



Indigenous participation reaches new milestones

HUTCHIES' Statim Yaga initiative, which gives Indigenous families the opportunity to build careers through the construction industry, has reached significant new milestones.

They are:

- Hutchies has totalled more than \$100 million in contracts with more than 200 Indigenous-owned businesses since Statim Yaga began in 2012.
- Hutchies' Indigenous workforce is now greater than four per cent, which is double the national employer average of two per cent and above the national population rate of 3.8 per cent.

Hutchies' national Indigenous and social procurement manager, Mark Kucks, said building a strong and sustainable Indigenous business sector should be a priority for the community.

"These business owners will pass on their knowledge and generational wealth to their children and onto future generations," said Mark.

"Those businesses create a vibrant Indigenous business network.

"When we talk about 'breaking the cycle', this is it."

According to Mark, Indigenous businesses also are more likely to employ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and more than 70 per cent of Indigenous businesses give back to their community through sponsorships and donations.

Mark said, when he started work at Hutchies, the company had seven Indigenous employees, including himself.

"That number is now 82, with more than half in managerial or supervisory roles," he said.

"And 14 per cent of Hutchies' Indigenous people are women."

Across Statim Yaga, Hutchies has now helped more than 800 Indigenous Australians gain employment in the construction industry, either directly or through its supply chain.

"Out of everything Statim Yaga has achieved over the past decade, the thing that warms my heart the most is seeing our Hutchies' people in the office or out on site in their Statim Yaga shirts and boardies," said Mark.

"It confirms to me that this is not just something we do because we have to, but it is part of who we are."

Jarrold a role model for Statim Yaga

ONE of the first people employed with Hutchies through Statim Yaga was Jarrod Taylor, who graduated through Hutchies Training program in 2015.

Initially, Jarrod took his son to training but, after experiencing the program, he joined in and went on to complete the course himself – becoming a role model for the young people around him.

At 40 years of age and feeling too old for an apprenticeship, Jarrod started in the scaffold yard, where he has been a prominent figure for the past nine years.

Jarrold's job includes site deliveries in his custom Statim Yaga truck, proudly sporting his Statim Yaga shirts and boardies.

"I've always loved that family comes first at Hutchies," said Jarrod.

"I absolutely love the company and what it has given me.

"I take pride in telling people where I work and promote the Statim Yaga program whenever I can," he said.



RIGHT: Mark Kucks and Jarrod Taylor chat on board the Statim Yaga truck.

Birthday boys



Jack Snr celebrates his 90th birthday mixing margaritas at the Toowong yard.



Jack Jnr with newborn baby Jack.

OCTOBER 2024 was a significant time for Hutchies, celebrating two birthdays in one week – but with the birthday boys' ages separated by almost a century.

John (Jack) Farris Hutchinson (VI) was born on October 15 to Jack Jnr and wife, Fatya.

Two days after baby Jack was born, third generation, John (Jack) Hutchinson (III) – today known as Jack Snr – celebrated his 90th birthday on October 17.

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IT has already been a couple of years since Greg Quinn retired as managing director, but his support of the business continues with his role on the board.

I would like to personally thank him for the continued guidance he provides to Hutchies, particularly through this incredibly tough period for the industry.

As a business, we have been working hard to become a more resilient builder to put us in an even stronger position to service our clients.

This has involved the development of more efficient systems to allow our people to operate more effectively, being more selective with the projects we take on and, most importantly, investing in the development of our people who we believe are some of the best in the industry.

We are proud of our capacity to provide career-defining experience and training to those who have called Hutchies home at some stage throughout their careers.

That extends to the many Hutchies-experienced people who are now with other companies helping to leave a positive legacy on this industry.

One of my favourite stories about this theme comes from our Melbourne team leader of more than a decade, Bernie Nolan (COTY 2020), who, as he approaches the later part of his enormous career in construction, mentions only one regret – that he didn't find Hutchies sooner.

At the end of this year, Kellie Williams

From the Managing Director



(COTY 2015) will retire from the Hutchies' board, after two decades of service.

She will take up a consultancy career path, with continued support to Hutchies, which will allow her to provide others the benefit of her valuable experience.

Hutchies found Kellie while transacting a finance deal for Westpac Bank with Consolidated Properties on our biggest infrastructure project – creating the Casuarina Beach suburb on the NSW north coast.

A banker working for a builder seemed unusual at the time, but Kellie has made this critical finance function into one of the most logical and beneficial to builders.

This model is now replicated across the industry, bringing an ability to understand and manage for risks that builders don't often consider, and enabling opportunities to be realised by understanding each other's drivers and finding a way through to a successful project outcome.

We are a much stronger business because of Kellie and this family building company and the many individuals within and around it are forever indebted to her.

Thank you Kellie.

– Russell Fryer (COTY 2010)

Sweet farewell



Director, Kellie Williams (COTY 2015), often jokingly gave Hutchies the advice that a better living could be made selling icecream than being in construction. When Kellie retired from Hutchies to go into a consulting business for herself, she was presented with a Hutchified pedal-powered icecream vendor's cart. Kellie is shown celebrating her farewell with icecream.

Architects build on a long relationship

ARCHITECTUS Conrad Gargett, architects, and Hutchies' senior management team met recently to discuss the future, continuing a relationship which began more than a century ago.

The two organisations have worked together since the early 1900s.

When Jack Hutchinson (I) began as a small bayside builder in 1912, he survived on government contracts but, as his reputation as a builder grew, he attracted contracts from Brisbane's leading architects of the time, including Conrad Gargett.

Conrad Gargett, an Australian architecture and design practice founded in Brisbane in 1890 as one of Queensland's earliest architectural firms, recently merged with Architectus.

Architectus Conrad Gargett is now one of Australasia's largest and most diverse design firms, with more than 730 designers and



Senior management from Hutchies and Architectus Conrad Gargett met recently to discuss the future. They are (from left) Russell Fryer (COTY 2010), Jamie Washington, Karl Ekermann (Architectus), Michael Lawlor, Tony Jemmott (Architectus), Ogi Latinovic, Steve Child, Rebecca Moore (Architectus), Paul David, John Flynn (Architectus), Jack Hutchinson Jnr and Lawrence Toaldo (Architectus).

specialists working across nine Australian studios and three affiliated New Zealand studios.

During the meeting, Jack Hutchinson Jnr shared his insight

into Hutchies' next 100 years and expressed his interest in continuing a collaborative exchange with Architectus Conrad Gargett well into the future.

Both organisations have a long-standing, respected presence in Queensland and look forward to expansion into broader national markets.



Jack Jnr, wife Fatya, baby Jack and big sister, Marianne.



Baby Jack's great-great-great-grandfather, Jack Hutchinson (I), would have been 150 years old on August 11 this year.

Another Jack listed in the family tree

JACK Jnr and wife, Fatya, are proud parents of son, John (Jack) Farris Hutchinson (VI), born on October 15.

The new Jack is brother to Marianne Farrah Hutchinson born on May 2, 2023.

Baby John is the sixth generation Jack for the Hutchinson family and the great-great-great-grandson of Hutchies' founder, John (Jack) Hutchinson, born in 1874.

The newborn John (Jack) Farris Hutchinson is the latest in a long line of Jacks in the Hutchinson family. They are:

- I – John Hutchinson (b.1874)
- II – John Hutchinson (b.1898)
- III – John Collins Hutchinson (b.1934)
- IV – John Scott Hutchinson (b.1959)
- V – John Elmore Hutchinson (b.1992) and
- VI – John Farris Hutchinson (b.2024).

Jack Jnr said the family is settling in well with the newest addition.

"Fatya and I are delighted to have our healthy little boy home from hospital and Marianne couldn't be happier to have a baby brother," he said.

Queensland's busiest builder named

HUTCHIES was Queensland's busiest builder in the 2024 financial year, according to the HIA-Colorbond steel Housing 100 Report, which ranks Australia's largest 100 residential builders based on the number of homes commenced each year.

The report indicated that the building sector was showing signs of recovery from a period of plunging home starts.

Hutchies recorded 1,689 home starts in Queensland – a 26.8 per cent increase compared to the previous financial year.

HIA economic chief, Tim Reardon, said population growth through the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by a return of overseas immigration, had seen stabilisation of building levels in 2023/24 similar to those prior to the pandemic.

"This bodes well for a more stable return to building activity in future years," he said.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said, although more work was happening, there was no profit, with

builders struggling to absorb the "insane" 30 per cent plus increase in building costs in recent years.

He predicted that it would be some time before the sector returned to normal.

"Costs are flattening out and should improve after this financial year, but then we will have the Olympics which could cause costs to jump again," he said.

"Building costs are still too expensive to make all but the top end of the unit market work.

"The only residential that is going ahead is the government-sponsored build-to-rent and the very top level of the riverside blocks with really good apartments because they can afford to pay extra from the building costs."

HIA Economics listed Queensland's top 10 builders as Hutchies, Meriton Apartments, Multiplex, Coral Homes, Henley Properties, Metricon Homes, NEX Building Group, Ausbuild, Homecorp Constructions, and Tamawood.



