federation celebrations throughout 2001.

It was at this School of Arts on October 24, 1889, that the New South Wales Premier, Sir Henry Parkes, delivered his now famous Tenterfield Oration, in which he argued that the colonies needed "one great government for all of Australia".

The result was the Federation of Australia on January 1, 1901.

Tenterfield – and the School of Arts, in particular – is now known as the Birthplace of our Nation.

The Federal Government contributed \$2.75 million for the restoration of the School of Arts, under the Federal Grants Scheme for projects of national significance.

Hutchies were awarded the contract from a select list of



Hutchies' experience of working on heritage listed buildings helped win the contract for restoration of the School of Arts in Tenterfield, New South Wales.



Restoration includes theatre, library and museum.



Hutchies' restoration work in Tenterfield features on the front page of the local telephone directory.



Sir Henry Parkes, the Father of Federation, who delivered his famous speech at the Tenterfield School of Arts resulting in the Federation of Australia.

builders, all of whom had particular experience in the restoration of heritage listed buildings.

The Project team includes Paul Hart (Estimator and Area Manager in Toowoomba), Craig Simpson and Peter Barnett.

The project is scheduled for completion in May with an official opening in July.

On completion, the School of Arts Restoration Project will deliver a unique cultural facility for the region, which will include a theatre, an upgraded library and a museum of national significance.

As a result, it will host an array of cultural performances, exhibitions, seminars

and functions.

With Heritage Tourism emerging as the new trend in Australia, Hutchies' work on the School of Arts project will help Tenterfield capture a large share of this new market.

The School of Arts was built between 1869 and 1875 and the restoration work has revealed interesting historical discoveries, including newspapers dating back to the 1800's.

Tenterfield – A Federation Town – has created a year long calendar of events to celebrate the Centenary of Federation and to reaffirm the town's historic significance as the Birthplace of the Nation.

Mystery guest appearance

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• IN recent years Hutchies has built three Outback Tourist Attractions.

They are the Waltzing Matilda Centre at Winton; the Min Min Encounter at Boulia; and the Marine Fossil Museum at Richmond.

Hutchies has been delighted to have been associated with these projects and encourage anyone travelling out west to visit these centres.

Enclosed are brochures to give you an idea of what you can expect to see.



At the recent opening of the first stage of Casuarina Beach were (from left) Tim Ferguson, Dave Darby, Rob Archibald, Jeff Miller and Scott Hutchinson.

First stage completed for new oceanfront township

THE first stage of the Casuarina Beach development, just south of Kingscliffe in New South Wales, was completed in March, with overall completion due in December, 2008.

Hutchies is the Design and Construction Managers for the Casuarina Beach Project and has been closely involved from the early design and feasibility stage through to current construction.

Hutchies is proud to be associated with the employment of many local sub-contractors and apprentices on this project,



Hutchies is the Design and Construction Manager for the Casuarina Beach project, with Site Foreman, Jeff Miller (right) and building cadet, Rob Archibald, pictured on site.

which will ultimately produce more than 600 homes, apartments and villas.

There are dune and environmental management plans in place to protect fragile ecosystems and wildlife.

The Casuarina Beach master plan promotes a sense of community, where pedestrians and bicycles will take precedence over cars. This new beach community will feature the barefoot informality of small beachfront communities such as Byron Bay and Noosa.

In travelling time, Casuarina Beach is 13 minutes from Coolangatta Airport, 40



Training in the Tweed

HUTCHIES is providing training for the local people in the Tweed Shire area as part of its involvement in the Casuarina Beach oceanfront township project.

Hutchies, with 12 apprentices, is one of the few builders who still employ apprentices on a large scale.

Shown celebrating Hutchies' involvement in the Northern Rivers district of New South Wales are (from left) Mick Lawler (descendent of Peter Lawler from Eureka Stockade fame), Phil Thomson, Matt James and Scott Hutchinson.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR



Scott Hutchinson

HUTCHIES is presently carrying out the two largest projects in our history – Casuarina Beach civil works (\$38m) which is nearing completion and 175 Eagle Street (\$40m) which is just starting.

I am now often asked, “Hutchies seems to be going big ... so are you still interested in our \$100,000 project?”

The answer is definitely YES.

