

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



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Survival in a national crane drought

HUTCHIES has future-proofed itself against a shortage of cranes across the nation's construction industry.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said Australia had a serious crane drought, with supply drying up and crane numbers unable to meet demand in the current property boom.

Scott said Hutchies' ability to maintain a supply of cranes to its national projects was the legacy of a decision taken almost 20 years ago to establish an in-house crane division to service Hutchies' projects.

"Hutchies Cranes and Hoists was originally known as Building Industry Supplies (BIS) because, as well as Hutchies, it was servicing major builders such as Abi Group, Leightons and Watpac.

"BIS transitioned to Hutchies Cranes and Hoists when dynamic growth at Hutchies

meant the division could no longer supply the outside market."

Scott said establishment of the crane division was not a money-making decision.

"It was about control of Hutchies' building schedules and forward planning to guarantee the right equipment would be available for projects at the right time," he said.

Hutchies Cranes and Hoists currently operates a fleet of 26 cranes, two Franna mobile cranes and 33 hoists with a team of 106 comprising crane operators, dogmen, hoist drivers, riggers, servicing personnel, and administration.

On the Gold Coast, which is a development hotspot, a record number of cranes are in the sky, with not enough available to service the number of projects on the go and in the pipeline for the future.

A recent crane index, published by Rider Levett Bucknall, showed 61 cranes towering above Gold Coast City, with 22 removed during the quarter, but 22 going up as new projects began.

The report said residential cranes dominated the skies, accounting for 86.9 per cent of all cranes in the region, with others in aged care, commercial, education and mixed-use sectors.

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Hutchies maintains an in-house fleet of cranes and hoists to service its national projects. Six Hutchies' cranes dominate this Brisbane cityscape.



Great Scott! Chairman a great Queenslander

"Transformative leader in construction, as well as a philanthropist, cultural advocate and champion of indigenous employment."

– Citation Queensland Greats 2024.

IT is official – Chairman Scott Hutchinson is a great Queenslander!

He has been acknowledged as a great Queenslander by being included in the Queensland Greats Awards 2024.

The awards recognise outstanding Queenslanders for their years of dedication and contribution to the development of the state and their role in strengthening and shaping the community in Queensland.

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HUTCHIES recently held its annual leadership conference at the Calile Hotel.

It is an amazing venue, deserving of its international acclaim, and is a credit to the Malouf family.

The hotel was built by the John Berlese (COTY 2006) team – one of the greatest single contributors to our business over the past two decades.

The theme of the day was centred around preparing Hutchies to be a more adaptive and sustainable, family-owned builder for another century.

All of our construction team leaders and supporting discipline leads spent the day working through our successes and failures of the past year and adapting our strategy to respond to the heightened risk that persists throughout our industry today.

The volatility of the market over the past few years has caused many across the industry to think differently about how to

do things, and we are no different, despite our success since 1912.

We all understand the responsibility and feel the weight of obligation that comes with our proud heritage, and we are determined to make Hutchies stronger with every decision we make, every day we turn up.

It means that we are selective of the projects we take on, to ensure that we are better able to meet the needs of our clients.

It means we are investing in our people and developing stronger career pathways to make this possible.

Hutchies is so fortunate to have the depth of experience we do, created through the longevity and commitment of our people.

This loyalty was something which Jack Hutchinson Snr always acknowledged the importance of with a range of milestone gifts.

One of the best for me remains the five-year Hutchies' beach fishing rod and sought-after Alvey reel.

From the Managing Director



The 10 years of service leather jacket, still sticking with the fashion of the 1980s era of its inception, spends most of its time on a coat hanger, but is no less appreciated.

Many at Hutchies have passed the 30-year mark and this year will see the introduction of the much-anticipated 15-year service award to complete the set.

An order for almost 200 custom-designed watches, representing the number of company members who have been with us that long, was placed recently with local watchmaker, Adina.

Each year that follows, will see around 20 more join that group and we look forward to seeing those numbers grow as we enter the next century of building.

– Russell Fryer (COTY 2010)



National delegates at Hutchies' leadership conference.

New path to Indigenous education

HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team hosted a visit by special guests, Indigenous Bunuba elders, Kevin Oscar and Joe Ross, from the Kimberley region of Western Australia, and Dr Helen Drennen, chief executive of Studio Schools of Australia (SSA).

The trio travelled from Western Australia to Toowoomba for a special viewing of the first completed module of the Manjali Studio Schools project which is being celebrated as a ground-breaking new pathway for Indigenous education.

The visit included an exclusive walkthrough of Hutchies' modular yard where the project is being fabricated before being transported 4,200 kilometres to WA to form the new Manjali Studio School.

Designed for 100 middle school students (Years 7, 8 and 9), the school will consist of 90 modules forming a self-contained community, with students and staff living, working and studying on site.

It is being built about 10 kilometres from the existing Yiramalay Studio School which caters for Years 10, 11 and 12 students.



Indigenous Bunuba elders, Kevin Oscar and Joe Ross, (left and right) with Dr Helen Drennen, chief executive of Studio Schools of Australia, and Hutchies' Toowoomba team leader, Sean Lees, inspect construction of components for the new school destined for the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Power for the new facility will be generated on site and all drinking and waste water will be treated on site.

A Hutchies' team from Toowoomba has relocated to deal with the remote project

installation.

SSA chief executive, Dr Helen Drennen, said the school's curriculum placed an equal emphasis on students' connection to country/culture and traditional education.



Photo: State of Queensland

The 2024 Queensland Greats Award winners (from left) Jim Elder (LifeFlight chair representing LifeFlight), Keri Craig-Lee, Scott Hutchinson, Natalie Cook, Emeritus Professor Peter Andrews, Getano Lui (Jnr), and Dr Anne Small and Rachel Syers (representing Sir Bruce Small).

Premier acknowledges Queensland Greats

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson has been acknowledged as a great Queenslanders by being included in the Queensland Greats Awards 2024 announced by Premier Steven Miles on Queensland Day, June 6.

The 2024 Queensland Greats are:

- Scientist and biotechnology leader Emeritus **Professor Peter Andrews AO**.
- Olympic gold medallist and athletics champion **Natalie Cook OAM OLY**.
- Award-winning fashion stylist and retailer **Keri Craig-Lee OAM**.
- Torres Strait Islands advocate and community leader **Getano Lui (Jnr) AM**.
- Construction industry entrepreneur and philanthropist **Scott Hutchinson**.
- Former Gold Coast Mayor and philanthropist **Sir Bruce Small** (posthumous).
- World-leading aeromedicine community service **LifeFlight**.

Premier Steven Miles said the awards hon-

oured great Queenslanders for their contributions to the state.

"Their work, determination and commitment has been of great benefit to Queensland," said the Premier.

"I congratulate our new Queensland Greats and all those who were nominated.

"Our state's success is built on the accomplishments of our people and the contribu-

of Brisbane's live music scene through venues like The Triffid and The Fortitude Music Hall.

His commitment to social progress is highlighted by Statim Yaga, a training and employment initiative fostering indigenous employment.

Scott's extensive contributions, celebrated through various awards, underscore his profound influence on Queensland's construction industry and cultural heritage.

Scott said the significance of this wonderful

award hit him as soon as he looked at the list of past and present winners.

"They are all truly great people," he said.

"There are literally thousands of people at Hutchies and our music partners that make me look a lot better than I should, and this award is also for them.

"I thank the Queensland Government for this honour which I'm delighted to receive."

Queensland Greats Awards recognise and honour extraordinary individuals and institutions who have made a meaningful contribution to, or whose achievements have significantly impacted the history and development of Queensland.

As well as the award, the recipients receive perpetual bronze plaques installed alongside previous recipients in a wall of honour at Roma Street Parkland in Brisbane.

There are now 125 individuals, 20 institutions, and 11 posthumous recipients of a Queensland Greats award, representing the many ways in which Queenslanders have worked for the greater good of the state and their community.

"People at Hutchies and our music partners make me look a lot better than I should, and this award is also for them." – Scott Hutchinson

tions that make Queensland and Australia a better place for all."

Queensland Greats Awards described Scott as a "transformative leader in construction, as well as a philanthropist, cultural advocate and champion of indigenous employment".

The award citation stated:

Mr Scott Hutchinson Construction veteran and arts advocate.

Scott Hutchinson, Chairman of Hutchinson Builders, has transformed the construction landscape, propelling the company's growth from \$6 million to over \$3 billion.

Renowned for his philanthropy and cultural advocacy, Scott champions numerous charities, the urban honey bee initiative, and the preservation



Sons, Terrence (left) and Jack Jnr, congratulate their father on his achievement as a Queensland Great.

HUTCHIES is building two schools concurrently, valued at \$40 million, for the Victorian School Building Authority.

Work on these schools represents the second stage of development, following the completion of stage one by Hutchies in 2021, allowing each campus to accommodate an additional 425 students.

Both projects have now entered their final phases, with finishing trades, commissioning and landscaping in progress.

The expansion of Greenvale Secondary College, in Melbourne's north west, includes a community hub, gym, learning building, visual arts building, sports field, hard courts, and an extended carpark.

Similarly, Clyde North Secondary College, in Melbourne's south east, is being expanded with a learning building, visual arts building, sports field, hard courts, and carpark extension.

While the contractual practical completion for both projects is set for mid-November in time for the 2025 academic year, the site teams are striving to complete the projects ahead of schedule, targeting completion in early September.