LEFT: The timber and tin character of old Joe's Waterhole at Eumundi has been retained with recycled materials and furniture used extensively throughout the refurbishment and expansion.



Gable pavilions provide old Joe's Waterhole with purpose-built space for the new brewery, restaurant, beer garden and landscaped outdoor spaces at Matso's Sunshine Coast Brewery, Eumundi.

Matso's revives the old waterhole at Eumundi

THE award-winning Matso's Sunshine Coast Brewery provides a new lease of life for the old Joe's Waterhole in Eumundi.

Hutchies' Sunshine Coast team created Matso's newest brewery while retaining and refurbishing the classic 1920s Queensland pub to provide modern hospitality facilities.

The refurbishment and expansion pays homage to the classic 1920s tin and timber outback pub, using simple building materi-

als throughout the new shed-like extension.

Working closely with designers, Five Mile Radius, Hutchies recycled some of the materials and existing furniture from the old building to create a range of the new venue's seating, tables and fixtures.

From the timber structure through to the furniture, an effort was made to tie the character of the existing pub into the new spaces.

Four large gable pavilions expand the venue complementing the existing heritage structure of the old pub.

The new addition provides a purpose-built space for the brewery, restaurant, beer garden and landscaped outdoors.

The project won a Master Builders Sunshine Coast tourism and leisure award in the category of facilities up to \$10 million.

Kimberley students learn in Victoria

HUTCHIES' team on the Thompsons West Primary School project in Melbourne's east hosted a visit by students from the Yiramalay Studio School in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Yiramalay Studio School was established through a partnership between the Bunuba people and Wesley College in Melbourne to provide opportunities to Indigenous students in Years 10 to 12 through educational experiences.

The visit was organised by Hutchies' project manager, Kate Lucarelli, and her uncle, Kym Adams, who is the Yiramalay inductions coordinator for Wesley.

By chance, Hutchies is also constructing the new Manjali Studio School which is a remote middle years boarding school feeding into Yiramalay Studio School (see Page 5).

The visit was extra special for foreman, Lucas Meddings, and project coordinator, James Walsh, who both attended Yiramalay Studio School as part of the Wesley Induction Program when they were students.

The day was a resounding success with many students showing a keen interest in the construction industry and asking the team some hard-hitting questions.



From left, Mon (Yiramalay student), Kate Lucarelli (Hutchies' project manager), and Kym Adams (Yiramalay inductions coordinator for Wesley and Kate's uncle).



School components arrive in WA's Kimberley by truck convoy after a 4,200 km journey across Australia from Toowoomba on Queensland's Darling Downs.

Convoys truck Manjali school into WA

THE Manjali Studio School is taking shape as Hutchies' truck convoys deliver components on site in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Hutchies' crew is working with Studio Schools of Australia and Bunuba Dawangarri Aboriginal Corporation to create the Manjali Studio School on country.

Prefabricated by Hutchies Modular in Toowoomba, 82 modules are being transported more than 4,200 kilometres across northern Australia to the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges (formerly King Leopold Ranges).

Recently, Hutchies hosted the school board, community members and future students for the opportunity to see progress on site.

Guests had a tour of the learning pavilion, student and staff residences, community centre, and arrival building.

Studio Schools of Australia is a new system of residential learning on-country across the remote far north, together with an Indigenous Education and Research Centre (IERC), co-led and co-designed in partnership with local communities for Indigenous success.

The school will feature a wet

lab, dry lab, communal dining hall, welcome and administration area, student and staff housing, staff accommodation and the IERC.

Enrolments for Manjali Studio

School are open and the project is on track to be completed for Years 7, 8 and 9 students in 2025.

Manjali school, the second studio school developed through the partnership between the

Bunuba community and Studio Schools of Australia, is situated approximately 10 kilometres from the existing Yiramalay Studio School which caters for Years 10, 11 and 12 students.



Hutchies' team members who visited the world famous Tunnel Creek during their time in the Kimberley (from left) Wayne Rafter, Sean Lees, Danny Charlesworth and Andrew Nolan.



Work on the Bushland Retreat started by (from left) Scott Hutchinson; Kim Richards, former State Member for Redlands; Adam Forrester, Ingenia head of development (Queensland); Wayne and Narelle Mackinnon, Sanctuary residents; Cr Lance Hewlett, Redlands City; and Justin Blumfield, executive general manager Ingenia residential communities.

Work starts on luxury clubhouse and sports precinct at Ingenia

INGENIA Communities, with the support of its first residents, has broken ground with Hutchies on a multi-million dollar luxury clubhouse and sports precinct at its over 50s community, Sanctuary Victoria Point.

On completion, the Bushland Retreat will feature an array of amenities, including a sports pavilion, bowling green, gym, yoga room, resort pool, cinema, arts and craft studio, library, games room, and lounge.

Ingenia's executive general manager residen-

tial, Justin Blumfield, said the Bushland Retreat would provide an avenue for residents to maintain their physical health, create long-lasting connections with like-minded neighbours and forge a strong sense of community.

"When the idea for the clubhouse and sports precinct came about, we wanted to ensure residents were given the opportunity to vote for their favourite name and this process was received positively by the

community," Mr Blumfield said.

"This inclusive approach has allowed residents to have a personal stake in the development, fostering a sense of pride and ownership among the community.

"Much like its namesake, the Bushland Retreat has been designed to integrate seamlessly with the natural bushland corridor that defines Sanctuary Victoria Point."

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Bundamba station upgrade makes travel safer, easier

QUEENSLAND Rail trains are stopping at a new-look Bundamba railway station in Ipswich following its major accessibility upgrade by Hutchies.

Bundamba station, which was temporarily closed for construction, now features lifts, an overpass and raised platforms, making catching the train easier for everyone, including those travelling with a wheelchair, pushing prams, carrying luggage or the elderly.

As an added bonus, Bundamba's unique new station layout made it a perfect candidate for rubber fillers – also referred to as rubber fingers – to reduce the gap between the platform and trains.

Bundamba and Burpengary stations are the first two station accessibility upgrades to have the technology which makes it easier for people to board or disembark trains, reducing the likelihood of slipping between the train and platform.

Other improvements at Bundamba include accessible toilets, a disability-compliant ticket window, improved seating, extended platform shelters, and new security cameras.

Customers will also benefit from hearing augmentation loops, tactile floor indicators, new way-finding signage, information screens and better security through CCTV and lighting upgrades.

The upgrade extended to a reconfigured carpark with space for 55 cars, a new kiss 'n' ride area, four accessible parking bays, and an accessible pathway from the carpark to the platforms.

A bicycle enclosure also features in the upgrade to house 40 bikes with security swipe access, while 12 bike racks are installed across the station for customers using active travel options.



To celebrate its re-opening, Queensland Rail buried a time capsule at Bundamba railway station to be unearthed in 2054. Hutchies' John Smith places a jar of Hutchies' Honey in the time capsule – guaranteed to be just as tasty in 30 years!

Burpengary rail station reopens

BURPENGARY railway station, north of Brisbane, reopened in September.

Upgraded by Hutchies, the station is now fully accessible with raised platforms, lifts, pedestrian overpass and a new station office.

Security has been improved with new CCTV and safety lighting around the station.

Construction is ongoing with a new bus stop, kiss 'n' ride area, and carparks to be completed by the end of the year.

Burpengary is one of six railway stations currently undergoing upgrades as part of Queensland Rail's station accessibility upgrade program along with Banyo, Bundamba, Buranda, Lindum and Morningside.

Fast delivery by air

HUTCHIES' team working on ISPT's Barracks warehouse at Metroplex Westgate industrial estate resorted to creative thinking to install six giant airconditioning fan units on top of the massive building.

Hutchies' team explored traditional crane methods which would have required multiple set-ups, relocations and counterweights to support the 800 kilogram lifts over 75 metre distances. A clever solution was for a carefully

coordinated helicopter lift which achieved the objective in a safer, faster and more cost-effective way.

The chopper enabled the team to install all six fan units in less than an hour, all with thorough due diligence, safety checks and risk controls in place to manage the work.

The industrial estate is ideally located south-west of the Brisbane CBD, south of Brisbane Airport and south-west of the Port of Brisbane.



Aerial delivery for ISPT's Barracks warehouse at Metroplex Westgate industrial estate.



Beware of fake Hutchies' representatives

IN a world where digital deception is on the rise, scammers have found a new playground – pretending to be representatives from Hutchies.

These fraudsters are creating fake LinkedIn profiles, posing as Hutchies' people, and attempting to scam unsuspecting job seekers. For those genuinely interested

in joining the Hutchies' team, here is a friendly reminder: always apply through the official Hutchinson Builders website (hutchinsonbuilders.com.au/careers), or via trusted employment platforms such as SEEK or LinkedIn in Australia.



Hutchies will never ask for identity documents before employment, nor will Hutchies request any deposits or payments to secure a job.

