

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

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Hutchies and Cowboys team up in a high performance move

HUTCHIES' long-term relationship with the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys has produced an exciting new destination on the Townsville landscape, with the naming of the club's new home, built by Hutchies, as The Hutchinson Builders Centre.

Known as the Cowboys Community, Training and High Performance Centre during planning and construction, The Hutchinson Builders Centre is a \$40 million co-tenanted facility located beside Queensland Country Bank Stadium in Townsville.

The new name coincides with the announcement of Hutchies joining the club as a major partner on a 10-year deal, building on the Cowboys' relationship with Hutchies' North Queensland office.

The naming is a key milestone in the club's development of the new state-of-the-art, multi-purpose facility, which continued to take shape through a COVID-affected year to be on target and ready for the 2021 NRL season.

The facility has been fitted out with the latest in professional sport training technology.

It has a large gym space, indoor training arena (which converts from synthetic grass to a basketball court), altitude training room, resistance pools, and a full-fledged physiotherapy space.

The centre also includes a theatre room for game review, a sleep room for players, as well as a full-sized outdoor training field.

Cowboys' chairman, Lewis Ramsay, joined Hutchies and special guests at the centre for the naming rights announcement.

"We are thrilled to have reached this exciting stage of our wonderful new facility – to be officially adding The Hutchinson Builders Centre as a highly attractive destination on Northern Australia's community, sporting and economic radars," Mr Ramsay said.

"It's also a fantastic synergy to be partnering with Hutchinson Builders, who are extremely



Hutchies' Jack Hutchinson Jr with Cowboys' former captain and rugby league legend, Johnathan Thurston.

respected not only for their diverse construction portfolio, but for their strong community values and ongoing contribution here in North Queensland.

"We thank Hutchinson Builders for their support and, together, we will ensure The Hutchinson Builders Centre delivers on its powerful potential for our team, club, stakeholders and this great region."

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said it was a proud day for Hutchies.

"When we look at this magnificent new facility, our people are immensely proud as builders, North Queenslanders and Cowboys fans," said Scott.

"We're just as proud to lend our name to this prestigious new location and to show our long-term support for this powerhouse NRL club and their community vision.

"We wish the club and the team every success in their new home."

The Hutchinson Builders Centre combines

community areas, multi-sport high-performance training spaces, sports medicine and sports science laboratories on a 5,000 square metre parcel of land.

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The Star Gold Coast's first mixed-use tower to introduce Dorsett hotel brand to Australia

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HUTCHIES' business model is geared so that we can operate in all segments of the construction market, taking on projects of any size – big, small or medium and in any geographical location around Australia.

Our unique construction team leader model, which incorporates 32 highly autonomous team leaders operating out of 15 Hutchies' offices scattered along the eastern seaboard between Cairns and Hobart as well as Adelaide, relies heavily on the capability of individual team leaders.

We don't set targets for our teams; we simply require them to work within their means. Some teams can handle one or two projects a year, others manage 15 or 20 projects.

Some teams are good in retail or industrial, others are good at high-rise residential, and some like building schools or railway stations.

Basically, each of our 32 teams is different.

While we expect our teams to challenge themselves, we simply require our teams to be in control to produce profitable, good quality jobs and uphold Hutchies' proud reputation.

This formula allows Hutchies to construct a few hundred jobs of all types and sizes year after year.

Life in the construction industry over the

past few years and in the current world is as difficult as I have ever seen it.

The construction industry is contending with ongoing COVID-related challenges; fluctuating economic conditions, including pricing pressure and material supply in some areas; the industrial relations environment; massive changes and focus on building products, building methodology and quality generally (due mostly to the inflammable cladding disaster and fall-out from structural integrity failings in the market over the past few years); the impact of extraordinary weather conditions in recent times in Sydney and Brisbane; and a raft of other more difficult than normal conditions.

Nevertheless, it is what it is, and our industry simply has to confront it. In this regard, I believe that Hutchies is well advanced and, generally, on the front foot.

A big part of getting things right is reliant on the capability of the subbie market.

Hutchies works closely with its giant pool of subbies and this is one area in which our team leader structure comes into its own.

Subbies typically align themselves according to their overall capability with specific Hutchies' teams where relationships are built.

This structure provides the perfect

platform for Hutchies to assist and support its subbie base in critical areas like safety, industrial relations, technical know-how and quality generally, building code compliance, and use of fit-for-purpose product solutions, etc.

Despite our size, Hutchies is close to its people, its subbies and, in fact, everybody in the food chain.

This underpins our capacity to be competitive regardless of the size, type or location of the project.

All things considered, I believe Hutchies is well-positioned to handle the turbulence and uncertainty that comes with the world in which we live and operate.

This confidence is based on our financial strength, supported by a \$350 million debt-free balance sheet and equivalent free cash position; our reputation for producing quality buildings; our desire to be recognised as a good and decent builder, underpinned by the resilience of our 110-year history; and the fact Hutchies is 100 per cent Australian with the stated objective of being around for another 100 years and remaining a successful private family business for generations to come.

– Greg Quinn (COTY 2007)



Celebrations for the naming of the new The Hutchinson Builders Centre through a 10-year major partnership deal with the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys.

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Hutchies and Cowboys team up in high performance move

Funding was secured through the Federal Government (\$15 million grant), Queensland Government (\$5 million grant) and the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (\$20 million loan).

The Cowboys will have a long-term development lease with Townsville City Council for use of the land which includes a user agreement for the adjacent 12,000 square metre community training field.

The Cowboys relocated progressively from their previous Kirwan base, with the playing group completing the transition in March.

The Centre will officially open in May.

Well past the halfway point, The Star Gold Coast's first mixed-use tower already makes a striking addition to the Gold Coast skyline.

PHOTO: Taylor Smith (www.twsvisuals.com)



The Star Gold Coast's first mixed-use tower to introduce Dorsett hotel brand to Australia

IN 2018, The Star Entertainment Group – along with its consortium partners, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises and Far East Consortium – received the Queensland Government's approval on its expanded \$2 billion plus masterplan for The Star Gold Coast.

Under the partners' joint venture company, Destination Gold Coast Consortium, the expanded masterplan features another four towers and associated resort facilities – including new restaurants, bars, and retail – to be developed subject to market and competitor conditions.

The approval for the expanded masterplan came after works had begun on The Star Gold Coast's first mixed-use tower being delivered by Hutchies which broke ground in October 2018.

Expected to open in 2022, this 53-storey, \$400 million tower will herald the entry of the internationally acclaimed Dorsett hotel brand to Australia, as well as the first apartments to be built on the Broadbeach island.

The tower will feature 313 hotel rooms under a 4.5 star Dorsett hotel, as well as 422 one and two-bedroom apartments.

Exciting new restaurant and bar concepts are also underway, together with a recreation deck with ocean views and a resort pool.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said Hutchies was excited to be working with the Destination Gold Coast Consortium to build the first Dorsett hotel in Australia.

"The Star Gold Coast remains fully operational during construction of the new tower," said Scott.

"We pride ourselves on our ability to deliver without disruption to nearby operations.

"Construction activity is supporting the Gold Coast economy by sourcing local consultants and suppliers wherever possible, as well as utilising other local businesses.

"Economic benefits flowing from the project include 1800 jobs in construction and hundreds to be created once it's operational," said Scott.

The tower's open design takes advantage of the Gold Coast's greatest natural resource — its stunning subtropical weather.

Suites will be flooded with natural light through glass walls and private outdoor balconies.

The hotel's recreational podium deck is designed to highlight the beauty of the surrounding area, featuring views of blue ocean, golden beaches, green hinterland and dazzling city lights.

Project architects are DBI Design and Cottee Parker.

Works on the next tower within the expanded masterplan have also begun, with the tower to include a five-star, globally recognised hotel brand featuring 210 hotel rooms as well as 457 apartments.



Artist's impression of The Star Gold Coast's first mixed-use tower which will herald the entry of the internationally acclaimed Dorsett hotel brand to Australia.



Artist's impression of the Mandingalbay Yidinji People's eco-cultural tourism facility planned for East Trinity Reserve near Cairns.

