

# HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

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**BBC Hardware, Coopers Tools and Hutchies present...**

## "SCRATCH MY BACK"

**T**HOSE readers who wait with anticipation for each edition of Hutchies Truth to appear have been rewarded with yet another reason to read these pages – *Scratch My Back!*

*Scratch My Back* is a brand new competition named after the time honoured symbol of team spirit – and it offers great prizes to be won.

*Scratch My Back* has been designed as another way Hutchies can show its appreciation for the help and co-operation it receives from all those people who, together, create the building industry, in which we work.

It's also devised to stop Hutchies Truth going straight in your bin. The old saying "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" seems a pretty good way of everybody helping each other achieve a common goal.

So with the theme of *Scratch My Back*, the rules are simple: Scratch the square on the picture to reveal your number. To find out if you have a winning number, turn to

Page 7 and check it against the list.

If your scratch number matches up with the list of prize winners numbers, cut out your winning number photo and send it with your name and address to **Hutchinson Builders, PO Box 3075, Darra Qld 4076**. Your prize will be sent to you.

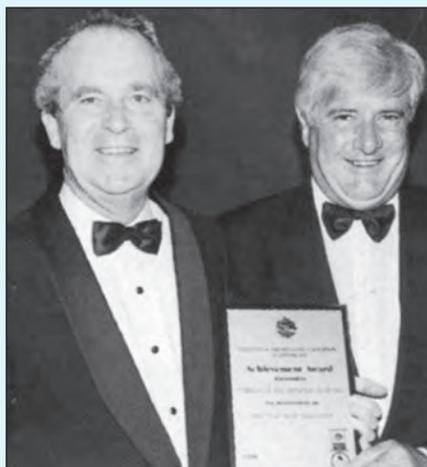
The official announcement of *Scratch My Back* coincides with the completion of the new BBC Hardware store at Oxley.

This \$5 million building, built by Hutchies, will cater for the biggest contractor to the home handyman. To celebrate the buildings' completion and the simultaneous arrival of *Scratch My Back*, BBC Hardware and Coopers Tools have donated 20 Plumb brand hammers.



**WIN!!**  
Plumb brand hammers, rated by many tradesmen as the world's best, valued at \$72.20 ea. There are also 10 Hutchies Boxer Shorts and 10 Hutchies T-shirts ... a total of 40 prizes! Scratch My Back, then turn to Page 7 to see if you are a winner.

## WORK PROCEEDS ON EXPANDING NORTH QUEENSLAND'S "BEST CLUB"



Mr Pete Lennon, of Coca Cola Amatil, presents Haedyn Cunningham, of Townsville RSL Services Club with the Best Club North Queensland Trophy.

**W**ORK began late January on a \$3.3 million expansion of the Townsville RSL Club.

The extension, one of the largest of its kind in north Queensland, is due for completion in July.

The new complex will offer a much wider range of facilities and amenities for members and guests including a larger carpark.

The renovated building will include a new buffet dining area, a fine dining restaurant, bistro and coffee lounge and Townsville's largest sportsmen's bar incorporating Read Rating Race Packs as well as TAB and Keno.

Architects on the job are Project Leaders and Hutchies' team includes Robert Weymouth as Project Manager and Jim Paddon as Foreman.

Two clubs Hutchies have been associated with have won awards in the recent 1998 Registered & Licensed Clubs Association of

Queensland Achievement Awards.

The Townsville RSL Services Club was named "Best Club – North Queensland" and Tattersall's Club won "Best Club Redevelopment or



• Also in Townsville, David Christoffer- sen, receives his 10 years' service leather jacket from Scott Hutchinson. David is now hoping for a transfer to Toowoomba so he can get some use out of it!



Len White (centre) and members of the Youth Enterprise Trust discuss future plans for the Tamborine Village property.

## HELP NEEDED TO BUILD A HOME FOR STREET KIDS

HUTCHIES has decided to give full support to the Youth Enterprise Trust, which is a small dedicated group which help young adults who have lost their way, especially homeless street kids.

The Youth Enterprise Trust, headed by Lloyd Hancock and Ross Neilson, is self-funded and receives no government funding.

Its headquarters are on a large property at Tamborine Village called "Woodstock" which boasts a dilapidated shed.

Our aim is to return this shed to its original glory, make some office space out of an

old carport and create a large BBQ area, which we will christen.

