

# T HUTCHIES' TRUTH

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR HUTCHINSON BUILDERS



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## 95th anniversary celebration with a new yard and offices

HUTCHINSON Builders, Queensland's largest construction company, celebrated its 95th birthday with the official opening of a new \$13 million headquarters in Toowong by the Governor of Queensland, Quentin Bryce, AC, on April 24.

The new headquarters is part of a \$32 million strategic land acquisition over the past three years which has put new offices and storage facilities in Sydney, Noosa, Townsville, Yatala, Airlie Beach and Toowoomba.

Chairman and fourth generation builder, Scott Hutchinson, said the current corporate network would take Hutchinsons into its second century of building.

He described the environmentally friendly headquarters complex as a "signpost of buildings of the future".

As well as being a low energy use building, the 2,400m<sup>2</sup> roof will feed into underground storage tanks

which will hold 500,000 litres of harvested rainwater.

Mr Hutchinson said the rainwater would be used for toilet flushing, cleaning and irrigation.

"The stored rainwater also has commercial value in that it has secured us a prestige commercial tenant in Hoppy's Handwash Cafe, operated by sport stars Ian Healy, Kevin Walters and Chris Johns," he said.

"Hoppy's Handwash Cafe will use rainwater and recycled water to wash vehicles and the company expects to be independent of the city water supply once the rainwater tanks are full."

Mr Hutchinson said about 220mm of rain would fill the tanks.

Chris Johns, spokesperson for Hoppy's Handwash Cafe, said the carwash was unique, with a first of its kind variable speed conveyor belt capable of washing 150 cars per hour.

He said it also incorporated a new water recycling system.

"Dirty water from washed vehicles is captured in underground tanks then thoroughly filtered and cleaned before being reused," he said.

"The new technology and latest systems represent a massive water saving for the carwash industry."

Other environmentally friendly features of the building include:

- installation of silver-backed automated sun control blinds to create a 90 tonne annual reduction in greenhouse gases;
- bike storage, change rooms, showers and lockers to encourage cyclists to ride to work;
- close to bus stop and railway station for public transport use;
- fresh air ventilation of the internal spaces;
- natural light via shaded skylights;
- subsoil irrigation system with rain and soil moisture content monitoring;

- low volatile organic compound (VOC) building materials to reduce the emission of smog forming compounds;
- energy-efficient air-conditioning system with heat recovery to cool and heat separate zones simultaneously, delivering a saving on energy use and reduction in greenhouse gas emission;
- incorporation of dedicated recycling systems and storage areas for recyclable waste; and
- integrated fitout of the building to reduce material waste.

Jack Hutchinson (Snr) started Hutchinson Builders in 1912.

The company currently has 564 employees, including 55 apprentices, and a \$550 million annual turnover, with projects from Melbourne to Cairns, as well as in New Zealand, Canada and Japan.

◆ *More stories and pictures from opening night appear on Pages 2, 3 and Centrespread.*





# Jack's golden rules to achieve longevity

HUTCHIES would not have had longevity if a family member in each generation had not had the motivation and ability to take over management of the company, according to Jack Hutchinson.

He said that had happened for three generations, which was a rarity in construction contracting.

"We are so large now, and growing, that generational leadership may not be so necessary in the future as we now have so many good young managers coming up through the ranks," he said.

"Scott and I have now worked together for more than 20 years without one argument. We have not always agreed, but we have always been able to talk it out. I am very proud of what he has achieved.

"For success you need great people. We have excelled in the selection of people. This, along with retention, I regard as the most important facet of management."

Jack thanked team leaders including Ray Balladone, Searle Balladone, John Berlese, Fred Brands, Barry Butterworth, Mick Connolly, Michael



Crocker, Paul DeJong, Julian French, Paul Hart, Pierre Kessler and Ben Prest, Brad Miller, Norm Norman, Robert Weymouth, Harry White, Kellie Williams, Ben Young and Steve Norton.

Jack said the man holding them together was managing director, Greg Quinn.

"Greg excels in all three main requirements for good management – integrity, common sense and hard work," he said.

## Company pride in being builders not developers

MANAGING director Greg Quinn said Hutchies was widely recognised as Queensland's oldest and largest building company.

He described Hutchies as "a big family business that happens to handle a lot of work throughout Queensland and Australia".

"We remain builders, not developers, and pride ourselves in being recognised as 'the developer's builder'," he said.

"This year Hutchies' turnover will be around \$550m – up from \$250 million when we held the 90th birthday in 2002 and on its way to \$850 million in 2008.