Last year we did 544 projects and 483 of these were under \$500,000 and we have no plans to change that profile.

We were very proud to complete three stages of the Roma Street Parkland Project as subcontractors to Abi Group.

Our small and medium size tender market projects are our bread and butter and always will be.

— **Scott Hutchinson**
Managing Director

minutes to Byron Bay and Surfers Paradise and one hour 15 minutes to Brisbane.

When the Tugun Bypass is added to the Pacific Motorway, motorists will drive from Brisbane's Riverside Expressway to Casuarina Beach without stopping at a traffic light.



Tugun architect, Philip Follent (front) won the Casuarina Beach “Quintessential Beach House” design exposition. He is shown with Consolidated Properties joint managing directors, Mike Dodd (left) and Don O’Rorke.

Celebrated performances

HUTCHIES' traditional end of year Break-up Party presented the opportunity to celebrate outstanding performances by some staff members, including Constructor of the Year and Long Service Awards recipients. Absent on the day was Barry Wilson and Darryl Gersekowski.



Ross Durey had his name added to the Constructor of the Year honour board.



Alan Mathews and Wayne Cullen try on their Ten Year Service Awards, assisted by Scott and Jack Hutchinson.



Twenty Year Service Awards went to Mick Moran, Louis Levinson, Bernie Read, Keith Boucaut (front) Mike Tickner and Barry Butterworth.



Five Year Service Awards (and fishing rods) went to Michael Crossin, Glen Pettis, Mal Ashford, Bob Wilkinson, Jeff Clements, Richard Ohrich and Shane Manganaro.

Estimator of the Year (and Dummy Spit) awards

THE Estimator of the Year Award for 2000 went to Michael Crossin for outstanding achievement.

Because estimators are traditionally tense and agro, especially when ten-

ders are closing, a special Spit the Dummy Award is given each year.

Winner Norm Norman didn't show up, which probably will win him a second Dummy Spit Award.



Michael Crossin receives the Estimator of the Year Award from Keith Boucaut.



Wayne Cullen displays the Dummy Spit Award, which went to Norm Norman who failed to show up.



Winning style smiles

HUTCHIES recently celebrated a win in the Queensland Master Builders State Construction Awards for the Port Village Shopping Centre in Port Douglas, Far North Queensland. Shown at the celebrations are (from left) Gordon Peterson, Paul DeJong, Steven Dowling and Dave Smart.

• **HAVE YOU WON A PRIZE IN THE HUTCHIES' SCRATCHITS?**

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St Saviour's College

A dormitory refurbishment consisted of converting 10 rooms into 20 and the complete refurbishment of two amenities areas. The \$420,000 project started in December and handed over the day before the school year began in January. Hutchies' Project Manager: Paul Hart; Hutchies' Administrator: Alex Seydel; Hutchies' Foreman: Noel Smith; Architect Firm: Nicholas Bron (Thomson Adsett Architects)

Westbrook Tavern

This new \$1.2m hotel started in January and is programmed for completion late June. The new 'pub', 15 minutes west of Toowoomba, is eagerly awaited for by the local residents. Hutchies' Project Manager: Paul Hart; Hutchies' Administrator: Alex Seydel; Hutchies' Foreman: Bill Henley; Architect Firm: Joanne Gill; Structural Engineering Firm: David Shaw.

Richmond Fossil museum

Valued at \$700,000, stage II of this project is an extension to the original. Hutchies completed Stage 1 two years ago. When complete the building will house one of the best displays of marine fossils in the world. The project is well ahead of time. Hutchies' Project Manager: Len White; Hutchies' Administrator: Wayne Fox; Hutchies' Foreman: Lionel Mitchel; Architect Firm: Robin Retchford Architect.



Roma Street redevelopment Package 31 – one of the shade canopies in the package incorporating roof truss structure, offices, aggregate and structural steel shade canopies.

JOBS UPDATE

with
Barry Butterworth

Dulux Sydney

This project comprises construction of a new distribution store for Dulux and is worth \$1.5M. George Bellas is doing a great job of getting the design team together to ensure the project is ready for construction on completion of the demolition of the existing building. Hutchies' Project Manager: Len White; Hutchies' Administrator: Dave Smyth; Hutchies' Foreman: Terry Wilson; Architect Firm: Nettleton Tribe; Structural Engineering Firm: Morgans.

