

T HUTCHIES' TRUTH

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TOP: Super Cheap Auto headquarters and distribution centre at Lawnton, Brisbane, carries the distinctive "look" that characterises the company's 40 - and soon to be more - stores throughout Australia.

LEFT: At the helm of Super Cheap Auto is Managing Director, Bob Thorn, shown here at the wheel of the company's entry in the Shell Championship Series V8 SuperCars.

Hutchies help Super Cheap expand chain super quick

SUPER Cheap Auto - which started off 20 years ago as a car parts and mail order business run from the home of its founder, Reg Rowe - recently opened its 40th store in Australia, with plans to move into prime retail locations in Canberra, Victoria and New South Wales.

Super Cheap Auto, which operates from its headquarters at Lawnton, in Brisbane, is now one of Australia's largest privately owned auto parts, tools and accessory chains.

An estimated 100,000 customers each week visit Super Cheap Auto stores,

which are hallmarked by sites with excellent visibility, ease of entry and exit and generous parking for 25 to 30 cars.

The aftermarket retail chain has been building its success by finding the right sites and creating the right store "look" to accommodate its 12,000 line product range.

And Hutchies have been doing their bit to help Super Cheap Auto to expand by working on four of the latest stores to be built - Nerang, Port Macquarie, Newcastle and Coffs Harbour.

Those involved in the projects are Vince Corry from Blades Project Services as

project manager, Geoff Moule from architects The Buchan Group, Bruce Lemcke from Bruce Lemcke Engineering, Alan Kapitze and Tony Scarlett from mechanical and electrical engineers Ashburner Francis, Andrew Fisher from Rocol (Qld) for hydraulics, Craig Hamilton from civil engineers Concept Engineering and Julia Mace from Evolution Landscape Design.

Hutchies' team is supervisor Len White, foremen Syd Britton, Terry Wilson and Ken Tyres, administrator Dave Smythe and project manager Len White.

• See Hutchies very own super cheap auto on Page 7.



Room for a view...

Enjoying the traditional barbecue to celebrate completion of the rooftop at Cottesloe Crest apartments on the Range near Toowoomba were (from left) Hutchies' Jimmy King and Alex Seydel, local real estate agent, Ian Cumming, and clients, Terri and Voight Holgar.

IT was all smiles at the wetting of the roof of Cottesloe Crest on the Toowoomba Range with the project well on target.

The roof top will be accessible to residents for entertaining or to enjoy the view from the top of the 10 storey apartment complex.

"A lot of local people have remarked just how quickly it has shot up," project manager, Alex Seydel said.

Developer, Voight Holgar, paid tribute to Hutchies during the roof wetting.

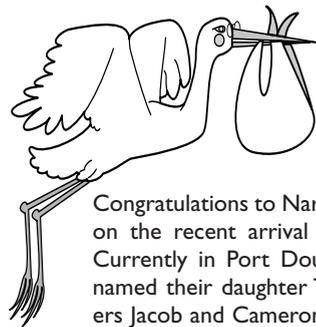
"It's a credit to Hutchinsons that the project is on target," he said.

Project completion date is November.



WEDDING BELLS WITH A FAMILIAR RING

Karen and Jeff Lacoste were married recently in the Coorparoo Presbyterian Church which was built by Hutchies in 1951. Jack and June Hutchinson were married in the same church in 1958.



IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Narelle and Paul De Jong on the recent arrival of a 7.5lb baby girl. Currently in Port Douglas, the couple has named their daughter Tahlia Marlise. Brothers Jacob and Cameron are delighted.

TYING THE KNOT ISLAND STYLE

IT was a wedding Magnetic Island style for employees, Sheryl Low and Michael De Jong, who tied the knot in July.

The bride arrived for her beach wedding via the couple's 40ft catamaran and the entire bridal party went barefoot for the ceremony.

A honeymoon on Hinchinbrook Island followed with the 20 guests in tow!



Sheryl Low and Michael De Jong (centre) with bridesmaid, Pinky Johnson, and best man, Len White, at the "altar".

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



FOR the first time in 87 years, we are conducting a Strategic Planning Seminar.

This will be held at Clear Mountain Resort and the facilitator will be Peter Watson from Business Thinking Systems.

I would have liked every company member to be present, as I am sure all have a lot to offer.

However, this is obviously unworkable, with 20 being the maximum that Peter Watson will condone.

Who to invite was a most difficult decision.

We hope to plan the future of the company and also to have some time to look at improvements to the day to day operations.