"While most of our work is in Queensland, over recent years we have followed clients into northern New South Wales and Sydney and have had various forays into Victoria.

"Currently we have offices in Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba, two on the Sunshine Coast, Tweed, Brisbane, Sydney and soon at Airlie Beach.

"Since 2002, direct employee

numbers have grown from 175 to 564. "Hutchies continues to go against the industry norm and remains a big fan of having its own workforce on the books.

"Despite the obvious growth in the size of Hutchies' business, its bread and butter remains its capacity to handle projects of any size – anything from a \$10,000 shop front to a \$200 million CBD project.

"We are geared to handle 150 jobs per year of any size in almost any geographical location."

Greg said Hutchies had the right formula and was intent on nurturing it into the future.

"We have a great culture with very little hierarchy – we are structured into 17 different teams, each of whom are capable of handling different types and numbers of projects. We match teams with clients by type, value and geographical location of the project.

"Hutchies has a strong balance sheet that never gets raided. Many directors and owners of building

## From the Chairman...

THE past five years have been our best years ever in every aspect.

I have taken Greg's usual editorial spot in the *Truth* to explain why this is so and to explain where we are headed.

We are the best building organisation in Australia because we have the best CEO in Greg Quinn.

It is as simple as that.

Our teams are second to none and it is Greg who pulls it all together.

### Towards the Centenary?

We have no grand strategy for expansion going into the future.

We simply do what our clients ask and work hard to remain competitive. What I am most proud of during our growth is that we are still builders employing 564



people altogether – 387 tradesmen, 55 apprentices, 18 cadets – and still trying to employ people for life.

We are not just managers who put a team together for each job ... we are a community and that will never change.

~ **Scott Hutchinson,**  
**Chairman**

## Some of the Headquarters highlights

- There are no executive carparks – first in gets the best spot.
- The Boardroom is not for the exclusive use of the Board members. It will double as a training, planning and meeting room.
- Executives don't get the room with the best views. Staff will have the window seats with the benefit of natural light.
- Aisles in the office have street signs named after past company members including Hoad, McLaney, Bergstrom, Hardie, Hamilton, Smith, Hendry, Richardson, Fennell and Sweeney Streets.



companies rip out funds at every opportunity, but, at Hutchies, all profits are left in to allow the company to grow and prosper.

"We are non-adversarial. We build relationships and work closely with clients, consultants, subcontractors and suppliers. We have established a reputation for being fair and intend advancing this principle even further over coming years.

"We also pay on time, every time.

"Hutchies also produce quality projects. We have developed basic procedures that result in quality, defect-free projects.

"This has not come easily and is ongoing and something we believe will be a major point of difference between Hutchies and others in the future.

"Hutchies has remained strong through four generations.

"Who has ever heard of a building business, not only surviving for 95 years, but prospering and being in its best ever shape at the end of the stretch?"

"Right now Hutchies is stronger in almost every respect than it has been throughout its history.

"That is primarily the result of third generation, Jack, and fourth generation, Scott, and no doubt all of our guests and staff in some form at some time over the period.

"After 95 years in business, Hutchies is a success story and one worth celebrating."



# What a lady... what a night!

GOVERNOR of Queensland, Quentin Bryce, AC, added a touch of class to Hutchies' 95th birthday party.

Speaking at the official opening of the new Toowong office, Ms Bryce described Hutchinson Builders as a "fine role model of family participation in ownership and management, whose ethos remained firmly grounded in excellence, integrity, diligence and service".

Ms Bryce said Hutchies had begun with one man's personal commitment to achieving a professional vision and providing a pathway for generations of family to follow.

"Four generations have made extraordinary efforts in directing and growing an organisation of people through sustained leadership and mutual respect in a rigorous and competitive commercial setting," she said.

"For nearly a century, Hutchinsons has been an important contributor to the Queensland economy, the construction industry and the diverse built environment.

"During that time they have trained and developed a vast workforce in Queensland and NSW.

"More recently it extended its influence internationally."

Ms Bryce said businesses were "people doing business in the community".



*Governor of Queensland, Quentin Bryce, AC, declares the new yard and office officially open.*

"What becomes important is the whole picture of how that business is done," she said.

"This includes approaches to the environment; impact on the neighbourhood and wider region; recruitment and training; workplace diversity and flexibility; relationships with customers and suppliers; the overall long-term impact on the community; and sustainability of the enterprise.

"Hutchinson's passage over the last 95 years bears out its understanding of these important issues."