Always double-check that the email address you are corresponding with ends with the

official Hutchinson Builders domain name.

Hutchies never uses Gmail!

If in doubt, reach out directly to Hutchies through its contact page (hutchinsonbuilders.com.au/contact) or email Katrina Stack, Hutchies' people support manager (Katrina.Stack@hutchies.com.au).



Jack Snr with Brooke Wilson (left) and Natalie Roma.



Russell Fryer delivered a heartfelt speech to celebrate Jack Snr's birthday.



Jack Snr with Scott, Jack Jnr and great-granddaughter, Marianne.



Jack Snr paid tribute to Hutchies' current board (from left) Paul Hart (COTY 2007), Jack Snr, Ben Young (COTY 2009), Scott,

Cheers and happy b

JACK Snr joined team members, friends, former workmates and business colleagues to celebrate his 90th birthday at the Toowong yard in Brisbane on Thursday, October 17.

A large family celebration followed on the weekend.

The main attraction at the work birthday party was a giant vat of margarita mixed personally by Jack – an avid Jimmy Buffett fan – for all his guests.

As well as margaritas, Jack shared his thoughts on his time with Hutchies.

Jack said:

After I did senior year, I left school as an apprentice carpenter (at Hutchies) for my father and uncle. I did two years on the job. In those days you could work all day ... I liked it then.

Then the old man said, "You're gonna go down and see a bloke I know at QUT and see what else you can do". He was an architect.

I ended up doing quantity surveying and we did it with the architects. There were 100 architects and two quantity surveyors in the class at QUT.

Nobody knew what quantity surveyors were in those days. John Mitchell was the other quantity surveyor and I still go to Fraser Island with him every year.

I started at the State Works Department at 19 years of age and worked there until I was 31 years old.

I was studying at night and graduated from QUT at 24 years old. I worked with Alan Butler in the Works Department and was doing critical path scheduling which was groundbreaking in those days. I enjoyed working with the department.

When I was a quantity surveyor I had to regularly see Joh Bjelke-Petersen who in those days was the minister for the Works Department.



Jack Snr entertained the crowd with his recollections of his early years at Hutchies.



(COTY 2015), Kellie Williams (COTY 2015), Owen Valmadre, Jack Jnr, Greg Quinn (COTY 2015), Russell Fryer (COTY 2010) and Penny Hoolihan.

Birthdays to Jack Snr

When I graduated I wasn't given a job with Hutchies. The old man had run the business down and was getting further in debt.

He thought it was not enough for me.

Before I went to work for Dad, he was giving me work to do in my spare time and wanting me to look after a job, but I couldn't do it because I had no authority to sack people.

I wasn't in charge and I was still full-time at the Works Department.

So I resigned from the Works Department at 31 and came to work at Hutchies with Dad.

My father was 68 years old and had had enough.

He interviewed me for the job, left and never came back again.

It was only May Hendry and I, and I didn't hear from him from that time onwards. I had no money and a house I didn't own.



Jack Snr manning the margaritas.



Jack Snr cuts his giant birthday cake with help from Jack Jnr and great-granddaughter, Marianne.

But we never lost money on a job in those first 20 years.

This was when J Hutchinson & Sons was incorporated, and the new name was J Hutchinson Pty Ltd with my wife, June, as a 50 per cent shareholder and director.

I sacked people and rearranged things and two star apprentices, Barry Butterworth and Peter Moran, were now running jobs.

They were two of the best I've ever seen.

Later, I was president of the Master Builders in Queensland and put in Greg Quinn as CEO of Master Builders.

What he did was incredible.

He doubled the membership by bringing in subcontractors and a lot of other things as well.

Master Builders in New South Wales was failing and they wanted Queensland to buy them a new computer worth a million dollars because they didn't have the money for it.

Greg Quinn went down to New South Wales and straightened their whole organisation out.

I then brought Greg into Hutchies – and that's why the company is so busy today.

When COVID-19 hit, who would know that so many builders would go broke, and the subcontractors as well.

Today, Scott, Russell Fryer, Paul Hart and the board (Owen Valmadre, Jack Hutchinson Jnr, Ben Young, Kellie Williams, Penny Hoolihan, and Greg Quinn) are doing a great job.



Hutchies' team members, friends, former workmates and business colleagues gathered at the Toowong yard for Jack's 90th celebrations on October 17.

Camooweal Primary Health Care Centre



Camooweal State School students were excited to inspect their town's new hospital – under construction by Hutchies who built the town's original hospital in the 1960s.

New primary health clinic for Camooweal

CAMOOWEAL, the border town between Queensland and the Northern Territory, is having a new primary health clinic built by Hutchies.

The job involves demolition of the existing facility, including staff accommodation, and construction of a new complex, with acute and non-acute areas, clinical administration and general support, as well as reception and delivery zones.

The non-acute component will

have consultation rooms, resuscitation bay, interview spaces, and multi-purpose education areas.

Renal dialysis facilities will also be included as there is currently no service available.

An ambulance bay, carpark, entry ramp and stairs, and a new site entrance will complete the upgrade.

Camooweal Primary Health Care Centre provides low-risk ambulatory, acute and preventa-

tive care nursing, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, administration and operational staff.

The clinic is a nurse-led facility providing 24-hour acute and emergency on-call service with a hospital-based ambulance.

It offers pharmacy services, child health, immunisation, school-based wellness health checks and community home visits.

Camooweal is a country town of approximately 326 people just 13 kilometres from the Northern Territory border where 42.5 per cent of the local population identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Camooweal's main street, the Barkly Highway, connects Camooweal to Mount Isa and, at 188 kilometres in length, is considered the longest main street in the world.



Rag top day for the boys

HAVING Jack Snr's Cadillac in the yard was too much of a temptation for Callum Washington (rear), Oliver Macklin (at the wheel) and Jack Pembroke, who took the head-turning set of wheels for a quick spin.

The impressive import from the USA is a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible.

Indoor and outdoor learning options at Somerset College



Expansion works at Somerset College on the Gold Coast includes an international-grade hockey pitch with an underground carpark beneath.

EXPANSION of Somerset College on the Gold Coast by Hutchies provides the education facility with a range of new indoor and outdoor learning spaces as well as an international-grade hockey pitch.

The build incorporated eight new classrooms, a break-out reading room, flexible indoor/outdoor learning environments, and new playground added to the junior school precinct.

The new sports facility can be used for a host of sports and activities across all year levels and, to enhance the use of space underneath the hockey pitch, there is a car park to meet future demand on the school grounds.

Paul De Jong retires after brilliant career



De Jong boys celebrate Paul's retirement (from left) Mick, Paul and Jacob.

PAUL De Jong (COTY 1995), team leader in Cairns, has retired after 34 years with Hutchies.

He is part of the De Jong family's three generations' connection to Hutchies, with 11 De Jongs as part of the team over the past 38 years.

They are Mick, Paul, Ray, Walter, Narelle, Cameron, Jacob, Veronica, Chris, Adrian and Sheryl.

Paul started with Hutchies as a carpenter then moved up to site foreman, site manager and team leader.

Scott Hutchinson said Lenny White (COTY 1990) had picked that Paul was going to be great in 1989 when he first started on a project for Royal Brisbane Hospital.

"Paul was 23 but it wasn't long before he was running large projects by himself – always ahead of schedule and on budget," Scott said.

"Hutchies then found out there were other family members, including Mick De Jong who was Lenny's apprentice, so we employed as many as would join us and all showed talent, determination, honesty and loyalty.

"I'm pleased to say that Paul's son, Jacob, who now works at Hutchies, also has these same qualities."

A third generation De Jong working with Hutchies, Jacob was Apprentice of the Year in the Cairns office in 2020 and National Apprentice of the Year in 2021.



Fitted out for plastering

CARTER Deeks (left) and Wesley White have completed their plastering apprenticeships with Hutchies Fit-Out.

Students trying a trade at Main Beach

MORE than 40 Year 9 students from Pacific Pines State High School joined Hutchies' Try'a Trade program at the Lagoon project in Main Beach, Gold Coast.

It was a unique opportunity for students to tour a real life construction site, hear from and talk to experienced tradies, and gain an understanding of the exciting opportunities available in construction.

There are more than 70 different career pathways in construction and they are all accessible through Hutchies.

Try'a Trade is delivered in partnership with Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ).

Anyone interested in the Try'a Trade program, visit the CSQ website for more information, visit:

<https://l.hutchi.es/csq-tryatrade>



Hutchies' Rod Pearce with students on site with Try'a Trade at the Lagoon project on the Gold Coast.



Foreman, Mitch Hanscomb, securing Russel Crow's carrier box in readiness for Angelique Dassakis to drive the lucky bird to the vet.

Russel Crow stars in rescue show

HUTCHIES' crew working on a data centre in Macquarie Park, north of Sydney, became wildlife warriors when a distressed and grounded crow found its way to the team's site office.

As well as fending off attacks from other birds, the team managed to safely capture and feed the injured crow.

