

HUTCHIES' TRUTH

1995

Tradition continues with a win at Tatts

HUTCHINSON Builders have started work on the \$14million contract for additions to Tattersalls Club, on the corner of Queen and Edward Streets, in Brisbane.

Winning of this contract with Tatts - the third in almost 70 years - extends the long association between Hutchies and Tatts which started in 1939, when Hutchies were awarded the contract to build the Club's dining room which remains unchanged today.

The relationship continued when Hutchies won the contract to refurbish the Club in 1991.

The current club extensions, due for completion in July 1996, will include three floors of retail space and six levels of Tattersall's Club facilities, including accommodation, gymnasium, pool and dining and function facilities.

The Project Manager is Robert Weymouth and the Site Manager is Mike Tickner, assisted by Bernie Booth.

Architect is Finn Rasmussen, of Robin Gibson and Partners.

Engineer is Mark Woodwell, of Acer Wargon Chapman.

Quantity Surveyors are John Mitchell and Associates.

The Tatts Club team is headed up by Trevor Raddcliffe.



One small step for men

How many people does it take to turn the first sod on a new project?

Quite a few, according to this photograph, which records the August beginning of the \$14 million extensions to Tatts Club in Brisbane.

President of Tatts, Dr John O'Duffy, scoops the first shovel-full of soil on the site, ably assisted by members of the Club Committee, the builders, architects and engineers. (Photo: Courtesy of City News)

A giant leap for Tatts

One small step with a shovel for Club President, Dr O'Duffy, will result in a giant leap for Tattskind into this new extension due for completion in July, 1996.

From the chairman

WE are a "hands on" company...and will always be so.

Hutchinson Builders has experienced great growth in recent years.

This has happened because we built a very solid foundation and have recently had an injection of young blood bring new life and expansion.

When this happens to a company, one of the potential problems is losing touch with reality.

The expanding company needs more people, more professionalism, more systems, more controls and more technology.

We must remember that we are builders, and we are here to build buildings.

In implementing the changes, remember that the people on site do the real work - shovelling concrete and driving nails.

The rest of us are here to service them, by making sure that they have work and know exactly what our customers want and to have exactly what is needed to do the job with quality, economy and speed.

We must remain a "hands on" company.

Jack Hutchinson



History repeats itself

BROWSING through the Nudgee Golden Jubilee Book published in 1943, this vintage advertisement for Hutchinson Builders caught our eye.

Judging from the spread of work-type, and the regions throughout Queensland where it has been undertaken, we are forging ahead as strongly now as we were over 50 years ago.

Change a few names, and the

advertisement is as applicable today as it was in 1943 - apart from our address and 'phone number - with Hutchies working on major projects throughout the State.

Note the inclusion of Tattersall's Club, on which we are currently working, which shows that history does repeat itself.

In the building game, a job well done results in follow-on work.



BIRTHS



To Paul and Narelle De Jong, a boy, Jacob, born 3.9.95, 6lb 13oz. Photo shows Narelle with Jacob.



To Gordon and Robyn Reynolds, a boy, Max Oliver, born 30.9.95, 8lb.



To Robert and Sharon Jones, a girl Courtney Lee, 9lb 5oz.

Broncos club scores in national competition

BRONCOS Leagues Club has won the State section of the prestigious Australian Institute of Building Award for Excellence.

Congratulations to all responsible, including Mike Tickner, Murray Creevey and Barry Butterworth.

May - Happy 80th birthday

HAPPY birthday to May Hendry for 31st October.

May joined the company in 1945 when Hutchies built the Plaza Theatre in Latrobe Terrace, Paddington.

When we were not paid, we inherited a theatre, and May, who lived just down the street, started work there.

She soon had a job in the office at Monatague Road and remained there until her retirement in 1975.

Her work included accounts, typing and job costing.

May was a tower of strength.

Jack Hutchinson remembers his father saying: "It's tough to make a living from this industry. It would be tougher still without May....it would take three to replace her."

May sat on the same unpainted pine, carpenter-made stool with no back all those years.

"The days before photocopiers I've seen May typing copy after copy of trades from Bill of Quantities for the subbies," Jack said.