*Governor of Queensland, Quentin Bryce, AC, and husband Michael with Jack and Scott at the official opening.*

## Time capsule seals secrets

IN 100 years time the world will know some of Hutchies' intimate secrets.

As part of the 95th anniversary celebrations, a time capsule was buried near the front entrance of the new yard and offices and is due to be opened in 2107.

Hutchies' company members were asked to write down messages they preferred to be read after they were dead.

Special archive paper, pens and envelopes were supplied to ensure the sentiments stood the passage of time.

Company members wrote furiously and furtively and a security guard ensured the messages weren't read prematurely or tampered with.

The time capsule was concreted in at 8.30pm on the opening night and the secrets will remain sealed for the next century.

The contents should make interesting reading but it's unlikely any current Truth readers will ever know.



## Broncos kick off birthday with a charity car wash



THE RSL received a present when Hutchies celebrated its 95th birthday.

As part of its birthday celebrations, Hoppy's Handwash Cafe, operated by sport stars Ian Healy, Kevin Walters and Chris Johns, donated money received from cars washed on the opening day, to the RSL.

As a bonus, Broncos were on hand to help the sporting trio deliver car washes between 7.30am and 5pm.

Pictured at the carwash (L-R) Chris Johns, Gordon Tallis, Scott Hutchinson, and Kevin Walters.



# Serenity on Noosa North Shore

HUTCHIES' construction of the prestigious Beach Road holiday homes on Noosa's North Shore is well underway with stage one – 24 homes and a state of the art leisure centre – expected to be completed in August.

Stage two is scheduled to begin mid-August.

The visionary master-planned project by Petrac has ended decades of conflict between developers and

conservationists over the environmentally sensitive land.

Petrac has consulted with a wide range of community organisations and individuals in Noosa Shire to achieve the best outcome for the North Shore site.

Only a fraction of the 70 ha site will be built on and no introduced plant species will be used in landscaping the site.

Independent studies have

revealed the Noosa area has 14 per cent more plant species and 44 per cent more bird species than Yosemite National Park World Heritage Area and 30 per cent more bird species than world famous Kakadu National Park.

Habitat Protection Zones have been established and waste water is being treated and recycled for site irrigation.

Low density and lightweight construction techniques will contribute to a low impact development.

Hutchies' team leader, Brad Miller, said careful management of the environment included strict guidelines for the removal, preservation and pruning of trees and vegetation on the site.

He said the guidelines were set



*Kookaburra on lookout duty.*

out by the project arborist, in conjunction with Council environmental officers, to ensure trees which could be impacted by development were tagged, photographed and recorded.

"In addition, all disturbance areas were surveyed, pegged and fenced to ensure trees and undergrowth were not endangered," said Brad.

"A wildlife nesting specialist installed more than 100 nesting boxes to suit native species on the site."

As well, a large tract of land to the west of the site will undergo habitat restoration and become a dedicated conservation zone.



*These supervisors kept Hutchies workers on the hop at Noosa's North Shore.*

## Ship of the desert high and now dry



*Lonely camel wonders why he can't get a drink anymore.*

FRIENDSHIPS can be bumpy at times and this is the case with a Hutchies' worker on the Noosa North Shore site and a resident of the nearby Camel Safari Park.

Our site man struck up a friendship with the lonely camel and they often shared a beer after work.

The habit resulted in a public complaint and prompted a visit by the RSPCA which caused a management panic attack on the

environmentally sensitive project.

The official said, although there was no specific law prohibiting the supply of beer to a camel, he warned most animal welfare groups would frown upon the practice.

The camel's beer supply has been cut off but there is a sadness on both sides of the fence now that two old friends no longer share a sundowner.

## Bondi Blonde "six pack"



HUTCHIES recently completed a major renovation of the Aurora Hotel in Surrey Hills with more than 1000m<sup>2</sup> of entertainment area including modern gaming and sports bar areas along with balcony dining and lounge bars.