The team named it Russel Crow and, under direction from the folks from the local WIRES Australian Wildlife Rescue Organisation, drove it to a nearby vet hospital later that day.



Tom receives his certificate from Andy Becconsall, trainer/assessor at Hutchies Training.

Carpentry certificate handover

THOMAS Yaxley has completed his carpentry apprenticeship and received his certificate on site at University of Queensland where he is working on a bicycle storage facility.

OBITUARY

Gudju Gudju (aka) Seith Fourmile



(Photo: ABC Far North - Conor Byrne)

Gudju Gudju, also known as Seith Fourmile.

His voice is muted with passing of Gudju Gudju

GUDJU Gudju, also known as Seith Fourmile, has died peacefully at his home at Gordonvale on Gimuy Walubara Yidindji country in far north Queensland.

His sister, Professor Henrietta Fourmile Marrie, said Gudju Gudju will be remembered for his passion to keep family together on country and his fight for the recognition of Gimuy (Cairns) as part of Yidindji land.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson said Gudju Gudju was someone he counted as a wise friend.

"He patiently taught me

about being Indigenous in north Queensland and took me to Yarrabah for the first time," he said.

"Hutchies' connection to him was work on facilities in far north Queensland and our sponsorship of the Yarrabah Music Festival and their annual fishing competition.

"Seith will be missed by the many, many people he met and helped."

He is survived by his wife, Jenny, his six children, his sister Henritta, and large extended family.

Permission from the family to use Seith's photo was granted.

Girls go to the Cowboys launch



HUTCHIES' team members at the Cowboys NRLW season launch (from left) Alissa Culleton, Stacy Jacobsen and Laura Pozzebon.

Learning what Dad does at work

TOOWOOMBA team leader, Sean Lees' children, Billy (left) and Harvie, came to visit Dad at work, but were much more interested in checking out the office pinball machines than watching how their father spends his day.



Lounging lizards at Toowong

DEAN White found two blue tongue lizards having a moment underneath the barbecue on the Toowong office terrace.

Dean safely extricated the pair and relocated them for their honeymoon to a nearby garden.

No animals, including Dean, were harmed during this rescue mission.



Sending a coded message



HUTCHIES' team members are searching for the owner of this vehicle spotted recently. They want to meet the brave

driver who has the rego declaring "My ex is the devil." The team is keen to meet the ex as well!

Chairman reveals MBA as secret weapon

CHAIRMAN Scott Hutchinson has endorsed the University of Queensland's MBA program which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Scott said turning a profit during ongoing economic challenges in the building industry had been a hard slog.

But, he revealed his secret weapon had been an MBA completed in 1988 at UQ.

"The MBA was absolutely central to my work at Hutchies, as I did the organisational behaviour management electives and I put what I learnt into practice," he said.

The knowledge gleaned during the MBA inspired Scott to restructure Hutchies to have more devolved responsibility and accountability by organising the company into self-determining teams.

These are still tools employed by Hutchies today.

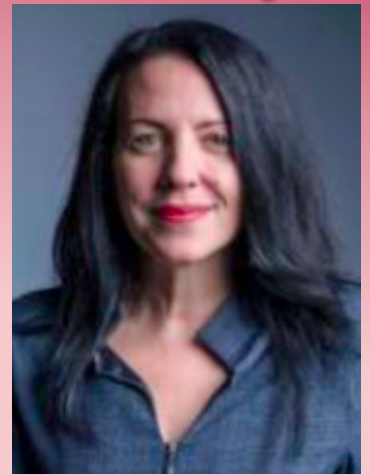
Thanks to MBA training, Hutchies maintains flexibility and responsiveness.

Scott said learning how to attract and retain top talent had been a pivotal part of his job.

"One of the more critical lessons was that giving people authority and trust doesn't always work out, but you must persist with it," he said.

UQ MBA director, Associate Professor Nicole Hartley, said that preparing leaders to embrace and tackle economic, social and environmental challenges had never been more critical for universities.

"As a catalyst for career transformation, the UQ MBA careers and professional development team works closely with students throughout their MBA journey and continues to provide support long after graduation," she said.



Associate Professor Nicole Hartley



John 'JC' Collins has been appointed Queensland's first Night Life Economy Commissioner.

JC Commissioner for Night Life

JOHN 'JC' Collins AM has been appointed Queensland's first Night Life Economy Commissioner.

JC is co-owner and venue director of The Fortitude Music Hall and Triffid.

He is also a vice-president of QMusic and a board member of Brisbane Economic Development Agency.

JC is best known for his time spent as bassist for *Powderfinger*, up until 2010.

Announcing the appointment, then-Queensland Premier, Steven Miles, said JC would work with live music venues, nightclubs, festival organisers, bars and restaurants, entertainment precincts, arts outlets, and local pubs across the state to boost the night economy which generates millions of dollars.

He also announced \$1.6 million in funding to support live music in Queensland.

The former Premier said JC was synonymous with success on stage and in business.

"He is a great appointment for Queensland and brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and know-how to drive our night life economy to a different level and help businesses of all sizes to thrive," he said.

JC said he was excited to be given the opportunity to represent the nightlife economy and felt privileged to do so.

"I'm very excited about getting around and talking to all the stakeholders in the state and hearing what they've got to say and then being a consistent messenger between the nightlife economy and the government," he said.



Regional board meeting in Cairns

CHAIRMAN and directors travelled to Cairns earlier this year for one of Hutchies' regional board meetings.

Following a busy time visiting local sites and meeting with north Queensland team members, dinner was held at the popular Little Sister restaurant on Cairns' Esplanade.

From left, managing director, Russell Fryer (COTY 2010); Townsville team leader, Aaron Ohl; Cairns team leader, Kyle Hare; Rockhampton team leader, Nick Colthup; director and COO, Paul Hart (COTY 2005); Alec Hutchinson; chairman and doting granddad, Scott Hutchinson, with granddaughter, Marianne Hutchinson; director, Penny Hoolihan; director, Jack Hutchinson Jnr; Fatya Hutchinson; and director, Kellie Williams (COTY 2015).



Chairman Scott Hutchinson and Big Kevvie line up at the barrier awaiting starter's orders.

Blind race sees off Big Kevvie

THE formwork yard organised Berlesimo Derby Day on mobility scooters as a surprise farewell to Kevin 'Big Kevvie' Beckwith who has packed up and moved back to New Zealand to freeze into retirement.

It was a hotly contested four-race program culminating with the Kevvie Cup – the race that stopped the yard.

Feature race of the day was the blind race where starters wore masks to complete the circuit.

The resident bookie urged punters to gamble responsibly.

There were many more activities to keep the guests entertained including Fashion on the Field to make it a day to remember for Kevvie.

Alpacas not reindeers at Xmas in July

MITCH Grimmer's team had a family fun day for Christmas in July at Mountainview Farm at Canungra in the Gold Coast hinterland.

Reindeers were out of season but a herd of alpacas stepped in. Families enjoyed food and games on the lawn and the kids – young and old – enjoyed feeding the alpacas.

RIGHT: The Maher family, Nick, Bobby, Jagga and Tully, enjoyed meeting one of the friendly alpacas.



Student on site work experience

HARRISON Daley, a Year 9 student at San Damiano College, Yarrabilba, enjoyed three days of work experience with Hutchies' team at the Murcia apartments project in East Brisbane.

Harrison's uncle is Leigh Munro, Hutchies' IT support.

Work experience provides students with valuable mentorship, contributes to students' career paths and helps students gain industry knowledge.





Apprentices with their mentors at Hutchies Training.

IN an initiative to bolster the skill-set of regional apprentices, Hutchies Training hosted a comprehensive training session at Seventeen Mile Rocks yard.

The event drew enthusiastic participation from Cairns, Townsville and Rockhampton apprentices eager to hone their

Regional apprentices learning in the city

craft and gain practical knowledge.

Apprentices who attended were Owen Scott, Townsville; Caiden Labone, Rockhampton; Cyril Matthews and Kynan Stanley,

Cairns; and Harrison Johnson, Brisbane. Hutchies Training operations manager, Peter Forsingdal, said, despite the rigorous schedule, the apprentices demonstrated remarkable dedication,

working diligently to complete as much training as possible.

Their hard work was rewarded with a well-deserved barbecue organised by the trainers, Phil Harker and Kevin Woodage.

Girls in Property go on live construction site tour



Girls in Property on site at the 205 North Quay project with Hutchies' project manager, Nikolas Cox.

HUTCHIES hosted a site tour for the Girls in Property program at Cbus Property's 205 North Quay project.

The young women received an insightful project overview presentation from Michelle Fitzgerald, senior development manager of Cbus Property, and the site tour

was led by Hutchies' project manager, Nikolas Cox.

The 205 North Quay project has played a pivotal role in increasing diversity within the construction industry.

By implementing social procurement initiatives, the project has been able to

provide employment and procurement opportunities for Indigenous Australians, women and apprentices.

It is hoped the students enjoyed their experience of a live construction site and were inspired to consider a career in the property industry.