I am very optimistic about achieving excellent results that will make Hutchies a stronger and better company.

Tattersall's Dispute...

It is with pleasure that I wish to inform our readers that our dispute with Tattersall's Club has been resolved.

— Jack Hutchinson
Chairman

Fitting it all in

The following explanation by ABW Tools Pty Ltd of what they do is worthy of note. What impact GST has on their job description remains to be seen.

• WE PAY...

Import duty, Payroll Tax, Company Tax, Fringe Benefits Tax, Sales Tax, Fuel and Excise Taxes, Luxury Car Tax, Stamp Duty, Training Guarantee Levy, Workers Compensation, Capital Gains Tax, Superannuation Levy and Bank Debits Tax.

• WE KEEP...

Training Guarantee Records, Sales Tax Records, Quality Assurance Manuals, Entertainment Expense Records, Vehicle Log Books, General Expense Records, Superannuation Accounts, Fringe Benefits Records, Payroll Tax Records and Ground Tax Records.

• WE COLLECT...

Sales Tax, Group Tax.

With any remaining enthusiasm, time and money ... we Export, Import and Distribute tools!

— ABW Tools Pty Ltd.



Richard Ohlrich with the QMBA Award for refurbishment and renovation at The Salisbury Hotel.

QMBA AWARDS KEEP ROLLING IN

THE awards just keep rolling in for Hutchies in this year's QMBA Housing and Construction Awards.

Fairholme College Performing Arts Building won in the category of Education Facilities up to \$3m and the Toowoomba Surgicentre won Health Facility up to \$3m.

Both projects posed some difficulties and were a credit to the team of architect P.F. Brammer, structural engineers Kehoe Meyers and services engineers Cushway Blackford & Associates.

The Salisbury Hotel refurbishment won Hutchies the category of Refurbishment/Renovation up to \$2m.

The North Queensland team won a hat-trick with the \$6m NORQEB Administration Building extensions and renovations, the \$2.5m Southbank Function Centre in South Townsville and the \$3.3m extension to the Townsville R.S.L.



Hutchies' Paul Hart with Smorgon ARC's Doug Runge at the QMBA Housing and Construction Awards.



TOP: Camooweal's main street - the Barkly Highway.



RIGHT: The hospital.

BACK IN TIME FOR BARRY

ON a business trip to Boulia, Construction Manager, Barry Butterworth, recently made a nostalgic trip back to Camooweal, far north western Queensland, and visited the local hospital.

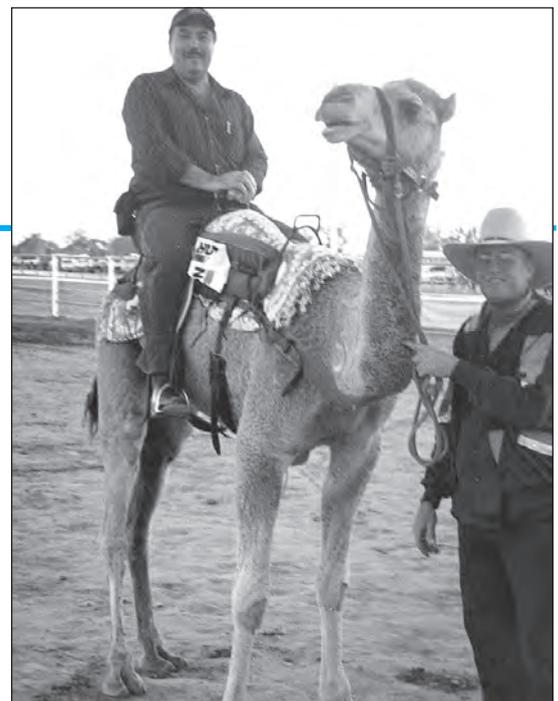
In 1963, soon after commencing his apprenticeship with Hutchies, Barry was sent to Camooweal under foreman, Ray Brayley, and worked on the Camooweal Hospital.

On his recent return, Barry found the building in perfect original condition, with not a sign of any structural problems!

HUTCHIES' AMAZING OUTBACK ADVENTURES TO CONTINUE

AFTER completing the Waltzing Matilda Centre at Winton and the Fossil Museum at Richmond, Hutchies are now working on the Min Min Lights

Centre at Boulia. This project is fast taking shape and will become another popular destination on the outback tourist route.



After Hutchies' long involvement with Outback tourism projects, this could be Barry Butterworth testing a new fleet vehicle for the bush. But no, Barry was trying out for Boulia's annual Desert Sands 2000, a gruelling two kilometre camel race - the feature event of two days of celebration in the Land of the Min Min Light which includes a ball, concert, entertainment, fireworks and generally fooling around.

