

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

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ABOVE: The rear view of Hutchies' new head office at Toowong. TOP LEFT: View of the front.

Celebration for new yard and 95th anniversary on April 24

PLANNING is well underway for the official opening of Hutchies' new headquarters and yard at Toowong in Brisbane on April 24, to coincide with the company's 95th anniversary celebrations.

Premier Peter Beattie has been invited to officiate at the dual celebration.

He will follow other VIPs, who have attended previous anniversary celebrations, including Premiers Wayne Goss and Rob Borbidge and Lord Mayor Sallyanne Atkinson.

Hutchies has celebrated its five year milestones for the past 20 years, starting with its 75th anniversary in 1987.

Staff, clients and subcontractors will be among the hundreds of guests to be invited this year.

Meanwhile, preliminary planning has started for gala celebrations in 2012 for Hutchies' centenary.

As well as Toowong, other new premises for Hutchies in 2007 include Sunshine Coast and Sydney.

On the **Sunshine Coast**, property was purchased in August last year and new premises opened in January.

In **Sydney**, an existing pillow factory has been bought and is being refurbished for an opening in the middle of the year.



Handwash Cafe, operated by sport stars Ian Healy, Kevin Walters and Chris Johns, celebrated its tenancy at Hutchies' new headquarters with a party at Christmas. Picture shows (from left) Sherri and Paul Wrobel, Ian Healy, Danielle Coade and Martin Brady.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said the company had previously rented office space and was happy to have been able to purchase suitable property.

He said acquisition of the company's own premises had entrenched Hutchies in both markets and followed outstanding success in those regions.



Hutchies' new Sunshine Coast premises opened in January.



Pillow factory being converted into Hutchies' new Sydney premises.

SNEAK PREVIEW

- A new range of His & Her Hutchies' undies will be unveiled at the 95th anniversary celebrations.
- Here is a sneak preview of the new g-string for Her, or Him, depending on personal taste.
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Farewell to John Gaggin

HUTCHIES regrets the passing of a colourful character, John Gaggin, president of the Social Club since July 2004, and extends sympathy to his wife, Deb, daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth and son, Mark.

John (pictured) started with Hutchies in November 1999 as a senior estimator.

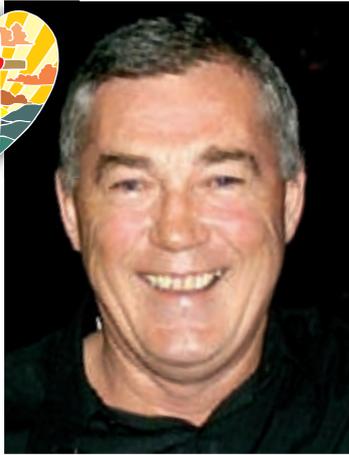
He was a carpenter, apprenticed with M.J. O'Leary, of Moorooka, and later became an executive committee member of AIB.

At Hutchies, he worked on and won Professional Excellence Awards for All Hallow's School and St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill.

John also won many jobs including one which opened an important door for extensive company work at O'Reillys.

He earned the name "Gagginator" because he always wore his camouflage shorts at the Moreton Island Annual Social Club Fishing Trip.

This carried on back at work with the installation of the Gagginator Wheel played on Friday



afternoons at the Brisbane office.

Outside work, he had a busy and fulfilling life.

He was a member of the Irish Club and Tara Men's Dining Club, as well as a Eucharist Minister and member of the Parish Council at Peter and Paul's Parish, Bulimba.

He was working bee coordinator at the parish school and Canossa Kindy.

John also found time to be team manager for his son's teams at Easts Rugby Union Club.

From the Managing Director



Getting the formula right

JUST prior to Christmas, Hutchies received an extremely satisfying email from one of Brisbane's most prominent architects. It read:

"Gentleman, We received a copy of the world's shortest defects inspection report prepared by handovers.com for a purchaser in our project.

Your construction team should all be congratulated on delivering to our client such an excellent quality project well in advance of the construction program.

We look forward to working with you on the next project."

The project in question is a \$32M apartment project on the edge of the city comprising 121 apartments in three separate buildings overlooking a central pool and recreational area.

I know I have been crowing in recent editions of Hutchies' Truth about improvements underway aimed at providing innovative, competitively priced high quality buildings comparatively quicker than the industry norm.