Students ready for action in the construction industry with their R4C Certificate 1 in Construction certificates are (from left, rear) Will O'Brien, Tane Miller-Higginson, Jett Wright, Ropata Grant, Brock Burnett, Petleyena Mose, Paulo Solomona, and (front) Patrick McBride.

Pop up training on active construction sites

HUTCHIES Training has once again successfully delivered its annual Ready4Construction (R4C) Certificate I in Construction program to Year 11 and 12 students at its innovative “pop up” training facilities located on active construction sites.

This year’s cohort has graduated, with many students already transitioning into apprenticeships or entering the workforce.

Tony Daly, the dedicated trainer for this

year’s group, praised the students for their exceptional performance.

“The quality of this year’s students has been outstanding,” Tony said.

“Their commitment and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring and I have no doubt they will excel in their future careers.”

The program which combines practical, hands-on experience with theoretical knowledge aims to equip students with the essential

skills needed for a successful career in construction.

By having the training facilities on actual construction sites, Hutchies Training provides students with a unique opportunity to learn in a real-world environment, enhancing their readiness for the industry.

For more information about Hutchies Training and the programs, visit Hutchies Training website.

New inductees for the team



Shown at the apprenticeship induction (from left) Elvin Mrzljak, plasterer; Elijah Alo, form worker; Kayne Vernon, form worker; Philip Harker, trainer; Kai McGrath, form worker; Curtis Slater, plasterer; and James Rosser, carpenter.

HUTCHIES has inducted six new apprentices into its workforce.

They underscore Hutchies’ commitment to nurturing the next generation of skilled tradespeople and supporting the local community.

Investing in apprenticeships is crucial for the future of the industry and Hutchies is committed to providing apprentices with the best possible start to their careers.



Proud Jack

JACK Hanrahan proudly displays his plastering apprenticeship completion agreement with his supervisor, Brett Moore.

Excellence in AIB national awards

HUTCHIES' teams celebrated at the Australian Institute of Building's (AIB) National Professional Excellence Awards in Melbourne with two professional excellence awards and four high commendations.

Hutchies was honoured with



The Keenan Wolski team collected Hutchies' awards at the AIB's National Professional Excellence and Building Awards in Melbourne.

professional excellence awards for Rendu Towers by Ozcare and Infinity Towers, both in the commercial construction \$60 million plus category.

High commendation awards went to Pillow Talk headquarters and warehouse in the commercial construction \$25 to \$60 million category, 31 Duncan Street in the

commercial construction \$60 million plus category, and Rendu Towers by Ozcare in the residential construction \$60 million plus category.

Master Builders acknowledges Townsville and Rocky teams

HUTCHIES' teams have been recognised in Master Builders regional awards.

They are:

Master Builders North Queensland Awards

- Education facilities over \$10 million – St Patricks New South Building, Townsville.
- Commercial refurbishment/renovation \$5 million to \$15 million – Riverway Library Fit-out, Condon.



RIGHT: Townsville team members with Master Builders awards.

Master Builders Central Queensland Awards

- Women in Building Award – Kristy Azzopardi.
- Tourism and leisure facilities up to \$10 million – Eagle Enclosure at Rockhampton Zoo, The Range.
- Residential building high-rise over three storeys \$20 million to \$50 million – Benevolent Living, The Range.
- Community accommodation for specialist disability, aged care and nursing homes – Benevolent Living, The Range
- Commercial fit-out up to \$5 million – Benevolent Living, The Range.

LEFT: Rocky team celebrations on awards night.



Duo wins Women in Building



Cody Lugg, Toowoomba, Downs and Western Queensland Women in Building Award winner.

TWO Hutchies' contract administrators were named winners in the Master Builders Queensland 2024 Women in Building Awards.

Kristy Azzopardi, Rockhampton, was Central Queensland winner and Cody Lugg, Toowoomba, was Downs and Western Queensland winner.

Nick Colthup, Hutchies' team leader in Rockhampton, said Kristy's enthusiasm and dedication had made her an integral part of the team.

Sean Lees, Hutchies' team leader in Toowoomba, said Cody's consistent delivery of high quality work was evident in every project she undertook.



Kristy Azzopardi, Rockhampton, Central Queensland Women in Building Award winner.

Big praise for Bundaberg Brewed Drinks

BUNDABERG Brewed Drinks (BBD) and Hutchies shared three major wins at the Master Builders Wide Bay Burnett Awards night.

BBD's new facility was recognised with three regional awards – Project of the Year; Commercial/Industrial Building over \$50 million; and Commercial Fit-out over \$10 million.

The facility took two years to construct and includes an innovation centre, large storage and cold room facilities, a laboratory, as well as manufacturing and processing equipment.

The Master Builders jury citation said:

“Encompassing brewing, warehousing, offices, and logistics, this cutting edge facility was designed with future regional growth in mind.

The first stage of a much larger project, meticulous planning by the Hutchies team has resulted in two main buildings housing a luxurious and functional office area, flowing to the enormous research and production facility.

Despite the scale, our judges were impressed with the high level finishes, including a custom made curved staircase and bottle wall in the office foyer, and seamless integration of technology.”



Hutchies' Chris Adkins, Rob Diamond and Mark Taylor at the MBA Wide Bay Burnett awards.



The Silcox team collecting Hutchies' awards (from left) Josh Crossin, Thomas Birchley, Wade Allan, Chan Ramakrishnan, Matt Langford, Hanson Paul, Rhys Hall and Nick Silcox.

Tassie team awarded for Kings Quarter job

HUTCHIES' Tassie team had a win and finalist nomination in the 2024 Master Builders Association Tasmania Awards for Excellence.

The team was a winner for Kings Quarter Clubhouse in the new construction \$1 to \$2

million category and finalist for Kings Quarter Stage 2 in the medium density construction over five dwellings.

Congratulations to Nick Silcox and all involved for this well-deserved recognition.

Clubhouse, Victoria Point

Job Value: \$12.8M

Job Description: Design and construction of a new sports pavilion and clubhouse at Ingenia Lifestyle's Sanctuary Victoria Point.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Keenan Wolski
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Glynn Kidney
 Hutchies' Administrator: Sam Molan
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Murray Farrell
 Site Foreman/Supervisor: Matt Nicolas
 Estimator/Cost Planner: Coen Wilson
 Architect: OGE Group Architects
 Structural Engineering: DEQ
 Civil Engineering: Nigel Fletcher & Associates
 Client: Ingenia Communities

Casey Central Primary School

Job Value: \$43.51M

Job Description: School consisting of four buildings and associated landscaping.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Bernie Nolan
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Joe Sollis
 Hutchies' Administrator: Tom Nolan
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Steve Kingsley
 Architect: K2LD

Jobs Update

with

Paul Hart

(COTY 2005)



Structural & Civil Engineering: Meinhardt
 Client: Department of Education (Victoria)

Murcia Apartments, Woollongabba

Job Value: \$184M

Job Description: Construction of a 29-level high-rise with 210 apartments and mixed-use retail and commercial offices on the lower areas.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Greg Crittall
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Sam Gibbs
 Hutchies' Administrators: Annabelle Watts / Matt Hutchinson
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Lachlan Kiely
 Architect: Kris Kowalski Architects
 Structural Engineering: Hera Engineering
 Civil Engineering: Oska Consulting Group
 Superintendent: GCS
 Client: Sarazin



Artist's impression of 29-level Murcia Apartments under construction in the heart of Woollongabba, inner Brisbane.



Artist's render of the new two-storey sports and wellness precinct and multi-purpose stadium under construction within the Sacred Heart College campus in Geelong, Victoria.

Wallan East Primary School

Job Value: \$33.74M

Job Description: New school including administration building, learning neighbourhoods, community hub, sportsfield, carpark and hardcourts.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Bernie Nolan
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Nick Mei
 Hutchies' Administrator: Cole O'Connor
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Ed Davis
 Architect: GHDWoodhead
 Structural & Civil Engineering: GHD
 Client: Department of Education (Victoria)



Hutchies is undertaking the design and construction of a new sports pavilion and clubhouse at Ingenia Lifestyle's Sanctuary Victoria Point in Brisbane's bayside.

A new primary school is under construction in Wallan East, Victoria.