Belfry – St Peters & Paul's Church – Balmoral

Construction is underway of a bell tower and new entry worth \$130,000. Hutchies' Project Manager: Barry Butterworth; Hutchies' Administrator: Richard Ohlrich; Hutchies' Foreman: Jeff Clements; Hutchies' Supervisor: John Trevethan; Architect Firm: Robin Gibson & Partners, Colin Christ; Structural Engineering Firm: Hughes Trueman Reinhold.

Tree Tops Tavern

The project consists of a new gaming lounge and toilet upgrade worth \$560,000.



Ted Yokota, CEO, Bridgestone Australia, at the grand opening of the Bridgestone Distribution Centre at Rocklea.

Michael and his team are working all sorts of odd hours to ensure minimum disruption to the operation of the hotel while construction is in progress. Hutchies' Administrator: Dave Smyth; Hutchies' Foreman: Michael Byrne; Hutchies' Supervisor: Len White; Project Manager (Consultant) Firm: Project Leaders.

McDowall All Sports

A fitout of All Sports Lifestyle Club gymnasium is valued at \$340,000. Hutchies' Project Manager: Barry Butterworth; Hutchies' Administrator: Richard Ohlrich; Hutchies' Foreman: Steve Charles; Hutchies' Supervisor: Derek Wrede; Architect Firm: Project Leaders, Kevin Walsh; Hydraulic Engineering Firm: Hamilton Design Group.

Western Star Trucks – Office Refurbishment

Extension of the Western Star Head Quarters in precast panel construction and full refurbishment of the existing two level office building. Hutchies' Administrator: Russell Fryer; Hutchies' Foreman: Ian Partridge; Hutchies' Supervisor: Barry Butterworth; Hutchies' Cost Planner: Wayne Cullen; Architect Firm: Lambert & Smith; Structural Engineering Firm: Farr Engineers; Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Firm: RACE / Hembro's; Civil & Hydraulic Engineering Firm: Richard Ralph.

Liquid Waste transfer Facility – Perth

Alterations worth \$500,000 are underway to the transfer facility including concrete tank and hardstand. This is Hutchies' first project in WA. Mal is enjoying the challenge, but says the biggest problem with Perth is that they don't sell XXXX. Hutchies' Administrator: Russell Fryer; Hutchies' Foreman: Mal Ashford; Hutchies' Supervisor: Barry Butterworth; Structural Engineering Firm: Baigents, Paul Brady.

Oxford Street, Bulimba

Three retail shops and six residential units valued at \$1.5m. Hutchies' Project Manager: Ray Balladone; Hutchies' Administrator: Harry White; Hutchies' Foreman: Jamie Silvester; Hutchies' Cost Planner: Glen Evans; Architect Firm: Trapp Architects; Structural Engineering Firm: Larkin Teys Consulting.

Racecourse Road – Ascot

Coles Store with 11 specialty shops and undercover parking valued at \$3.8m. Hutchies' Project Manager: Ray Balladone; Hutchies' Administrator: Searle Balladone; Hutchies' Foreman: Darrell Gersekowski; Hutchies' Cost Planner: John Gaggin; Project Manager (Consultant) Firm: Crone McKerrall Lynch; Architect Firm: Bornhurst & Ward; Electrical Firm: Q Electrical.

Officeworks – Rockhampton

New 2100m² Officeworks superstore, tilt up concrete construction with structural steel roof framing and 1600m² of external concrete carparks and driveways. Project located on Fitzroy Street on the old Coca-Cola bottler's site. Client is Wincam Pty Ltd. Project value \$2.4m. Client Project Manager: La Forest Management Group; Hutchies' Administrator: Pierre Kessler; Hutchies' Foreman: Noel O'Brien; Hutchies' Supervisor: Paul De Jong; Hutchies' Cost Planner: Robert Weymouth; Architect Firm: Bird De La Coeur; Structural Engineering Firm: LC Johnstone & Associates; Civil Engineering Firm: LC Johnstone & Associates; Electrical Firm: Ashburner Francis.

Maritime Museum – Townsville

Refurbishment and additions to the existing Maritime Museum in Palmer Street, South Townsville. New additions to the museum are designed in the shape of a boat and will definitely be a Townsville landmark when finished. Valued at \$900,000. Hutchies' Administrator: Richard Field; Hutchies' Foreman: Neil Berry; Hutchies' Cost Planner: Robert Weymouth; Architect Firm: Tippett Schrock Architects; Structural Engineering Firm: Sinclair Knight Merz; Civil Engineering Firm: Sinclair Knight Merz;

Quantity Surveyor Firm: Douglas Stark; Electrical Firm: Squire Consulting.

Mitchell Street Units

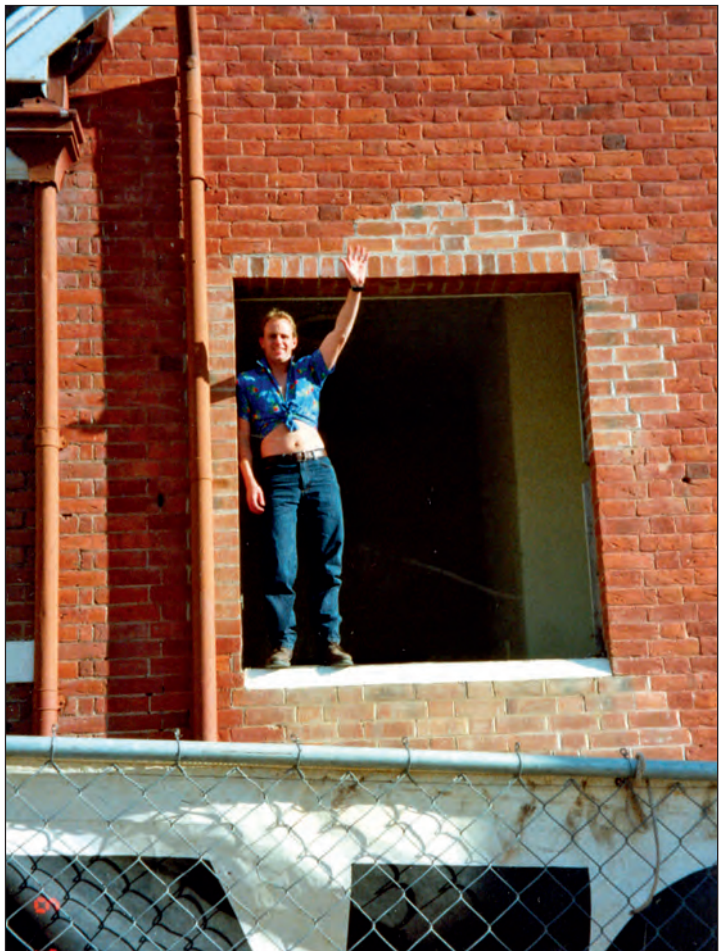
Five-storey unit development adjacent to Townsville's famous Strand. When complete this building will be used for short to medium term accommodation. Construction is loadbearing blockwork with the ground floor slab being post tension building consisting of 16 units. Valued at \$3.2m. Hutchies' Administrator: Richard Field Hutchies' Foreman: Ron Colefax Hutchies' Supervisor: Paul De Jong; Hutchies' Cost Planner: Robert Weymouth; Architect Firm: Plante & Associates; Structural Engineering Firm: Progress Consultants; Civil Engineering Firm: Progress consultants.

Centro IV

Specialist Furniture showroom worth \$1.65m. Client Project Manager: Property Solutions, Randy Jones; Hutchies' Administrator: Tim Easterbrook; Hutchies' Foreman: Terry Turner; Hutchies' Supervisor: Neil Bladen; Hutchies' Project Manager: Richard Graham ; Architect Firm: Woods Bagot; Structural Engineering Firm: McVeigh Consulting Engineers; Civil / Hydraulic Engineering Firm: BRW Enterprises; Mechanical /Electrical Engineering firm: Medland Mitropoulos.



Demolition makes way for new Coles store in Racecourse Road, Ascot.



Mystery Guest appearance

AS well as being the Birthplace of the Nation, Tenterfield also was the home of The Tenterfield Saddler – made famous by flamboyant Australian entertainer, the late Peter Allen.

Hutchies' Paul Hart cut a dashing figure with an eerie resemblance to Peter Allen recently as he went about his business on the project restoration.



Taste of the Tropics for Xmas drinks

NORTH Queensland seems the place to be, where women outnumbered men by three to one in this corner of Hutchies' Christmas drinks afternoon.

Ron Colefax couldn't believe his luck to be surrounded by (L-R) Cathy Weymouth, Alison O'Donnell and Kerry O'Brien.

NO BUSINESS LIKE SNOW BUSINESS

IN the 89 years since Hutchies started building, the workforce has overcome all sorts of conditions to complete the job – from cyclones and tropical downpours to droughts and searing heat.

But a job for client Super Cheap Auto in Orange, NSW, set a new record – snow.

Although not a world first – we experienced snow on the truck factory we built in Canada recently – Orange was the first job in Australia where we encountered snow.

In true Hutchies' style, the team pressed on and, not to be outdone, finished the contract on time and on budget.

RIGHT: A blanket of snow added to the usual site problem solving processes for the Hutchies' team in Orange, NSW.



Richard Graham recently had an early morning surprise on his way to work when he found his car, which was parked outside his house at The Gap in Brisbane, had been the victim of a hit and run driver. Everything has since been straightened out ... and so has the car.



VIDEO conferencing could be the thing of the future, following this revealing sight of Robert Weymouth, in Townsville, during the managers' weekly telephone conference call.

Now Brisbane office is keen to know what Toowoomba gets up to during these link-ups and video conferences could be the answer.



John on the Milford Track and at Lake Eyre (inset).

John's Travelling Undies have their ups and downs!

UNDIES usually have their ups and downs, but in this edition John Mason becomes the winner of Hutchies' Travelling Undies with a unique up and down experience.

During a holiday in New Zealand, John walked the Milford Track and when he reached the highest point – McKinnon Pass – he took the opportunity to rip off his clothes (to the horror of his walking companions and local sheep) and exposed his Hutchies' Undies and his socks to the New Zealand elements.

Next, John went down to one of the lowest points in Australia – Lake Eyre – and donned his Hutchies' Undies for an historic swim in the lake, which is usually dry.

The wet undies were a winner for John, giving him the next leg in his Trans-Tasman double and a Travelling Undies title.

COMPANY MEMBER PROFILE

Shane "Mango" Manganaro

SHANE Manganaro – or “Mango” as he is popularly known – has spent nine years with Hutchies and J. Scott and recently celebrated his Five Years Service with Hutchies’ (see page 3).

Shane has a passion for motor-bikes and is the proud owner of seven – three Z900 Kawasakis, a 600cc BSA M21, and three

750cc H2 Kawasaki two-strokes (Widow-makers).

His other passion is his family at the bayside suburb of Capalaba – wife Del and sons Paul and Chris.

Shane recently worked on the Roma Street redevelopment project and has now moved on to the highrise project at 175 Eagle Street.



Mango (3rd from left) enjoys a smoke and a chat with his Hutchie workmates



Life in the fast lane

HUTCHIES joined the Super Cheap Autos racing team recently for a day of motorsport.

The Super Cheap team included Hector Abbott; Reg Rowe, Chairman of Super Cheap; and Steve Ellery, famous Super 8 driver.

The invitation included riding in, but not driving, the cars. Scott looks business-like, but notice he is getting in the passenger's side, not the driving seat!



Santa goes round again

SOCIAL Club's Children's Christmas Party was a hit with young and old again with Santa Claus being the VIP.

His perpetual question of “What would you like for Christmas?” caused some deep thought for some the youngsters (pictured below right).

Santa's presents to Scott's children also caused Dad some deep thought, with a lifetime of experience in the construction business being called on to assemble a tricycle (pictured above right).



Christmas cheer

The office Christmas drinks at Scott's house in December was a memorable occasion, although these photographs represent the only record of the goings-on.



Another one bites the dust



• Hutchies is helping to sponsor Toowoomba steel fabrication contractor, Barry Alexander, in pursuit of his motor racing ambitions on the Darling Downs. We wish Barry good luck in the 2001 series.

LEFT: Derek Wrede recently decided to take up skydiving and he is shown about to enjoy his first jump. He seems to be having second thoughts about it, but at this point it's a bit late with no way out – but down. Derek survived but we don't know if he is going back for seconds.

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