Well this project is a prime example of "actions speak louder than words".

This is one of 87 projects we currently have under construction and, while it would be an overstatement to suggest they will all be defect-free at handover like this one, Hutchies' short term aim is to consistently produce product of the highest quality.

A strong balance sheet, good capable people with experience, non-adversarial and very competitive ... at Hutchies we believe we have the formula just about right.

— Greg Quinn
Managing Director

Loss of a true blue Aussie

DEVELOPER Petrac has approved a stone be set on its Noosa North Shore site in memory of Hutchies' Les Robertson who worked on the project before he died on December 12 last year after a car accident.

Brad Miller, Hutchies' Team Leader Sunshine Coast, described Les as "a true blue Aussie battler" with whom he had worked since 1990.

"Les loved the bush and remote work and he loved to fish and hunt," he said.

"He also loved his family of six kids very much and was extremely proud of them all.

"He had his 50th birthday in September and, for weeks before, he was looking forward to meeting his only two grandchildren for the first time at a family party.

"I always admired how he adapted to new environments and overcame adversity.

"He quickly made friends in a



Les Robertson, enjoying himself on Hutchies' Sunshine Coast end of year river cruise with work mates Brad Miller (left) and Dave Smythe (right).



new area and gained the respect of workers and employers.

"He was always willing to lend a hand and did things selflessly for others.

"Les was a true friend and work mate. As a man of his word, you could always rely on him, because he would never let you down."

The memorial stone for Les on Noosa's North Shore which reads...

"In memory of LES ROBERTSON. Lived and worked on this site. He was a true friend and work mate. He will be missed. 16/09/1956 – 12/12/2006"



Letters to the Editor welcomed

WE welcome Letters to the Editor of Hutchies' Truth.

You are invited to tell us what we are doing right or what we are doing wrong – or what you like or don't like.

Hutchies' Truth was kicked off by Jack many years ago and modelled itself on the *The Truth* newspaper, a weekly publication which had sensational stories and stunning photographs (particularly Page Three).

It was a bit cheeky, but it was a good read and it had an honest philosophy of informing people of what was going on in their community.

And that's what we try to do.

Hutchies has many people in lots of offices throughout Queensland and New South Wales – and sometimes overseas.

We also deal with clients, customers, consultants, suppliers, sub contractors, politicians and public

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servants.

Hutchies' Truth is our way of communicating with people in all walks of life in a simple and entertaining way.

Many people tell me the myriad of company newsletters they receive go in the office bin, but Hutchies' Truth always gets read.

If that's the case, we have achieved our objective.

Although we poke fun at some things and go a bit over the top – the underlying message about the importance of people and jobs demonstrates we are here to provide a service, wherever and whenever our clients want it.

The fact we have been doing it for 95 years makes us proud of our people and thankful for our clients.

As part of our 95th anniversary celebrations, the best Letter to the Editor published in the May edition of Hutchies Truth will receive a gift from Hutchies.

Letters should be emailed, faxed or posted (see details box).

— Scott Hutchinson
Chairman

AIB National Awards

AT the AIB National Awards, held on the Gold Coast, Hutchies won a Professional Excellence Award in the Commercial Construction (\$2.5 - \$10 million) category for the Railway Hotel Refurbishment at Woolloongabba and a High Commendation for Roche Lab Redevelopment, Centre of Marine Studies Redevelopment, University of Queensland, Heron Island.



Recipients at the awards night.

Eco-friendly villas emerge from the rainforest

THE impossible dream of owning freehold property in World Heritage listed Lamington National Park is now a reality with the completion of the first of 48 villas built by Hutchies adjacent to the famous O'Reilly's rainforest retreat.

The two and three bedroom freestanding villas, which blend into the surrounding rainforest, are stylishly appointed with outdoor spas on large timber decks, fireplaces, contemporary kitchens, airconditioning, ensuite bedrooms and undercover parking.

O'Reilly's managing director, Shane O'Reilly, said the development had taken ecotourism on the Gold Coast to a new level.

"Sitting up to eight metres above the ground, it almost feels you are floating in the forest," he said.

"Careful planning has ensured the project had eco-friendly and sustainable construction.

"My family has been the custodian of this spectacular natural area since 1911 and we have dedicated our lives to protecting the local environment.