With donations of time, materials and anything else that is of any use, we can really help this group.

The shed will be used to set up a plant nursery which will help the group become self supporting.

Approximately three weekends over the next few months are required to get the work done, so your time (even a couple of hours) would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help out in any way on this worthwhile project, contact Len White.

## A BIG TURNOUT FOR OUTBACK CELEBRATIONS

THE outback town of Winton really turned on the entertainment for the unveiling of its newly completed Waltzing Matilda Centre, which was officially opened on Easter Saturday by the Premier, Rob Borbidge.

Sharing the limelight were Deputy Prime

Minister, Tim Fisher; State Government Ministers, Bruce Davidson and Vaughan Johnson; and Mayor of Winton, Cr Bruce Collins.

Representing Hutchies were Len and Karen White, Mick De Jong and Sheryl Lowe, who had a great week in the outback. Architect Robin Retchford and his wife, Judith, joined our proud team on opening day.

It was full on entertainment the entire Easter break. To top off a great weekend in Winton, Hutchies crew won first prize for the Best Visitors' Float in the street procession that followed the official proceedings.

The winning pennant can be viewed in Hutchies' front office.

### FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR



**T**HE recent waterfront dispute has highlighted how our historical attitudes have left us in some bad situations.

It requires one organisation to load ships – not two warring ones (one called management and one called labour).

I believe a hint of the historical cause of the problem could be found in a comment by one of the managers reported in The Courier-Mail very early in the dispute and is as follows: "All we want to do is be able to run our business without worrying about the people who we employ."

If you run your business without worrying about your people, your people will form hostile organisations that do worry about them.

This is not a paragraph of sympathy with the MUA. Monopolies are indefensible.

However, it is sad to hear old management attitudes that caused this industrial relations nightmare still being spoken of today.

Whether you push a broom or sit at a boardroom table, you are a worker.

If you try hard for your organisation, the organisation should, in turn, try hard for you.

— Scott Hutchinson

### QUOTES

“Every minute starts an hour and every minute is a new opportunity. Each time the clock ticks you have a chance to start over, to say, do, think, or feel something in such a way that you and the world are better for it.

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The wisdom of life is to endure what we must and to change what we can.

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The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them.

— George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright

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God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it in the nest.



### LETTERS

As managing director of Bill Browne Properties Pty Ltd, I would like to formally record my thanks to your foreman Peter Singleton for his unstinting effort, attention to detail and cheerful good nature while building our apartment complex in Port Douglas. Best wishes,

— Mac Boulton

**TRAVELLING UNDIES TURN UP IN SWINGING LONDON**



FOLLOWING Geoff Colless's letter (published in our last Hutchies Truth) photos have been received from London.

Jack Hutchinson's niece, Jacky Archer, is shown in London's famous Portobello Road.

Also featured is Jacky's business part-

ner, Paul Shields. It must be because of the chilly English weather that Jacky chose to wear her undies Superman style!

For daring to appear in fashionable Portobello Road in their undies, Jacky and Paul are this edition's winners of the Travelling Undies Award.

Remember, if you can supply us with a photograph of Hutchies Undies in some exotic, romantic and easily identified location in the world, you too could be a winner.

Send us your photographs for publication.



*Richard Ohlrich, Nicky Thomas, Ann Everding, Judith and Robin Retchford celebrating at the AIB Awards night.*



*Pictured at the QMBA Awards are (L-R) Ray Balladone, Mike Tickner, Barry Butterworth, Len White and Jason Williams.*

**EIGHT BUILDING AWARD WINS**

AT recent Building Awards nights Hutchies picked up five trophies for work well done.

At the Australian Institute of Building Awards, a Commendation went to Len White, Paul Hart and Mick De Jong for the Waltzing Matilda Centre at Winton in the category Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Projects (\$2m-\$5 million).

Judges made reference to the difficult nature of the Waltzing Matilda Centre in relation to quality construction in remote areas.

The Award for Refurbishment of Fitout Projects (Over \$5 million) went to Robert Weymouth and Mike Tickner for Tattersall's Club Project.

Judges noted the difficult site conditions associated with Tattersall's Club, particularly the restricted access and the underpinning of existing heritage buildings.

The Architect for the Waltzing Matilda Centre was Robin Retchford.