Scott turns big 40 and rages with the bulls

Scott Hutchinson turned 40 in August and had an early celebration at the famous annual Festival of St Fermin's Running of the Bulls at Pamplona, Spain.

Helping Scott celebrate with gusto were Kevin Miller and Ric Bird of Property Solutions, Don O'Rorke and Mike Dodd of Consolidated Properties, Brian White from Ray White Real Estate.

Running of the Bulls is played out daily in the Spanish town for a week with non-stop partying in between.

Every morning, bulls are released into the streets and, with a minute's headstart, brave locals and fool-hardy tourists run ahead of them for a distance of about 900 metres into the packed Plaza del Toro bull ring.

It is not without its risks and Scott nearly didn't make his fortieth!



Scott risking all at Pamplona to celebrate turning 40 ... and winning the Travelling Undies Award. The rolled up newspaper is what the runners use to prod the bulls.



Scott's travelling companions for the Running of the Bulls – (from left) Don O'Rorke of Consolidated Properties, Ric Bird and Kevin Miller both of Property Solutions also win Travelling Undies Awards.



Lining up for work

CHIEF Estimator, Keith Boucaut, recently turned 50 and friends dug into their archives for some memorabilia to remind him of the passing of the years.

Picture shows 14-year-old Keith (5th from right) among an intake of apprentices who got to meet their new boss, Mr K.D. Morris, of K.D. Morris and Sons Pty Ltd, of South Brisbane, during December 1963.

Well and truly stumped...

TOOWOOMBA Manager, Paul Hart, had Chief Estimator, Keith Boucaut stumped for a minute with a request for help to price a job north west of Oakey.

Paul wrote: *"I think I may need some help pricing the Rangemore State School refurbishment. Photo may help. I will send down plans and then we can discuss which trades you can price. Probably need help with paint and handrails. Regards, Paul"*.



COOL COMPETITOR IN HOT CONTEST

A COOL competitor in the hotly contested Travelling Undies was Conon Beale, who braved temperatures of three degrees outside the Jade Stadium in Christchurch, New Zealand, to win a prize. Conon's true grit and determination win him a prize along with the boys in Spain.

WINNING SCRATCH-IT NUMBERS

4975 Crow	5489 Crow	5998 Harley shirt
4999 Measuring tape	5546 Harley shirt	6016 Hammer
5062 Hutchies' T-shirt	5593 Port	6082 Port
5112 Port	5649 Boxer shorts	6135 Crow
5178 Hammer	5692 Hutchies' T-shirt	6177 Hammer
5226 Crow	5761 Measuring tape	6244 Boxer shorts
5291 Boxer shorts	5777 Hammer	6286 Port
5324 Port	5829 Crow	6312 Hutchies' T-shirt
5388 Hutchies' T-shirt	5862 Hutchies' T-shirt	6383 Hammer
5424 Hammer	5946 Boxer shorts	6474 Port

West End Markets Redevelopment

The \$19m redevelopment of the West End Markets, incorporating basement car-parking, Coles shopping centre, specialty shops and 62 residential units, is underway. Team includes Brian Griffin from Heritage Pacific as client, Russel McCart from Meridian Developments, Toohey Elliot, Mathew Caswell and Sandra Browne from Cottee Parker Architects, Gerald Croucher from structural engineers McWilliams, Ian Walker from mechanical and electrical engineers Property Technologies and Steve Paul from Steve Paul and Partners for hydraulics. Hutchies' team is supervisor Ray Balladone, foremen Matt Hutton and Michael Byrne, and administrator Harry White.

Parkleigh Apartments, New Farm

Stage Two of the Parkleigh Apartments complex valued at \$1.7m comprises 14 units. Team includes architects Paul Lindsay and Associates, Whybird Farr Engineers and Chris Bristow and Associates on hydraulics. Hutchies'

JOBS UPDATE

with

Barry Butterworth

team is foreman Mike Tickner, administrator Conon Beale and project manager Len White.

Sunnymeade Nursing Home

A nursing home constructed by Hutchies 16 years ago is undergoing \$1.6m worth of extensions. Team includes Andrew Dawson from architects Lambert and Smith, engineer John Batterham, Miro Bradicich from Bradicich and Associates for mechanical and electricals, and Richard Ralph from Ralph Engineering Concepts for hydraulics. Hutchies' team is foreman Mal Ashford, administrator Conon Beale and project manager Len White.