"We are totally committed to ensuring this new development continues that record."

Mr O'Reilly said architects had used a design approach and materials such as corrugated iron, eco-ply and polished redwood floors to create a synergy and an empathy with the environment.



Architect Tony Macksey said the villas sat lightly on the earth, with light and airy interiors.

"The villas have an intimacy with the surrounding landscape, creating a tree-house effect," he said.

Villas are priced from \$700,000.

New footing system leaves a light footprint

A REVOLUTIONARY new footing system, recommended for ecotourism projects, is being used by Hutchies on an environmentally sensitive building site on Noosa's North Shore.

Beach Road Holiday Homes by Petrac, features 90 dwellings, nestled between a lake, river, ocean and national park.

CV substructure systems uses friction pile principles, which go back to ancient times, with final screw down locking to provide footings for housing decking and other structures as a substitute for concrete slabs, brick piers or stumps.

As a result, the system leaves a light footprint on the land and is

recommended for a vast range of situations, including difficult access sites, environmentally sensitive areas and transportable buildings.

The galvanised steel system accommodates either timber or steel subfloor structures and is quick, clean and easy.

Foundations for a small house (36 posts) can be installed in a single day in a process that is unaffected by rain.

As builder on the North Shore site, Hutchies has gone to extreme lengths to ensure minimal disruption to the natural environment.

Beach Road homes are priced between \$1.1 and \$1.5 million.



Environmentally friendly footing system being used for housing on Noosa's North Shore.

Haunted house goes up amid Gold Coast glitz

RUMOUR has it some at Hutchies should be working in haunted houses.

If that's true, a new Gold Coast project offers an ideal career move.

Dracula's is a haunted house under construction in Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast, where house pets will include a four metre funnel web spider, zombie meter maids and a man-eating shark.

Dracula's Haunted House is a \$6 million

effects built on the latest German technology combined with local creations to deliver the "wow factor".

In one section, visitors will find themselves deep underground, lost in a maze of cast iron pillars, dripping water and simulated swamp smells where they will encounter hologram images of themselves.

Despite the scary surrounds, an elaborate surveillance system will monitor progress of visitors as they negotiate the haunted passages.

Hutchies' Paul Hart said the company won the contract based on its experience on multi-level construction and tourism.

Paul said it was the quirkiness of the project which encouraged Hutchies to put its hand up for the job.

"It is an unusual project and that's what inspired us," he said.

"But it won't be easy, building a five-storey building, with a six-metre frontage, on a major tourist strip."

Dracula's Haunted House will have a Vegas-style exterior, featuring a female face, animated props and mood lighting.

Marc Newman said southern states wanted to get in on the action.

"Melbourne's Lord Mayor John So has put in a request for a haunted attraction but he will have to wait," he said.

Dracula is winner of the State Tourism Catering Services Award and the Australian Government Telstra Small Business Award.



Dracula's Paul Newman ... "wow" factor.

project which will be the largest purpose-built tourist attraction in Surfers Paradise since the opening of Paradise Centre in the 1980s.

The project is the brainchild of the Newman family, which run two successful cabaret restaurants, Dracula's Melbourne and Dracula's Gold Coast at Broadbeach.

Project manager, Marc Newman, said Dracula entertainments were gaining in popularity.

"We are operating up to seven nights a week, as well as a Saturday matinee, which is pretty much saturation point," he said.

"While we still have plenty of tricks in our bag for the cabarets, we wanted to offer our patrons a daytime drawcard."

Paul Newman, Dracula's technical designer, will play a vital role in installing five levels of state-of-the-art special



Building site on the Gold Coast ... despite some similarities, the workers are from Dracula's, not Hutchies.

Ladies enjoy long lunch



THE Brisbane Administrative Ladies' Christmas Lunch was held at Cha Cha Char Wine Bar and Grill, Eagle Street Pier, and carried onto Ludo afterwards. Picture shows (from left) Kerri Bolton, Tracey Ricketts and Teresa Nolten getting in the festive mood.



The streetscape of Dracula's new Haunted House.



Phil Emmanuel and Hutchies star at the Innisfail Kulture Karnivale.

Karnivale is not over

AFTER a hammering by Cyclone Larry, there was some doubt about the future of 2006 Innisfail Kulture Karnivale and the Harvest Festival.