Finn Rasmussen, of Robin Gibson & Partners was responsible for Tattersall's.

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ALSO, at the Queensland Master Builders Association Annual Dinner, Hutchies were awarded three State Construction Awards for 1997.

**The awards were presented in the following categories:** Health facilities \$1m-\$5m (St Vincents Retirement Village, Noosa) Sporting facilities \$1m-\$5m (Noosa Bowls Club) Community services over \$5m (Australian Federal Police Northern Headquarters).

Congratulations to everyone involved in these projects.



*Mike Tickner, June Hutchinson and Len White with Australian Institute of Building Awards.*

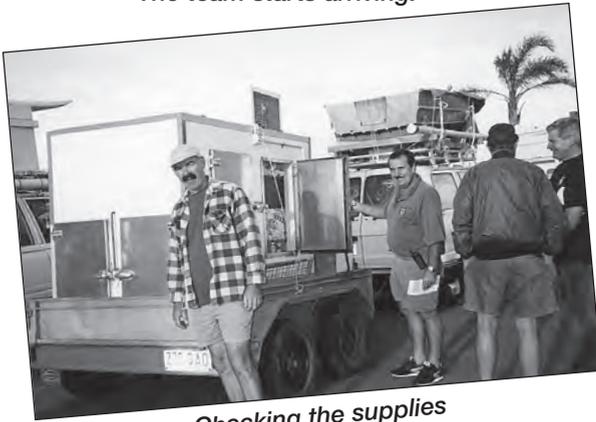


Fishermen line up for the official start.

## Good news and bad news on Moreton Island fishing trip



The team starts arriving.



Checking the supplies



Waiting for high tide

**W**HEN Hutchies' 11th Moreton Island Fishing Expedition was announced for May, there was some good news ... and some bad news.

The good news was that a four day break had been organised.

The bad news was that participants would be required to wear bow-ties.

Veterans from previous trips doubted this cultural upswing would suit the Moreton Island atmosphere and newcomers wondered what sort of a building company they had joined.

But there was relief all round when it was revealed the bow-ties would be necessary for one night only, as a competition with excellent drinkable prizes to be won.

The advance party of Hutchies' retirees Rex Bird, Charlie Wilson and Ray De Jong set up the camp on Thursday ready for the arrival of the main force on Friday.

This year a lot more fish than usual were caught, due mainly to the enthusiasm of Trevor Atchison and Jeff and Paul Clements, rather than any change in weather conditions.

But the social highlight was bow-tie night! Winners of bottles of Scotch for best bow-tie was Rex Bird and best dressed was Grisley Duncan.

Rex really caught the judges' eye by incorporating a dead fish in his bow-tie with accompanying pegs on his nose.

Grisley impressed the judges with his best dressed outfit, by wearing a shirt, a presentation which had never been seen before.

For those interested in fashion the shirt was long-sleeved, pale blue and quite clean.

Special thanks to the cooks, Stan and Roy, and to the organisers Ron Niven, Len White and Barry Butterworth.



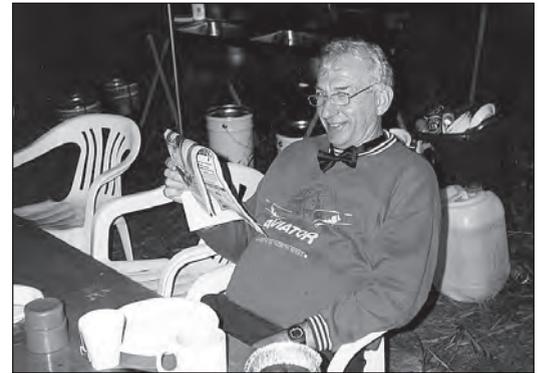
Bow tie night.



*Bath time.*



*Jack Hutchinson and Len White present the Bow Tie contest winners with their prizes. Rex's creation featured dead fish and nose pegs. Grisley wore a shirt!*



*News from the mainland.*



*It was this big .. and that's just the bait!*



*Some competitors in the Bow Tie contest.*



*Breakfast time?*



*Party's over.*

## Village Square, Hope Island

This art and craft market comprising 31 buildings was designed by architects, Burling Brown and Partners. Team includes project manager Gary Landers of Bovis, structural engineers Weathered & Howe, foreman Darrell Gersekowski, Hutchies' project manager Ray Balladone and administrator Jason Williams.