Congratulations May and thank you for your large part in the success and survival of Hutchies.



May Hendry receives a birthday wish from family friend Susan Walter.

Family traditon was 45 years in the making

WHEN Norm Norman joined us several years ago, he became a member of that exclusive, but growing, club of family members who follow each other to work at Hutchies.

But Norm had a delayed entrance into the club - 45 years after his Dad, Ted, worked here.

Ted worked for Hutchinson Builders as a foreman carpenter from around 1946 to 1949.

Norm recalls that his Dad was a bit of a "knockabout" as a young man, who settled down to married life and raised a family of four boys and four girls.

Although Norm was the youngest, he remembers Ted tried his hand at many jobs, but his main trade was carpentry, and still had his tools strapped on at 64 when he was forced to retire due to ill-health.

Norm said Ted's extended family of 56 - children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren - was fortunate to get together and celebrate "Dad's" 80th birthday and "Mum and Dad's" 60th wedding anniversary just before he passed on.



Norm Norman on the job at Hutchies.



Norm's Dad and former Hutchies' foreman, Ted, in his later years.

Some thoughts...

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.

Helen Keller



If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you tried to do nothing and succeeded.



Those who lose riches lose much, but those who lose courage lose all.



One of the secrets of a long and fruitful life is to forgive everybody everything every night before you go to bed.

Ann Landers



It is not so much what we know as how well we use what we know.



Fifty years ago people finished a day's work and needed rest. Today they need exercise.

Big turnout for office opening



IT was an eagerly awaited event, and when Hutchies' office extensions were ready to be opened, a big crowd turned out to ensure it was for real.



We now have witnesses who can prove the project is finished.

The extensions have resulted in a doubling of our floor area

to cope with the large expansion in our workload and the necessary increase in staff.

The office is now very practical and has greatly increased

our general efficiency.

Here are our witnesses.....But how reliable are they?

At least one appears not to have a leg to stand on!



Hutchies big on the small jobs

SMALLER projects have always been a large part of our building programme.

Two men, Bernie Read and Ron Niven and a small gang, do a marvellous job with additions, refurbishments and maintenance on jobs up to about \$300,000.

In these jobs, things happen quickly, with many trades starting and finishing on the same day.

A lot of thought, dedication and hard work is required to plan and implement them.

Bernie, Ron and their team do this with great skill, so that repeat work keeps coming from their clients.

Thanks, fellas.

Photo shows Ron Niven receiving his coat for 10 years' service with Hutchies.



St Ignatius Park College, Townsville

WORK is underway on a new drama and music block valued at \$640,000.

Our team is: foreman Dave Christofferson, supervisor Len White, administrator Brad Wootten.

Refinery for BP

WORK has started on the \$2.7m Central Control Building for BP Australia, at Pinkenba.

Our team: Foreman Darryl Gersekowski, supervisor/administrator Murray Creevey.

Architect: Robert Wawrzynski of Jackson Lane Architects.

Dunk Island

WORK is well underway at Dunk Island and already ahead of schedule. We are refurbishing and upgrading the units and the Beachcomber Restaurant.

The lucky team includes Michael De Jong, Sid Britton, Peter Haidley and Len White.

Architect: Chris Everding of Haysom Spender.

Engineer: Brian Wooldridge of McWilliam Consulting Engineers.

Noosa Bowls Club

THE first stage of the Noosa Bowls Club has opened ahead of time.

Congratulations to foreman Glen Houghton, leading hand Lester Field and administrator and supervisor Murray Creevey.

Aspley Hypermarket

WORK to this huge shopping complex is valued at \$7.5m.

It includes extensions to the specialty shop mall area and construction of a separate building to accommodate "Toys-R-Us".

Team is: foreman Jeff Hillier, leading hand Gary Ball, supervisor Ray Balladone.

Architect: Ray Schnitzerling from PM International.

Brisbane Boys College, Toowong

NEW library and resource centre valued at \$2.5m is now 80 per cent complete.

Photo shows the signatories to the BBC contract.

JOBS UPDATE

with
Barry Butterworth



They are (from left) Rob Adsett architect, Barbara Laffan president of the School Council, Milton Cjewes headmaster, John Williams burser and Scott Hutchinson.