Hutchies was among the businesses which chipped in to help the multicultural events that turned out to be a great success with 10,000 people attending.

Following the success during difficult times, organisers have been inspired to start planning next year's event.



The ski-in-ski-out Alpen Ridge ... upon completion.

Ploughing into new snow field projects

HUTCHIES is venturing offshore again, this time with two prestige apartment developments in Japan's emerging alpine sports capital of Niseko, on Hokkaido, the country's northern-most island.

Following construction of a transport factory in Canada and a winery in New Zealand, Hutchies is gearing up to build accommodation valued at \$35 million at Niseko, which in recent years has become one of the world's premier powder skiing and adventure sports destinations.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said Niseko had experienced explosive growth in Australian, Asian and European visitors in the past five years.

This has been spurred on by virtually guaranteed powder snow, cheap lift tickets, no jet lag and direct flights of less than 10 hours from Australia.

Scott said, despite the phenomenal influx of visitors in recent seasons, Niseko was "only just getting started".

"Niseko has the potential to be Asia's number one ski destination as a real alternative for people who traditionally ski Australia, New Zealand, Europe or North America," he said.

"There appears to be no let up in growth or demand for accommodation in the foreseeable future with the main village, Niseko Hirafu, and the surrounding villages being fully booked out every season.

"Hutchies has been fortunate to acquire the best development site – the only one with ski-in-ski-out access – in Niseko Hirafu's upper village, as well as a second prime upper village site, and we are going to put two sensational apartment buildings on them."

The 1,500m² ski-in-ski-out site is located in the heart of Niseko Hirafu's

upper village and at the base of the Alpen ski run.

It will be developed at Alpen Ridge, a prestige seven-level building comprising 33 apartments in one, two and three bedroom layouts.

Designed by Brisbane-based Cottee Parker Architects, Alpen Ridge also will feature restaurant, ski and snowboard shop, rentals and ski/board school on the ground level.

Prices for apartments, some of which will be dual key, will be \$390,000 to \$750,000.

The second project, Sakae Lodge, will be developed on a 1,300m² site in Hirafu's upper village main street, about 200m from the main ski centre.

Sakae Lodge also has been designed by Cottee Parker and will be developed as 31 apartments of one and two bedrooms, with prices from \$290,000 to \$460,000.

Project marketer, David Tarantini, said the prices were well below those for comparable real estate in Australia and abroad.

"We project average nett returns of around seven per cent a year, based on performance of existing apartment and resort projects in Niseko," he said.

"This can only improve over time, given the exponential growth in tourism that is occurring, especially in summer with more than 10 golf courses in the area as well as white water rafting, climbing, mountain biking and surfing."

Holiday lettings for both Alpen Ridge and Sakae Lodge will be managed by SkiJapan, Niseko's largest resort operator and Japan's largest and longest running snow tour operator.

Construction is expected to be completed by March 2008.

There's a bear in there



CareFlight Bear at work.

CAREFLIGHT Bear is an important new member of Hutchies' Toowoomba crew.

He was presented to Robert Weymouth in appreciation of Hutchies' support in having a RACQ CareFlight medical and rescue helicopter service based in Toowoomba.

The service went into operation on December 15 – just in time for the busy Christmas holiday period.

Robert said the service, which included a RACQ CareFlight helicopter and crew, initially would cover school holidays and weekends during daylight hours, with a view to expanding the coverage as further financial support became available.

"Outside these times, the area is

serviced by Gold Coast and Brisbane-based helicopters," he said.

"It is a worthwhile cause and, since starting operation 25 years ago, the service has helped more than 12,500 people."

Businesses from the Toowoomba region have set up the Darling Downs Dozen, a sponsor group to donate funds towards the cost of the service.

The Darling Downs Dozen includes Hutchies, Clive Berghofer Group, Ikin Group, AG Rigging, Bendigo Bank, LJ Hooker Toowoomba and Southern Cross Ford.

Toowoomba Mayor Di Thorley welcomed the decision to expand RACQ CareFlight's services to Toowoomba, saying there was still room for additional businesses to join the Darling Downs Dozen.

Something about Mary

HUTCHIES' \$100 million project, M on Mary, in Brisbane's CBD, is now up to the 32nd level and well on its way to 47.