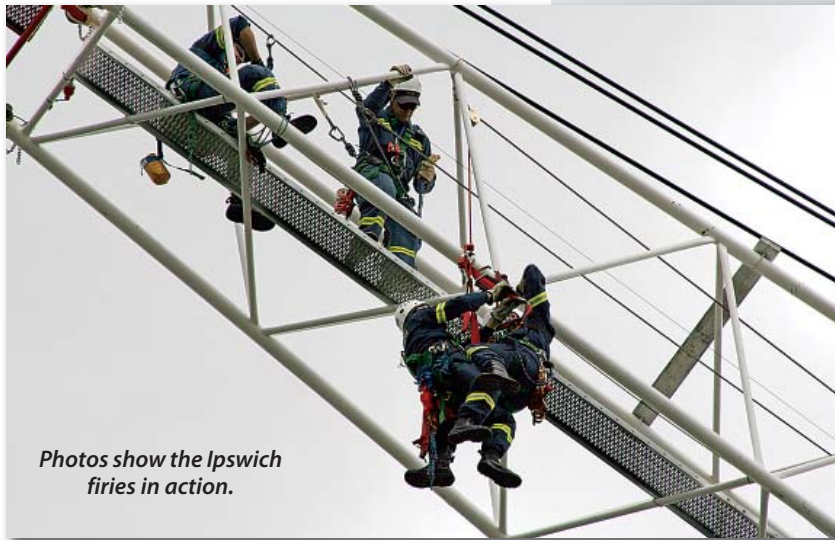
The project was completed while the busy inner city pub continued to serve patrons.

The Thomas Hotel Group-owned venue is considered an industry leader in the highly competitive Sydney market and was the venue for the launch of the Bondi Blonde beer that featured Paris Hilton.

*The renovated Aurora Hotel, Sydney launch site of the Bondi Blonde beer.*



# High praise for company cranes



Photos show the Ipswich fires in action.

AS well as helping Aspire, Ipswich city's first high rise residential tower reach for the sky, the company's on site crane has been of help to the local community, with the Ipswich Fire Services using the only structure of its kind in the area to practise their rescue procedures.

The other good news is, in addition to the existing two cranes valued at \$1.4 million each, another five are on order, with a total cost of \$6.1 million.

# RACQ CareFlight extends its safety network

HUTCHIES has offered to work with RACQ CareFlight to assist with extensions to the Toowoomba base office facilities.

Expansion of office facilities is part of an overall strategy to improve helicopter services to people of the region.

The inaugural CareFlight Darling Downs Dozen (DDD) advisory board meeting, of which Hutchies is a member, discussed ways of attracting further government funding to extend the operational hours of the rescue service.

CareFlight Chairman, Mr Peter Young, updated advisory board members of current activities and the feasibility of purchasing a Bell 230 twin engine helicopter for the Toowoomba service.

The Bell 230 would enhance CareFlight's delivery of service to the community to include night rescues with all weather capabilities from the Toowoomba Airport base.

State government stakeholders will be kept informed regularly of the level of rescue missions undertaken by CareFlight from the Toowoomba base in order to ensure opportunities for future funding support.

A corporate challenge team-building day will be offered to members of the DDD. Activities include helicopter underwater escape training and helicopter water winching.

Toowoomba based CareFlight Pilot, Adrian Park, has extended an invitation to all sponsor employees and their families to visit the airport base and take a close up look of the aircraft and medical equipment used in rescues.



PICTURE: KEVIN FARMER

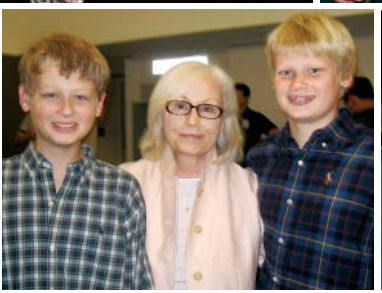
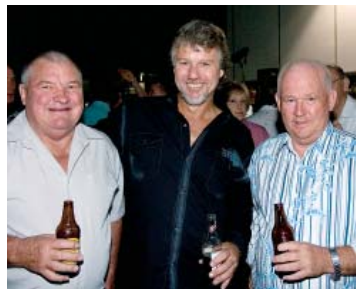
Sponsors of the RACQ CareFlight service are (from left) Paul O'Keefe, Bendigo Bank; Alan Ikin, Ikin Group; Jean Bell, LJ Hooker; Peter Young RACQ CareFlight; Clive Berghofer, Berghofer Group; Anthony Freer, Southern Cross Ford; Mike Stewart, LJ Hooker; Danny Charlesworth, Hutchinson Builders; and Alan George, AG Rigging.



Hutchies has offered RACQ Careflight assistance with extensions to its Toowoomba base facilities.