St Margaret's School, Clayfield

NEW indoor recreation centre and tennis courts valued at \$2.7m and due for completion in December.

Our team: foreman Stewart Hemsley, supervisor Len White, administrator Murray Creevey.

Architect: Mac Sterling of Powell Dods and Thorpe.

Jack Kinnaman Athletic Complex...

THE University of Little Rock has dedicated their new athletic facilities in honour of Jack Kinnaman.

Jack, of course, is President of Kinco Inc., our sister company in Little Rock, Arkansas. All at Hutchies congratulate Jack on this great honour.

...and Hutchies' Gym

HUTCHIES also now have their own facilities for local athletes.

Now open for all company members is the company gymnasium where you can work out at your own leisure or participate in our organised weight circuits. If you haven't worked out before we can organise your own individual training program.

Regular fitness will assist our daily activity and, thanks to our new office, we now have a great facility for personal development.

To find out more about circuit times or individual training programs, please call Wayne Cullen, Gym/Pain Master.

Gym hours are between 5.30pm and 7.30am.

Morayfield Shopping Centre

THE \$5m shopping centre was recently opened for business and shown at the official opening are (pictured below, from left) Harry White and Jason Williams, administrators, Ray Balladone, supervisor, and Jamie Sylvester, foreman.



Under the big top at Cairns Amateurs

HUTCHINSON Builders teamed up with some North Queensland identities for an appearance at the Cairns Amateurs in September.

We sponsored a hospitality tent in conjunction with Property North's Jim Spencer and Vince Corry, for whom we are building a commercial showroom at Earlville, Cairns.

The Cairns Amateurs race meeting has developed into one of North Queensland's

major social and business events of the year.

Robert and Cathy Weymouth and Jack and June Hutchinson greeted over 200 guests on their arrival at our tent.

The race meeting was a great success for Cairns and we felt our presence was most worthwhile in cementing existing relationships and developing new business opportunities in the North.



Hutchies doing business North Queensland style

Congrats for club awards

TWO clubs - designed by Project Leaders and built by Hutchinsons - have picked up awards from the Registered and Licensed Clubs' Association of Queensland.

Congratulations go to Townsville RSL for being named Best Club (North Queensland) and to Mackay Brothers Leagues Club as the Best Gaming Venue.

We wish to express our appreciation to both clubs for becoming part of the building team and for their co-operative attitude throughout both projects.

Jobs well done for Michael De Jong, foreman on both jobs, assisted by Dave Christofferson, on Townsville.



Prior to the opening Dave Christofferson on with job with Townsville RSL secretary/manager, Haedyn Cunningham.



Pictured at the opening of Townsville RSL are (from left) David and Carmel Christofferson, Scott and Mary-Jeane Hutchinson, and Michael De Jong and Cheryl Lowe.

Welcome to new staff members

WE wish to welcome the following new staff members.

Nigel Wagner (Foreman), Brad Wootten (Project Manager), Malcolm Ashford (Foreman), Garry Ball (Foreman), Bernie Booth (Foreman), Sue Foster (Payroll Officer), Geoff Hillier (Foreman), Christine Melver (Accounts Clerk), Richard Ohlrich (Assisting Estimators).

Sponsorship hits the right note



We recently sponsored the Brisbane Youth Jazz Club for a trip to Melbourne as part of our ongoing community programme to encourage young people to excel in their chosen field of endeavour.

Scott Hutchinson is shown here sampling the work of our young jazz musicians.



**Two's
company**

Going overboard on Moreton trip

Hutchies crew recently took to the high seas - and high jinks - for their annual pilgrimage to Moreton Island.

Some fished, some didn't bother and others (the more adventurous) went overboard with their scuba gear to explore the Moreton Wrecks.

Whatever they chose to do, everyone seemed to have a good time, although some have to rely on photographs and gossip to recall the event.

Here is some help for those in that category who won't hit it!



Three's a crowd



**And scuba divers believe
in safety in numbers**

Scott Hutchinson

Caught in the ladies
again?

Caloundra Golf Club
8/9/95



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