M on Mary consists of 367 stylish designer apartments with balconies, as well as swimming pool, sauna, entertainment area with barbecue, commercial gym, restaurant and cafe.

The project has been undertaken for Korean developer, Duk Hong, of Sky-corp Development.



TRAVELLING UNDIES



Rob Charles previews the new Hutchies' boxers, and Kristy Hickman models the "Hutchies' Truth or Dare" bikini brief.



John Berlese plays Casey Jones on an old train in South Korea.

TRAVELLING undies will have a new look this year with the release of a new range of His and Her Hutchies' undies to celebrate the new yard and the company's 95th anniversary in April.

Hutchies' undies and Hutchies' Truth are highly sought after items and the company decided to combine the two and bring out a collectors' special edition – a Truth version of Hutchies' undies, featuring stories from Hutchies' Truth over the years.



Rob Jones, Paul Blood and Maxie on the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea.



Mal Tyson, of Colliers International, at Youth Enterprise Trust camp site at Carnarvon Gorge.



John Mason at Spitzber Gen, near the North Pole.



Graham Dodge at the Casuarina Guy Fawkes Christmas Party.

Service Award winners



Constructor of the Year, John Berlese.

THE 2006 Constructor of the Year and Service Award recipients were announced at Hutchies' Christmas Party.

Constructor of the Year is John Berlese.

Chairman, Scott Hutchinson, said it was a well deserved honour. "Clients are delighted with his service delivery and so is Hutchies," Scott said.

"Because selection of Constructor of the Year is based on a secret ballot, John has won the recognition of his peers, which is the greatest honour in itself. John has had an outstanding year which is the start of a brilliant career," Scott said.

The **Five Year Service Award** recipients were Ashley Hendrickson, Audrey Stewart, Ben Prest (Townsville), Daniel Cooper (Toowoomba), Greg Quinn, Julian French (Sydney), Lance Biddle (Toowoomba), Michael Franks, Michael White, Paul Pereira, Robert Charles, Sam Mangano and Tony Doyle.

The **Ten Year Service Award** recipients were Rathlin Trohear, Paul David, Peter Haidley, Shane Tyson, Searle Balladone and Steve Norton.



Hutchies' team member and Adelaide Street site manager, Dave Warner, asked "Howzat?"

Go off in green and gold

TO create a true home ground advantage for the Australian team in summer, Cricket Australia invited Aussie cricket fans to "Go Off In Green and Gold."

Hutchies embraced the campaign which encouraged the community to deck itself out in green and gold to show support for Australia's team. As part of the campaign, **Brisbane Goes Off**, was written:

*With the story bridge above it all, the sun's rays glistening down,
The Brisbane River and all it banks, make up our laid-back town.
But Brisbane is much more than that, its people are the best
The bare-skinned babes and blokes much friendlier than the rest.
And when it comes to sport, we want our team to always win,
And in this year of victories you'll know how lucky we've been.
So as The Ashes come to town, with Brisbane as first stop
We'll show our spirit and our colours - make sure Australia's on top.
Soon you'll see the Barmy Army's cheers are from days of old
For they've nothing to match Brissy going off in green and gold.*

Hutchies joined in and decorated our site in Adelaide Street.



Five Year Service Award recipients.



Ten Year Service Award recipients.

Keeping up appearances



CY Milburn, Hutchies' Contract Administrator at the Calamvale Shopping Centre, said Project Manager Graham Spence was an inspiration to his team.

Cy photographed Graham leading by example on the shovel during a concrete pour.

While the boots and hard hat are regulation gear for the job, the shirt, tie and dress pants belong in the site office.

Chook out for a duck

HUTCHIES' team was on show at a big night of boxing recently at the Bundamba Stadium, but the star attraction was a heavyweight bout between local boy Anthony "Chook" Fowler and nationally known John "King of the Ring" Hopoate. Hopoate had little support from the 1000-strong crowd, with most getting behind Chook, their local fireman and football star. But the numbers didn't help, with the bout lasting only 34 seconds - Chook taking the count and Hopoate taking the bout. Picture shows Hutchies' Managing Director, Greg Quinn, waving the company flag.