Greenvale Secondary College in Melbourne's north west.

School expansion on track for Victoria



Hutchies' team on Greenvale Secondary College (from left) Jeremy Kajfes, site engineer; Nick Mei, project manager; Ed Davis, site manager; and Brad Vasiliadis, project engineer.



Clyde North Secondary College in south east Melbourne.



Dress circle audience enjoy the performance.

Key milestone for QPS Youth Remand Centre

HUTCHIES has celebrated a key milestone on its Youth Remand Centre project at Wacol with a welcome to country and smoking ceremony.

Led by site manager, Steve Williams, the team put on a special show for the client,

Queensland Police Service, as well as subbies, consultants and other stakeholders.

The 76-bed facility is being built on QPS-owned land nearby to the existing Brisbane Youth Detention Centre at Wacol.

JJ, Tim and Johnno, of Tribal Experiences,

gave a resounding blessing to the site which was well received by all on the day.

Cultural performance events are becoming more common on Hutchies' sites as a means of educating the industry about Australia's rich Indigenous culture.



JJ, Tim and Johnno, of Tribal Experiences, perform a smoking ceremony and welcome to country.

Berlese – simply the best

AT the recent AIB Queensland Professional Excellence Awards, Hutchies' team leader, John Berlese (COTY 2006), was recognised as the 2024 Queensland Building Professional of the Year, highlighting his leadership in the industry.

Two of John's team's projects, Rendu Towers by Ozcare and 31 Duncan Street, received Professional Excellence recognition from AIB in the same awards adding to the raft of accolades received by John from the industry over the years.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said John's latest AIB awards were richly deserved.

"There is no doubt John Berlese is the best in his field in Australia," said Scott.

"He is a rock star.

"When Hutchies head-hunted him in 1999, the word around town was that he was the best and that has proven to be true.

"He has gone a bit grey over the past 25 years but he is still the best."

Scott said it was rumoured that



Construction rock star, Hutchies' team leader, John Berlese, AIB Building Professional of the Year.

earlier in his career John had put his age up to work on high-rise projects.

"I don't know if that is true, but that is the sort of gutsy initiative the world could expect from John Berlese."



A small group of students lent a hand to help with the sod-turning ceremony for the new junior school at Brisbane Girls Grammar School. They were accompanied by, from left (rear), Andrew King, Julie McKay, Bruce Addison, Leighton Stock, Mitch Grimmer, Luke Reynolds, Anne Ingram, Grahame Wrobel, Jane Hailes, Michael Banney, (front) Catriona Mitchell, BGGs students, Jacinda Euler Welsh, and Jack Hutchinson Jr.

Queensland Country Women's Association's new role at Brisbane Girls Grammar School

BRISBANE Girls Grammar School (BGGs) has signalled an exciting start to the construction of its new junior school campus building by Hutchies with a sod-turning ceremony.

Upgrade and refurbishment of 89 Gregory Terrace, across the road from the main school campus, signifies an important milestone in the evolution of a BGGs education which will expand to Years Five and Six in 2026.

The project is an adaptive re-use of an

existing building which involves a comprehensive transformation of the former Queensland Country Women's Association's headquarters, Ruth Fairfax House, into a five-storey modern educational space.

Inside, the state-of-the-art facility will house administration offices, eight general learning areas, a science/art flexible learning area, music ensemble practice space, library, tuckshop, and amenities.

An outdoor terrace will include a landscaped playground.

Chair of the Board of Trustees, Ms Julie McKay, and Principal, Ms Jacinda Euler Welsh, officially turned the ground at a ceremony attended by representatives from Hutchies, m3architecture, and Steele Wrobel, along with BGGs Trustees, senior leaders and a small representative group of BGGs students.

• More information, see Jobs Update P 20.

Emergency plans and rescue drills

HUTCHIES' Andy Becconsall went to Sydney to conduct emergency planning and rescue drills for the site teams at Macquarie Park, Blacktown, Green Square and Smeaton Grange.

An emergency evacuation drill also was conducted at head office in Rosebery.

Andy reported that the emergency control structure (ECS) members all responded well and were proactive in their approach to the safety systems.

All participants earned certificates from Hutchies Training.

RIGHT: Stretcher training at Hutchies' Green Square Public School project. From left, John Koumoukelis (team leader), Michael Metherell (site manager), Rabi Tannous (project engineer) on the stretcher, and Michael Walker (union delegate).



Luxury riverside Build-to-Rent project with city skyline views

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IT has been a huge few months at the 50 Quay Street Build-to-Rent project overlooking the Brisbane River.

Positioned between Brisbane's Coronation Drive and Quay Street, this 32-storey tower by Cedar Pacific will house 475 apartments, including 75 studio, 75 one-bedroom, 175 one-bedroom plus multi-purpose room, 125 two-bedroom, and 25 three-bedroom apartments.

Aiming for sustainability and comfort, the development is on track to secure a Five Star Green Star Buildings v1 rating and a minimum NatHERS rating of Five Stars, reflecting a commitment to environmental stewardship and energy efficiency.

Additionally, 50 Quay Street meets the Liveable Housing Australia (LHA) standards, with 58 per cent of the units designed to Gold level and 42 per cent to Silver level, ensuring accessibility and ease of living.

Ground floor to the fourth level will be dedicated to shared resident amenities, a café and 257 car spaces.

The building's design incorporates a newly created cross-block link, for a seamless connection from Quay Street to Coronation Drive, including a public elevator and stairway.

Level 31 will feature a rooftop recreation area, with landscaping and a pool, offering residents a private retreat and panoramic views of the city.



Two of Hutchies' Favco luffing cranes dominate the scene on Cedar Pacific's 50 Quay Street Build-to-Rent project overlooking the Brisbane River.

Discovering Indigenous food with the fresh food people

WOOLWORTHS and Hutchies had a joint celebration for National Reconciliation Week in June on site at Woolworths, Doolandella, with a special presentation of Indigenous culture, history and native foods.

Hutchies' Woolworths Doolandella site team and subbies, along with major stakeholder Woolworths, participated in the event sponsored by the Coolangatta/Tweed team and presented by Hutchies' Jade North from the social responsibility and Indigenous team.

Figjam provided a bush food presentation which included taste-testing of native bush foods, herbs and spices and finished with a delicious morning tea for all

including emu spring rolls, kangaroo sausage rolls, scones with bush plums and cream, as well as an assortment of fresh produce with an Indigenous twist.

Hutchies' chairman Scott Hutchinson also attended and gave a hand at cracking an emu egg which did not go exactly to plan.

Mark Kucks, national Indigenous manager, took a spare emu egg home and cooked an omelette for his daughter and friend.

"It took me about five strikes with the blunt edge of a carving knife to split it open and out fell the biggest yolk you will ever see," said Mark.

The one emu egg fed three who described it as "creamy and delicious".



Woolworths site team at Doolandella discover Indigenous food during National Recognition Week.

Global Building Exchange Program expands to include third country

HUTCHIES' Global Building Exchange Program (GBEP), in partnership with Wates Group in the United Kingdom, has expanded to a third country with the inclusion of Axiom Builders in Canada.

Under the new partnership, Hutchies' Baxter Foreman and Axiom's Connor Lee will swap cities for 12 months.

Baxter, a contract administrator in Mitch Grimmer's team, will head to Vancouver for 12 months

in 2025 and Connor will join Hutchies in Brisbane.

Axiom Builders was established in 2003 and has grown into one of British Columbia's largest construction companies, delivering across both the residential and commercial sectors.

Hutchies' director, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, explained that many Hutchies' people had lived

abroad and gained worldly experiences.

"We want to provide this opportunity for team members to travel and expand their horizons while maintaining their career paths," said Jack.

"By partnering with like-minded builders, it opens up different perspectives working in other markets," he said.

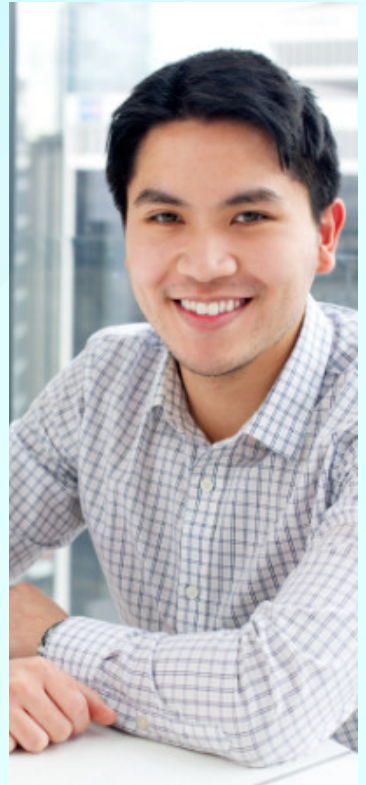
The GBEP pilot for cadets/junior contract administrators was launched in 2023 with Wates in the United Kingdom.

The first exchange kicked off in March this year with James Metcalfe from London joining Hutchies and Oliver Macklin from Jamie Washington's team heading to Wates in London.

Following the successful completion of the first exchange, Hutchies is exploring ways to expand the program for other roles across the workforce, such as final year apprentices and recent graduates in other disciplines.



Canada-bound Baxter Foreman says goodbye to Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), left, and Jack Hutchinson Jnr.