Wilsonton Hotel, Toowoomba

Extensive refurbishment to this hotel valued at \$1.17m is



Griffith University, Mt Gravatt Campus

Pictured at the roof wetting of the extensions to the Information Services Centre of the Griffith University's Mt Gravatt campus are (from left) Mal Ashford, Veronica Lampkin and Len White.

being undertaken for the A.L.H. Group. Hutchies' team is foreman Bill Henley, administrator Alex Seydel and project manager Paul Hart.

Irish Club, Mount Isa

The Isa's Irish Club – a well known club with members worldwide – is undergoing \$8 million alterations and extension with completion

expected in June 2000. Team includes Craig Cornish of Project Leaders as project manager, Ian Garton of architects Ian Garton & Associates, Anthony Vose of engineers Bornhorst & Ward, Greg Hamilton from Hamilton Design Group for hydraulics, Think Tank on electrical and mechanicals and Tony Doyle of APD as quantity surveyor. Hutchies' team is site manager Adam O'Mara and contract administrator Lionel Bolton.

Officeworks, Townsville

North Queensland's first Officeworks store is under construction in Hermit Park, Townsville. This \$2.3 million project will soon be followed by a second store in Cairns. Our client, Peter Scott of CAMS Pty Ltd, is developing both sites. Team includes Nick Laforest of Laforest Management Group as project manager, Edgard Vatsky of Bird de la Coeur as architect, John Bergman of Sinclair Knight Merz on hydraulics, RST Airconditioning on mechanicals, Stowe Australia on electricals and Premier Fire. Hutchies' team is site manager Noel O'Brien and contract administrator Pierre Kessler.



University of Queensland, Ipswich Campus

THE new \$17 million Ipswich campus of the University of Queensland which officially opened recently is emerging as one of the most innovative and modern learning centres in the country. The 215 ha campus, 1.5 kms from the Ipswich city

centre, has a history dating back to 1878 and contains 17 heritage listed buildings. Hutchies was awarded the \$11.5 million tender to adapt six existing buildings for modern use and create landscaped gardens and walkways between the buildings.

Hutchies' very own 'super cheap' auto

THE wackiest car in the Hutchies' fleet was recently decommissioned after loyal, but inexpensive, service on Stradbroke Island.

The old auto was purchased by the Hutchies' gang for a super cheap \$850, with nine months rego – just enough to complete the job.

The Green Rocket used four litres of oil and 20 litres of water a week – and all she asked for to get her going in the morning was a push start down the hill.

At the end of the job, she was sold off for \$100 – just enough for four cartons of beer. Useful to the end!



Hutchies' crew on board The Green Rocket at Stradbroke Island.

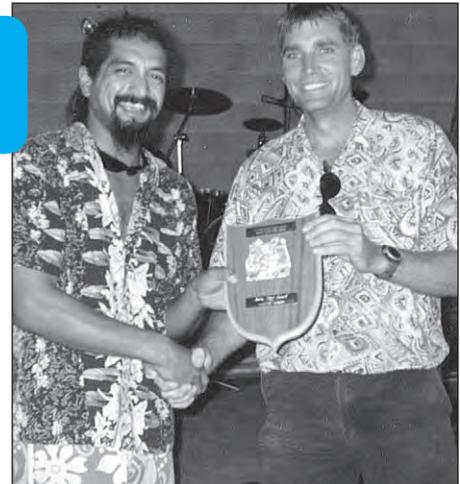
THE VILLAGE PEOPLE



Paul De Jong (right) with Port Village owner, Steve Dowling.

THE recent roof wetting party at the Port Village shopping centre at Port Douglas was something to be remembered for a long time, with Jack's wife, June, and daughter, Lindy, making the trip North to join in the festivity. The celebrations included a Harley Davidson motorcycle ride for the owner, Mrs Dowling, and extensive variety of presentations to staff which included the awards listed below.

All money raised at the party was donated to charity.