JOBS UPDATE with Barry Butterworth

BEAUDESERT CULTURAL FACILITY

Job Value: \$3.8M

Job Description: Additions and refurbishment of the Beaudesert Cultural Facility.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Norm Norman
Hutchies' Project Manager: Fernando Uribe
Hutchies' Administrator: Fernando Uribe;
Hutchies' Foreman: Mal Ashford;
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Graeme Smith
Architect Firm: Cox Rayner
Structural Engineering Firm: Connell Mott MacDonald
Quantity Surveyor Firm: Wilde & Woolard

TURRAMURRA, CALOUNDRA

Job Value: \$10M

Job Description: A joint venture project. 35 units in Canberra Terrace, Caloundra, starting May 2007.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Michael Crocker
Hutchies' Project Manager: Ken Best
Hutchies' Administrator: Dale Cran
Hutchies' Foreman: Owen Walsh
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Michael Connelly

CRESTMEAD OFFICES

Job Value: \$1.7M+

Job Description: Construction of new office block, steel portal framed warehouse with metal cladding, civil and landscape works and external painting of existing building.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Norm Norman
Hutchies' Project Manager: Fernando Uribe
Hutchies' Foreman: Ben Hagan
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Graeme Smith
Architect Firm: Dimitriou Architects & Interior Designers
Struct & Civil Engineering Firm: Tod Consulting Engineers
Electrical Firm: WFM Electrical Services

DEPT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE, LISMORE

Job Value: \$4.1M+

Job Description: Basement car park and ground floor office. Work started in November 2006 and the project is due for completion by September 2007.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Paul Hart
Hutchies' Project Manager: Mark Phillips
Hutchies' Administrator: Alan Pillay
Hutchies' Foreman: Mick Dodd
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Michael Crossin
Architect Firm: ML Design
Structural Engineering Firm: Alliance Consulting Engineers
Electrical & Hydraulics Firm: James Design

SURFERS ROWERS

Job Value: \$1.1M.

Job Description: Complete refurbishment of restaurant and bar including new bar, reticulation and new kitchen.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Norm Norman
Hutchies' Project Manager: Ashley Blake
Hutchies' Administrator: Luke Giles
Hutchies' Foreman: Chris Norbury
Architect Firm: David Raby Architects
Structural Engineering Firm: Reinmac
Plumbing Services: Les Howson Plumbing
Electrical Firm: Shaw Electrical



AT the opening of Surfers Rowers Club on the Gold Coast, owner Mike Dodd (pictured left) gave life membership to Scott Hutchinson, Chris Norbury (Site Manager) (pictured right) and Ash Chris (Architect). The Club refurbishment was completed in six weeks which Mike said was an amazing effort.

PHC MEDICAL CENTRE MORAYFIELD

Job Value: \$2.7M.

Job Description: Construction of 1,200m² building (shell only) ready for a separate external fit out. Ground floor consists of a large car park and a pharmacy. Suspended slab to first floor. Works include a single lift and unique rolled steel structural roof.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Paul Hart
Hutchies' Project Manager: Chris Stevenson
Hutchies' Administrator: Graham Dodge
Hutchies' Foreman: Peter Barnett
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Michael Crossin
Architect Firm: Tim Shellshear & Assoc Architects Pty Ltd
Structural Engineering Firm: Alliance Consulting Engineers
Electrical Firm: Bonn Electrics Pty Ltd
Electrical & Hydraulics Firm: Cooper & Assoc Hydraulic Consultants Pty Ltd

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

Job Value: \$2.54M

Job Description: Additions and refurbishments to the Powerhouse Museum at New Farm which includes addition of new decks, refurbishment of an existing restaurant tenancy and the addition of new seating galleries to performance halls and theatres.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Norm Norman
Hutchies' Project Manager: Ashley Blake
Hutchies' Administrator: Luke Giles
Hutchies' Foreman: Matt Kempster
Hutchies' Cost Planner: Graeme Smith
Architect Firm: Architectus
Structural Engineering Firm: Pisces Consulting Engineers
Electrical Firm: Cundall
Project Managers: Project Strategies



Turrumurra ... a 35 unit building in Canberra Tce, Caloundra ... construction is due to commence in May this year.



Brains and brawn

STEFAN Sedelaar, an apprentice on Hutchies' luxury Drift apartments at Casuarina, took some time off to relax recently and found himself in for some hard work when he hooked up two Cobia (black king fish).

The bigger of the two weighed in at 22.85 kg.