Eco-cultural tourism takes off near Cairns

THE Mandingalbay Yidinji People are on the verge of creating a \$40 million world-class eco-cultural tourism facility at East Trinity Reserve near Cairns in Far North Queensland.

Plans to build the tourist attraction to celebrate East Trinity's Indigenous and ecological history have been approved by Cairns Regional Council and Hutchies has been engaged to carry out early works.

The project for the Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation (MYAC) includes the

construction of three 33-metre tall observation towers spaced along a 1.1 kilometre boardwalk, with zip-line cables offering adventurous visitors an aerial view of East Trinity's landscape.

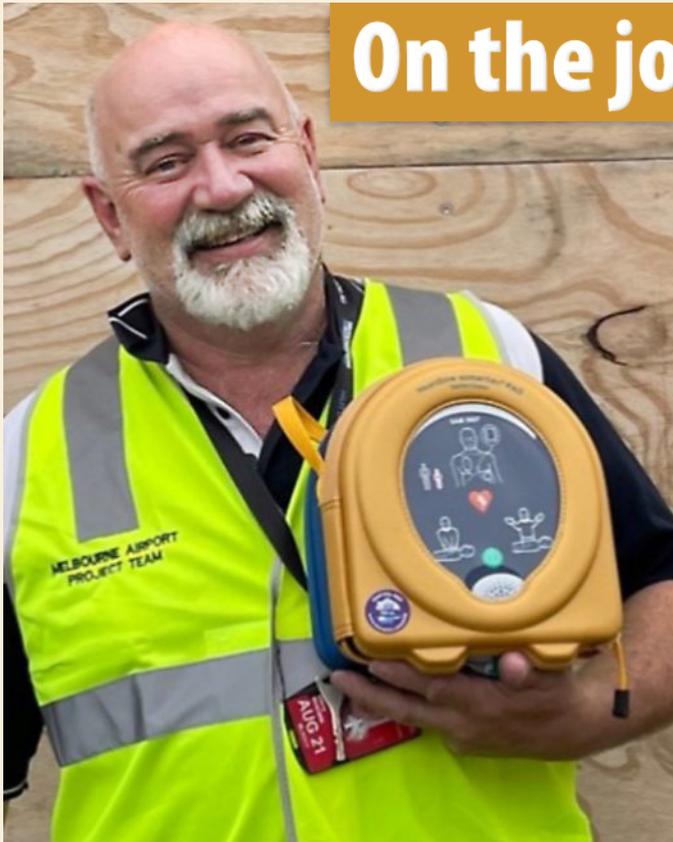
Hutchies' \$1.2 million early works project will form the first impression and gateway experience for visitors to the site.

In the short term, it is a welcome place for visitors who are coming to enjoy current cultural tourism, as well as investors and supporters of the bigger project to come.

The early works will demonstrate an innovative and contemporary design to identify a game-changing Indigenous tourism venture.

The scope includes a pontoon, hinged gangway ramp and abutment to the wharf; walkway between pontoon and landing abutment and arrivals shelter; amenities building; resurfacing of a portion of road; wastewater treatment and rainwater harvesting system; landscaping; and signage for welcome and information.

On the job training saves a life



Builder and rural firefighter, Garry McKimm, with a life-saving defibrillator.

FIRST aid training learned in the construction industry helped Hutchies' team member and volunteer fire fighter, Garry McKimm, save the life of a fellow rural fire during a recent crisis in Victoria.

Garry, a lieutenant in the Country Fire Authority (CFA) unit in Spring Hill, Victoria, was called to a fire in a remote area and was searching for a dam as a water source when his captain, Scott Selle, complained of feeling faint before collapsing in Garry's arms.

"I thought it was a heart attack or stroke so within about two minutes we had the defibrillator on him and it confirmed we needed to apply a shock which we did," said Garry.

"He regained consciousness but soon after we lost him again and the team gave him another shock which brought him back for a second time.

"We continued with CPR until help arrived.

"I lost track of time but the

mayday we sent out had paramedics on the scene and they took over and did a great job."

Garry said he was grateful to have regular first aid training through the CFA as well as his work and to have trained people on the ground with him to help.

After having been brought back to life twice, the story had a happy ending.

Scott Selle spent time in hospital recovering from bypass surgery and is now recuperating at home.

He is expected to make a full recovery.

Garry recommended that everyone do a first aid course and learn CPR.

"You never know when you might need it," he said.

CPR is a lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies, including a heart attack or near drowning, in which someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped.

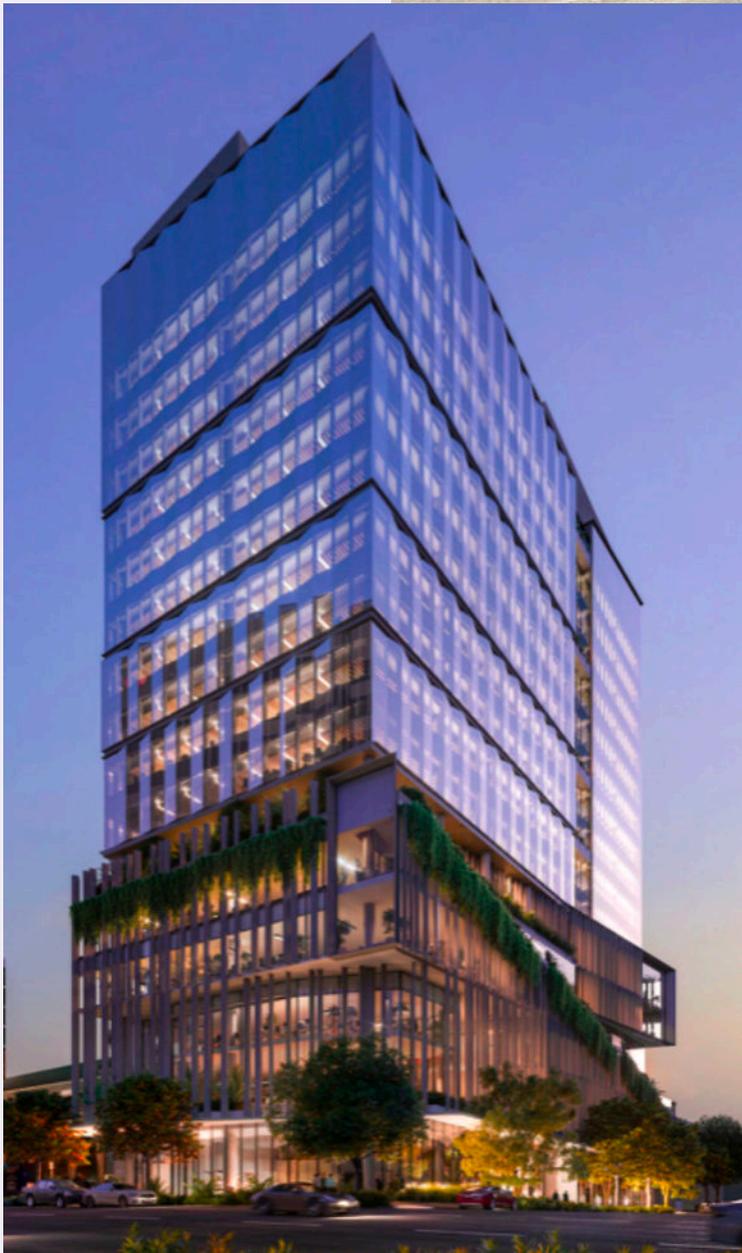
New landmark for lifestyle precinct

GLOBAL real estate investment manager DWS and Consolidated Properties have started construction with Hutchies on a joint venture development of an A-grade commercial office building at 895 Ann Street, Fortitude Valley

Hutchies is expected to



Breaking ground on the new \$260 million 895 Ann Street project (from left) Hutchies' Scott Hutchinson; Consolidated Properties Group CEO, Don O'Rorke; MP for McConnell and Minister for Education, Industrial Relations and Racing, Grace Grace; State Treasurer and Minister for Investment, Cameron Dick; and DWS Group's James Bartlett.



deliver practical completion of the \$260 million development project in the first quarter of 2023.

Designed by John Wardle Architects, the project is located near the James Street lifestyle precinct and will comprise almost 24,000 square metres lettable space spread across 15 levels.

