

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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E-mail helps Irish Club come on line

HUTCHIES are working with the Queensland University of Technology and CSIRO on a revolutionary construction management system being trialed on the refurbishment of the Irish Club in Mount Isa.

The scheme involves site development information, such as architectural and structural drawings, being transmitted via e-mail between Brisbane and Mount Isa, rather than conventional methods, such as express delivery and fax.

The Mount Isa Irish Club, Queensland's largest club, is undergoing a three-stage \$8 million extension and renovation.

Dr Stephen Kajewski from the QUT School of Construction Management and Property said cutting edge technology developed by the University and the CSIRO was being used in the Irish Club project which will be used as a benchmark for future Australian web-based management trials.

"This technology speeds up communication between head office in Brisbane and the people on the ground in Mount Isa because it eliminates several steps in data transfer," Dr Kajewski said.

"Architectural drawings, structural drawings and information requests are transmitted between head office and the site in a flash which will speed up the project time frame considerably."

Dr Kajewski said similar trials were taking place overseas and up to 10 Australian refurbishment and civil construction trials were planned in the next two years.

"The construction industry has traditionally been very wary of taking on new technology but fortunately this project has some very progressive project managers and architects who were keen to get on board with the initial trial," he said.

Team includes Mt Isa Irish Club presi-

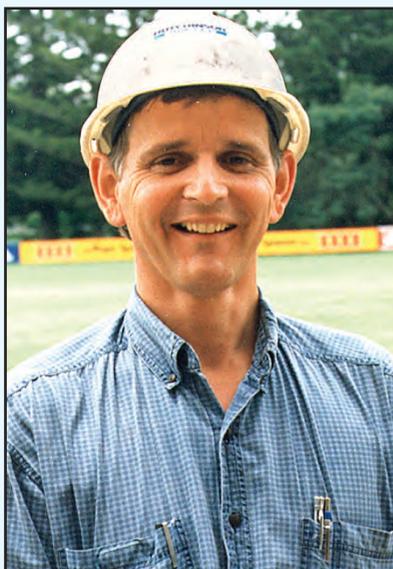


Hutchies are having a barrel of fun with the \$8 million extension and refurbishment of the Mount Isa Irish Club, particularly relocating the keg-shaped bottle shop.

dent, John Hetherton, and manager, Ben Gillic; Project Leaders with Bob Hornby as contract administrator, Craig Cornish as project manager and Ian Garton as project architect; APD Partnership as quantity surveyors with Tony Doyle and Kevin Quaite; Think Tank Pty Ltd with Peter Rosenzweig on mechanical and

electricals; Hamilton Design Group with Greg Hamilton on hydraulics; Bornhorst and Ward with Anthony Vose on structural; and Curtin Qld with George Polichronis as kitchen consultant.

Hutchies' team is Adam O'Mara as site manager and Lionel Bolton as contracts administrator.



Mike Tickner on the job.

Mike does 20 years

MIKE Tickner has reached a milestone, having been with Hutchinson Builders for 20 years.

Mike is one of Hutchies' most respected site managers and is credited with completing projects to a high standard of finish. Many of his clients demand Mike for their next project.

He immigrated from the UK in 1977, settled in Melbourne, then saw the light and came to Brisbane.

Mike joined Hutchies as a carpenter and soon progressed to leading hand, foreman then construction supervisor.

His latest jobs have included Tattersall's Club redevelopment and Broncos Leagues Club.

Thanks Mike for 20 years of great service.

Men at work...



Men at work in Mollison Street, West End. — Photograph by David Kelly, the Sunday Mail.

SOME people are opposed to progress and development, but Janet and Norman Richard, of Mollison Street, West End, don't mind it.

As a result life goes on as usual for them, while the \$19 million redevelopment of the West End Markets, incorporating basement carparking, Coles shopping centre, specialty shops and 62 residential units, goes on around them.

Rather than leave the only home they've known, the Richards decided to stay put as builders work on the project.