Cobia are showing up in large numbers off Northern New South Wales, but it still takes brains and brawn to boat them.

Stefan's fishing mate, Anthony Smith, of Cabarita, took some of the credit, saying he told Stefan how to catch them.



A recently painted batch heading for delivery.

Scaffolding in wild blue yonder

TIM McGregor, Hutchies' scaffolding manager, has started painting the company's scaffolding with corporate blue paint for product recognition and branding. Tim said it took a bit of time but it looked great.

Under 30s go over the top



Uptown ... pictured outside the Queensland Club.

THE Under 30s group once again hit the town for its annual night out, which traditionally starts with dinner at the best club in Brisbane (Queensland Club) and ends at the worst (up the bad end of Fortitude Valley). With frocks, frills, cologne

and more hair product in one room than in a salon (and that was just Scott), the under 30s night was reported to be tamer than usual. How could that be with a room full of 45 males, eight girls and a very big crocodile?



Downtown ... girls with pimp (far right).

Jess, from Sunshine Coast, lights a Roman Candle.



Cracker of a night at Casuarina

GUY Fawkes Night (also known as cracker night) has become a regular attraction at the Hutchies' Casuarina Christmas party.

All branches are invited to make their own Guy to burn on the night.

However, for those who are unable – due to flight restrictions – can bring a Guy of the blow-up kind instead.

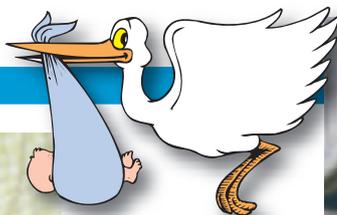
Awards were presented for best Guy.

T'was 35 nights before Christmas and all that could be heard (through the streets, in the next suburb, up the coast, down the coast, even neighbours in New Zealand) was the sound of 400 people, a lot of fireworks and a little Iggy Pop.

With guests from Sydney, Tweed, Brisbane, Toowoomba, Cairns and HIL joining in the festivities, the Hutchies' Christmas Beach Party went off with more than a bang.



Guy with friends ... on their way to Casuarina.



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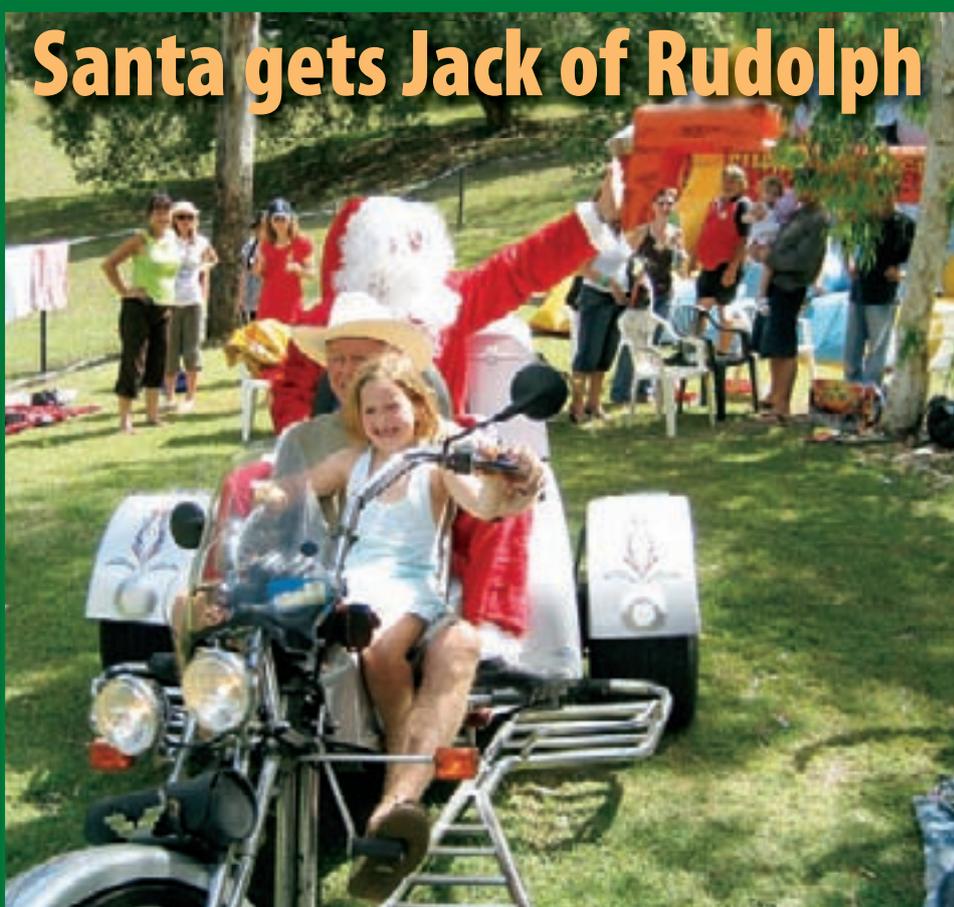