The building will offer future tenants high quality, contemporary office accommodation, ground floor retail, roof-top bar, and two levels of basement parking.

The building's environmental credentials will target a 5 Star

Green Star and 5.5 Star NABERS energy rating.

James Bartlett, head of real estate Australia at DWS, said Fortitude Valley had undergone a gentrification process over the past 20 years, transforming the suburb into a modern, interconnected urban community with a live-work-play culture.

Don O'Rorke, CEO and chairman of Consolidated Properties Group, said he was excited by the prospect of delivering not only another commercial office tower in the Fortitude Valley precinct, but also 300 construction and development jobs during the process.

LEFT: The 895 Ann Street project will add to Fortitude Valley's live-work-play culture.

HUTCHIES has worked with the local community in Mudgee, New South Wales, to help create a bond with the new maternity and birthing ward at the Nondugl Health Clinic in the Papua New Guinea highlands.

The PNG medical facilities were destroyed by fire at a time which coincided with completion of the new \$70 million Mudgee Hospital and demolition of the old one.

As the Greenhills-Maitland Rotary Club rallied to support the PNG community, the Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise saw an opportunity to get behind their fellow Rotarians' efforts.

Following the PNG fire and demolition of the old Australian hospital, Mudgee Rotarian, Marg Barnes, said the opportunity existed to link the two events with superfluous equipment from the old hospital being sent to the highlands.

Jo Whitson, project officer for the redevelopment, said that while much of the equipment had been distributed to other hospitals in the local health



Key players in the hospital re-purposing program were several Rotary Clubs, the Mudgee Hospital, Hutchies, Mid-Western Regional Council, Mudgee Removals, and Keytrans.

A bond is born in Mudgee

district, there was some remaining which they were happy to donate.

"The equipment that wasn't re-purposed in the new hospital or at other hospitals was put aside, with particular focus on the birthing unit," said Jo.

"We had everything from beds

to office furniture and baby cribs, so there was much we could re-use with the help of Hutchinson Builders who minded it for us.

"Now it will go to good use," she said.

Mudgee Removals volunteered to shift five loads of equipment

from the old hospital to Depot Road, where Mid-Western Regional Council provided a storage shed at no charge.

Keytrans took the equipment, again at no charge, to Greenhills-Maitland where arrangements were made to deliver the equipment to PNG.

Rotary thanks all those who took part in this humanitarian project.



Pictured on the formed deck are (from left) James Martin, structural foreman; Dave Warner (COTY 2011), site manager; Tim Ferguson, project manager; and Mark O'Brien, structure manager.

TEAM Berlese (COTY 2006) is using its own workforce to deliver the formwork to the 25-level Prospect Street project in Box Hill, Victoria. The formworkers have been titled Berlesimo Formwork and are currently running ahead of schedule.



FLASHBACK ... Hutchies' long involvement with Master Builders Queensland included presentation of the 1997 Master Builders Housing and Construction Awards where a proud Jim Kezilas received the Builder of the Year from then president, Jack Hutchinson Snr.

Double joy at Master Builders

AT the 2020 Master Builders Queensland awards, Hutchies celebrated a 100-year membership with the industry organisation.

It also made history by taking out the top commercial and residential projects of the year awards – the first builder to do so in the 33 years the awards have been held.

The Project of the Year was awarded to Skytower, Brisbane's tallest tower which soars 274 metres above the CBD, and House of the Year was claimed by Domic, the Sunshine Coast's house in the sand dunes.

As a bonus, Hutchies' other projects won in multiple categories.

Girls Rule at MONA



The sculpture, Girls Rule, doubles as a fully functional children's playground.

TASMANIA'S Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) reopened on Boxing Day last year after a nine-month closure during 2020 due to COVID-19.

Hutchies' first job for MONA involved the installation of a giant 18-tonne bronze sculpture, *Girls Rule*, by United States artist, Tom Otterness.

The sculpture cleverly doubles as a fully functional children's playground.

It arrived in seven separate pieces with the heaviest weighing five tonnes and was pieced together by the Hutchies' team.

Girls Rule is located on the MONA grounds in an area that offers free access to the public, encouraging families to enjoy the cultural precinct.

Tom Otterness is known as one of America's most prolific public artists with his edgy works adorning parks, plazas, subway stations, libraries, courthouses and museums throughout the world.



Tassie team works on RDO



Shown on site for start of work in Launceston are (from left) Aaron Weigel, project manager; Thomas Burton, contract administrator; Gordon Manson, site manager; and Simon McGuire, Aurora Pacific.

HUTCHIES' Tasmania team recently started work on a new complex for RDO, the official dealer partner for John Deere on Australia's eastern seaboard.

The RDO John Deere job is a \$5.5 million design and construct project which will enable the Launceston branch of RDO to relocate from their current facility to a new office, showroom, workshop, and wash bay.

Work started in March this year and is planned for completion by October.

RDO Australia Group is one of the world's largest John Deere equipment dealers and operates out of 29 dealership locations providing equipment, parts and service support for the agricultural, road, civil construction, landscaping, mining and forestry sectors.

HUTCHIES recently passed a major milestone under its Statim Yaga program, now having spent more than \$40 million with Indigenous-owned and operated businesses.

National Indigenous manager, Mark Kucks, said Hutchies had worked with more than 140 Indigenous businesses across the country.

Mark said that, with 40 per cent of all Indigenous businesses in Australia being related to the construction sector, Hutchies is both privileged and had a responsibility to do its part.

“By supporting the Indigenous business network, Hutchies is contributing to real reconciliation and the advancement of the Indigenous economy,” said Mark.

“The Centre of Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at Australian National University found that Indigenous businesses are 100 times more likely to hire Indigenous people, 56 per cent frequently provide pro bono advice and

Support for Indigenous businesses

support to other organisations, 54 per cent give back to support local sport teams and cultural events, and provide better community benefits overall.”

An example of this is Presto’s Catering, operated by the Preston Campbell Foundation (PCF), which has provided catering and cultural activities at Hutchies’ events since 2016.

Mark said Gold Coast-based Phyre Apparel had come on board as the supplier of Hutchies’ Statim Yaga polos, hi-vis vests and boardies.

“Businesses like these are supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families, as well as giving back to their communities, and we are privileged to be part of that process,” Mark said.



Products from Preston Campbell Foundation catering and Phyre Apparel clothing on show at the sod-turning ceremony of Queen Street Village, Southport. Mark Kucks (left) is shown with Kyle Dancey.

Civil war with the elements

HUTCHIES Civil routinely works in extreme conditions throughout Australia to produce community infrastructure for the nation.

A current project to test the team’s fortitude is at Pimpama, midway between Brisbane and the Gold Coast, where unusually heavy and persistent summer rains had the project resembling a rice paddy field instead of a construction site.

Hutchies is building 48 blocks of residential land at Karingal Drive, Pimpama, which will give future local residents an easy commute of less than an hour to the city or the beach.

The \$2.7 million project, involving installation of roads, drainage, water and sewerage, is due for completion in June 2021 ... depending on the weather!

Hutchies’ civil and urban capability also includes planning, design and construction of bridges, railways, tunnels, airports, mines, dams, ports, harbours, irrigation and flood mitigation.



Live music set for strong revival

A \$40 million investment by Hutchies in the live music industry in Brisbane’s Fortitude Valley is predicted to be at the forefront of the revival of the inner-city entertainment precinct when the coronavirus pandemic is over.

The investment is the Fortitude Music Hall, the city’s newest large music venue on Brunswick Street Mall in Fortitude Valley.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson

said the inner city had come back to life with the introduction of live music venues in recent years.

“Restrictions caused a slowdown but, with the restrictions easing, people are coming back into the city and this will continue when the pandemic threat is over,” said Scott.

“Musicians have been able to survive on digital delivery but

fans know there is nothing like the real thing of a live music event.

“The live music industry will return even stronger than before. Already people are happy to be out and about after living under restrictions.

“Venues remain limited in their capacity, but the demand is there just waiting to be free again,” said Scott.





Toowong team turned out in style for Funky Friday.

Funky Friday

HUTCHIES hosted COVID-safe events in offices and on sites across Australia to help celebrate NAIDOC Week.