# HUTCHIES' TRUTH





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## TEMPORARY TESTING LABORATORY

**Job Value:** \$229,654

**Job Description:** Construction of new cement testing facilities within an existing warehouse.

Hutchies Team Leader: ..... Norm Norman  
 Hutchies Project Manager: ..... Fernando Uribe  
 Hutchies Administrator: ..... Fernando Uribe / Thomas Rigby  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Mal Ashford  
 Hutchies Cost Planner: ..... Graeme Smith  
 Design Firm: ..... Harvey Property Consultants  
 Electrical Firm: ..... Met Services

## SKYRAIL – STAGES 1 & 2

**Job Value:** \$2.5M

**Job Description:** Alterations and additions to the cableway terminal.

Hutchies Team Leader: ..... Paul DeJong  
 Hutchies Project Manager: ..... Aaron Polden  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Peter Eberhardt  
 Design Firm: ..... Clarke & Prince Pty Ltd  
 Structural Engineering Firm: ..... CMG Engineers

## DONALD SIMPSON CENTRE

**Job Value:** \$255,575

**Job Description:** Upgrade of the acoustic ceilings and mechanical services for the Donald Simpson Over 50 Leisure Centre.

Hutchies Team Leader: ..... Norm Norman  
 Hutchies Project Manager: ..... Fernando Uribe  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Mal Ashford  
 Hutchies Cost Planner: ..... Graeme Smith  
 Design Firm: ..... GHD Pty Ltd  
 Structural Engineering Firm: ..... GHD Pty Ltd  
 Electrical Firm: ..... WFM Electrical

## CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL DAY SPA

**Job Value:** \$2M

**Job Description:** New day spa at the Cairns International Hotel.

Hutchies Team Leader: ..... Paul DeJong  
 Hutchies Project Manager: ..... Anthony Waugh  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Eddy Hayes  
 Architect Firm: ..... Gary Hunt & Partners  
 Structural Engineering Firm: ..... Colefax Associates

## QLD HEALTH HOUSING

**Job Value:** \$20M

**Job Description:** Design and construction of 55 relocatable one, two, three and four bedroom homes in 18 hospital sites across regional Queensland.

Hutchies Team Leader: ..... Barry Butterworth  
 Hutchies Project Manager: ..... Peter Holling  
 Hutchies Administrator: ..... Michael White  
 Hutchies Cost Planner: ..... Trevor Bruiners  
 Architect Firm: ..... Architectural Practice Academy  
 Hutchies Site Manager: ..... Paul Pereira

## 308 QUEEN STREET

**Job Value:** \$15,294,000

**Job Description:** Refurbishment of the heritage listed NAB building in Queen Street with the addition of a new five-storey office building adjacent.

Hutchies Team Leader: ..... Searle Balladone  
 Hutchies Administrator: ..... Chantal Malaponte  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Matt Hutton / Ash Blake  
 Hutchies Cost Planner: ..... Paul David  
 Architect Firm: ..... Donovan Hill  
 Structural Engineering Firm: ..... Alliance Design Group  
 Civil Engineering Firm: ..... Alliance Design Group  
 Electrical Firm: ..... James Design

## 20-24 McDougall Street

**Job Value:** \$3.9M

**Job Description:** Refurbishment of existing office building and construction of new floor above. The Lutheran Church of Australia is the current tenant and will remain in occupation throughout providing an additional challenge to the site team.

Client Project Manager: ..... Damian Meehan  
 Hutchies Project Manager: ..... Russell Fryer  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Ian Partridge  
 Architectural Firm: ..... Arkhefield  
 Structural Engineering Firm: ..... Bruce Lemke  
 Electrical Firm: ..... Mark Bradicich  
 Hydraulics: ..... Greg Hamilton  
 Certifier: ..... Trevor Gerhardt

## JOBS UPDATE

with  
**Barry Butterworth**

### SEASPRAY LEISURE CENTRE EMU PARK

**Job Value:** \$6.5M

**Job Description:** Gymnasium, restaurant, swimming pool and tennis courts.

Hutchies Team Leader: ..... Paul Hart  
 Hutchies Project Manager: ..... Mark Phillipps  
 Hutchies Administrator: ..... Alan Pilly  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Damien Blackley  
 Hutchies Cost Planner: ..... Michael Crossin  
 Architect Firm: ..... Malcolm Middleton & Associates

Structural Engineering Firm: ..... Mills Engineering  
 Civil Engineering Firm: ..... Graham Marsh P/L  
 Electrical Firm: ..... Bassett Electrical Engineers  
 Landscaping Firm: ..... Edaw Pty Ltd  
 Hydraulics Firm: ..... Steve Paul & Partners

### PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL – MULTI STOREY CAR PARK

**Job Value:** \$25,245,000

**Job Description:** Four level open deck car park, based on an 8000m<sup>2</sup> floor plate to provide more than 1400 car spaces. Included is a child care centre, landscaping and overhead pedestrian bridges to existing buildings.