Hunter Russell Smith born October 31 to Brad and Michelle.



Little brother to Patty, Luke Allan Dorge, was born to Bec and Mat in November, weighing just over 6lb. Bec and Luke are both doing great.

Santa gets Jack of Rudolph



Santa arriving on a trike with Jack Hutchinson and granddaughter, Suzanne, in the front.

SANTA traded in Rudolph and his sleigh to ride with Jack on his trike for his arrival at the Brisbane Kids' Christmas Party held at Jack's and June's place at Pullenvale where there were rides, food and fun.



Big kid on a slide.

League kicks a goal for charity

HUTCHIES took part in a recent City v Country Charity League Game to help raise funds for Young Care Australia. The game was a huge success and raised \$5,000.

Spectators said it was one of the best games of league they had seen for a while.

Organiser, Ben Schodel, of Blades Proj-



ect Services, said the game had huge hits, completed sets of six, no drop balls and skilful plays.

"We will definitely organise another game down the track, but will wait until everyone forgets how much this one hurt," he said.



Rides of all sorts.

Ipswich Council Christmas Carols



Stars at the Ipswich Christmas Carols included country singer Troy Cassar-Daley.

HUTCHIES supported the Ipswich City Council in its program of community carols at Brassall and in Ipswich during Christmas.

Mayor Paul Pisasale said there was a wonderful sense of vibrancy and fantastic community spirit at the events which were enjoyed by more than 12,000 people.

"The support and commitment from our sponsors contributed to these great events," he said.



Children performing in the Brassall Christmas in the Park.

Townsville's magical mystery tour for Xmas



FOR Townsville's Christmas Party invitees were told to meet at a car park, prepare to stay overnight and dress casually.

From the carpark, they boarded a ferry to Magnetic Island, where a chartered bus drove the party to X Base Backpackers Resort, right on the beach

at Nelly Bay, where they checked in for the night. A great time was had by all.

But the return ferry trip was a challenge, with the weather changing to

strong gales and rain, making it difficult to distinguish who were nursing hangovers from those who were just plain old seasick.



Safe haven for Santa

THE Northern New South Wales Kids' Christmas Party was held at the Jack Evans Boat Harbour on the Tweed River.

It was the third year the party was held there as it is fantastic place for the kids to swim, feed the fish and use paddle boats and surf skis.

It was a beautiful sunny day and 36 kids and 43 adults enjoyed cricket and football while waiting for Santa.

Pictured is beautiful Bailey Hart with a big smile for Santa.

All Stars shine in softball finals

HUTCHIES' All Stars took on all comers in the finals of the Australian Corporate Games Softball competition held in Melbourne during November and came out on top.

With the motto "No such thing as social sport" All Stars took on some of Australia's finest corporate challengers.

Emotions were running high, the captain discarded all previous game plans and it was time to take on the competition one game at a time.

They played hard, they played dirty, they even played nude, to put the All Stars off their game but Hutchies' determination paid off with a win.



Winners, Hutchies' All Stars, with losers, Multiplex.

The 2007 Queensland games is happening again in April this year, so if you can run like the wind, have the strength of superman, the eye of a hawk, make really great sandwiches or pour a cold drink, you have the attributes for Corporate Games.

Please send expressions of interest to "Captain Tezza" to see if you make the cut this year.



Heads of the Yarra



NEV Doughan and Richard Graham were Hutchies' representatives in a crew sponsored by Hutchies in the Head of the Yarra Competition held in Melbourne. Hutchies' crew came fifth in their class – the Masters C Division. Nev and Richard are shown with their high profile team members.

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