In support of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF), Hutchies worked in partnership with Australian Unity to hold Funky Friday Fundraisers, inviting team members, subbies and clients to wear their most outrageous shirt and bring a gold coin donation.

The day was fun and filled with colour as people went about their daily tasks dressed in their Funky Friday best.

Hutchies and Australian Unity raised funds to go towards the great work that QATSIF does in support of the Indigenous community.

National Indigenous manager, Marks Kucks, said Hutchies' generosity raised a whopping \$2,500 for the foundation.

"These funds will go towards supporting Indigenous students striving to get through high school – a massive barrier for our young people, so thank you."



Herston Quarter team shows off a colourful side.



Townsville team flew the flags for NAIDOC Week.

JOBS UPDATE

Jonson Lane, Byron Bay

Job value: \$19M

Job description: A mixed-use development consisting of two levels of residential apartments, laneway style retail precinct, and basement parking.

Team leader:.....Paul Hart
 Project manager:.....Murray Emmerson
 Contract administrator:.....Graham Dodge
 Site manager:.....Greg Dent
 Architect:.....Myers Ellyett Architecture and Interior Design
 Structural engineer:.....OSKA Consulting Group
 Civil engineer:.....Planit Consulting
 Client:.....JGD Developments

Kin Kora State School, Gladstone

Job value: \$982,000

Job description: Installation of new access walkways, lift, and amenities for the school.

Team leader:.....Nick Colthup
 Project manager:.....Reilly Bergan
 Site manager:.....Matt Tamassy
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Chaminda Suraweera
 Architect:.....Designtek
 Structural engineer:.....Janes and Stewart
 Client:.....Qld Department of Education

Arcadia South Gallery, West End

Job value: \$31.5M

Job description: Construction of a 110-unit residential apartment building.

Team leader:.....John Berlese
 Project manager:.....Sebastian Curtis
 Contract administrator:.....Grant Richardson
 Site manager:.....Matt Hanna
 Site foreman/supervisor:.....Jay Archer
 Estimator/cost planner:.....David Bendell
 Architect:.....Nettleton Tribe Partnership
 Structural engineer:.....ADG Engineers (Aust)
 Client:.....Sekisui House

Capestone Village, Mango Hill

Job value: \$13.8M

Job description: A suburban mixed-use, two-storey shopping village development.

Team leader:.....Russell Fryer
 Project manager:.....Rob Morrison
 Contract administrator:.....Rosie Geldard
 Site manager:.....Elliott Rees
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Simon McGilvray
 Architect:.....Cottee Parker
 Structural & civil engineer:.....Farr Engineers
 Client:.....Pinnacle Pines

MYAC Eco-Tourism, Cairns

Job value: \$1.18M

Job Description: Early works for the Mandingalbay Yidinji People's world class eco-cultural tourism facility at East Trinity Reserve.

Team leader:.....Kyle Hare
 Project manager:.....Chris Hedley
 Contract administrator:.....Mel Clark
 Site manager:.....Gary Watkinson
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Shannon Liddy
 Architect:.....Phillip Follent Architects
 Structural & civil engineer:.....ADG Engineers
 Client:.....Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation (MYAC)

Thursday Island Health Facility

Job value: \$29.46M

Job description: Refurbishment of the Thursday Island Hospital and upgrade of associated health facilities.



Jonson Lane is a \$19 million mixed-use development in t

Team leader:.....Kyle Hare
 Project manager:.....Kevin Anderson
 Contract administrator:.....Rachel Hutchinson
 Site manager:.....Mick DeJong
 Site foreman/supervisor:.....Steven Hay
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Shannon Liddy
 Architect:.....Peddle Thorp
 Structural engineer:.....ARUP
 Client:.....Queensland Health

Goondoon Street, Gladstone

Job value: \$28.12M

Job description: The refurbishment of a CBD streetscape including water mains upgrade.

Team leader:.....Nick Colthup
 Project manager:.....Daniel McKenna
 Site manager:.....Len Ward
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Chaminda Suraweera
 Civil engineer:.....JFOP Urban Consultants
 Client:.....Gladstone Regional Council

Cairns Hospital

Job value: \$1.58M

Job description: Extensive refurbishment and expansion of the hospital's pre-admission clinic and endoscopy facilities.

Team leader:.....Kyle Hare
 Project managers:.....Kevin Anderson & Fabian Pisani
 Contract administrators:.....Rachel Clark
 Site manager:.....Matt Dwyer
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Shannon Liddy
 Architect:.....Clarke and Prince
 Client:.....Cairns and Hinterland Hospital & Health Service

Trinity Beach State School

Job value: \$406,707

Job description: Establishment of the school's "Stop, Drop and Go" parking area including site clearing and civil works.

Team leader:.....Kyle Hare
 Project manager:.....Fabian Pisani
 Contract administrator:.....Mel Clark
 Site manager:.....Matthew Kempster
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Shannon Liddy

Architect & civil engineer:.....Cairns Regional Council
 Client:.....Qld Department of Education

James Cook University, Townsville

Job value: \$46.38M

Job description: A seven-storey student accommodation building on the campus.

Team leader:.....Peter Lee
 Project manager:.....Joel Watkins
 Contract administrators:.....Adrian Grace and Stacy Jacobsen
 Site manager:.....Michael Gattera
 Site foreman/supervisor:.....Aaron Parton
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Matthew Jamieson
 Architect:.....Nettleton Tribe
 Structural & civil engineer:.....WSP
 Quantity surveyor:.....Gleeds
 Client:.....James Cook University

Mornington Island Hospital

Job value: \$8.89M

Job description: A six-stage full replacement and upgrade to the hospital's HVAC systems.

Team leader:.....Peter Lee
 Project manager:.....Shane Damian
 Contract administrator:.....Marissa Wixon
 Site manager:.....Darren Bozsan
 Estimator/cost planner:.....Zac Garrett
 Architect:.....Clarke & Prince Architects
 Structural engineer:.....Rogers Consulting Engineers
 Client:.....North West Hospital Health Service

Fortitude Valley State Secondary College Stage 2

Job value: \$26.94M

Job description: Stage two of the new facility is a sports centre including specialist teaching spaces linked by bridge to stage one.



Arcadia South Gallery is a 110-unit residential apartment building under construction in Brisbane's revitalised West End.



the heart of Byron Bay.



Hutchies is constructing a three-storey performance and entertainment hub in tropical Proserpine.

Project director: Mitch Grimmer
 Project manager: Luke Puxley
 Design manager: Joel Starbuck
 Hydraulic engineer: SPP Group
 Electrical & mech. engineer: JHA
 Fire engineer: WSP
 Landscape architect: Arcadia
 Certifier & access: McKenzie Group
 Client: Qld Department of Education

**22 Willansby Avenue,
Brighton**

Job value: \$923,879

Job description: Façade replacement works for an existing three-storey residential apartment building.

Team leader: James Denton
 Project manager: William Stirling
 Contract administrator: Zane Petkovic
 Site manager: Quintin Edwards
 Client: Cladding Safety Victoria

**Proserpine
Entertainment Centre**

Job value: \$12.54M

Job description: A three-storey performance and entertainment facility.

Team leader: Peter Lee
 Project manager: Matthew Townsend
 Contract administrator: Sherry Cullen
 Site manager: Jordan Quayle
 Site foreman/supervisor: Tim Frew
 Estimator/cost planner: Zac Garrett
 Architect: CA Architects

Structural engineer: ARUP
 Client: Whitsunday Regional Council

Club Helensvale

Job value: \$1.37M

Job description: Extensions to the facility's main foyer and refurbishment of the existing gaming room.

Team leader: Russell Fryer
 Project manager: Ash Blake
 Contract administrator: James Duncan
 Site manager: Ron Gersekowski
 Estimator/cost planner: Mitch Elliot
 Architect: Project Leaders
 Client: Helensvale Bowls Club

Team leader: Russell Fryer
 Contract administrator: Tim Lyons
 Site manager: Nat Creedy
 Estimator/cost planner: Mitch Elliott
 Architect: ThomsonAdsett
 Structural & civi engineer: BG&E
 Quantity surveyor: DCWC



Stage two of the new Hutchies-built Fortitude Valley State Secondary College campus is a sports centre linked to the main buildings by an elevated covered bridge.