During early discussions with the developers, Heritage Properties, in which a deal was mooted, the Richards made it clear they would not move and Heritage were told not to bother making an offer

for the house. The couple also declined a proposal to relocate them until work was completed.

Hutchies' Ray Balladone said he was amazed by the couple's decision.

For up to eight hours a day, the Richards shut the windows of their high set Queenslander to block out the sound of jackhammers, trucks and earth movers.

Mrs Richards says it's "one of the best things to happen in West End" and thinks the developers are "actually quite nice" – often entertaining them with cups of tea.

"We've always had to put up with noise from the traffic, but to me, that's the sound of men working," Mrs Richards said.

New apprentices come on board

HUTCHIES has always been a supporter of training in the building industry, particularly apprentice training.

Our first apprentices for the new millennium are shown being signed on by Stephen Taffe from the Apprenticeship Centre.

They are Mathew Lacoste, Stewart Tucknell and Ben Howard.

Jeff Clements was the first in this century to receive his letter (January 6) from the Department informing him that he had success-



fully completed his apprenticeship.

Our other apprentices are: Dane Farmer, Keith Melksham, Nathan Ehr-

lich, Con Dunstan, Craig Brown, Jason Wilson, Carl Perri, David Hicks, Bill Leneham and Damien Berkett.

FROM THE DESK
OF THE MANAGING
DIRECTOR



Loyalty is a two-way street

I HEAR a lot of talk from employers that company loyalty is rare nowadays, especially among the young.

However, a special report in the Financial Review, October 1999, found many CEO's now asking "How do we get high levels of loyalty from our employees when the organisation isn't giving high levels of loyalty in return?"

This is particularly relevant in our industry where hiring is usually on a project to project basis and few companies take on apprentices.

The special report also acknowledged a strong relationship between employee loyalty, organisational loyalty and customer satisfaction.

We believe that, at Hutchies, this relationship is strong and we are proud that many of our people are now five, 10 and 20 year company members.

In the year 2000, Hutchies will employ 15 apprentices and I hope some of these people will be with us until retirement.

— **Scott Hutchinson,**
Managing Director

QUOTES

“ *Passion demands Passion.
Passion demands Obsession.
Passion demands Enthusiasm.
Passion demands Fixation.
Passion demands People.
Passion demands Truth
Passion demands Loud.*

— **Tom Peters**



We're here to live life loud.

— **Emile Zola**



If things seem under control – you're not going fast enough.

— **Mario Andretti**



Systems are far more important than ever before. We are routinely accomplishing large projects working with hundreds of people ... many we have never met.

— **Tom Peters**



Jack Hutchinson awarded Distinguished Constructor

JACK Hutchinson has received the Queensland University of Technology's Distinguished Constructor Award.

This prestigious award, presented to Jack in December, was established by QUT to formally recognise significant achievements made by individuals to the Queensland construction industry.

It is awarded to those who have left their mark on the industry and community through consistent service and achievement.

Jack now joins Sir Leslie Thiess, Sir Manuel Hornibrook

and Mr Ian Barclay, CBE, in the Construction Hall of Fame at the University.

Part of Jack's citation read:

"Jack Hutchinson has built his career on the qualities of integrity, honesty and fairness, gaining the respect of both his colleagues and employees.

"Jack's contribution to the industry has set him apart as one of Queensland's most distinguished constructors.

"His leadership style and integrity have made him one of the most respected figures in Queensland's construction industry."



June and Scott check out Jack's addition to the Construction Hall of Fame at QUT.



Jack with Sir Leslie's son, Geoff Thiess (left) and Ian Barclay (right) at the Distinguished Constructor of the Year Awards.

Office hello and goodbye

FLEUR Potter is the new Accounts Clerk and Tracey Ricketts is Scott Hutchinson's new Personal Assistant.

Tracey replaces Nicole Green who has returned to her home in Perth.

Nicole had four years as Scott's Personal Assistant, which should have earned her a medal!