## Surgi-Centre, Toowoomba

Valued at \$1.7m and designed by architects, Thomson Adsett, this new day hospital is being built for Australian Surgi-Centres. Team includes structural engineer Chris Myers of Kehoe Myers, hydraulic engineers Cushway Blackford & Associates, foreman Michael Buckley, project manager Grant White and administrator Randal Younger.

## Telstra OAS Centre, Toowoomba

Architect, Richard Patenaude of Powell Dods and Thorpe, has designed the \$930,000 refurbishment and fit-out of the Telstra Centre. Team includes structural engineer Thomas Jepsen of Sinclair Knight Merz, quantity surveyor Andrew Davis of Rider Hunt, electrical and mechanical engineers Jeff Scott and Gary Weadon of D. Middleton & Associates, foreman Ken Tyres and Randal Younger as project manager and administrator.

## K Mart, Townsville

Another refurbishment and extensions project from architects, Powell Dods and Thorpe, is valued at \$460,000. Team includes structural engineers Saunders & Associates, project manager Robert Weymouth and foreman Mick De Jong.

## N.O.R.Q.E.B., Townsville

Renovations and extensions to the existing NORQEB building were designed by engi-



A large gathering of students, past and present, parents and friends turned out at Ipswich Girls Grammar School recently for the official opening of the Old Girls Commemorative Performing Arts Centre. The opening was conducted by the Deputy Director of the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Associate Professor Janet Delpratt.

## JOBS UPDATE

with  
**Barry Butterworth**



A toilet block emerges from the landscape at Carnarvon Gorge for Project Services. Foreman Michael De Jong.

neer, Mark Wilkinson, of Sinclair Knight Merz. Team includes foreman Paul De Jong and project manager Robert Weymouth.

## Latter Day Saints, Bellbird Park

Robin Gibson & Partners Michael Ray designed these alterations and refurbishment valued at \$660,000. Team includes structural engineer Drew Gordon and hydraulic engineer Geoff Curtis for McWilliams, mechanical and electrical engineers Norman Disney & Young, foreman Peter Haidley, project manager Neil Bladen and administrators Richard Graham and Romi Drake.

## Coles Supermarket, Wynnum

Alterations to the existing store designed by Powell Dods and Thorpe are estimated at \$968,000. Team includes foreman Paul Clements, project manager Len White and administrator Dan Gallagher.

## Cominya Meatworks

Construction of new floor slabs and installation of new trade waste and plumbing services are being undertaken for the client, A.F.C. Abattoirs. The works, valued at \$83,000, are being handled by architects, ProAnd & Associates. Team includes foreman Bob Wilkinson, project manager Len White and administrator Dan Gallagher.

## University of Qld, Ipswich

Renovations and refurbishment of the U of Q's Ipswich Campus Challenor Centre are valued at \$11.5m. Architects are DEM Architect, Ruth Woods. Team includes structural engineers Keith Downs and Drew Gordon of McWilliams, quantity surveyor Steve Wicks of Rawlinsons, mechanical and electrical engineers Multitech Solutions, hydraulic engineers Gutteridge Haskins & Davies, foremen Peter McIntyre, Neil McLeod, Mal Ashford, project manager Neil Bladen and administrators Richard Graham and Romi Drake.

## Hopetoun Aged Persons Complex

This \$2.8m project, designed by architects Fulton Gilmour Trotter Moss, and being carried out for the Department of Social Mission, encompasses construction of two new buildings, link ramps, alterations to existing buildings and a new car park. Team includes structural engineers Alexander, Browne, Cambridge & Partners, foreman Barry Sheahan and Mario Medrano as project manager and administrator.

## The Manors, Taringa

The construction of these 12 units, valued at \$1.5m, is being undertaken by Barry Smith Project Management for Leyshon Developments through architects, Cottee Parker. Team includes structural engineers Robert Bird & Partners, foreman Phillip Duncan, project manager Mike Tickner and administrator Mario Medrano.

## Hellmans Warehouse, Banyo

Construction of a 2,500 square metre warehouse and office complex for Hellman International Forwarders Pty Ltd is being handled by Robertson Management with architects, Cottee Parker, and structural engineer Whybird Farr. Hutchies' team includes foreman Louis Levinson, project manager Mike Tickner and administrator Mario Medrano.