Dan Casey, team leader Melbourne, is presented with his team's awards by David Burnell, immediate past-president of the AIB.

Capitol award for Melbourne

DAN Casey's Melbourne team received a Professional Excellence in Building Award for interior construction at the AIB Victoria/Tasmania awards and a high commendation at the national AIB awards for their RMIT Capitol Theatre project.

The Capitol Theatre project was a unique opportunity to restore one of Melbourne's quintessential architectural structures.

The restoration process presented the conventional challenges found with refurbishments, however the heritage elements of the project and the unknowns that were discovered proved to be

exceptionally challenging.

Additionally, the project had a high level focus on finishes such as carpet which was made in India to replicate the original carpets from the 1920s.

Works to the theatre ceiling, which included repairs to the original plasterwork, repainting and relighting the entire theatre ceiling, required 90 tonnes of scaffold to provide safe access.

A new stage was later added to the scope, along with a complete rigging system in the fly tower, which allows The Capitol Theatre to show films and also convert into a full theatre.

End of first innings on cricket campus



Hutchies and the members of the cricket industry celebrate the end of work.

THE game is over for construction on two stages of the new National Cricket Campus in Brisbane, with completion of the \$7 million project in January for client, Cricket Australia and Queensland Cricket.

The national campus will provide world-class playing and training facilities to produce high quality players for Australian cricket.

The National Cricket Campus was jointly funded by the Australian Government, Queensland Government, Brisbane City Council, Cricket Australia and Queensland Cricket.



Aurora Rose Wilson, daughter of Brooke Wilson and husband, Mo, born October 21.

MATCHES



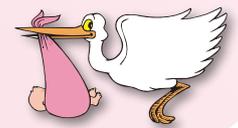
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for Hutchies' [Name], was born



Shailan (left) and Harpa Bulman welcome their new baby sister, Lainey Zaia, who arrived on Harpa's birthday on November 11. They are the children of Camille and Kris Bulman, a site manager from the Rocky team.



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Hutchies' Daniel Dundovic married Angela Zoric on December 5 at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Ryde, followed by a reception at The Manor on Elizabeth, Wetherill Park.



OBITUARY

William (Bill) Winterbottom

10.04.1937 ~ 28.12.2020



William Ross Winterbottom (COTY 1988)

WILLIAM Ross Winterbottom (COTY 1988), Hutchies' inaugural Constructor of the Year, passed away recently after a long battle with cancer.

Bill, as he was known, died peacefully and surrounded by family, aged 83.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said he was honoured to be asked by Bill's family to take part in the service.

"Bill was already an icon when I started at Hutchies as an engineer and I worked under his direction from 1986 to 1992," said Scott.

"He was the undisputed alpha site manager in the company and he ruled with a mixture of personality and brilliant technical knowledge that made him a major force on any building site."

In 1988, Jack Snr arrived home from America with the concept that everyone at Hutchies should vote annually for the person who they thought had contributed the most during the previous 12 months and that he or she would be known as the Constructor of the Year (COTY).

"Bill Winterbottom will be forevermore the first name inscribed on Hutchies' Constructor of the Year honour board that

hangs permanently in the boardroom," said Scott.

Scott said Bill's name gave the award real credibility.

Recalling his sense of humour, Scott said Bill once claimed, "There are very few real people in this world and they are all carpenters."

"That just confirms to me that you suffer from a Jesus related superiority complex," argued Scott, to which Bill replied, "Well he wasn't a plumber was he?"

Scott said Bill made going to worksite enjoyable, purposeful and especially personal.

"The relationship with Bill didn't end at knock-off time ... it was for life," he said.

"He was certainly a genuine person and real people are respected and remembered.

"Bill was a champion and will never be forgotten by anyone who had the absolute privilege of meeting him."



Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital cladding remediation on completion.

Delicate replacement operation for leading Brisbane hospitals

TWO cladding replacement projects have been completed by Hutchies for Queensland Health under difficult conditions at both the Princess Alexandra Hospital and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

Despite not being involved in the original construction or cladding with the aluminium composite panels (ACPs), Hutchies was called in to remedy the situation.

It was asked by Queensland Health to provide a construction logistic and methodology report to replace the existing external ACPs on the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

The final report provided detailed information for the removal of the cladding along with replacement recommendations, timeframe and budget estimates to perform the work.

Hutchies was awarded the cladding

replacement component of the project in September 2019.

This included reinstallation of more than 17,000 square metres of solid aluminium panel cladding with extreme workplace limitations, including maintaining a fully operational hospital environment throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the major difficulty was access to the façade.

Hutchies worked closely with subcontractors and access equipment providers to deliver the most suitable methods on a zone-by-zone basis.

Consideration was given to loadings on existing slabs, covered walkways and pedestrian movement.

Hutchies, subcontractors and suppliers

used all forms of access equipment, including aluminium scaffold, mobile scaffold, steel scaffold, mast climbers, rope access, swing stages, scissor lifts, and knuckle booms.

The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital cladding remediation project involved the replacement of 1,925 square metres of aluminium composite cladding across seven work fronts to ensure its compliance with relevant codes and legislative requirements.

At the client's request, Hutchies undertook additional vertical and horizontal fire separation works to ensure compliance with fire engineering requirements.

This project was completed in December last year.

At both locations, the teams' knowledge of hospital procedures ensured the work did not impact on day-to-day activities and did not compromise the comfort of patients and staff.

As well, special consideration was given so that building work did not interfere with the ambulance and Life Flight helicopter travel paths or that vibrations did not interrupt specialist equipment in the hospital, including Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machines and computerised tomography (CT) scanners.

At both hospitals, the works were carried out by the Cy Milburn (COTY 2014) teams.

- Hutchies currently has multiple teams working at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital precinct on a number of projects, including extensive work on the Herston Quarter by Jamie Washington's team, Eddie Gangemi's team's carpark project and Cy Milburn's teams' two smaller projects unrelated to the cladding.



LEFT: Cladding replacement in progress at Princess Alexandra Hospital on Brisbane's southside.

Ready, set, unveil!

Constructor of the Year was announced via a video link broadcast simultaneously across the network. From left, Jack Hutchinson Snr, Scott Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson Jnr and Greg Quinn in the process of unveiling the winner of the...



2020 Constructor of the Year Bernie Nolan

NOMINATION for Constructor of the Year is eligible to anyone who has been at Hutchies for more than five years and votes are counted from anyone who has been with the company more than 12 months.

COTY 2020 attracted a record 730 votes via a wholly electronic voting process introduced across the network for the first time last year.

Managing director, Greg Quinn, said he was delighted Melbourne's **Bernie Nolan** (pictured right) was 2020's COTY.

"Constructor of the Year is always a very special award at Hutchies, but this last year in particular is even more so coming on the back of a hard time dealing with COVID," he said.

"Bernie Nolan is one of three team leaders in Victoria and he is to be congratulated on this win."

As well as scoring his name on the COTY honour board, Bernie was awarded an all-expenses-paid ski trip to Japan for when international borders re-open; custom-made Kinco Jimmy Lile knife from Little Rock, Arkansas; a personalised iPad; a copy of Hutchies' limited edition history book, *More Than The Truth: Hutchies' Hundred Years*; and a Hutchies' Monopoly game.



Watch video unveiling, interviews on Hutchies' Toolbox

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Watch the video via this link...

<https://l.hutchi.es/coty2020>

THE much-anticipated annual Constructor of the Year and Service awards ceremonies were curtailed in favour of an Australia-wide announcement by video link.

The Constructor of the Year announcement and service award recipients' lists were pre-

recorded and broadcast simultaneously throughout the Hutchies' network.

During the video, Scott Hutchinson thanked everybody within Hutchies for all their hard work during such a difficult year and made special mention of the Victorian teams.

Estimator(s) of the Year

HUTCHIES' Estimator of the Year (EOTY) award for 2020 was revived at a national estimators' conference which brought more than 40 estimators from throughout Australia together in Brisbane.

Dual winners for the award are:

- **Ayman Khalaf**, from John Koumoukelis team, Sydney. Ayman is a winner because



Ayman Khalaf



Simon McGilvray

he puts his heart and soul into every estimate he produces and he has a strong relationship with subbies and a role model attitude.