New arrival, Connor Lee from Axiom in Vancouver, Canada.



James Metcalfe has returned to the UK.

James Metcalfe bids fond farewell to Australia and construction hosts

JAMES Metcalfe, an inaugural Global Building Exchange Program (GBEP) participant, bid farewell to Australia in May and has returned to Wates in London.

Meanwhile, Hutchies' Oliver Macklin remains in London, continuing his exchange with Wates.

James integrated seamlessly into Jamie Washington's team, contributing his expertise to the Wacol Youth Remand Centre project.

James said the exchange program enabled him to immerse himself in a different country and corporate environment, while continuing his professional development without interruption, and allowing him to fulfil personal aspirations, such as travelling.

"Becoming a member of Hutchies' team enabled me to work alongside skilled professionals, enhancing my expertise in project management, contract administration and alternative building methods," James said.

"One significant highlight was my involvement in the new build Youth Remand Centre at Wacol.

"In this role, I was responsible for overseeing the services packages, ensuring that all mechanical, electrical, hydraulic and fire systems were procured effectively, aligned with the value targets, and achieved value for money for the client, the Queensland Police

Service.

"This project was particularly rewarding as it combined technical challenges and an opportunity to contribute to a facility that will have a positive impact on the community.

"Additional to the day job, I had the unique opportunity to travel across Australia with Jack Hutchinson Jnr, visiting Sydney, Melbourne, and Gold Coast teams and projects.

"This experience was invaluable, affording me with a broader perspective on the company's operations and the diverse array of projects managed by Hutchies.

"It also facilitated the development of professional relationships with colleagues across different regions and an insight into best practice and innovative construction techniques employed by various teams.

"The hand-on experience and professional growth I gained have been invaluable and I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity to have contributed to such a reputable and forward-thinking organisation.

"I extend my appreciation to Hutchies for providing such a great experience and for their investment of time and resources to ensure the program's success.

"Additionally, I am thankful to Wates for nominating me for this opportunity," James said.



Peter Glover has swapped the crane boom for a sail boom aboard his catamaran, Roam (pictured below).

Top level leadership at cranes and hoists

PETER Glover (COTY 2021), Hutchies Cranes and Hoists veteran team leader, has retired with Brad Beck taking over the leadership reins.

The division has been headed up by Peter since its inception in 2007 when it initially set up in a temporary yard at Pinkenba before relocating to a new yard at Yatala.

To become more self-sufficient, the fleet established its own team of boilermakers, fitters (both electric and diesel), rigging crew and office team to manage the day-to-day running which has continued to the present day.

Peter said he had no regrets in his decision to join Hutchies' team.

"Whenever I chat with anyone, either social or work related, I can only speak with praise in regard to the people I have had the pleasure to work with," he said.

"Although cranes have taken up a good 40-odd years of my life with many good memories, I have dreamed for a long time of sailing the world, so my wife, Justine, and I bought a 46ft catamaran with the intention of fulfilling that dream."

Brad Beck started his career in the crane industry in 2002 as a dogman, rigger and operator before progressing into operations.

During these years Brad split his time between mobile cranes and tower cranes.

Brad predicted tower cranes would continue to be a volatile market with ups and downs dictating availability of a tower crane or hoist for a project.

"The decision to build the tower crane and hoist division was a smart move to ensure the site teams were able to plan projects without the fear of not being able to source a tower crane or hoist suitable to service the job," said Brad.

"There are many factors that go into the right selection of a tower crane for a project and by having a variety of diesel and electric tower cranes enables the team to provide options to the sites.

"This, in conjunction with some well-planned and executed structural engineering, has been market leading and testament to the crane and hoist team.

"Peter has been a well-known professional in



Peter Glover (right) hands the leadership of Hutchies Cranes and Hoists to Brad Beck.

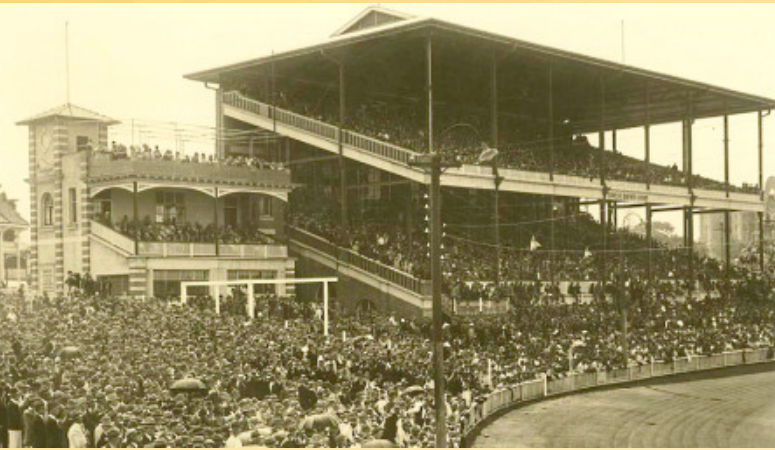
the crane industry for many years, so for me to take over his legacy is an honour.

"The culture of the cranes and hoists team is a credit to Hutchies' leaders and the way the overall business is conducted.

"I am certain we will continue to grow with a wealth of knowledge still within the team in Peter's absence.

"I wish him all the best in his travels," said Brad.





Crowds packed the Ernest Baynes Stand and the Brisbane Exhibition Ground for Sir Donald Bradman's Test cricket debut against England in 1928. Image: RNA



Brendan Christou, RNA CEO, with the Ernest Baynes Stand. Photo: Steve Pohlner

Rebirth for heritage-listed grandstand

THE heritage-listed Ernest Baynes Stand built by Hutchies more than 100 years ago at Brisbane's RNA Showgrounds has been earmarked for restoration.

Designed by architect Richard Gailey Jnr, the stand was constructed by John (Jack) Hutchinson I, the founder of Hutchinson Builders, in 1922.

Despite being a popular landmark during the annual Ekka (Royal Queensland Show), this year the grandstand has been fenced off indefinitely, due to safety concerns as the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) seeks urgent funding to save it.

The structure closed after deterioration was discovered in a suspended concrete slab in a section of the stand.

RNA chief executive, Brendan



The grand parade in the main arena of the Brisbane Exhibition Ground in 1948. Image: RNA

Christou, said the cost of repairs were not yet known but the organisation would lean on state and federal government funding for investigations and repairs of the heritage structure.

"The inspection work is quite detailed in its own right and could take up to 18 months to pull apart the brick facades and the heritage elements of the

building for inspection," said Mr Christou.

"The final fix and the cost will only be known once we understand the condition of the structure.

"Restoration of heritage buildings is never cheap, so it will be a significant cost.

"The RNA will fund as much as we can towards that but we will

seek federal and state government support to restore this significant heritage asset for Queensland.

"Safety is our number one priority and we have been conducting ongoing engineering assessments of our heritage assets to ensure safety and structural integrity."

The closure of the iconic grandstand comes amid a redevelopment of Queensland's premier showgrounds that has been underway since 2010.

A key driver of the works has been restoring the ageing facilities at the Bowen Hills venue which was opened in 1886.

Consisting of a steel structure and brick face, the grandstand originally consisted of two storeys of seating.

Removal of the top seating tier took place in 1986, following the Bradford Stadium collapse in London that year.



High-rise rescue practice

QUEENSLAND Fire and Emergency Service made a site visit to Wacol for an exercise in risk identification, planning and execution by the team.

The exercise was a familiarisation on the procedure for a high-rise rescue.

LEFT: QFES crew and Hutchies' team on site at Wacol.



Attending the official opening of new facilities at the Good Samaritan College in Toowoomba are (from left) Dirk Yates (Speculative Architecture), Dr Patrick Coughlan (executive director of Catholic schools in the Toowoomba Diocese), Bishop Ken Howell (Bishop, Diocese of Toowoomba), student at Good Samaritan College, Lachlan Bloomfield (Hutchies), and Max Brammer (Brammer Architecture).

Fifty per cent boost to student intake

GOOD Samaritan College in Toowoomba will cater for a 50 per cent increase to its student population with the official opening of new facilities completed by Hutchies.

The new facilities will provide school staff, teachers, and students at college with better and more modern spaces in which

to work, teach and learn.

Expansion involved the development of a new three-level building within the existing campus, complemented by internal classroom renovations and landscaped areas throughout.

Last year the project received prestigious

Master Builders Awards for Education Facilities up to \$10 million and Community Service Facilities.

It also has been nominated for the 2024 Darling Downs/West Moreton AIA Regional Awards in the Educational Architecture category.

Hospital team bets on a fast finish in Tara

THE new Tara Hospital project in the Western Downs region of Queensland is in full swing with the installation of prefabricated

wall frames and trusses, roofing and high level services rough-in works to follow.

Works are tracking ahead of

program and on completion the new facility, which is being built within the existing hospital campus, will provide emergency

and palliative care to the community of the Tara district.

It includes a 12-bed inpatients unit wing that features support services for adult mental health, consultation rooms, mobile X-ray and other outreach services.

Hutchies is also building the new Moranbah Hospital to replace the town's current hospital and improve health services to the Bowen Basin.

Both projects are part of the Queensland Government's Building Rural and Remote Health Program which aims to replace ageing rural and remote health facilities.

FOOTNOTE: Tara is famous for its Tara Festival, which features Australia's biggest camel event, combining camel races and the mixed culture of the region in a three-day celebration in August every two years.