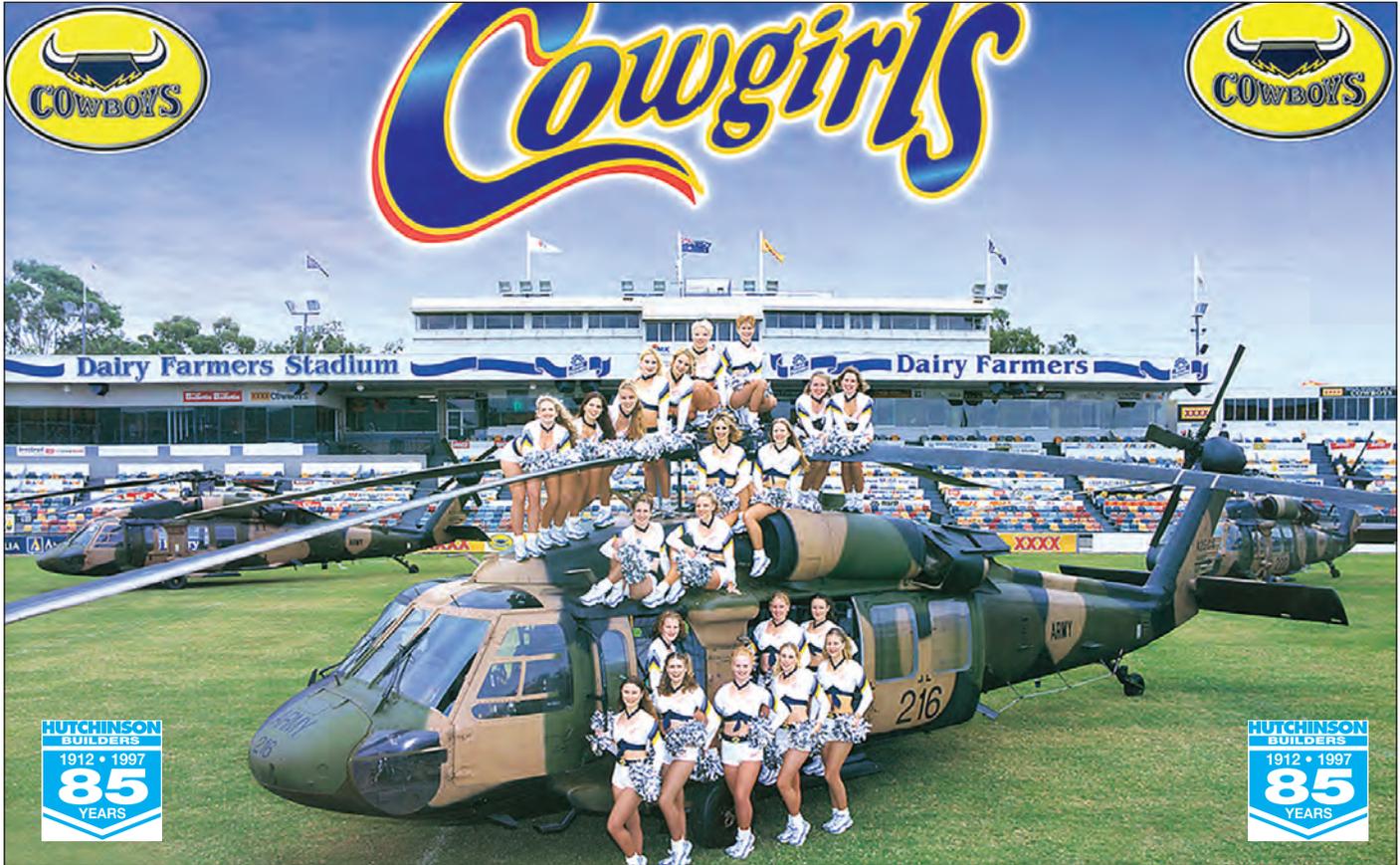


Paul presents winner of the Lairy Shirt Day, Workplace Health and Safety Officer, Will Cotter, with his award.



Mrs Dowling ready to mount her ride.

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| Tree Stump Award
Rod, Sally & Babe
(Seafood House) | Bare Foot Award I
Gary
(Gary Hunt & Partners) |
| Set Out Award
John
(Northern Formwork) | Bare Foot Award II
Bob
(Colefax Clayton Smith) |
| Mike Tyson Award
Kerry
(Hutchinson Builders) | The Truss Award
Rob
(Hutchinson Builders) |
| The Noise Award
Patrick and Vivien
(Macrossan House) | Top Gun Award
Gordon
(Vantage Management) |
| The Plug Award
Lawrie
(Babinda Electrical) | The 4 O'Clock Knock Off Award
Mick
(Hutchinson Sailors) |
| The Hard Hats On Award
Roofing Division
(Hedley Plumbing) | The Shirtless Award
Ben
(Hutchinson Builders) |
| Learning to Drive Award
Maurie
(Murrell Crames) | Lairy Shirt Award
Will
(Hutchinson Builders) |
| Give It A Go Award
Wes
(Oakdare Holdings) | |



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