- **Simon McGilvray**, from Russell Fryer (COTY 2010) team, Brisbane. Simon has an excellent strike rate with projects and a long-term demonstrated commitment to Hutchies.



EOTY started as a send-up in 1996 in competition with Constructor of the Year (COTY) and winners were selected for their major mishaps.

Hutchies' team of estimators together for sessions which included industry guest speakers, market forecasts, a case study of the perfect tender, and the announcement of Estimator of the Year.

Queensland teams travelled to Brisbane and interstate team members joined via Microsoft Teams.

For those who attended in person, the conference was followed with beers and bowls at the New Farm Bowls Club and dinner, drinks and celebrations at Mary Mae's at the Powerhouse.

Keith Boucaut produced the honour board at home and decorated it with a Swiss Army knife Paul Hart (COTY 2005) acquired in Turkey.

EOTY has since taken on a serious role to recognise high achievement in estimating.

The Estimators' Conference was an opportunity to bring



Tahlai Weatherall

Suggestion of the Year is a clean winner

WINNER of the Suggestion of the Year 2020 was **Tahlai Weatherall** for her idea of collecting used coffee grounds at Hutchies to produce exfoliating body scrubs.

Tahlai, a proud Kamilaroi woman, noticed coffee machine grounds were being thrown out, so she took some home to make Rub & Scrub samples which were a big hit around the office.

The scrubs were so popular they were introduced as part of Hutchies' 2020 partner gift packs.

A team of helpers who worked after hours with Tahlai to get the job done included Natalia Wilkinson, Mary Hutchinson, Natalie Roma and Tabi Ward.

The team started the process in early November and finished 1000 scrub packs over the course of four weeks with delivery taking place mid-December.

Making the scrub involved collecting 140 kilograms of coffee grounds from Hutchies' machines and the local café, as well as 70 kilograms of sugar, 70 kilograms of salt and 3.5 litres of pure coconut oil.



Sausagefest wraps up celebrations

THE COVID crisis last year brought change for many of Hutchies' traditional end of year festivities.

Toowong combined its Oktoberfest celebrations (cancelled for 2020) and its usual round of Christmas parties for an all-in-one break-up day "Sausagefest".





Sunshine Coast team is shown at dinner.

Sunshine Coast celebrates end of 2020

COVID restrictions provided a shift from the Sunshine Coast's normal annual family fun weekend away at Noosa North Shore.

Instead, Sunny Coast staff and partners were treated to a three-course dinner at Pier 33 in a private room with access to an outdoor terrace, surrounded by moored yachts and a balmy, colourful sunset.

The team also enjoyed having visiting

team leader, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), as special guest.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Lochlan Johnson**, the 2020 Sunshine Coast Employee of the Year, who received his award from Russell Fryer (COTY 2010) during the Sunny Coast team's Christmas breakfast.

Lochlan Johnson (left) with Russell Fryer at the presentation.



Service awards *Team members from across the entire national network have received long service awards. They are:*

5 YEARS

Chadi Akouri
James Angus
John Atkinson
Duncan Bain
Jayson Barnaby
Robin Bennedick
Michael Brotherstone
Luke Churchin
Jamie Coe
Grant Collyer
Mark Conder
Mario Crismani
Drew Cuell
Wade Davidson
Evelyn De Jesus
Robert Doyle
Karen Dunham
Mitch Elliott
Peter Fenton
Damian Foote
Benjamin Franklin
Patrick Frazer
Russell Gasseling
Namjoo Gim
Peter Halvorson
Jacob Hanna
Noah Harkins

Zac Harris
Henry Haslett
Blake Hodgins
Gareth Hodgins
Allan James
Lochlan Johnson
Leigh Jordan
Thomas Jungnitsch
Adam Kachyckyj
Jodie Kelly
Jason Kidd
Lachlan Knowles
Josie Ko
Yan Kong
Paul Kruger
Todd Lea
Peter Mahone
Jonathon Mann
Josh Mazoletti
Stacey McCracken
Michael McKechnie
Mitchell McMahon
Mark McQueen
Andy Morgan
Leigh Munro
Gavin Musk
Dean Mustard
Desmier Nairn

Waisea Nakalevu
Philip Neil
Tristan Nicol
Kylie Nikolovski
Bernie Nolan
(COTY 2020)
Mark O'Brien
Josh O'Connor
Raul Paez
Rod Pearce
Troy Phillips
David Plunkett
Matthew Preston-Smith
Chan Ramakrishnan
Alexander Redgwell
Arnold Revitt
Ivan Ristic
Lily Robson
Jesse Rollings
Kent Ross
Adam Ryder
Nick Scott
Salvatore Senese
David Shields
Avi Singh
Matthew Smith
Sam Smith
Isaac Soper

Gabby Suley
Amelia Sutton
Rebecca Sutton
Gilbert Town
Harleigh Venables
Nicolas Weisbach
Trinity Wharehinga
Mark Willims
Jason Winwood
Jon Zygadlo

10 YEARS

John Adis
Mick Bailey
Clayton Ballard
Julian Batt
Chris Beck
Mitch Bohringer
Michael Bootsman
Gareth Bremner
Jacob Carter
Justin Chee
Scott Cracknell
Anthony Cuic
Murray Emmerson
Greg Fleming
Adam Francis

Nathan Geisler
Serdar Gundogar
Steve Haugh
John Hendersson
Marcus Hoddinott
Steven Hodgins
Glenn Howard
Ian Hutton
Joe Jacobsen
Matt Jamieson
Nathan Kairouz
Brendan Kavanagh
Jack Keily
Darryl Knight
Jerry Lee
Belinda Lindsay
Terry Lloyd
Melanie Longland
Chris Luhrs
Bruce Manners
Shirley Manners
Don McInnes
Urim Miftari
Joe Newrick
Sean Nyssen
John Parker
Yosa Permadi
Duy Phan

Wayne Power
Josh Pyle
Heath Robinson
Arthur Rollinson
Andrew Rowland
Sarah Smith
Alf Spence
Dan Staples
Tim Todd
Ben Turnbull
Michael Unwin
Fernando Uribe
Kev Whitaker
Steven Wilkes
Steve Williams
Darrin Wilson
Natale Zappia

20 YEARS

Jeff Miller
Ian Partridge

30 YEARS

Paul Hart
(COTY 2005)
Paul De Jong
(COTY 1995)



From left, Shane O'Reilly, Jack Hutchinson Snr and Len White inspect the Stinson replica at O'Reilly's.



The Stinson saga made world headlines.

JACK Hutchinson Snr has returned to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat in Queensland's Lamington National Park to view a recently erected Stinson aircraft replica.

A Stinson was the focus of a famous air disaster when it crashed on the O'Reilly property on February 19, 1937 on its way from Brisbane to Sydney.

With seven people on board, the plane was the subject of a major search and rescue. The Stinson was wrongly thought to

have been lost somewhere in the wild Hawkesbury country north of Sydney or in the sea in the same area.

The publicity surrounding the drama, which is now entrenched in Australian aviation history, made world-wide headlines and put the O'Reilly property in the Gold Coast Hinterland on the world map.

The plane was missing for 10 days before Bernard O'Reilly, correctly believing it could be in the McPherson Range area, skillfully and miraculously located it.



A commemorative plaque dedicated to the ill-fated Stinson's passengers and rescuers.

Written by: Lindy Johnson, Jack Snr's daughter

Return to O'Reilly's

Jack Hutchinson Snr recently made a sentimental journey to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat in Lamington National Park, continuing a relationship with the O'Reilly family which started in 1937 with the crash and search/rescue of a Stinson aircraft en route from Brisbane to Sydney.

One of the rescuers was Jack Hutchinson Snr's uncle, Eric, whose brother-in-law, Roland Graham, was a passenger killed on the doomed flight.

Hutchies has continued with construction projects on the O'Reilly family property for the past 94 years.



Jack Hutchinson Snr with Mick O'Reilly (left) and Peter O'Reilly.

He found the plane in thick rainforest on the Lamington Plateau, about 20 miles from the current O'Reilly's guest house.

After discovering the plane and its two survivors, Bernard then hiked back to raise the alarm and organise a rescue mission of local volunteers.