Architect: Vabasis
 Structural Engineering: Group 6
 Civil Engineering: Group 6
 Client: Department of Education (Qld)

National Storage, Tullamarine

Job Value: \$22.84M

Job Description: A three-level, drive-through self-storage facility.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Dan Casey
 Hutchies' Construction Mgr: Simon Deen
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Luke Small
 Hutchies' Administrator: Claudio Diaz
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Aaron Jacobs
 Architect: Evert Leaf
 Structural & Civil Engineering: Projex Partners
 Services Consultant: IGS
 Client: National Storage

Toowoomba Grammar – Design, Engineering & Technology Building

Job Value: \$16M

Job Description: A new multi-level building with specialty facilities for woodworks, robotics and virtual reality, as well as a lecture theatre and design spaces.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Sean Lees
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Tim Thompson
 Hutchies' Administrator: Steve Gillett
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Damian Mills
 Architect Firm: Sims White Architects
 Structural Engineering: Avant Consulting Engineers
 Civil Engineering: Kehoe Myers Consulting Engineers
 Client: Toowoomba Grammar School

Browne Park Stadium, Rockhampton

Job Value: \$43M

Job Description: Stage one works for the extensive redevelopment of Browne Park.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Murray Emmerson
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Hayden Allsop
 Hutchies' Administrators: Tina Burr / Jack Maya
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Rick Rowntree
 Architect: Cox Architecture
 Structural & Civil Engineering: Edge Consulting
 Client: Department of Tourism and Sport (Qld)

Job Description: Design and construction of two new clubhouses on the Sunshine Coast.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Robert Morrison
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Dave Smythe
 Hutchies' Administrator: Shahtia North-Cunningham
 Architect: Archicology Architecture
 Structural Engineering: Empire Engineering
 Client: Sunshine Coast Council

Hutchies' Construction Mgr: Darren Morrison
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Georgie Laverick
 Hutchies' Administrator: Lisa Ramondetta
 Hutchies' Site Manager: William Bongers
 Architect: PMDL & McGlashan Everist
 Structural & Civil Engineering: AMKAD Group
 Civil Engineering: ACOR Consultants
 Client: Mercy Education

QPSC External Works, Mt Isa

Job Value: \$6M

Job Description: External works for a new purpose-built learning campus for Mount Isa's Queensland Pathways State College.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Aaron Ohl
 Hutchies' Project Manager: Matt Townsend
 Hutchies' Administrator: Stacy Jacobsen
 Hutchies' Site Manager: Christopher Williams

Sacred Heart College Sports & Wellness Precinct, Geelong

Job Value: \$23.65M

Job Description: Construction of a new two-storey sports and wellness precinct including a multi-purpose stadium.

Hutchies' Team Leader: Dan Casey

Caloundra South Sports Clubhouses

Job Value: \$2.59M



Stage one works are underway for the extensive redevelopment of Browne Park in Rockhampton, central Queensland.

Best small batch wine trophy for Hidden Creek

THE Granite Belt's Hidden Creek Winery Shiraz Viognier 2023 won the Trophy for Best Small Batch Wine of Show at this year's Royal Queensland Wine Awards at the RNA Brisbane Show (the Ekka).

The Brisbane Show is a competition for wines nationally and, being the first capital city wine show of the year, is traditionally regarded by the Australian wine industry as a barometer for the new vintage.

A group of Brisbane builders, including Scott Hutchinson, has a financial interest in Hidden Creek Winery, headed by Andrew Corrigan,

Master of Wine, builder and engineer.

Andrew Corrigan said he believed that Hidden Creek's high-altitude rocky soil is suited to varieties such as Syrah, Viognier and Marsanne.

"Our location is like the northern Rhône Valley in France, which is the home of these varieties – so it's no coincidence," he said.

He said the vineyard's high-quality grapes are a tribute to vineyard manager Trevor Christie.

"We have invested hugely in our vineyards in recent years, and we are seeing a wonderful flavour concentration," said Andrew.



Andrew Corrigan



Jon Mann took the plunge in his Hutchies' Budgies during a recent holiday to K'Gari (Fraser Island).

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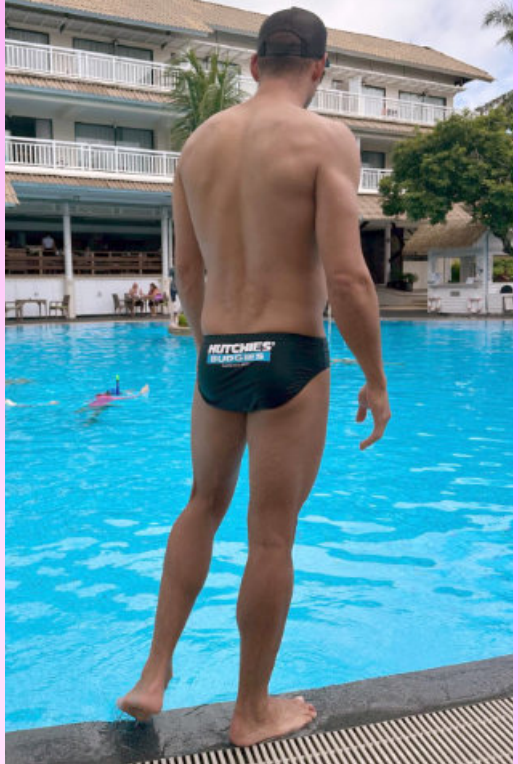
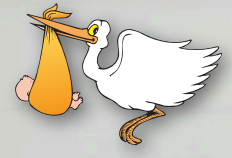
Robin Bennedick and his wife, Helena, travelled to the Tip at Cape York, the northernmost part of Australia, where Robin posed in his Hutchies' boxers for photographic proof.



RIGHT: Construction manager and serial undies contributor, Ken McNeill, sent in another snap – this time with another couple of mates he has introduced to the Scenic Rim. Stripped down to their Hutchies' undies, the boys enjoyed the beers, snacks and the stunning views (from left) Ken; project manager, David Williams; and services manager, Nick Miller. We can't wait to see what Ken sends in next edition.



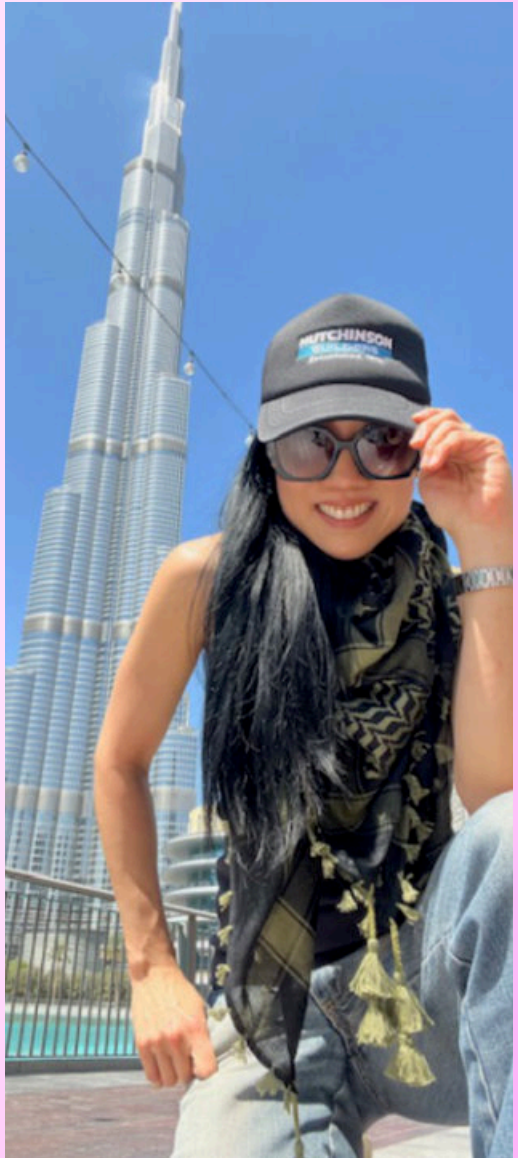
Site foreman, Noah Harkins, returned to Melbourne recently after a spectacular three-week horseback trek through remote areas of Mongolia staying with nomadic families along the way. Anyone who reaches the Akturu mountain summit at 4,050m elevation in the Altai Mountains on the border of Mongolia and Russian Siberia traditionally leaves their mark on the totem pole. Noah, flying the flag for Hutchies, literally, improvised and tore a strip from his Hutchies' undies to add to the display.



Project manager, *Scott Clouston*, flew to *Phuket* for a mate's wedding held at the swanky *Cape Panwa Hotel*. Scott said the five-star resort was impressive, particularly the enormous main pool where he took his *Budgies* for a dip.



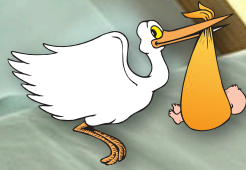
Jackson Ryan Devlin – son for contract administrator, *Sarah Smith*, and *Shane Devlin* – born August 14.



Deanna Andersen donned a *Hutchies' cap* to pose in front of the world's tallest tower and must-see tourist attraction, the *Burj Khalifa*, on her recent trip to *Dubai*.

HATCHED

BELOW: *John (Jack) Farris Hutchinson* – son for *Hutchies' Jack Jnr* and wife, *Fatya*, and brother for *Marianne* – born October 15.





Sunny farewell for Deana



The Sunshine Coast lived up to its name the day the local team farewelled Deana Zerafa. From left, Rob Morrison, Steven Hodgins, Tara Thelwall, Chris Adkins, Brandon Tonkin, Deanna Zerafa, Melanie Longland, Olivia Brock and Shahtia North-Cunningham.

SUNSHINE Coast's office manager, Deana Zerafa, has retired after 10 years with Hutchies. The local team farewelled Deana with lunch at The Boat Shed overlooking the Maroochy River. Deana's sunny smiles will be missed by all.

Celebrity chef springs into action

HUTCHIES' Melbourne team's social club weekend was held at Hepburn Springs – famous for its mineral springs and spas.

We're not sure if soaking in the mineral springs was on the agenda, but a slap up group dinner certainly was where self-proclaimed celebrity chef, Michael Stelluto, design manager on Bernie Nolan's (COTY 2020) team, commandeered the barbecue.



Townsville's Stacy here to stay

HUTCHIES' contracts administrator in Townsville, Stacy Jacobsen, who moved to Australia from Mauritius in 2008, recently became an Australian citizen.

To help her celebrate her citizenship, the team hosted an Aussie-styled morning tea complete with lamingtons, scones and beer.

Recently, the Townsville team also hosted a popular Try'a Trade event in Mt Isa where Stacy was happy to join in and try her hand at tiling.



James Quinn proposed to girlfriend, Sara Chen. She said 'yes' on the condition the happy event gets her photo in the Truth. Job done!



The smiles say it all. Hutchies' Dean Tyler-Battaglia and Chelsea Bath have announced their engagement.



Senior contracts administrator, Mitch Freeman, and Karissa Kendall tied the knot during a picturesque outdoor ceremony.



Blake McGilvray has married Claudia Arnold.

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ON behalf of Hester Hornbrook Academy and Melbourne Mission, we wanted to pass on our sincere thank you to all involved from Hutchinsons for an outstanding overall performance and build quality of our new Werribee Campus.

We honestly could not be happier with the end result.

We would like to pass on our special thanks to the outstanding delivery team in Georgie Laverick, Lisa Ramondetta, Claudio Diaz, William Bongers, Darren Morrison and Alexis Fischler.

Each one of them has been great to work with; always completely professional, transparent, happy to help and always accommodating.

They also were an inspiration for our young people visiting site from time to time.

We look forward to celebrating the outcome ... and hopefully it's the start of a great ongoing working relationship.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Lasslett
Executive Principal
Hester Hornbrook & Glen Dyke
Head of Property Development
Melbourne City Mission

ONE of the biggest highlights of 2024 for me: opening the newly upgraded Burpengary Train Station this morning.

Thanks to Hutchinson Builders, all the project workers and subbies, for the blood, sweat and tears you've put in to deliver this project within budget and ahead of schedule.

Shane King MP
Member for Kurwongbah

PASSING on our sincere thanks and appreciation for the incredible things you (Cy Milburn) and the team have achieved in the past 18 months to get Burpengary Station up and running!

The station looks amazing and we recognise how much consistent hard work it has taken to get to this point.

There are so many people that have been key to making this happen, of course the site team (Jack and Lachlan) have gone above and beyond and we couldn't be more thankful.

Here we are ready to open, with a high quality, ahead of schedule project that customers will absolutely love using - and we have had fun as a team along the way!

I don't think we could ask for more than that.

We hope you are all proud of what you have achieved, it's been a great project to be part of.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Jenna Sheppard
Program Delivery Manager
Queensland Rail

I WANTED to pass this on.

I was sitting at the sushi place opposite the Hershel Street build.

One of the traffic controllers spotted an elderly lady crossing the road.

He ran over to help ensure she got to the other side safely.

Was great to see and a good representation of the Hutchies' brand. Great work.

Kind regards,

Gareth Jones
General Manager -
Service and Practice
Business Analysis (BAPL)

MY husband Paul and I want to express our sincere gratitude to Hutchies for creating our dream home in Cala Dei, Greenmount.

From the beginning, the professionalism and attention to everything has been outstanding.

In particular, I would like to highlight three individuals who are Hutchies' employees who went above and beyond in making our experience amazing.

We love them!

Nicolas Weisbach: From the start, Nico has been the best!

He was always on top of everything, ensuring that every detail was taken care of.

Nico looked after us every step of the way, maintaining constant communication and keeping us fully informed on all developments.

His flexibility and willingness to adapt to any changes made our experience such a great one.

We trusted him and felt not only did he have Hutchies' best interests at heart but also ours.

Nico consistently went above and beyond to help, showing kindness and a genuine desire to ensure that everything was running smoothly.

His leadership and dedication to our apartment was next level.

Nico made our whole experience a positive one and one we will always be grateful for.

He was incredibly professional but always kind and fair.

Nico very graciously worked with us all, having open communication and being as

flexible as he possibly could without compromising the build.

He is such an asset to Hutchies, and his dedication to his work shines through in every interaction.

You are so lucky to have him representing Hutchies.

Lindsay Good: Lindsay brought a positive and solution-oriented approach to every challenge we faced.

His ability to problem-solve on the spot and offer creative solutions made a significant difference to our build.

Nothing was too big, too small, too stressful or too inconvenient for him.

Lindsay got stuff done like a Boss!

A big thanks to Lindsay for his sense of humour and easy to get along with attitude.

Tom Ivanovic: We love Tommy. He quietly gets the job done, always making sure everything is done properly and discreetly.

He has been incredibly friendly, always approachable, and a pleasure to work with. We are appreciative that he is still working on our defects and does this with no fuss.

I couldn't have asked for three better people to work with.

I am truly thankful for the hard work and dedication of the whole Hutchies' team, and I would not hesitate to recommend Hutchies to others.

Please pass on our appreciation to everyone involved.

Thank you Hutchies!

Warm regards
Bec Hogan

41 George Street is now unconditional and we settle in five weeks.

Your team has done an exceptional job for us and we are forever grateful for the countless hours of hard work, smarts, patience and commitment.

We are very lucky to have you all in our corner.

Thank you. Keen to get on with it now and deliver a great project.

Cheers

Toby Lewis
Managing Director
Marquette Properties

I WOULD just like to take the time to send an email to the project team that delivered the Drayton Fire and Rescue Station at 32 Cambooya Street, Drayton.

The achievement is well worth

commending.

Ahead of time, remaining under budget (QFD's budget) and an amazingly well-presented final product.

So, well done and thank you.

The management of the project was exceptional. The site manager Steve ran a tight ship and the morale onsite was pleasant.

Steve's site was a harmonious buzz of collaboration and goal orientated focus.

This station was delivered well ahead of schedule, they never took their foot off the pedal. Five weeks ahead of program is amazing.

The team have done an amazing job on this one. Let's hope we can work with Hutchies again in the near future.

Joshua Blake
Senior Program Officer,
Capital Works
Asset Services Directorate
Queensland Fire Department

GREAT work (on Monarch) Joey (Joey Cassin, site manager) well done.

You and the team are doing an excellent job.

Looking forward to watching the progress over the next year or so.

Cheers,

Don O'Rourke
CEO & Chairman
Consolidated Properties Group

I FELT compelled to reach out and recognise one of your employees.

Josh Rollings has been an amazing support to my wife and I and continues to be so.

We recently moved into (our home) Thornton Street, and it could have been a bit of a debacle with many moving pieces.

However, Josh has stepped up at every turn and minimised any impact or discomfort that would have come our way.

Without Josh's leadership and customer focus, I would be nowhere near as satisfied as I am today with the move.

And can I say, I had little knowledge or experience with Hutchies but am now an advocate.

If asked, I would positively recommend Hutchies as a great business.

Having 6,000 employees myself, I know how important it is to have people like Josh on the team that represent the values of the business where the 'rubber meets the road.'

Keep up the good work and

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From left, Darren Middleton, Pink Lemonade, Harry White and BBC's Scott Murphy.

Celebrating with Pink Lemonade

HUTCHIES once again sponsored the Brisbane Boys' College's annual Darren Middleton Songwriting Competition with Year 12 band, *Pink Lemonade*, announced the winner. Namesake, Darren Middleton, from *Powderfinger*, adjudicated the competition and Hutchies' Harry White

(COTY 2004) was on hand to present the Hutchies' cheque for \$2000 to the winners. Congratulations to members of *Pink Lemonade*, Kavith de Silva, Thomas Winters, Myles Walsh, Deep Maitra and Carter Westerberg.

please give Josh the recognition he deserves for handling Thornton with pragmatism, honesty, and professionalism.

Much appreciated.

Tim Hickey

JUST wanted to give you some feedback on Gary and his team (Hutchies Joinery).

The experience has been excellent. A one-off high spec kitchen job can be a pain in the arse.

Gary and his team have been fantastic. So professional, positive, reliable. High quality and a real commitment to achieve it.

A good bunch of guys.

Alex who was on site each day through to Gary have the Hutchies' brand and reputation in good hands.

Regards

Andrew King

THANKS to you all very much on an extremely quality build.

There has been numerous positive and complimentary comments from the OPS team on their new facility (Hungry Jack's Gracemere).

The build was definitely well managed from the outset and also

throughout construction with sometimes difficult situations and co-ordination issues with local resources and also the logistics of a regional store.

Not sure exactly the duration of this build but in these difficult times in the industry and being a regional build a 20-week duration is extraordinary, great effort team Hutchies and thanks also to Djorde for making my job very easy and enjoyable as always working with you.