However, she settled for our best wishes and a party where she took the opportunity to show off her tattoo.



Fleur Potter and Tracey Ricketts.



Nice to see the back of you Nic!



Scott presents Nicole with her farewell gift.



Enter the dragons

THIS month's Bravery Award goes to Searle Balladone for his part in relocating water dragons at Inala Shopping Plaza where Hutchies are carrying out extensions.

The water dragons are a feature of the watergardens, but had to be relocated during construction work.

So ... enter Searle and exit the

dragons! While attempting to relocate the dragons, Searle was attacked and showed great speed to out-run them.

The relocation was completed by David Harris from the University of Queensland.

Searle and the dragons are happy the project has been completed.

Building appreciation 'thank you'

THE following letter was received by Hutchies from Tim Bennetton, School of Architecture, Interior and Industrial Design, QUT:

"Thank you very much for building products you supplied to the QUT School of Architecture, Interior and Industrial Design last semester. They were used for the subject 'Science, Technology and Art', where the architecture students got to realise their visions of potential 'bridge' systems in our workshop. There were a number of particularly attractive sculptures/structures made as part of the subject. Thanks again for your generous support."



The party's over for the 20th century

THE Hutchies' family gathered at Seventeen Mile Rocks for the last annual Christmas Break-up Party and presentations for the 20th century.

Those making history were:

- Peter Haidley, Constructor of the Year 1999.
- Sam Cassidy, Brian McMillan and Norm Norman chalked up five years' service while Terry Wilson made his 10th year of service.
- Best Suggestion Award went to Paul David and David Stark.



Jack with Constructor of the Year, Peter Haidley.



Long service achievers (from left) Sam Cassidy, Terry Wilson, Brian McMillan, Jack Hutchinson and Norm Norman.



ON TRACK FOR MELBOURNE CUP



Melbourne Cup Day at Hutchies was dominated by the ladies, pictured (from left) Karen, Shelley, Margaret, and Sarah.





Santa welcome at Children's Christmas Party

SANTA made a welcome appearance again at the Kids' annual Christmas Party.



Santa with Sally Byrne and Mum.



Everyone enjoyed an historic Christmas Party.

RIGHT: Tayla Doring was dwarfed by her present from Santa.



LEFT: Shelley Stone hoping for a nice Christmas present.



Nicholas Stone reckons you are never too big to sit on Santa's knee.



Beau Berkett meets Father Christmas.

Holy Trinity Rectory, Fortitude Valley

These additions and alterations valued at \$250,000 represent the third project undertaken for the Church since November 1999 with John Clarke from Parish Clarke Architects. Team is supervisor Glen Pettis, foreman Jim O'Sullivan and administrator/project manager Bernie Read.

Coles Supermarket, Caloundra

Undergoing a \$2.2m refurbishment, this Coles store has the third largest turnover in Australia. Team includes architect Tim O'Donnell of Powell Dodds Thorp, structural engineers Saunders & Partners, Steve Paul & Partners on hydraulics and D. Middleton & Associates on mechanical and electricals. Hutchies' team is supervisor Neil Bladen, foreman Peter Haidley, administrator Tim Ferguson and project manager Richard Graham.

Westpac Bank, Southport

Construction of this \$1m drive-in bank is being project

JOBS UPDATE

with

Barry Butterworth

managed by Steve Pink of Consolidated Properties. Other team members include George Fatseas of architects Nettleton Tribe, John Stone of Burchill Partners on structural, Steve James of James Design on mechanical, electrical and hydraulics. Hutchies' team is foreman Syd Britton, administrator Dave Smyth and project manager Len White.

Crushers Leagues Club, The Grange

This two storey extension to the existing club premises is valued at more than \$211,000. Team includes David Cox of David Cox Architects, N.P. Krogh Structural Engineers and Haden Engineering on mechanical and electricals. Hutchies' team is supervisor Bernie Read, foreman Glen Pettis, administrator Richard Ohlrich and project manager Barry Butterworth.