Hutchies Project Manager: ..... John Berlese  
 Hutchies Administrator: ..... Chris McEvoy  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Jeff Miller  
 Hutchies Cost Planner: ..... Francois Pousson  
 Architect Firm: ..... Powe Architects  
 Structural Engineering Firm: ..... Alliance Design Group

### WHISPER BAY

**Job Value:** \$89,363,000

**Job Description:** The proposed development is to include 104 luxury apartments and villas of various sizes ranging from approximately 200sqm to 400sqm, including terraces and car parking.

Hutchies Team Leader: ..... John Berlese  
 Hutchies Project Manager: ..... Graeme Barker  
 Hutchies Administrator: ..... Tim Ferguson  
 Hutchies Foreman: ..... Cassidy Holland  
 Hutchies Cost Planner: ..... Paul David  
 Architect Firm: ..... Nettleton Tribe  
 Structural Engineering Firm: ..... Alliance Design Group  
 Civil Engineering Firm: ..... Burchill VDM  
 Quantity Surveyor Firm: ..... Rider Hunt  
 Electrical Firm: ..... D&M Projects (QLD)  
 Project Manager: ..... Incoll Management (Geoff Englebrecht)



Hutchies' team members plant the company flag at Airlie Beach, where a camp is being set up to house company members and subcontractors who will be working on projects in the area.

## Adventures in Paradise

HUTCHIES has purchased a caravan park at Airlie Beach which will be converted into a camp to house company members and subcontractors who will be working on projects in the Whitsundays area.

Airlie Beach is a development hotspot in Queensland, but a major drawback is a lack of workers' accommodation.

Hutchies has tackled the problem by providing its own accommodation.

The former caravan park will provide sleeping and eating accommodation, as well as recreational facilities.

It also will have a social director who will arrange tours, boat trips and other

excursions throughout the Barrier Reef.

A major project for Hutchies will be Whisper Bay, an \$89 million development which will include 104 luxury apartments and villas of various sizes ranging from approximately 200m<sup>2</sup> to 400m<sup>2</sup>, including terraces and car parking.



Internal view of a Whisper Bay penthouse.



Whisper Bay, a major \$89 million project in the Whitsundays. (Architect's impression).

## Apology to Board of Architects

IN the November 2006, edition of *Hutchies Truth*, we referred to Creative Drafting and Design and North Queensland Construction Consulting as architectural firms (Jobs Update).

These firms do not employ registered architects.

We apologise for any embarrassment and will endeavour to check future registrations.

~ Editor





Photo shows (from left) winner, Paul David, Francois Pousson and John Berlese with the trophy.

**Two time winner...** THE annual Estimator of the Year dinner was held recently at Olivetto's Restaurant with Paul David, from John Berlese's team, winning the award for the second time. Francois Pousson arranged and presented the awards.



More than 150 apprentices attended the first day of school at the Australian Technical College of North Queensland after a "mission impossible" task by Hutchies.

## Mission impossible accomplished

THE Australian Technical College of North Queensland opened in Townsville during February with more than 150 students on the first day of school.

Hutchies' project manager, Pierre Kessler, described the project as a "mission impossible" scenario that set new standards on fast tracking.

The project had a \$12 million budget to design and construct a single level educational facility, with an eleven month program which had no

delays permitted and required building throughout the North Queensland wet.

The client's two objectives for the managing contractor were to design and construct the facility within budget and to have the facility open for 150 apprentices on the first day of school.

Despite numerous parties believing this was impossible, Hutchies' Townsville team was able to deliver a high quality project on time.

## New lessons from Cyclone Larry

HUTCHIES handed over the Good Counsel Primary School in Innisfail in time for students to start first term this year.

Eight classrooms in the junior block wrecked by Cyclone Larry were replaced and, despite the disruption, there have been some improvements. The classrooms are a bit bigger than before and have

interlocking computer rooms.

Other changes include a first year prep, the start of after school care and new teachers.

According to school principal, Gus Lindsay, it is a year of new initiatives.

"Like most people, we are ready to put Cyclone Larry behind us," he said.



(L-R) Tracey Seivers, Courtney Rees, Margaret Ford, and Rhonda Pye share an olive and cheese platter washed down with a sip(s) of vino.

## Away team invades Caloundra

BIKINIS ready, tans sprayed on and the champagne in ice!

Everything was ready for the Hutchies' Social Club ladies' weekend away.

And Caloundra was the hapless victim of the ladies from Brisbane, Sydney and Tweed.

The weekend started with a few sips from the local Maleny Vineyard, followed by a spot of shopping in the afternoon.