The new Tara Hospital under construction within the existing hospital campus.

Only time will tell

QUEENSLAND Rail, Hutchies and community members have jointly buried a time capsule at Burpengary Railway Station due to be opened in 2054.

The capsule celebrates extensive QR work at Burpengary by Hutchies including raising platforms to be closer to train doors, adding new lifts, restoring historic station buildings and enhancing amenities.

Similar work has been carried out at Bundamba Railway Station as part of extensive station accessibility upgrade projects by Queensland Rail.

The time capsule, due to be opened in 30 years, contains a daily newspaper, items from local school students, railway memorabilia, and a jar of Hutchies' honey which apparently lasts for centuries!

RIGHT: Director Jack Hutchinson Jnr joins Queensland Rail and community members to bury a time capsule at Burpengary Railway Station.



Tight site a challenge for Luxe team



Luxe Broadbeach is soaring ahead despite the challenges of building in the heart of a busy beachside shopping and dining precinct.

LUXE Broadbeach, a 34-storey residential tower in the heart of Broadbeach's busy beachside holiday, shopping and dining precinct, is targeting topping out later this year.

As the tower is built to the boundary up to the height of the level five podium, finding suitable space for crane, hoist and materials handling in an already congested corner location across the road from the popular beach proved a challenge for the site team.

Team leader, Michael Sipinkoski, said detailed planning and engineered solutions to crane, hoist and gantries during the design development stage and consultation with key stakeholders were crucial in the project's delivery.

"With Luxe incorporating a five-level car park with three levels below ground, the project the team opted for a D-wall retention system for the basement which provides a robust watertight system for the build's close proximity to the ocean," he said.

"In conjunction with the D-Wall, the two-metre deep raft slab encompassed 330 tonnes of reinforcement and 900 cubic metres of concrete which was poured in a single pour over seven hours."

Luxe comprises 28 discrete full-floor apartments and a two-storey penthouse with facilities including a lap pool, spa and sauna on the level five podium.

Michael said currently the team is achieving an impressive five levels over a calendar month.

Top out of the structure is targeted for late this year with the project's completion due in the second quarter of 2025.



Charter Hall and Investa's 360 Queen Street project under construction in the heart of Brisbane's prestigious Golden Triangle.

HUTCHIES hosted a site tour at 360 Queen Street with the Property Council of Australia (Queensland) and clients, Charter Hall and Investa.

The site is buzzing with construction activity, with the slab structure more than halfway up its 33 levels.

On completion, the project will offer a new perspective on

Property Council of Australia tours work progress at 360 Queen Street

integrated workplaces for Brisbane – from high quality finishes and amenities, terraces and wintergardens, retail laneway, dedicated health and wellness

spaces, and clever technology, right through to industry-leading sustainability and social initiatives and ratings.

Designed by Blight Rayner

Architecture, the building will provide 45,000 square metres of premium office and amenity in the heart of Brisbane's prestigious Golden Triangle business district.

Panel discussion on companies' roles in reconciliation

JADE North, from Hutchies' social responsibility team, spoke at the Property Council of Australia's 'Positive Impact of Reconciliation Commitments' breakfast in the lead up to Reconciliation Week.

Hosted at Allens, the panel discussion focussed on diversity, equity and inclusion and the important roles companies play in the reconciliation journey in Australia through their actions and leadership.

Jade was able to share his experience of transitioning from a professional football player to Indigenous business owner and to his role at Hutchies.

"While we respect companies are at different stages of their journeys, and that Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) can play an important part in setting a framework for companies to develop their own Indigenous initiatives, Hutchies has taken a different journey and opted not to create a RAP," said Jade.

"Our Statim Yaga program, which has been running for nearly 12 years, gives us great flexibility and has had amazing results."



At the Property Council of Australia's breakfast, from left, Alex Hanlon (Reconciliation Queensland), Hutchies' Jade North, Baringa Barambah Meeanjinu (Yadeni Consulting), Ann Tulip (Allens), Tamara Andary (PCA) and John Hedge (Allens).



Hutchies Civil team is working on the next stage of The Avenues of Highfields on Queensland's Darling Downs.

WORK is roaring ahead with Hutchies Civil team doing a great job at The Avenues of Highfields on Queensland's Darling Downs.

Currently Hutchies is working on stages 9B and 10 comprising 72 lots.

Hutchies Civil has built a reputation for delivering complex solutions across all civil sectors and project sizes, specialising in urban infrastructure such as subdivisions, earthworks, roads and bridges.

Avenues of Highfields to deliver new Darling Downs homes over five years

In-house specialists, who have backgrounds in engineering, surveying, estimating and project management, are the backbone of operations, ensuring every project is equipped with the highest standards of safety and efficiency.

More than 1200 residents will call The Avenues of Highfields home across the 13 stages of the five-year development once completed, including families, couples and downsizing retirees who have the opportunity to buy land in the

Toowoomba region.

Featuring more than 500 lots, The Avenues of Highfields will include two urban designed parklands, tree lined streets, as well as the regions first full-scale display village.



Eve tops out over the Golden Mile

EVE Residences, under construction for Homecorp in Labrador on the Gold Coast, has topped out.

Due for completion later this year, Eve will be home to 157 residences overlooking the Broadwater's 'Golden Mile'.

Launch party for NAWIC Awards

NATIONAL Association of Women In Construction (NAWIC) Awards have been sponsored by Hutchies for more than two decades and each year NAWIC holds its Queensland awards launch at Hutchies' Toowong.

This year the Queensland awards night will be in October.



Among the attendees at the launch (from left) Ruaa Dikhil, Demi Pye, Harry White (COTY 2004), Jilleasa Zuidland, Margot Cartier and Lachlan Kiely.



Graduates celebrate

GRADUATES from the Master Builders Queensland Building Leaders in Construction program have celebrated qualifying for their Diploma of Leadership and Management. Shown with the graduates are Coen Brand, Alan Gscheidle and David Williams. (Graduate Ben Sutton was absent at the presentation.)

Ballow Chambers continues a long life as medical precinct at 100 years of age



BALLOW Chambers, built by Hutchies in Brisbane's Spring Hill, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year in conjunction with World Heritage Day.

The original building was constructed by Hutchies in 1924 for £17,000 (more than \$1.7 million today).

Two years later, Hutchies was commissioned to add a further two storeys onto the prestigious and popular medical specialists' building.

Designed in Georgian style by well-known architect, Lange Powell, it was one of Brisbane's first purpose-built modern specialist medical buildings.

Ballow Chambers was named after Brisbane's first private doctor, David Ballow, who died of typhus fever while treating

immigrants quarantined offshore at Dunwich in 1850.

The building was added to the Queensland Heritage Register in 1992 recognising its aesthetic significance and for being part of the early establishment of Wickham Terrace's specialist medical precinct.

Despite its age, the building has remained relatively unchanged and continues to operate as specialist medical offices with the 1920s ambience sustained.



Ballow Chambers – as it was (above) and now (left).

Enjoyable experience at work enthuses Zi

TOWNSVILLE team welcomed Zi Xin Chen, a Year 11 student from Pimlico High School, for work experience.

Zi admitted she had no idea what she wanted to do after leaving school when she applied at Hutchies for administration experience.

The crew wanted to give her a taste of the various roles on offer in Hutchies and allowed her to work alongside team members, including Stacy Jacobsen (contracts administrator), Alissa Culleton (estimating assistant), Darren Jones (safety manager) and Aaron Ohl (team leader).

Zi loved her time with the team and has asked to return next year with a possibility of doing a cadetship with Hutchies following Year 12.



Townsville team farewells popular work experience student, Zi Xin Chen (front right).

Andy's happy tenth donation

HUTCHIES' apprentice development coordinator, Andy Beconsall, hit a personal milestone recently marking his tenth donation of vital blood products.

To date, Andy has chalked up five blood donations and five plasma donations.

Andy said the team members at the

donor centre were appreciative of every donation.

"If you have been thinking of doing it but not got around to it, consider putting it on your to-do list," he said.

"It really does change lives."

Visit <https://www.lifeblood.com.au>



Budget day barbecues raise the bar



Darren Armsden mans the barbecue while Gabby Behr prepares the salads.

TO spice up what can otherwise be long days, barbecue lunches are now held each Toowoomba budget day with a different non-project team in charge of cooking for the whole office.

First team to host was the estimating crew who served up steak, pork belly, garlic prawns,

corn, mushrooms, coleslaw, and bread rolls.

It was a tough act to follow, but the design team raised the bar by transforming the lunchroom into a pop-up restaurant with a menu featuring pulled pork, salmon bites, Tandoori chicken thighs, Harry's special rice,

coleslaw, potato salad, roast pumpkin salad, and bread rolls.

Not to let the side down, the administration team stepped up to deliver an American-themed lunch with all the usual favourites as well as a selection of decadent desserts.



Sunny Coast team members at the LifeFlight fundraising gala (from left) Isaac Whittington, Lochlan Johnson, Rob Morrison, Wilhelmina Morrison, Glenn Zerafa, Shahtia North-Cunningham, Matt Henderson, Tayla Tonkin, Brandon Tonkin, and Deana Zerafa.

LifeFlight gala on Sunshine Coast

ONCE a year, LifeFlight brings together the Sunshine Coast community for a gala fundraising evening to celebrate the valuable work of its RACQ LifeFlight Rescue service.