Thornton on St Crispins, Port Douglas

Our North Queensland branch is building this \$2m block of 13 units designed by architects, Gary Hunt & Partners. Other team members include Bob Colefax on structural, Lincolne Scott on mechanical and electricals and Parker Hydraulics Cons. Group. Hutchies' team is supervisor Ron Colefax, foreman Kym Walton, administrator Tony Doulis and project manager Robert Weymouth.

GSM Building Extension, Griffith University

The existing Graduate School of Management at Griffith University is undergoing a \$161,000 extension which is being project managed by Jack Tattis from the University. Other team members include Phillips Smith Conwell as architects and Bob Cambridge from structural engineers Alexander Browne Cambridge & Partners. Hutchies' team is supervisor Bernie Read, foreman Glen Pettis, administrator Richard Ohlrich and project manager Barry Butterworth.

Franklins Shopping Centre, Port Douglas

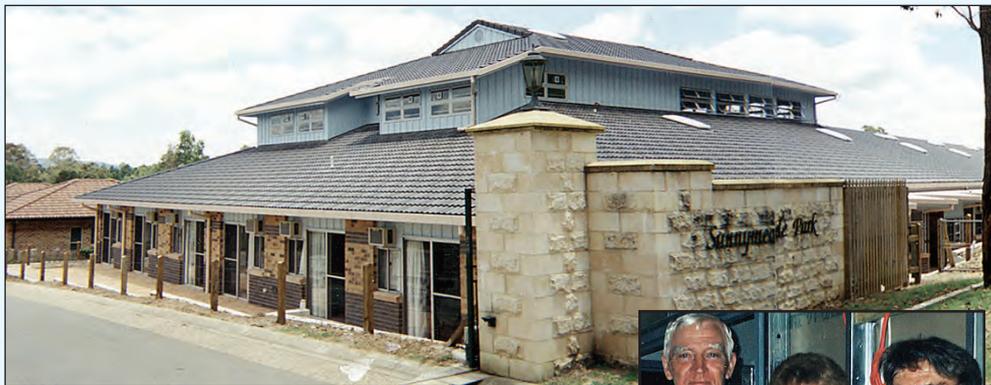
Tilt panel construction is being used in this \$2.28m shopping centre which includes supermarket, specialty shops, carpark and landscaping. Team includes Doug Robertson of Robertson Project Management, Matthew Caswell of Cottee Parker Architects, Jim Whybird of structural engineers Whybird Farr, Lionel Ferris on electricals and Steve James on mechanicals from James Design, Mark Kane from Thomas Kane on hydraulics and Bill Wilkes from Rider Hunt as quantity surveyor. Hutchies' team is foreman Noel McPherson, administrator Pierre Kessler and project manager Robert Weymouth.

Officeworks, Cairns

North Queensland's second Officeworks store is underway in Cairns at a cost of \$2.5m. Team includes Laforest Management Group, Edgard Vatchky of Bird de la Coeur as architect, John Bergman of Sinclair Knight Merz on structural, Mick Pawelko of Stowe Australia on electricals, Pat Flanagan from Flanagan's Consulting Group on hydraulics and Napier Blakley Pty Ltd as quantity surveyors. Hutchies' team is foreman Noel O'Brian, administrator David Christoffersen and project manager Robert Weymouth.

Beach Houses, Cape Tribulation, NQ

Tourist cabins in the style of beach houses are being built in this once remote area at a cost of \$1.2m. The project is being managed by Vince Corry of the Blades Project Group with Tony Marksey from Macksey Rush Architects and Bruce Lemke as structural engineer. Hutchies' team is foreman Mick De Jong, administrator David Christoffersen and project manager Robert Weymouth.



Sunnymead Park Nursing Home

ADDITION of the \$1.6m Seahaven Wing to the Sunnymead Nursing Home has been completed for clients, Margaret and Les Walker, pictured with architect, Peter Smith (right) of Lambert & Smith Architects.