Well for some... For others the grip of the grape was too great to resist.

They missed the shopping but caught the jacuzzi.

Friday night took a wild spin and the local RSL never knew what hit 'em with a dance off with some of the locals.

Saturday morning saw a few sore heads and a visit to the Eumundi markets followed by lunch and a

few drinks at the Ettamogah Pub.

Saturday night was a surprise for all with a cocktail party hosted by Jodie Langer on the penthouse roof top.

The ladies indulged in a variety



(L-R) Mandy Walker, Mandie Quint and Courtney Rees with local regulars at the Caloundra RSL.

of cocktails, finger food by Fusion Catering, party bags, games and ... that's all we can share, you had to be there!

The weekend away was a great success and extremely well organised.

A big thankyou to Jodie Langer for putting it all together!



Penthouse bound... (from back L-R) Melissa Henderson, Margaret Ford, Shelley Stone, Jodie Langer, Kerri Bolton and (front L-R) Tracey Seivers, and Rhonda Pye.





**HUTCHIES HATCHLINGS**



Sarah Gaggin's baby boy arrived on March 18. He was named Austin David John.



Verra and Danny Zanzool are proud parents to their second child, Simon, born March 29, brother to Talia.



Paul and Cara Vickery with their baby boy, Jackson Thomas.

**Excellent school report**

ST Saviour's Primary School at Toowoomba has given Hutchies a big public thankyou for work completed on its school.

The sign outside the school read: **"Thank you Hutchinsons. Our new school is fantastic".**

In the school newsletter principal Terry Hayes wrote:

*"Thank you Hutchinsons, "Hutchinson Builders have completed our Stage Two building project.*

*The final inspection and completion report was completed on Tuesday.*

*This is the second time we have hosted Hutchinsons with a major building project here at*

*school – they also completed the building of our Prep classrooms in 2003.*

*Our school enjoys a terrific relationship with Hutchies.*

*They are great to work with, especially as school life must go on!*

*They regard us just as highly as a client and evidence this with their support of our Race Day as our major sponsor.*

*In particular, for this project, the site manager Peter Teege was supportive, cooperative and sensitive to the school's and the children's needs throughout the duration of the building.*

*Nothing was too much trouble and he has regarded the project as 'more than just another job'.*

*Peter enjoyed his time as an important member within our school community and has especially felt appreciated since the children throughout last week, continually thanked him for our new school.*

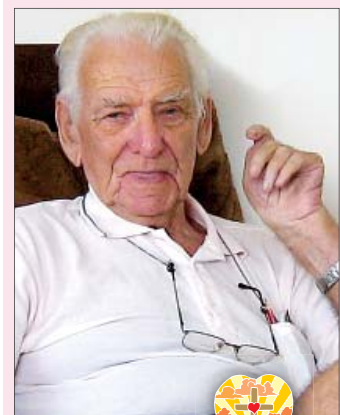
*Last week Peter presented Ms Wagstaff and myself with our own Hutchies' helmets.*

*We presented him with a school banner to hang in his site office (he was too shy to front the children at assembly).*

*He will attend our Race Day – with his Hutchinson work and office colleagues – as our guest."*



Megan Wagstaff and school principal Terry Hayes present the school banner to Hutchies' site manager, Peter Teege.



**Farewell**

ALL at Hutchies regret the passing of James (Jimmy) Edward Hardie, of Greenslopes, husband of Mary, and uncle of Keith. Our sympathy is with his family and friends. Jimmy has had a 'street' in the new office named after him.