Hutchies sponsors LifeFlight and the

Sunny Coast team members are regulars at the popular event.

More than \$274,000 was raised on the night which was held at Novotel Twin Waters.



Fellow directors wish Owen a happy 50th (from left) Kellie Williams (COTY 2015), Penny Hoolihan, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Jack Hutchinson Jnr, Owen, Scott Hutchinson, and Ben Young (COTY 2009).

Owen clocks up 50

DIRECTOR Owen Valmadre marked his 50th birthday at work with a surprise morning tea.

The spread included plenty of oranges (Owen's favourite afternoon snack) plus the gift of an orange tree.

Russell Fryer (COTY 2010) presented him with a Victoria's Secret gift bag containing a new bike riding outfit.

Shortly after he received the real thing ... a brand new bicycle.



LEFT: Owen (far right) receives his birthday presents from Russell Fryer – a Victoria's Secret gift bag and a new bike (wheeled in by Warren Reuben).

Training Awards ackn apprentices and cad

HUTCHIES' 2024 Training Awards night celebrated the 20th anniversary of the awards and acknowledged the winners for 2023 – Apprentice of the Year, Stephanie Castaldo, from Bernie Nolan's (COTY 2020) team in Melbourne, and Cadet of the Year, Hunter Hall, from Rohan Barry's team in Southport.

The awards were held at the Hutchies-built Wests Rugby Union Clubhouse and recognised the amazing achievements of homegrown apprentices and cadets all over Australia for the past two decades.

As an enterprise-based registered training organisation (RTO), Hutchies has celebrated dozens of stand-out recipients over the years.

This year's event was hosted by Peter Forsingdal, training manager, and Harry White (COTY 2004), national commercial manager, as a platform to highlight the extraordinary commitment, skills, and effort put in by the candidates and their trainers.

Hutchies' project teams, who work daily with the apprentices and cadets, nominate individuals for these awards and witness the growth and contributions of this group first hand.

This year the awards received a record number of nominations, reflecting the highly significant impact of apprentices and cadets across the country.

- Hutchies expresses its deep gratitude to the sponsors who kindly donated impressive prizes for the winners – BUSY At Work, Total Tools, Milwaukee Tool, and Bunnings for lucky door prizes on the night.

Apprentice of the Year 2023 ~ Stephanie Castaldo ~

STEPHANIE is an outstanding carpentry apprentice who is highly skilled with all her tools on site and, along with her eagerness to work and learn, she is highly sought after by all site subbies.



Apprentice of the Year, Stephanie Castaldo, being presented with her prize from Jake Hammond (left) and Callum Ford from Milwaukee Tool.

4th Year Apprentice Winner ~ Jai Smith ~

JAI has demonstrated that he has the Hutchies' culture and work ethic. His improvement over the past year has been outstanding, both in training and at work, and exceeded expectations. He has proven that he has the leadership qualities and drive to succeed.



Knowledge homegrown Cadets for past 20 years

3rd Year Apprentice Winner

~ Finlay Ross ~

FINLAY has proven his ability to think forward and plan the week's work. He has pride in his work and is always first on site and last to leave. Finlay has what it takes to become a future site manager.

2nd Year Apprentice Winner

~ Aiden Hartley ~

AIDEN has a great attitude towards life and work. There is not one job he doesn't like. He is a fast learner and is always ready to help and he takes responsibility for the tasks he has been asked to do. He has a massive future in the industry and (represents) the future of Hutchies.

1st Year Apprentice Winner

~ Jacob Miller ~

JACOB is keen to learn, always ready to jump in and lend a hand, and gets on well with his peers and the quality of his work is excellent. He continues to go above and beyond, showing great resilience when given a difficult task. He shows enthusiasm and a strong desire to acquire new skills and knowledge and exceeds expectations. Jacob has given every challenge a go and always asked why, how, and what more we could do to make it better, which is why he is on his way to becoming the next generation builder.

Cadet of the Year 2023

~ Hunter Hall ~

HUNTER has exceeded all expectations during his final year as a building



Cadet of the year 2023 – Hunter Hall.

cadet. He has initiative, motivation and goes above and beyond his allocated tasks to ensure the work is completed.

Cadet Runner Up 2023

~ Dean Tyler-Battaglia ~

DEAN'S ability to break down complex concepts into something easily understood is commendable. His willingness to help extends beyond the site. He is an inspiration for those he helps in QUT Construct as president and is a driving force in fostering a positive learning environment.

Cadet Finalist 2023

~ Megan Long ~

MEGAN is already at a standard where she can work independently and has initiative. She is already confident to talk to subbies and review progress claims and negotiate claim values. She understands the process of reviewing the project drawings and specification to develop the subcontract scopes.

Cadet Finalist 2023

~ Jackson Little ~

JACKSON is a hardworking cadet with an impressive knowledge of both building works and contract administration. He exceeds expectations onsite, coordinating subcontractors and solving daily construction issues at ease. While balancing a full-time CM degree and full-time cadet role at Hutchies, his dedication to achieving both high academic grades and good work ethic is admirable. With a cool attitude, Jackson will make a great project manager or team leader in the near future.

Cadet Finalist 2023

~ Gina Meeve ~

GINA is one of the stand-out cadets in Toowoomba's new cadet program. Gina selflessly relocated from Brisbane to become a Hutchies' cadet. She was granted a rare full scholarship to TAFE based on her results and journey to study a Diploma of Building and Construction.



Hobart Airport Expansion

Job Value: \$147M

Job Description: Refurbishment and expansion to the existing departures hall and arrivals hall.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Nick Silcox
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Mark Dawson
Hutchies' Administrator:.....Grant Davey
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Tobias Steele
Architect Firm:.....COX
Structural & Services Eng'ng: .Stantec
Client:.....Hobart International Airport

Sussex Hotel Redevelopment Adelaide

Job Value: \$2.2M

Job Description: Redevelopment includes asbestos roof removal and replacement, demolition and construction of a dining room and beer garden, front bar update, new commercial kitchen, and retractable louvred roof over the beer garden.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020)
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Tom Barnes
Hutchies' Administrator:.....Brianna Castaldo
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Erin Richardson
Architect Firm:.....MJ Docs
Structural & Civil Engineering:..Jack Adcock Consulting
Services Consultant:.....Meinhardt Group
Client:.....Matthews Hospitality Group

Clayfield College

Job Value: \$5M

Job Description: New three-storey building consisting of new GLAs, design technology workshop, as well as upgrade of existing walkways and external works.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Mitch Grimmer
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Tim Lyons
Hutchies' Administrator:.....Baxter Foreman
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Andrew Grimmer
Architect Firm:.....PW Architecture
Structural Engineering:.....Projex Partners
Mechanical & Electrical:.....Cushway Blackford
Hydraulics:.....Chandler Projects
Superintendent:.....Blades Project Services
Client:.....Presbyterian & Methodist Schools Association

Doomadgee Hospital Water Treatment Plant

Job Value: \$3.4M

Job Description: Installation of a water treatment plant at the Doomadgee Community Health Centre site.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Aaron Ohl
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Shane Damian
Hutchies' Administrator:.....Marissa Wixon



Hutchies' Site Manager:.....David Godfrey
Structural Engineering:.....SMCE
Hydraulics:.....CETEC
Client:.....North West Hospital & Health Service (NWHHS)

Burleigh Bears & Burleigh Sports Club

Job Value: \$2.6M

Job Description: Refurbishment of the club's amenities and alterations to the gaming room, administration and storage areas.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Ash Blake
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Luke Giles
Hutchies' Administrator:.....James Duncan
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Shane Tyson
Architect Firm:.....Project Leaders
Structural Engineering:.....Oar & Associates
Client:.....Burleigh Heads Rugby League Football Club

Hungry Jack's Albion

Job Value: \$4.4M

Job Description: Construction of new Hungry Jack's restaurant.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Michael White
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Alexander Swann
Hutchies' Administrator:.....Daniel Harrison
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Dan Staples
Architect Firm:.....Kas Architects
Structural Engineering:.....McDowall Affleck
Civil Engineering:.....HCE Engineering
Client:.....Hungry Jack's

Events on Oxlade, New Farm

Job Value: \$863,457

Job Description: Refurbishment of a venue's existing bar area.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Michael White
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Richard Boyes
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Damien Thornton
Architect Firm:.....Project Leaders
Structural Engineering:.....Tonkin Consulting
Client:.....Will Griffin

BGGS Junior School

Job Value: \$27.7M

Job Description: An adaptive reuse of an existing QCWA building into a five-storey junior

school educational facility and surrounds for Brisbane Girls Grammar School.

Hutchies' Team Leader:Mitch Grimmer
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Leighton Stock
Hutchies' Administrator:.....Sarah Smith/Catriona Mitchell
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Nick Maher
Hutchies' Site Foreman:.....Luke Reynolds
Architect Firm:.....m3architecture
Struct., Civil & Façade Eng'ng: Bligh Tanner
Services Engineering:.....LCI Consultants
Client:.....Brisbane Girls Grammar School

Woolworths Doolandella

Job Value: \$21.6M

Job Description: Development of a Woolworths supermarket, BWS, two specialty tenancies plus all amenities, car parks and external works.