One of those volunteers was Eric Hutchinson (Jack Snr's uncle), whose brother-in-law, Roland Graham, was on board the plane. Roland, a Sydney businessman, was married to the sister of Eric's wife, Grace.

Sadly, Roland died in the crash, but there were two survivors, Joe Binstead and John Proud, who had to be stretched out through the thick forest.

The O'Reillys and the Hutchinsons have a long history, from the Stinson air disaster to the present day, with years of building works done on the mountain in between.

Former Hutchies' construction manager, Len White (COTY 1990), and his wife, Karen, also a former Hutchies' employee at O'Reilly's, organised the latest

visit, so Jack Snr could see the Stinson replica, meet with members of the O'Reilly family and tour the complex.

This included the historic dining room, the villas and the most recent camping and glamping facilities.

O'Reilly's CEO, Shane O'Reilly, led the tour and the visitors enjoyed hospitality and accommodation in the luxury villas which, like the camp grounds, have magnificent views of the mountains, rainforest and valley below.

LEFT: Former Hutchies' team members, Len White and wife, Karen, enjoy Lamington National Park scenery from O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

Eric Hutchinson joined in the retrieval of the downed Stinson passengers who included his brother-in-law, Roland Graham.



The group dined with Peter and Mick O'Reilly and their wives, Annette and Helen.

Peter has recorded the story of the O'Reilly family on the mountain in his book, *The Spirit of the O'Reillys - The World at our Feet*, which was presented to Jack.

Jack reciprocated with a copy of *More Than the Truth - Hutchies' Hundred Years* - the history of the Hutchies' building company.

FOOTNOTE: *The Riddle of the Stinson* (1987), an Australian made movie about the plane crash and the rescue of its survivors by Bernard O'Reilly (played in the film by Jack Thompson), is available on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ik6XcvbIF1Y>



Carpark donation thank you to team

HUTCHIES' team on the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital site have received a big thank you from the University of Queensland for their donation of \$1,605.05 to the Clem Jones Centre for Ageing Dementia Research.

The money was raised from a temporary carpark set up by the team so they could park close to work and where they volunteered to pay for the privilege.

UQ's message of thanks said the team's generosity would help produce countless benefits, including development of new vaccines and provision of scholarships for young people who will go on to become leaders in their communities.

Ted Wynn, UQ director of development, said the team's generosity sent an extraordinary message of support to students, researchers and academics as they strove to create changes in Australia and around the world.

"Thankyou again for your generosity – together, our greatest days lie ahead."



Miles Wates (right), son of Sir James Wates, visited Australia before the pandemic and was shown Aussie building sites by Jack Jnr and site foreman, Joe Ide. Jack Jnr later showed Miles the nightlife sights in the Valley.

International exchange program hopes between Australia and United Kingdom

ASSOCIATE director, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, hopes to establish an exchange work program between Australia and the United Kingdom when international borders re-open.

This follows a relationship Jack established with Sir James Wates, chairman of Wates Group, when he worked for Wates on a range of projects during his MBA in London, including Borough Yards in London's famous Borough Markets.

The Wates Group is one of the UK's largest construction firms with £1.6 billion in annual revenue and 4000 staff.

Jack said Hutchies had a cultural and structural affinity with Wates which was a

long established family-owned builder.

Jack remains in touch with the Wates family and many Wates staff.

Joe Sollis made the journey from London to Melbourne in late 2019 and now works within the Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020) team.

Miles Wates, son of Sir James, visited Australia in late 2019 and was hosted to Hutchies' building sites by Jack.

Jack said he hoped to set up a staff exchange program between Wates and Hutchies, where Hutchies' staff who wanted to work in the UK and Wates' staff who wanted to work in Australia could swap companies for a period.

Gold Coast high-rise trio on track

THREE high-rise projects, all within one kilometre of each other on Queensland's Gold Coast, are continuing to climb skyward.

The projects are 272 Hedges Avenue (Rohan Barry team) and Bela by Mosaic and Mali Residences, both Paul Hart (COTY 2005)/Levi Corby teams.



A March roof pour at the Norfolk Burleigh Heads project on the Gold Coast has the job running on time with 20 weeks to practical completion for Paul Hart's (COTY 2005) team.



John becomes poster boy for COVID safety

TEAM leader, John Koumoukelis, has become the poster boy for COVID safety in New South Wales.

Last year, when the pandemic began, John was sceptical about its impact, letting everyone know his thoughts.

But, fast forward a year, now John puts on a mask immediately when anyone in the office or his team even hints at a cough or sneeze.

He advocates wearing a mask whenever (and wherever!) possible.

AS Chairman of Owners Corporation (OC) Willansby Avenue, Brighton, I am delighted to write this letter of appreciation and support for J Hutchinson Builders Pty Ltd (Hutchies) on behalf of the OC.

Our property was subject to a building order from the Victorian Building Authority to remove all the external combustible cladding and internal cavity insulation from our building.

The project was conducted under the auspices of and funded by Cladding Safety Victoria. Hutchies won a competitive tender to carry out the rectification works.

Our first contact with Hutchies was in the pre-tender phase.

James Denton, along with two of his colleagues, attended a meeting at our site prior to being invited to tender for our project.

We were immediately impressed by their professional approach and detailed knowledge of potential cladding solutions.

James was a great communicator and quickly grasped the stressful impact the combustible cladding issues had had on our OC members over the previous two and a half years.

His empathy for our situation was greatly appreciated.

Following that meeting we received a very informative preliminary report from Hutchies setting out the cladding options discussed at our meeting along with an indicative timeframe to complete the works.

Thankfully, a short time later, Hutchies accepted an invitation to be on our tender list.

We were then absolutely delighted to be advised by our independent project manager that they were the successful tenderer.

William Stirling, Zane Petkovic and Quinton Edwards were on the



team assigned to our project.

They were highly organised and a pleasure to deal with throughout the entire project.

Communication with the OC, residents and neighbours was first-class in all aspects. It was also evident the importance that Will, Zane and Quinton placed on safe site practices.

Whether it was wearing of masks, helmets or movement on and around scaffolding, no compromises were tolerated in dealing with sub-contractors and visitors to the site.

Every night Quinton would stay long after normal finishing time, making sure that the site was clean and safe. He epitomised the expression "going the extra mile".

Testament to the Hutchies' build quality and process is the fact that there were no structural defects on completion.

Defects were confined to minor paintwork and plumbing items.

Making good items such as landscaping and general cleaning were all completed as soon as practical following project completion.

To top it off, the project finished ahead of time.

In summary, Hutchies has been a shining light in a very dark period in the lives of our OC members.

We have no hesitation in recommending them to anyone who is looking to employ an exceptional builder with integrity and that rare quality to actually

"walk the talk".

Hutchies – we salute you.

**Brian J Pollock,
OC Chairman.**

[I am a former national president of the Property Council of Australia (1993-94) and among other appointments former chairman Industry Superannuation Property Trust (1998-2004), Australia's largest unlisted commercial property trust.

The reason for establishing my credentials is to point out that I know excellence when I see it.

I saw it in spades with the performance of James and his team.

Thankyou to Hutchies for taking on our project and the delivery of a first class product.]

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IN the 20 years that I have worked as a business manager and being involved with some large infrastructure projects at two new schools, this was the first year I have returned from the Christmas New Year break without feeling stressed about the latest project being handed over on time ready for the new school year.

The communication from Hutchies to the college was first class and the experience I had working with the team was exceptional, particularly compared to recent experiences.

I would like to thank Sholto, Caitlyn, Mario and others behind the scenes, who I did not have direct contact with, for the work they put in getting the project delivered on time.

I would also like to make

special mention of the work put in by Jack who was on site driving the project forward and making sure that the disruptions to the college routine were kept to a minimum.

I'm not sure what he's getting paid but in my very humble opinion he is worth a raise.

Should you require any further information or would like to discuss this in further detail please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Kind Regards,

**Shane Woodward
Business Manager
Stretton State College
Department of Education**

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WE bought into a beautifully constructed building in Broadbeach and we love the quality of the build.

When we first moved in the intercom didn't work.

We had a contractor out who said an electrical wire had not been made available for the intercom unit and a new wire would have to be run.