*Jody Bagweill with a special friend, Ted E Bear, at the Aspley Leagues Club.*



# TRAVELLING UNDIES

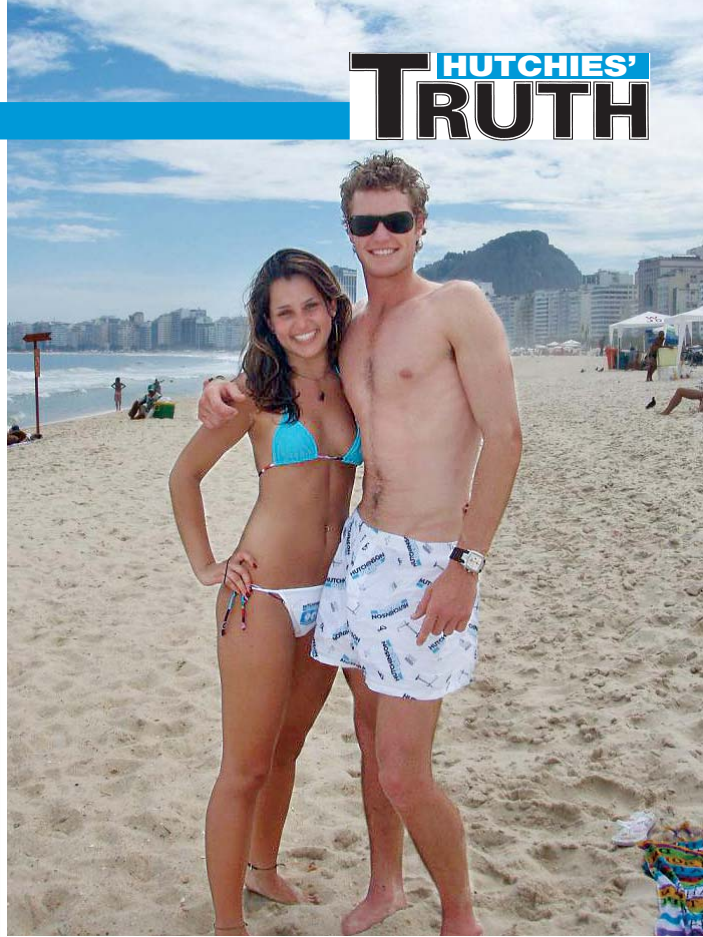
IN a nostalgic passing of a fashion icon, these will be the last of the old style Hutchies' Undies to be seen on our usual high class fashion spread from exotic locations around the world.

The launch of the latest Hutchies' Undies at the 95th anniversary will result in the new fashion spreading around the globe and we look forward to bringing the new look trend to you in our next edition.

Meanwhile, we farewell an old friend...



*LEFT and BELOW: Nigel Vowles, of Toowoomba, makes history with the first underwater shot of Hutchies' Undies. Nigel, an ex-Army diver, went down on the ex-HMAS Brisbane off the Sunshine Coast and came up with a girl in a Hutchies g-string!*



*Ben Davidson with a Brazilian on Copacabana beach.*



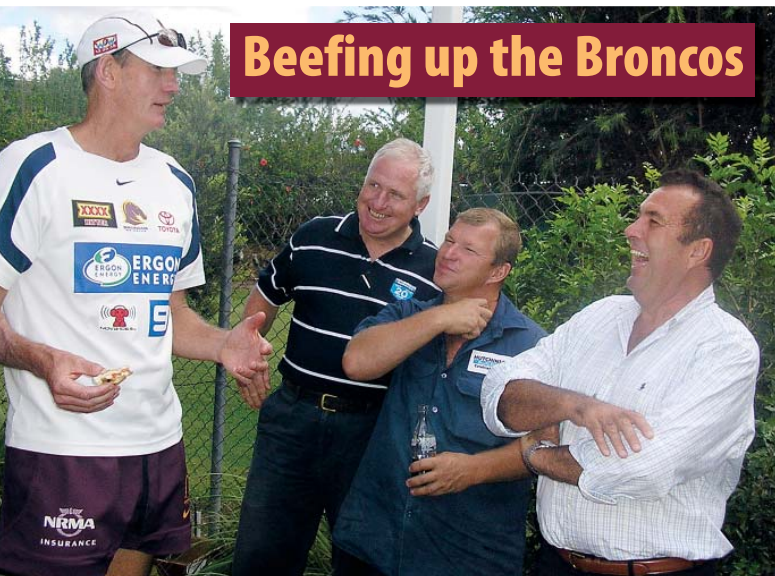
*Quock Van Trang on the beach at Hoi An, Vietnam.*



*Alan Pillay at a very dirty Fox Glacier in New Zealand. Alan assures us it's ice, not rock, behind him.*



## Beefing up the Broncos



BRONCOS recently hosted a barbecue to thank Hutchies for its effort to build a new gym, training room and lecture theatre at the team's Red Hill headquarters. Hutchies built the headquarters in Red Hill and have maintained a close relationship ever since. Photo shows coach Wayne Bennett in a huddle with Hutchies' team members Greg Bernie, Nev Langer (Alan's brother) and Barry Butterworth.



## Sibling passion for polo

HUTCHIES is helping a brother and sister team make a splash in the National Water Polo League competition.

Kirk Hawkins, a Hutchies apprentice and his sister, Luisa, are well placed to make the Top Six finals play-offs in late May.

Luisa said the Hutchies' gear had been a big hit with boxers and hat in regular use but she had not yet had a chance to parade her G string. *Truth* will publish that at the first opportunity.

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