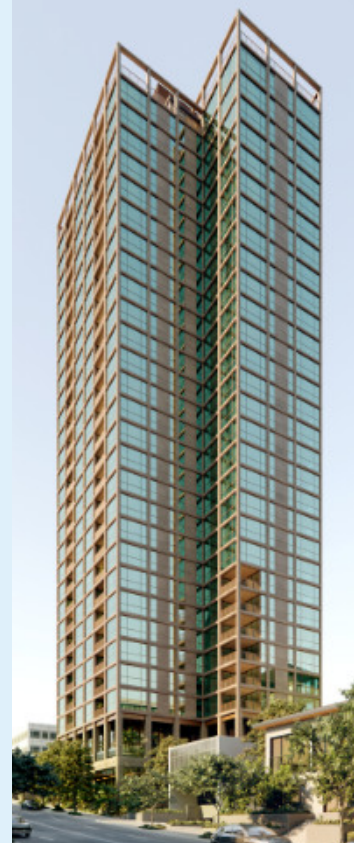
Hutchies' Team Leader:Murray Emmerson
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Neil Middleton
Hutchies' Administrator:.....Alistair Pillay
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Keith Melksham
Architect Firm:.....Cottee Parker
Structural & Civil Engineering: Tonkin Consulting
Client:.....Woolworths Group

185 Wharf Street, Spring Hill

Job Value: \$181M

Job Description: A 125-unit 30-storey residential tower with a four-level basement.

Hutchies' Team Leader:John Berlese (COTY 2006)
Hutchies' Project Manager:.....Sebastian Curtis
Hutchies' Administrator:.....Andrew DiMichele
Hutchies' Site Manager:.....Neville Russ
Architect Firm:.....Rothelowman
Structural Engineering:.....ADG Engineers
Civil Engineering:.....Oska Consulting Group
Client:.....Cbus Property



Hutchies is working on 185 Wharf Street – a 30-storey residential tower in Brisbane's Spring Hill.



Hutchies has been entrusted with the redevelopment of Adelaide's popular art deco heritage Sussex Hotel.



Re-use of a former QCWA building will create a five-storey junior school facility for Brisbane Girls Grammar School.



Hutchies' AIB Queensland award winners and their trophies.

AIB Queensland Professional Excellence Awards a testament to quality of work

AT the 2024 AIB Queensland Professional Excellence Awards, Hutchies' teams and projects scooped up eight awards as testament to the quality of work completed in the past year.

Team leader, John Berlese (COTY 2006), was recognised as the 2024 Queensland Building Professional of the Year, highlighting his leadership in the industry.

Hutchies received the following.

Building Professional of the Year

- John Berlese, team leader.

Professional Excellence Awards

- Professional Excellence/Commercial construction \$60 million plus – Rendu Towers by Ozcare.
- Professional Excellence/Commercial construction \$60 million plus – 31 Duncan Street.
- Professional Excellence/Commercial construction \$25 million to \$60million – Pillow Talk headquarters and warehouse.
- Professional Excellence/Commercial construction \$60 million plus – Infinity Towers.

High Commendation Awards

- High Commendation/Commercial construction \$25 million to \$60 million – Ripley Central State School.
- High Commendation/Residential construction \$25 million to \$60 million – Alouette Residences.
- High Commendation/Commercial construction \$2 million to \$25 million – Bob Marshman Building at the Construction Training Centre.

Queensland Architecture Awards celebrate contribution to society and to construction

AN array of Hutchies-built projects were recognised in the 2024 Queensland Architecture Awards.

The event has been sponsored by Hutchies for more than three decades, to celebrate the contribution architecture makes to society and to the construction industry.

The following Hutchies-built projects were awarded.

State winner

- *Queensland Public Architecture Commendation* – Redlands Satellite Hospital (designed by Fulton Trotter Architects + Architectus Conrad Gargett).

Regional winners

- *Greater Brisbane Commendation for Commercial Architecture* – The Greenhouse (designed by Blight Rayner).
- *Greater Brisbane Commendation for Public Architecture & shortlisted for EmAGN Project Award* – Redlands Satellite Hospital (designed by Fulton Trotter + Architectus Conrad Gargett).
- *Far North Queensland Commendation for Education Architecture/Recognition for Social Impact & shortlisted for Sustainable Architecture* – Cairns State High School multipurpose hall (designed by TPG Architects).
- *North Queensland Commendation for Public Architecture* – Riverway Library (designed by Counterpoint Architecture).
- *Darling Downs & West Moreton Commendation for Educational Architecture/Recognition of Social Impact & shortlisted for*

Sustainable Architecture – Good Samaritan College Polding Place (designed by Speculative Architecture + Brammer Architects).

- *Central Queensland Commendation for Interior Architecture* – Benevolent Living Interiors (designed by Deicke Richards).

Hutchies-built Redlands Satellite Hospital was a state winner in the 2024 Queensland Architecture Awards.





Xtreme Gym Boxing members.

A MASSIVE shout out and thank you to Hutchinson Builders who have come on board to sponsor Xtreme Gym Boxing Burpengary.

Much appreciation for the many sets of new gloves, headgear, pads, hand wraps, shirts, and sparring gear to help with the development of our boxers.

This small boxing club has been operating in the community for 25 years and this sort of support helps us to continue to invest and help people of all ages, but especially to positively impact the lives of many more young people who come through the Xtreme Gym Boxing Burpengary door.

We can't thank Hutchies enough!

Kind regards,

**Caine Ansell,
HSE Advisor**

[Xtreme Gym Boxing Burpengary is located at 41 Rebecca Street, Burpengary, with classes held Monday to Thursday at 6pm].

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QMUSIC is grateful for the work that you have done for the

organisation and the music industry over the years, especially your investment in The Fortitude Music Hall.

In recognition of your contributions to QMusic and the Queensland music industry, we are delighted to offer you, our Patron, a Lifetime Honorary QMusic membership. This is at no cost to you.

As an Honorary member, you are entitled to:

One free pass to BIGSOUND.
Other QMusic member benefits.

QMusic looks forward to your continued close relationship with the organisation.

Kind regards,

**Nastalie Strijland
President, QMusic.**

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I AM a Zooie.

I have been doing lights there for nearly half its life. It is the most important thing in my life.

This is a lot to ask someone I have never met, but could you save the Zoo please?

I am sorry if I have wasted your time. I appreciate what you have already done for Brisbane music.

Thank you for all you have done already.

I truly wish you the best of everything in life.

Be well.

Dan Minnis

[REPLY: I would love to save The Zoo, but it requires an operator, not a landlord.

If Hutchies could buy the property, we might be able to find a suitable operator, but the freehold is not for sale.

I am still hopeful because I love the Zoo also.

We are just about to start firing up Warner Lane and I intend to keep buying as many venues as I can in the precinct. – Scott Hutchinson.]

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LOVED catching up on the Hutchies' Truth news.

Warm regards,

Teresa Kearney

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LOVE working with Hutchies as they are well organised and great payers.

Exceeded expectations.

**Alan George
AG Rigging & Steel**

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I LOVE your Truth!

Thank you for the May edition.

The Truth is just so unique and very special.

Regards and many blessings to you, your staff and all your families.

**Phil Murphy
Oxmar Properties**

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I WANTED to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for speaking at the Institute's recent Housing Horizons; ASEQ Construction Summit event.

We recognise that your time is valuable and we are grateful for your willingness to take time out of your busy schedule to prepare as well as attend our event.

We hope you found the experience and information engaging and valuable.

Once again, thank you for your participation and support of the Institute.

Yours sincerely,

**Kirsty Chessher-Brown,
CEO,
Urban Development Institute
of Australia (Queensland)**

Black Coffee connection



HUTCHIES' Toowoomba team, along with Ashley Williams from Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE), hosted a Black Coffee Australia event in June. Designed to connect Indigenous businesses and professionals, the event was a successful morning of networking and awareness accompanied by some delicious coffee and refreshments.

Toolbox time at Tec-NQ

HUTCHIES' Townsville team held a National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) toolbox breakfast at Tec-NQ.

Toolbox breakfasts support tradeswomen and apprentices to exchange experiences and advice in an informal setting.

Manning the merch table at the breakfast (from left) Alissa Culleton, Maya Mazlin, Taylor Wallis and Stacy Jacobsen.



Gav's farewell from the team

AFTER eight years as part of the team, Hutchies in Toowoomba has farewelled Gavin Taylor at a night out for the crew.

Gavin started with Hutchies as a finishes foreman and worked his way up to construction manager and a valuable member of the Toowoomba leadership team.