We wrote a detailed letter to Hutchinsons setting out what the contractor had said and within one week they had sent their excellent subcontractor, GCQ Electrical, around to investigate.

GCQ found that there was indeed a wire, but it had become disconnected from the intercom unit.

They reconnected the intercom unit that same day and now the intercom works fine.

I am very impressed with their response time and customer service.

A leading example professionalism in the construction industry.

Thank you.

N. Wilde.



Heritage-listed church recycled for childcare

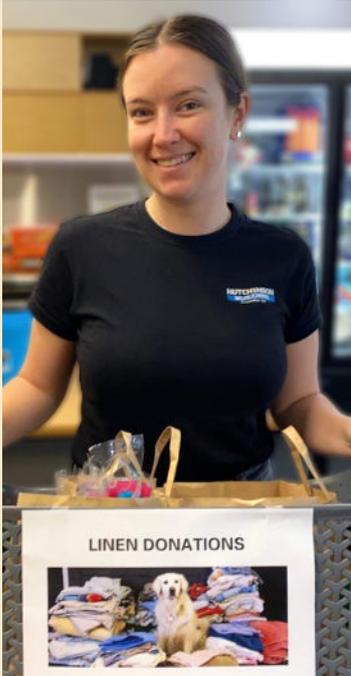
IN Auchenflower, Brisbane, a heritage-listed church has been repurposed for a state-of-the-art childcare centre, Little Locals Early Learning Centre.

Hutchies, Inertia, Elia Architects and The Landscape Group collaborated to create the unique space which combines old and new.

The church's original character and charm have been retained with stained glass windows, exposed rafters and brickwork.

The new components include a 15-metre indoor slide, waterpark, in-ground trampoline and bike track.

It is the first early learning centre in Brisbane to adopt carbon neutrality.



Sarah Smith, from Russell Fryer's team.



Rocky team members celebrate Cupcake Day (from left) Daniel McKenna, Damien Grosse, Patrick Taylor, Cherie Dooley (RSPCA), Reilly Bergan, and Nick Colthup.

Cupcakes and sausages for charity

THE RSPCA's Cupcake Day and Sausage Sizzle fundraiser was supported by many Hutchies' team members.

Sarah Smith, from Russell Fryer (COTY 2010) team, organised the cupcake day for Toowong office, raising more than \$1,000.

Hutchies' Rocky office welcomed RSPCA inspector, Cherie Dooley, to their fundraiser where the cupcakes and sausages were popular.

The cupcakes were so popular with a particular contract administrator in Rocky that he is now known as "Cupcake".



Darwin Diwali celebration

HUTCHIES' project manager, Sid Shivpuri, embraces the office mascot during Darwin team's observance of the Diwali festival.

One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, the five-day celebrations of Diwali symbolise the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.



Artist shows the fruits of his labour

HUTCHIES' multi-talented Chris Battersby is an accomplished artist and had an exhibition of his work shown at Metro Arts' Gallery One.

The program that accompanied Chris's work, entitled *An Apple a Day*, explained his motivation.

On 30 July 2019, artist Chris Battersby set out to draw or paint an apple a day. This ever-growing collection of works explores central themes of repetition, continuity, completion and renewal.

Repetition is everything, each day being almost like the next, one apple like the next, like a loop in music played again and again. Every apple is a discrete image

but part of a continuum...

Completed quickly, each work is instantly permanent and emphatic, there is little time for reworking. The day is done. Tomorrow is a clean slate and a fresh start. An apple a day.

The art critics from Hutchies' West Village project viewed the exhibition and shared their candid comments of their colleague's work:

Sebastian Curtis – "Too expensive."

Karl Axnick – "Why?"

Adam Kachyckyj – "How much again?"

Josh Mazz – "I like it."

HUTCHIES' Scratch-its has been an integral part of *Hutchies' Truth* for more than 22 years.

To keep up with modern times and save on printing, this popular feature has switched to a new electronic version.

A simple lottery-style system has been set up on Hutchies' website (where you may be reading *Hutchies' Truth* right now).

The way it works is simple:

1. Every time a new *Hutchies' Truth* comes out, subscribers will get an email with a link to the latest edition, plus a unique lucky number.
2. Simply check your lucky number against the winning numbers announced on the website to see if you've won a prize.

Digital era for popular Scratch-its

3. If you are one of the lucky winners, you can claim your prize via Hutchies' website or by email: TheTruth@hutchinsonbuilders.com.au.

Scratch-its first appeared in June 1998 as the 'Scratch My Back' competition which was the brainchild of Jack Hutchinson Snr as a way of promoting team spirit.

When the competition was announced as front page news it read:

"Scratch My Back has been designed as another way Hutchies can show its appreciation for the help and co-operation it receives from all those

people who, together, create the building industry in which we work.

"The old saying 'You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours' seems a pretty good way of everybody helping each other achieve a common goal."

A year after its launch, the popular competition became known simply as 'Scratch-its' and over the years has given away literally thousands of prizes.

Visit <https://www.hutchinsonbuilders.com.au/the-feed/the-truth> to see the latest edition of *Hutchies' Truth* or to check if you're a lucky winner!



ABOVE: Hutchies' clean-up team filled 35 bags as well as collecting other bulky items.

RIGHT: TJ Munro (left) and Harrison Daley pitched in to clean up Straddie.



Mountain of rubbish on island clean up day

HUTCHIES' team members joined in the Clean Up Australia campaign with a big turn-out on North Stradbroke Island – the scene of many Hutchies' fishing trips.

Almost 30 team and family members joined in to clean up the island coastline and create

public awareness against littering oceans and beaches.

The clean-up team filled 35 Hutchies' scaffold bags and amassed a pile of bulky items that would not fit in the bags.

Co-ordinator, Dean White, said the team collected more than 300 kilograms of rubbish which

included the usual loads of plastic, timber, rope, thongs, cigarette lighters and glow sticks.

"The majority was washed up debris, with only a small amount of camping waste contributing to the clean-up," said Dean.

"We will be back again next year, so anyone interested in

joining in should flag the first Sunday in March for our next event which is good fun and a great contribution to the environment."

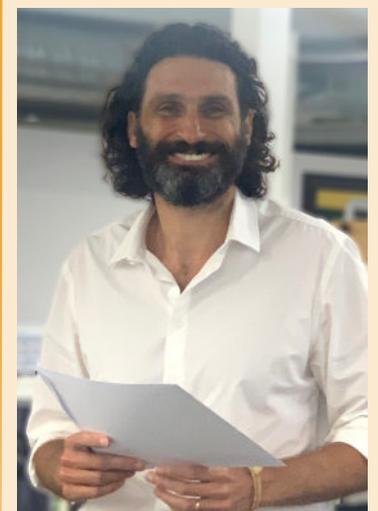
Clean Up Australia Day is a national event which has been held on the first Sunday of March every year since 1989.



Happy COVID birthday

Hutchies' Queensland Rail East Ipswich team recently celebrated Robin Bennedick's 50th birthday in true COVID-safe style. From left, Justin Semetas, Lee Gagliardi, Robin Bennedick, Alex Sawtell, Mitch Bell and Jackson Holmes masked up for the celebration.

Hitting the big 50



John Berlese (COTY 2006) celebrated his 50th birthday in the office with the message "Happy birthday from most of us!"



Toowoomba tees off

HUTCHIES' 100-year long involvement with Master Builders Queensland received special mention at the recent Master Builders Golf Day held in Toowoomba. Players who took part in this special event included

(from left), Bryce Tippins, Dale Borghardt, Jack Hutchinson Jr, Sean Lees, Corey Weston, Tom Green, Brandon Tonkin, Chandana Kuruppu and Nick Linnan.



Bride's team engages with fish

TEAM members from Hutchies' Bride Street project in Brisbane's bayside Wynnum went deep sea fishing to celebrate the end of the \$29 million project. Those aboard the fishing vessel on the day were (from left) Luke Hayes, Matthew Skrinis, Eli Sim, Adam Stiff, Tyler Redmond, Rhett Falchi, Graham Bosward, Anthony Cuic, Dylan Allan, Amelia Kordic, Rohan Barry, Denham Barry with Greg Fleming and Milan Rai at the wheel.