Lord Mayor Jim Soorley opens the new Brisbane City Council library on the old Coca-Cola building site in Fortitude Valley.



## REACH FOR THE SKY

HUTCHIES are moving with the times. For the first time, Hutchies recently used a helicopter in a project. It was on the Blocksidge & Ferguson project in Brisbane City where an old lift motor was hoisted from the building to street level in a fast economical shift.

**LEFT: Ready ... Set .. GO!!!**

**RIGHT: Aerial operation went off without a hitch.**



## KINCO REPORTS A RECORD YEAR

**JACK** Kinnaman, with his wife Phyllis and daughter Ann, arrived recently for a two week visit.

As usual the two Jacks were kept busy with plenty of fishing and country and western music.

Jack Kinnaman addressed company

members and a BBQ was held afterwards.

Kinco Inc is having another record year with the Arkansas and American market buoyant.

Jack made a comment that he was impressed to come to the office at 5.30pm and see the car park and office full.



## QUT GRADUATES

THE recent Graduation Ceremony for 1997 QUT Graduates included two of Hutchie's family – Dan Gallagher, who received his Degree in Construction Management, and Renee Dunn (Barry Butterworth's daughter) of Powell Dods and Thorpe Architects who received her Degree in Architecture.

**HUTCHIES** name went up in lights at the official opening of Queensland's Entertainment Service's new showroom at Newmarket, where the latest technology available for the club circuit is on display. Congratulations to Q.E.S./Management and Project Leaders for their splendid effort to bring this project to a successful completion.



## SCRATCH MY BACK

~ WINNING NUMBERS ~

### HAMMERS

6 587  
24 619  
109 633  
156 715  
227 756  
298 868  
355 975  
416 1043  
465 1111  
549 1178

### BOXER SHORTS

38 454  
72 699  
141 888  
277 910  
341 1000

### T-SHIRTS

90 500  
184 629  
248 766  
349 892  
432 901

**NOTE:** If you win Boxer Shorts or T-shirts, please state required size from M, L, XL, XXL.

## THE OLD BOY HELPS OUT

CHURCH of England Grammar School (Churchie) old boy, Jack Hutchinson, put his money on a winner when Hutchies decided to sponsor the Churchie First Eight – just in time for their historic win at the 1998 Head of the River.

“The sponsorship was designed to take this talented young crew, the majority of whom will be returning next year, through to the Head of the River next year,” Jack explained.

“The win this year was always hoped for, but not expected. It will be great to see the boys develop even further (seven of the eight will be back) maybe another great result next year?”

Jack has had a passion for rowing since his days at Churchie in the 50s. At one time he was vice-captain of rowing. He went on to be a leading oarsman and progressed to coaching with success at both national and international levels.



Sponsor, Jack Hutchinson, with the Churchie First Eight and Director of Rowing and coach, Peter Shakespear, and Headmaster David Scott.



*Renee Butterworth, architect and eldest daughter of Barry and Patrice Butterworth, is keeping the building industry alive in the family after marrying civil engineer, Lloyd Dunn. The ceremony was held in the chapel of All Hallows Girls School.*



*Site manager Alan Matthews and wife Tracey celebrated their wedding on Hamilton Island.*

## THE EMPIRE STRIKES AGAIN

HUTCHIES' recently completed project, The Empire Theatre in Toowoomba, has won another accolade – a commendation in the Darling Downs Architectural Awards.

The Empire and architects, Hassell Pty Ltd, won the judges' vote for the "conservation and re-use of a heritage-listed building".

*Other projects commended were:-*

- The Sullivan House, Turnbull Street, South Toowoomba by Davidson Architects.
- Highfields Cultural Centre, by Ehrlich Architects and Thomson Adsett Architects.
- St Ursula's College art unit refurbishment by Brammer Architects.

## VICKY'S CHEERFUL WELCOME RECEIVES A WATCH AWARD

THE first voice you will hear over the telephone and the first face you will see at Hutchies very likely belongs to Vicky Warne – the latest recipient of our Outstanding Achievement by a company member Award.

Vicky does an admirable job working the telephone switchboard as well as performing secretarial duties and greeting visitors at the reception area. She handles all her duties with minimum of delay or inconvenience to callers and still manages to be cheerful and welcoming ... a fact that has drawn comments from many of our visitors. Well done, Vicky.

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