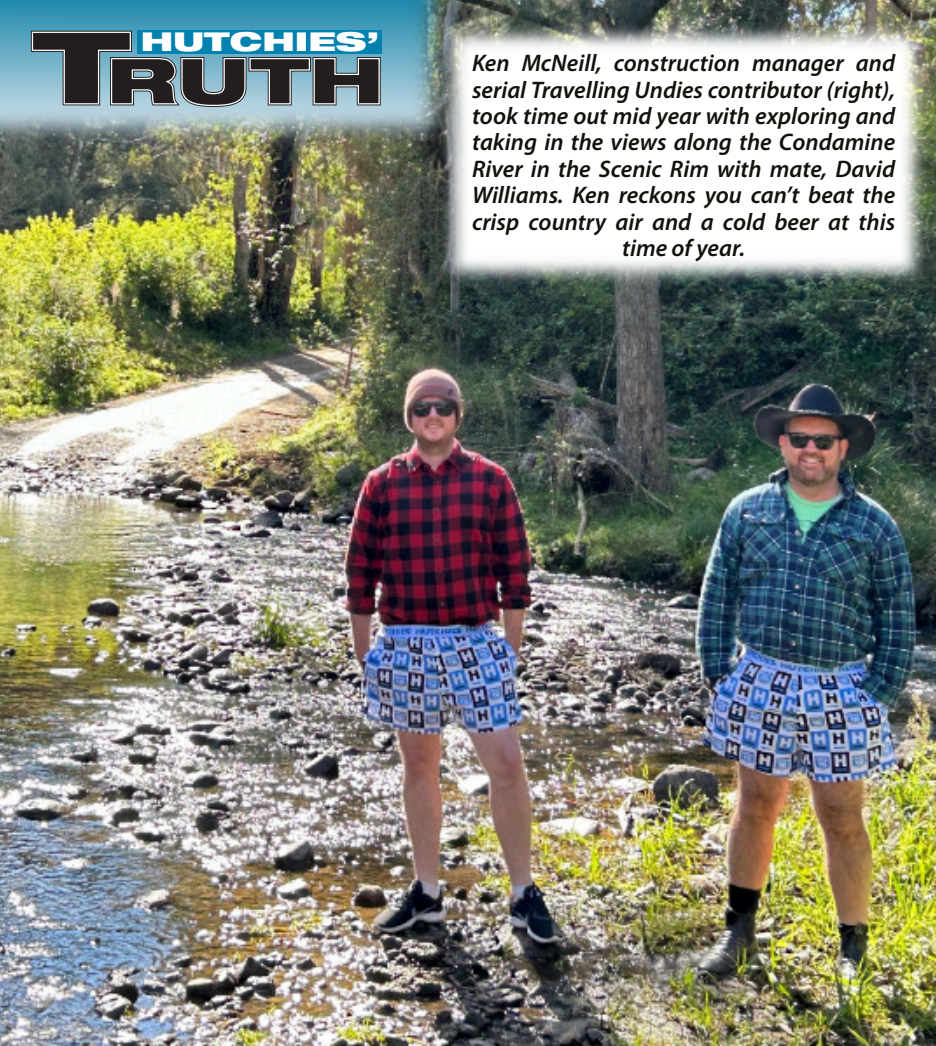
Team leader, Sean Lees, said Gavin had consistently taken on and made a go of every opportunity that he was given and deserved the many accolades he received over the years.

"Thanks Gav and best wishes in the future from all of us," Sean said.



From left, Josh Lee, Lachlan Bloomfield, Rian Cherry, Nick Linnan, Matt Waldron and Gavin Taylor.

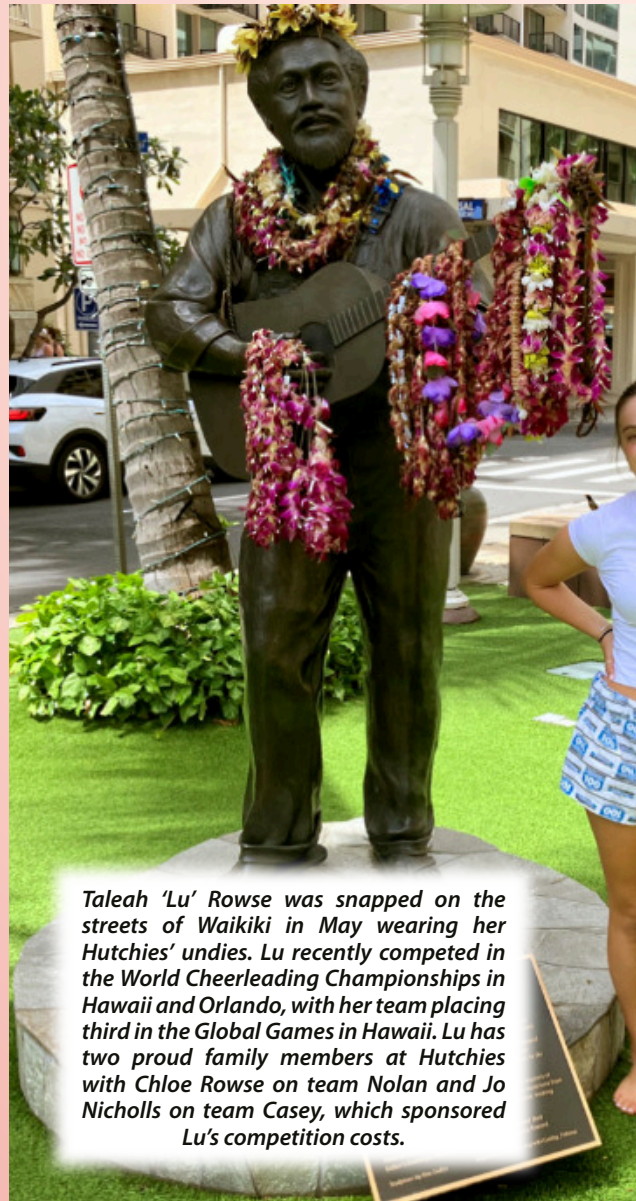
Ken McNeill, construction manager and serial Travelling Undies contributor (right), took time out mid year with exploring and taking in the views along the Condamine River in the Scenic Rim with mate, David Williams. Ken reckons you can't beat the crisp country air and a cold beer at this time of year.



Kevin Trevena, finishes foreman, decided to take extended leave and hit the high seas on a 30-day cruise which went from Sydney to New Zealand, Tahiti, Hawaii, Vancouver and Alaska. Kev claims that, due to the generous onboard food and drinks package all the way, he was 10kgs heavier when he disembarked ... and sent this photo as proof.



Jacob Fowler, cadet contract administrator in Townsville, at the famous Kelingking Cliff at Nusa Penida in Bali.



Taleah 'Lu' Rowse was snapped on the streets of Waikiki in May wearing her Hutchies' undies. Lu recently competed in the World Cheerleading Championships in Hawaii and Orlando, with her team placing third in the Global Games in Hawaii. Lu has two proud family members at Hutchies with Chloe Rowse on team Nolan and Jo Nicholls on team Casey, which sponsored Lu's competition costs.

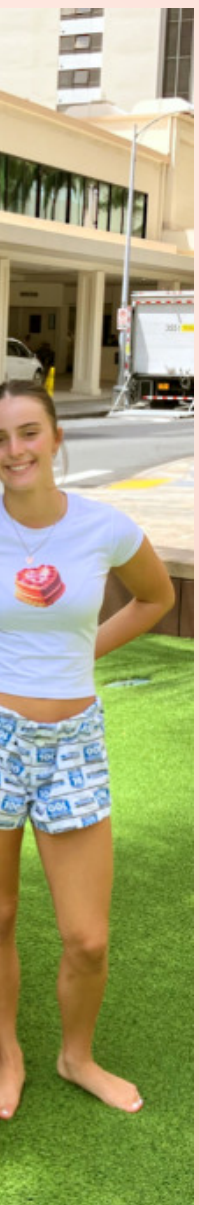
TRAVELLING UNDIES & BUDGIES



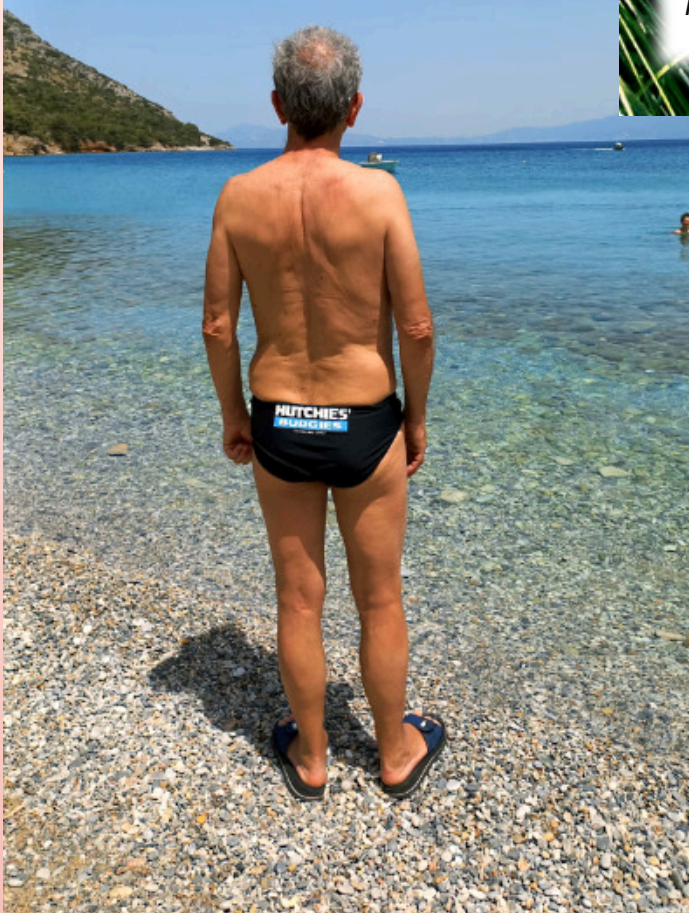
Contract administrator, Zach Hinchliffe, and cadet, Patrick 'Paddy' Dallimore, went head to head in a one-kilometre time trial. Zach said the CA v Cadet was a tight race for the most part but Paddy crossed the finish line a clear two metres ahead.