Been a few now ... hopefully a few more to come.

Regards

Paul Bellerio
Project Manager
Hungry Jack's

A QUICK note to simply say thanks!

A pleasure to work with you all on this project (7 Eleven Kedron).

The communication and coordination were excellent, and the quality of build handover and finish a pleasure to receive to set our team up for success.

Credit to the HB team.

Andy Christensen
Store Development/New Store
Delivery

I WANTED to take a moment to

express my appreciation for the excellent work done by the Hutchinson team, particularly Jana Joachim and Kyle Wright.

Both Jana and Kyle have demonstrated exceptional professionalism, hard work, and attention to detail in all our interactions.

It has been a pleasure working with the team and I wish you (Paul Murray), Jana and Kyle all the best with all future projects.

Kind regards,

Ben Wilke
Building Consultancy Group

WE still miss having the Hutchies' team about the place. You all became like family.

We love our building. It has met all our expectations.

Thanks for being so great to work with!

Good Samaritan College
Toowoomba

THANK you for your continued support of the Rock Band program here at Brisbane Boys' College.

The 2024 Darren Middleton Songwriting Competition was a tremendous success with Darren thrilled by the standard.

The students got so much out of

being in his space. The opportunity for the senior bands to perform with Darren was something to see.

Regards

Theo Kotzas
Head of Performance Music and
Head of Strings
Brisbane Boys' College

ON behalf of the entire Rinnai team, I would personally like to thank you once more for your sponsorship and support of the 2024 Rinnai Straddie Surf Challenge.

This year we celebrated our 21st edition with a tad under 200 participants joining us for the event - another great achievement!

As you know, this event is a unique gathering with participants across a broad church of industries and without your support it would be difficult to provide attendees with the amazing experience that they enjoy year after year.

Thanks once more for your support - as usual, your generosity was over and above - I truly appreciate it!

Gary Lemmon
State Manager (Qld)
Rinnai Australia



Tim's birthday celebration

JOHN Berlese's (COTY 2006) team turned it on with cake and compliments for Tim Ferguson to celebrate his 50-minus-one birthday in the office.

Tim received high praise from team members as the "man for all seasons" and "more faithful than any dog".



Getting in to Listen Out

Some of the Hutchies' crew hit up Listen Out held at the Brisbane Showgrounds in October. Pictured are, from left, Nick Hallissy, Grace Little, Riley Jones, Coen Wilson, Tom Beckett, Callum Washington, Jack Fissenden and Declan Clark-Murphy.



Flying the flag in Mt Isa.

HUTCHIES' sites across the network took part in the MATES' Fly the Flag celebration and awareness week from September 9 to 13.

MATES is a charity set up to help reduce the high level of suicide among Australian construction workers.

Established in 2008, it provides suicide

Flying the flag for Australian mates

prevention through community development programs on sites and by supporting workers in need through case management and a 24/7 help line.

MATES serves the construction industry in

Queensland, Northern Territory, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia; the energy industry in Queensland and New South Wales; and nationally to the mining industry.



Flying the flag in Townsville.

Rival teams in State of Origin



Showing their true colours are (from left) Greg Crittall, Murray Creevey, Peter Haidley, John Koumoukelis, Murray Emmerson, Andrew Rowland, Aaron Ohl, Paul Hart (COTY 2005) and Kyle Hare.

HUTCHIES' team leaders conference attendees put state differences aside to enjoy the State of Origin NRL game together.

Meanwhile, when the Blues finally won

State of Origin, the handful of loyal Blues' supporters changed the flag at the Toowong yard, with New South Wales flying high and Queensland at half-mast.



Team, families hit the green

TOWNSVILLE'S social club held a fun bowls day out for team members and their families.

Having their turn on the green (from left) Brielle and Alissa Culleton and Travis and Rob Ciranni.





Hutchies' team was victorious in the Corporate Rugby Tens.

Thrilling winners in the Corporate Rugby Tens

HUTCHIES' team brought home the hardware at the 17th annual Corporate Rugby Tens competition held in September.

Hosted at the Hutchies-built Wests Bulldogs Rugby Union Club, the event brings Brisbane's business community together each year to raise awareness and funds for Youngcare.

After a day of intense match rounds, Hutchies emerged winners by scoring a try right on full time to defeat Blue Commercial 12-7 in the thrilling final game.

For the next 12 months, the trophy will be on proud display in Hutchies' Toowong office. Congratulations to all players, sponsors and supporters for making this event a success.

Brock driven to win races

HUTCHIES is proud to sponsor Formula RX8 racing driver, Brock Paine, stepson of site foreman, Keith Robinson.

Brock, 22, began his racing career in go-karts at the age of four and is set on becoming a full-time professional racing car driver.

He is well on his way if his 2024 season results racing for TFH Racing are anything to go by – chalking up a streak of eight consecutive wins and setting three lap records.



Hutchies' trekkers (from left) Darren Jones, Stacy Jacobsen, Sam Atkinson, Jacob Fowler and Danika Biffanti.

Townsville team takes on the Trek

HUTCHIES' Townsville fielded a team for the 25km Great Island Trek Magnetic Island which fundraises for Beyond Blue.

In touch with new footy jerseys



HUTCHIES' 360 Queen Street project sponsored the Dalby State School Touch Footy team earlier in the season with new jerseys.

Pictured are the boys proudly wearing their new Hutchies-sponsored gear in readiness for the Queensland All Schools five-day touch tournament.



Regan White (far right) with team members ready to take on the Kokoda Challenge.

New starter for marathon run

OPERATIONS manager at Hutchies Training, Peter Forsingdal, and his wife, Shareen, competed in this year's Gold Coast full marathon. Peter may have been talked into being a starter in his first marathon, but it was Shareen's second.

Medical outage on Kokoda Challenge

HUTCHIES regularly helps out with support and donations behind the scenes for Dean White's daughter, Regan, in her impressive efforts in the annual Kokoda Challenge. Regan tackles Australia's toughest team endurance event to support the Kokoda Youth Foundation. This year, Regan's team, Teenage Dirtbags, competing in the gruelling three-day 98km event, welcomed the refuelling at the

Hutchies' checkpoint assistance stops manned by Dean and wife, Lisa. Unfortunately, Regan had a fall just before midnight just 12km from the finish and injured her ankle. It was a long cold wait until the SES arrived to assist and extract her back for medical aid. Examination and x-rays on Regan's foot found no fractures, but a heavy sprain from a rolled ankle.

International motorcycle obstacle challenge

HUTCHIES was the naming rights sponsor of the recent annual Queensland Mototrials Titles championships held at Meringandan, near Toowoomba. Perfect weather allowed more than 90 Australian and international motorcycle riders take on 60 challenging natural obstacles including large granite boulders, rocky outcrops, logs, and steep hill and ridge climbs. Hutchies' own Mark Hall, from Lyndon Christian's services team, performed well, placing third in the clubman class.



RIGHT: Hutchies' Mark Hall in action at the recent Queensland Mototrials Titles.



Hutchies' Jacob Baldacchino and Derek Ennegues were among the players in the 15th annual OGL Client and Supplier Golf Day at Royal Pines on the Gold Coast.

OGL Client and Supplier Golf Day a success

HUTCHIES' Jacob Baldacchino and Derek Ennegues played in the 15th annual One Global Logistics (OGL) Client and Supplier Golf Day at Royal Pines on the Gold Coast.

Luckily they joined up with a couple of players who knew a thing or two about hitting a golf ball

and, as a result, their team came second in the competition.

Jacob earned the nickname 'Birdy-Baldacchino', however nobody had the heart to tell him that he had hit his ball off the ladies' tee until after he had his moment of excitement.



Hutchies' team for the Rinnai Straddie Surf Fishing Challenge (from left) Peter Ierna, Lee Gagliardi, Laurie Jensen, Leo Deboer, Dean White and Cameron White.

Rinnai surf fishing classic

HUTCHIES sponsors the annual Rinnai Straddie Surf Fishing Challenge which this year celebrated its 21st year with close to 200 participants.

A team of six keen fishers from Hutchies competed, with four placing in the top 20, as well as some bagging a number of lucky draw prizes.

The competition is held each year at Flinders Beach on North Stradbroke Island.

Cooly boys bring home the Keals Cup



Team (from left, rear) Jordyn Cameron, Michael Brotherstone, Rhys King, Jack Fehr, Bodene Thompson, and (front) Jesse O'Neil and Luke Russell.

IN October, Hutchies' Cooly fielded a team to compete in the gruelling Keals Cup Challenge hosted by subbies, YTB Plumbing, which raises money and awareness around men's mental health and suicide prevention.

The annual event consists of a range of exciting competitions where teams go head-to-head on the Gold Coast Raw Challenge obstacle course as well as take on a series of physical and mental challenges.

Winning teams of each challenge segment battle it out to win the Keals Cup.

The Cooly boys smashed the challenging obstacle course and returned overall trophy winners.