• Mick McKendry of Templetons Insurance (left) and Noel Tidmarsh of Decina Bathroomware took their undies to Padang, Indonesia. This did nothing to improve diplomatic relations between the two countries and caused some civil unrest.



• John Mason, of John Mason Project Management in Melbourne, took his undies to the Antarctica. His analysis proves that the undies are excellent for the tropics but not totally satisfactory in a blizzard. John is pictured on Gourdin Island just off the Antarctic Peninsula.



• Richard Graham was caught with his pants down by Constable Ian Carroll, who is to be commended for quickly diffusing a potentially dangerous situation of indecent exposure.

Travelling Undies exposed

FANS of Hutchies' Undies will be ecstatic to learn that a new run of undies, in an even more exciting design, is underway.

The undies continue to travel and some excellent contributions have been received.

Remember, send in your pictures, and the more unusual or exotic the location, the higher you score. Pictured above are this edition's winners.

Social Club celebrates



A Country and Western night was held at Toowong Rowing Club with entertainment by Toby Tyler and The Country Boys. The "Scarecrow for Hire" had a remarkable resemblance to Jack, and was recommended for a number of uses, including scaring away birds (young and old) and lovers of classical music.



Pictured at the Strategic Planning weekend were (from left to right) Jason Williams, Alex Seydel, Paul Hart, George Bellas, Keith Boucaut and Harry White.

Planning for the future

HUTCHIES' inaugural Strategic Planning weekend held at Clear Mountain Resort went extremely well.

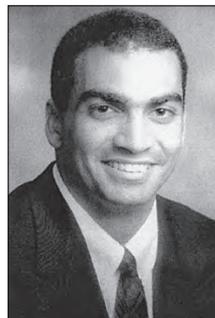
All of those who attended had something to contribute and it gave us a chance to share ideas without the interruptions of the working day.

Having examined Strategic Planning, we intend to have an Operational Planning weekend later this year, which will explore in detail ways of improving the day to day operations of the company.

George is a winner... twice over



DOUBLE celebrations for our Trainee Design Manager, George Bellas. As well as receiving a QMBA Award for the AAMI building on the Gold Coast in the category of Office Accommodation over \$1 million, he has announced his engagement to Penny Meltzinitis.



Jose Aldebot

Kinco Constructor of the Year

WINNER of Kinco Constructor of the Year and recipient of a pair of R.M. Williams' boots is estimator/project coordinator, Jose Aldebot.

Jose, 28, studied Construction Engineering Technology at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, and three years of architecture in the Dominican Republic.

He joined Kinco in 1994 and is currently working on the Little Rock National Airport project.

HEAD OF BRISBANE REGATTA

WE wish to thank the following subcontractors and business friends for their support in sponsoring the Castaway Head of the Brisbane Regatta on February 5.

The Regatta raises funds to support Toowong Rowing Club.

Jack Hutchinson, President of the Club, is very appreciative of their assistance and asks Hutchies' company members to support them whenever possible.

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Far out Scratch-it winners

WE have received comments from interstate and overseas readers that they do not claim prizes in Hutchies' Scratch-its because of the difficulty of getting saws, hammers and car batteries through the mail.

To make sure our faraway Scratchit

winners don't miss out, we can make a trade on the prizes.

If you have winning numbers in these faraway areas, please return the winning card, along with your size and a Hutchies' T-shirt and pair of undies will be forwarded to you.

This issue's winning Scratch-its numbers

7409 T-Shirt	7683 Port	8137 Crow	8482 Boxers
7427 Boxers	7702 T-Shirt	8172 Port	8550 Port
7474 Port	7741 Port	8223 Boxers	8640 T-Shirt
7500 Cap	7777 T-Shirt	8295 T-Shirt	8690 Cap
7513 Port	7852 Hammer	8341 Tape measure	8720 Boxers
7596 T-Shirt	7864 Boxers	8369 Port	8893 Port
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