Kirsti Simpson, from Woods Bagot, recently completed the challenging 20km Hike for Homeless Youth in support of the Haven House project and celebrated reaching the peak of Mount Mitchell in Hutchies' undies. Hutchies donated \$1000 in support of Kirsti's fundraising efforts.



Design manager, Vanessa Attanasio, gave her father-in-law, Carlo, a pair of Hutchies' budgies but wasn't sure if he would ever dare to wear them. Recently Carlo sent back this photo taken on Mourtia Beach on the Greek island of Samos.



Peter Ferreira, who regularly works with Hutchies' future leaders program, found his Hutchies' budgies the perfect attire during a recent 10-day kayaking trip in the Whitsundays.



Hutchies' 2023 Apprentice of the Year and UNIQ You advisor, Stephanie Castaldo (second from left), was among the guest speakers at the Victorian launch of UNIQ You.

UNIQ You, the not-for-profit virtual careers support service for young women, has expanded into Victoria.

Stephanie Castaldo, Hutchies' 2023 Apprentice of the Year and UNIQ You advisor, was one of the guest speakers at the Victorian launch event.

Stephanie, carpentry apprentice with

UNIQ You Victorian Launch

Hutchies in Melbourne, shared insights into her personal career pathway and her experience as a UNIQ You advisor.

Promoting the advantages of personal

interactions and advice, UNIQ You works by connecting and supporting young women interested in careers or non-traditional roles with those already working in those areas.

EWP training at Alfasi



Apprentices at the boom and scissor lift training course held at Alfasi Hire.

AN apprentices' boom and scissor lift training course was held at Alfasi Hire in the Brisbane northern suburb of Banyo.

Alfasi Hire, one of Hutchies' preferred suppliers, has extended an invitation for Hutchies' Training to use its meeting room and equipment to create 'real life' experiences in elevated work platforms (EWPs) for learners.

Andy Becconsall, who ran the training course, said experiencing a busy maintenance workshop added value to the course.



Anthony Cuic (right) with Currumbin SLSC's deputy president, Andrew McIntyre.

Anthony is quality at work and the beach

HUTCHIES' quality manager on the Southport team, Anthony Cuic, has been named Currumbin Surf Life Saving Club's volunteer patrol member of the year.

The annual award recognises a member who has made significant voluntary contributions to lifesaving.

As a patrol captain, Anthony has given countless hours patrolling the popular Currumbin beach – in rain, hail or shine – as well as valuable time assisting other patrol teams with his experience of keeping the surf a safe place to swim.

Congratulations and well done, Anthony.

Welcome barbecue for George



HUTCHIES' Rosebery office held a breakfast barbecue to welcome George Nasr, the new New South Wales WHS&E manager to the team.

John Koumoukelis (left) hams it up for George's benefit while Andrew Rowland mans the hotplate.

HUTCHIES' TRUTH



Sean Lees (left) concedes the 2024 clay target shooting championship to Andrew Nolan.

Hitting the targets at EOFY

IN traditional style, Hutchies' Toowoomba end of financial year was celebrated with an afternoon of clay target shooting, followed by a few drinks and laughs out on the town.

A final shoot-out between team leader, Sean Lees, and senior design manager, Andrew Nolan, resulted in Andrew bagging the 2024 champion's gong.



Cooly's fire refresher course successful

THE Cooly team held a training session hosted by quality assurance team, Paul Murray and Barry Eddington, along with

Warren Belford, on passive fire protection systems and how they apply to Hutchies' projects.

All foremen, project managers and site managers were required to attend and the day was marked off as a success.



Len's family joined his friends for birthday celebrations. They are, from left, Shakira Seib, Eli Cutter, Karen White, Monique Seib, Len White, Natasha Holmes and Zeppelin Cutter.

Family and friends celebrate Len's 80th

LEN White (COTY 1990) celebrated his 80th birthday recently with family and friends, including former workmates, long-term clients, consultants and subbies.

Jack Hutchinson Snr attended the night and made a special appearance on stage playing the harmonica.

After Len joined Hutchies in 1984, his work included remote projects when Hutchies specialised in difficult jobs that other builders would not touch.

Although difficult, the jobs were financially rewarding for Hutchies.

Len and wife, Karen, who joined Hutchies in the 1990s, worked as a team on many projects.



LEFT: Plenty to talk about, Len and Jack Hutchinson Snr yarn at the party.



MATCHED

Contracts administrator, William Steele, and Hannah Bayly chose Maleny in the picturesque Sunshine Coast hinterland for their June wedding.



Max Claxton and Brittany Lindores had a beachside wedding on the Gold Coast in April. Brittany's childhood BFF and super star, Margot Robbie, made a cameo appearance as one of five bridesmaids.

Cairns sponsors Mulgrave U14s

HUTCHIES sponsors the Under 14s Mulgrave Basketball team which includes Jaxon McLean, Josh McLean's son, and Lachlan Doyle, Tony Doyle's son.

The team has competed in the NQJBC carnival in Cairns, Mackay and Townsville as well as the Queensland State Championships.



From left (front row) Rocco Iacovella, Baden Georgi, Lachlan Doyle, Jaxon McLean, Fraser Dalmeyer, and (back row) Christian Barnes, Joshua Bishop, Preston Carmady, Lucas Kelly, and Hugo Werner.

Tassie team's fun night out in the Spiegeltent

HUTCHIES' Tassie team members joined in the fun during a night out at the spectacular and risqué entertainment of the Spiegeltent Hobart.



All aboard Margaritaville



Captain Jack Hutchinson Snr welcomed family members aboard his boat, Margaritaville, for a glorious day on the water recently. Those on the cruise included (from left, rear) Jac Archer, Biscuit Hutchinson, Lindy Hutchinson, Brad Hutchinson, Chauntel Hutchinson, (front) Tayla Hutchinson, Debra Hutchinson, Kyle Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson Snr, Scott Hutchinson.



HATCHED

Harper Moriarty – a daughter for Hutchies' Keegan Moriarty and wife, Ash. Keegan was catching up on some work while bedside, as newly born Harper was possibly thinking: 'Hey Dad, defects is soooo boring.'



The girls in action (from left) Tara Thelwall, Deana Zerafa, Shahtiah North-Cunningham, and Grace Little.



Benched boys waiting to take their turn on the green (from left) Scott Borghardt, Steve Haugh, Isaac Whittington, Chris Adkins, and Leo Deboer.

Team building on the green

HUTCHIES' Sunny Coast held a team building event with some friendly but fierce competition on the undercover green at the Mooloolaba Bowls Club.



Tatt's Tiara

Vitalii Tairov and Belinda Waters took in the glamour of Tatt's Tiara Raceday.

HUTCHIES' social club members enjoyed the glamour and excitement of Tattersall's Tiara Raceday at Eagle Farm.

The Tattersall's Tiara, run over 1400 metres for fillies and mares, is the last Group One race held

in the official national racing season.

As usual, team members and their partners had their own dedicated Hutchies' area from which to party and watch the day's action on the track.

Brody ranked number one

HUTCHIES sponsors the local Cairns basketball club, the Northern Beaches Heat, in which 14-year-old Brody Munro, son of site manager, John Munro, plays for the Under 19s and the Under 16s.

Currently, Brody is ranked number one in the league for points in Under 19s and fourth in Under 16s.

Dad John said Brody could not be happier with his current ranking but was aware of the long road ahead with his hopes to play finals this season.



Brody Munro in action on the court.



Mitch 'Wheels' McMahon tackles the tricky course.



Oscar Ohl takes a chip off the old block with dad, Aaron Ohl, Townsville's team leader.

Townsville team swingers

TOWNSVILLE contracts administrator, Rob Ciranni, used his talents to design and build a competition-grade putt-putt course in the company yard for an afternoon of drinks and family fun.

Planned as the monthly morale booster for June, the home-made course constructed from whatever was on hand, proved a fun way to unwind on a Friday afternoon.

Dreamfields Festival

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson flew up to Townsville to take in Dreamfields Festival at Central Park with local team members.





Cooly boys' trip to Straddie

Hutchies' Cooly team members went on their annual boys' trip across to South Stradbroke Island. Among those who took in the stunning winter sunsets from the beach camp were JP Samuels, Murray Emmerson, Julian Kajewski, Tim Todd, Ryan Cameron, and Dan Skrinis.



Axe-cellent activity in Toowoomba

TOOWOOMBA Hutchies' team had an exciting night out with an axe and dagger throwing experience.

The popular Axe N Dagger, in the city's historic dairy factory a few minutes from the CBD, offers afternoon and night sessions of epic axe-throwing fun in a safe environment.

Everyone enjoyed the event and, at the end of the evening, all fingers and toes were checked and accounted for.

Marathon effort



Hutchies' team members, Henry Johnstone (left) and Benjamin Khu, completed the Hutchies' Half Marathon.

HUTCHIES is a major sponsor of the annual Hobart Airport Marathon Festival which is a fund-raising event set along the spectacular Constitution Dock, Derwent River and Salamanca Wharves area.

The popular 21.1 km Hutchies' Half Marathon event is run across a one-loop course with entrants completing two laps and making the most of the entertainment and crowds of spectators before the traditional red carpet hero finish.

Major beneficiary of the annual event is Variety which helps Tassie kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability.