A peg in the hand is worth two on the line

I have a crude and concealed device that stops me from falling to bits when I’m taking a funeral. It’s a peg. Not a large and fancy plastic one with rounded edges, but an unrefined and un-rounded wooden one. When I am taking the funeral of someone I know, and I am getting upset, I squeeze the peg in my hand so hard that the pain focuses the mind, and takes the edge off the emotion.

It’s not at all like the cilice used by that albino Opus Dei monk to mortify the flesh, as you find in Dan Brown’s Da Vinci Code. It’s just a peg. I’m not trying to get a stigmata in the hand (though it can leave a mark for a while!). It’s just what I use to stop myself from being overcome while taking a funeral. Lots of people use crutches. I use a peg.

In the last few weeks of term there were some real peggers of days. The most painful of these occurred when dealing with the death of Rob “Pak” Wilson; colleague, teacher, friend to many, father of current students, rugby coach, and dealer in wisdom and razor-sharp wit.

His funeral was a testament to what an awesome community Hutchins can be. The choir sang; the music and technical crew hired in a huge screen, and organised for the service in the Chapel to be “patched” through to the Gym; boys helped fold the orders of service; classes organised chairs into place.

Boys and staff and friends packed the Chapel and filled up all the seats in the Gym; and they participated in the service, listening to moving testimonies by Mr Andrew Webber, Mrs Rae Burch, and a friend of Pak’s from outside Hutchins. At the end of the service, the coffin was carried on the shoulders of rugby boys to the hearse, and the family walked behind. All the boys formed a guard of honour to the entrance of the car park, and farewelled Rob as he left Hutchins for the last time.

It was awesome and moving, and something bigger than all of us was here. It was a peg of a day, and while the marks on my hand disappeared quickly, the marks made by Rob on the hearts of this community will last a long time.

I still think I’ll see him when I walk around the corner. It will take a long time to sink into the psyche of this community that Pak has left.

Father John Goodwin
Chaplain
Robert ("Pak") Wilson (1958-2006)

The Hutchins community was saddened at the sudden loss of staff member Rob Wilson during Term Two. "Pak" was father of two current students (Luke and Jacob) and of Jared (a 2004 Leaver). He was incredibly well respected by all staff and students, and will be sadly missed.

The School established a Condolence Book. Some of the thoughts are reproduced below. They are just a small sample of some beautiful tributes.

"Always friendly and cheerful, a truly wonderful friend"

"Pak, you are an inspiration to everyone. Thanks so much for your support over the years. The wisdom and knowledge you have passed on to my brothers and myself will stay with us for life"

"I will live on with your strength and kindness giving me hope when I am down"

"He was a gentle man - a pleasure to know"

"Thank you for trying to teach me"

"A great bloke, funniest humour, sharpest wit and the shiniest head in Hutchins"

"He was one of those rare guys who always had a smile for you. Completely open, warm and reliable"

Teaching Awards

Two Hutchins staff members were among just 25 teachers from across the State to receive Tasmanian Quality Teaching Awards in 2006. The Awards were presented by the Governor of Tasmania at a special ceremony on 25 August.

One of the recipients was Junior School teacher Trish Knight. The citation acknowledged Trish for her dedication, involvement and innovation.

The other was Senior School staff member and Head of School House, Andrew Webber, who was recognised for his outstanding leadership both in his subject areas and within both the School and broader communities.

Congratulations go to both Trish and Andrew. Hutchins is indeed fortunate to have dedicated staff of such high calibre.

Robert’s parents Alan and Anne Wilson have written to Mr Toppin, thanking the School for their support. In their letter they said “We will remember particularly the affection and respect you all showed towards Robert, through the carefully constructed service in the School Chapel ... we thank especially the Rev John Goodwin who led the service. The Chapel looked beautiful with the flowers ... and the Choir sang beautifully. We saw the true spirit of the Hutchins family there, and we thank you all for it”.

Congratulations to our Head of Information Services, Dr Jill Abell, who recently completed her Doctorate.
Prep at Mures

The boys from Prep enjoyed an outing to Mures on the waterfront late in Term Two. In addition to enjoying their fish and chips, many of the boys also spent time looking at and drawing the fishing boats tied up at Constitution Dock.

Kindy Visited by Police

The Kindy boys were recently visited by the Police - fortunately all in fun. Several of the boys got a close up look at the inside of a Police car.
The Jason Project is an International Science Learning project, designed to bring fun and excitement to learning scientific concepts. Year 4 boys have been participating in the project this year, and as an extension also successful completed a Science School Talent Search project on self propelled model vehicles.

Anyone wanting to find out more about the Jason Project can go the project website at www.jason.org.

Junior School Grandparents’ Day

Grandparents’ Day is always a fabulous activity, and this year’s Junior School Grandparents’ Day on 25 August was no exception.
Middle School Musical

The Middle School boys were busy during Term Two with their presentation of the musical *The Jungle Book*. This event is a major undertaking, involving almost all the boys in some aspect of the performance.
In early August Hutchins competed at the State Robocup Junior Titles at the University of Tasmania in Robo Soccer, Robo Rescue and Robo Premier Rescue. All participants are interviewed on all aspects of their robot from mechanical to software/programme design by a panel of teachers from other parts of the state. For Robo Soccer, Fred Shea, James Bone and Ben Lea received a commendation for their performance interview, winning a top award. All the other Soccer teams finished in the top ten out of thirty competing teams from around the state.

Matt Kang and James Lord won the Premier Rescue event, at the same time becoming the first Tasmanian students in the ten year history of the competition to be able to complete the task fully. They earned themselves a place in the Nationals at UNSW Sydney in September and $500 towards their costs. Their time was extremely competitive at a national level, so the boys are keen to do well in Sydney.

Kent Moore

Jet Holloway receiving his award from the Principal Mr Bill Toppin

## Tasmanian Schools' Mathematics Competition

The results of the Tasmanian Schools’ Mathematics Competition held in May were released recently. **Jet Holloway** (Year 12) won first prize ($100) in the Senior Section, whilst **Tim Graver** (Year 10) was awarded third prize ($40) in the Intermediate Section.

In the Junior Section **Jacob Davey** and **Chris Ryba** (both Year 8) shared first prize, each boy receiving a cheque for $80. In the same section of the competition, **Roman Marsh** won the Comalco Prize for the best Year 7 student.

**Jeffrey Kan** and **Nick Young** (Year 12), **Tedman Chau** and **Alistair Park** (Year 10) and **Will Polglase** (Year 8) each received an “Outstanding Award” and a cheque for $25.
Performing Arts

Term Two has seen a huge amount of work going into various Performing Arts activities across the School. Those people who have been lucky enough to attend any of these events will know just how talented many of our boys are (and the skill of the teaching staff who bring this talent to the surface).

Jazz@Hutchins 2006
WE CAME TO SWING

Friday 1 September we presented our annual Jazz concert, which has now been permanently renamed JAZZ@HUTCHINS (it used to be called Jazz on a Winter’s Night, but as we were running it on the first day of Spring we needed a change!)

The night showcased all of our contemporary Jazz-based ensembles with new material and many new players, with a tight, accurate, polished and professional performance. Well done to all the boys involved.

The night was also well supported by the new “Friends of Music” who worked tirelessly setting up the auditorium and providing refreshments on the evening.

Band Director - Scott Cashion
In August Hutchins entered three very talented bands into the Tasmusic Rock Challenge. Each of these bands put on a fantastic performance across the two nights of heats, held at the Uni Bar, playing songs from Pink Floyd and The Pixies as well as writing and performing their own original music.

The results were fantastic for Hutchins, with two of the bands selected to play in the final at the Albert Hall in Launceston.

The final was a long night, with Chris Rushworth, Marc Cayzer, Eddy Guiler, and Jake Crane playing first in a big line-up. It is not easy to play to an almost empty Albert Hall, but the boys played brilliantly, and the small but responsive crowd were very entertained.

Ben Lawless, Sam Hunn, Sam Shepherd, Sam Dowson, Luke Ranson, and James Excell finished the evening full of energy, playing a brilliant set to a packed Albert Hall.

All the boys involved were excellent representatives of the Hutchins School, and although they did not win any prizes, should be congratulated on the hours of tireless practice they have done to get to this level.

Katherine Hewitt
Music Department

Our first ever Hutchins Dance Troupe competed for a capacity crowd at the Derwent Entertainment Centre as part of the Hobart Eisteddfod. Six other groups competed in this section, and to a full cheering and clapping crowd our boys won!
SPA Drama Group

The SPA Drama Group (featuring actors from Years 9 to 12) performed the famous play *The Long and the Short and the Tall* by Willis Hall. A movie of the same name was produced in the early 60’s starring Lawrence Harvey.

The action of the play takes place early in 1942 in the Malayan jungle during the Japanese advance on Singapore. This is an emotional tale where the different characters are forced to confront the hardships of war. Do you have the ability to kill another human being? Is the enemy really any different to us?

The Drama Studio was transformed into a very convincing jungle hut, and with the ever present jungle noises and occasional Japanese radio transmission, we sustained the atmosphere and tension throughout. No single actor can be highlighted because this show relied on an ensemble of talented actors who could successfully suspend our disbelief.

The ensemble was Matthew Morris, Kevin Hofbauer, Oliver Mestitz, Ben Lea, Connor Sweeney, Peter Sherwood, Nathan Cosgrove, and Ivan Dowding Hopkins.

M Weeding
Head of Visual and Performing Arts
A change to the format of the former Poetry and Prose Competition in the Senior School produced challenging speeches from competitors on Thursday 31 August. This year students recited a poem of their choice and delivered an original speech, to qualify for the Edward Webster Senior Orator Prize. Members of the audience and the adjudicator, Mrs Liz McQuilkin (former Head of English), were clearly impressed with the demanding topics selected and the standard of argument presented. Samuel Allender (Year 9) convincingly performed Wilfred Owen’s “Dulce est Decorum est” to win the intermediate poetry trophy and Matthew Morris (Year 12) won the senior prize for his poignant delivery of Dylan Thomas’ “And Death shall have no Dominion”. Mrs McQuilkin commended Nathan Cosgrove (Year 10) for his alarmingly persuasive speech on the inevitability of war; and Christopher Neugebauer (Year 12) for his entertaining and well researched perspective “On being a nerd”. Second place in the speech section was awarded to Nicholas Young (Year 12) who explored society’s resistance to euthanasia in a passionate speech, delivered without a script. Matthew Morris won “Best Speech” by combining personal experience, statistics and clear reasoning to convince us of the moral justice underpinning Australia’s tough gun control laws.

The change of format for this competition was to hear the boys’ voices on topics which concerned them. The range of issues explored and the conviction with which this year’s competitors voiced their opinions was impressive.

Alison Farmer
Head of English

Speech and Performance

These are always hotly contested events, with House Music being won this year by Bucks, and the drama title by School.
SPORT

Rowing Success at World Championships

Congratulations to Jono Hookway and Adam Wertheimer (both Year 12) on winning the boys coxless pair at the World Under 19 Rowing Championships in Amsterdam on 5 August. The boys, who are coached by former Australian representative Russell Hookway (Jono’s father), won the event convincingly by over 2 seconds - a great reward for the huge sacrifices these boys have made.

Junior School v Senior School Soccer Cup

With interest in the World Cup peaking during Term Two, attention was momentarily diverted when a crack team from the Junior School took on a team of Senior School boys.

The result … a stunning win to the Junior School after a penalty shoot out!

Badminton had a successful season. Our Year 11/12 team won the mixed championship with Fahan, our Year 10 team lost in its final by just 2 points, our Year 9 team won the 9 A Division and the Year 7 team was successful in the Year 8 B division. The School won the Ampol Cup for the “Best” school in the High School competition.

Cross Country

Ryan Foster won the Independent Schools Open 6 km event, and also towards the end of term became the State Under 20 Cross Country Champion.

Australian Rules:

The First XVIII took out the State Independent Schools Title, defeating Scotch College in the State Final, while teams which featured Hutchins students took out the Under 17 and Under 15 titles in the Southern Tasmanian Junior Football League. The Under 14 Team finished third out of twelve, while the Under 13 team finished fifth out of thirteen.
Hockey

In Hockey, the Year 7/8 team won the Division 5 grand final, our Firsts made the Division 1 semi finals, our Seconds made Division 2 semi finals and our Year 9/10 team made the Division 3 grand final where they were defeated.

Soccer

Soccer continued to increase in popularity during 2006, with our First and Second XI teams both winning their Divisions in the State Independent Schools Competition, and with teams competing in almost every Division of the Soccer Tasmania Competition. The most successful of these was the Under 16 Division 1 team, who were first in their Division. Under 13 also won the Division 2 Grand Final.

Rugby

The First XV and our Under 16 teams both made their respective Grand Finals, and narrowly lost in both, while our two Under 14 teams came fifth and sixth.

Squash

In Division 1 Hutchins Lions, with the team of Jack Saffin, Andrew Brocklehurst and Matthew Keep came first; while the team of Henry Goodfellow, Callum Sinclair-Gibson and Roman Marsh (reserve Daniel McQuillan) also came first in Division 3. In Division 2 Hutchins Magenta came second but were leading right up to the last match - Sam Stanton, Sam Polonsky and Thomas Clarke-Hansen made up this team.

Volleyball

The Year 11/12 team won their final.

Water Polo

The Firsts and the Year 9/10 teams both made their respective Grand finals and were runners up. The two Year 7/8 teams had a good season but didn’t make the finals.
The Hutchins Foundation would like to thank the following people for their contributions to this year’s Annual Appeal. Funds raised are being directed towards providing Library Resources across the School. It is not too late to make a contribution. Donations (which are tax deductible) can be received until 30 November, and additional donors will be acknowledged in the next issue of Magenta and Black. A donation slip can be found on the mailing cover of this issue.
Schools hold a special place in the lives of many people, and Hutchins is no exception. A quick stroll around the School grounds, or a look through the lists of Scholarships and Prizes awarded each year unveils many names.

The Nettlefold Library, the Terence Butler Auditorium, the Ray Vincent Wing, the Mason-Cox Scholarship and the EM Lilley Memorial Prize for Dux of the School are just some of the names remembered in different ways around the School. Other ways have included various academic, sporting and House prizes and donations for the purchases of items such as books.

There are also numerous trees, roses and plaques that have been placed in the School grounds in memory of past students and staff, and a special memorial rose garden is in the process of being established near the Chapel. There will be scope for memorial plaques to be installed on the walls of the garden.

An institution such as Hutchins with its history, traditions and mission to educate young people is a wonderful place to commemorate and celebrate the lives of past students, staff or loved ones. At the same time memorial gifts add to the rich tradition that goes with being one of Australia’s oldest schools.

Some of these memorials have been established through bequests, but many have been set up by family and friends through donations.

If you would like to discuss establishing a memorial please contact the Director of Alumni and Community Development, Mr Tony Smithies on 03 6221 4206.
Duxes Return

An assembly in July saw past duxes of Hutchins invited to the School to witness the dedication of a new honour board commemorating all the Duxes of the School since 1913. The Board was donated by the Old Boys Association. For some Old Boys, the letter inviting them back to the ceremony came as a complete surprise, as for many years in the past no Dux had been announced or presented!

In all, twelve of our past “best and brightest” were able to attend.

The same assembly also saw the presentation of the 2005 Ivied Tower Award to Dr Roger Chung (1995 Leaver). This was the first opportunity we had to present Roger with his award, which recognised his world leading research into brain damage.

Webber Lecture

This year’s Webber Lecture was delivered by Dr Natasha Cica, a Hobart-based Strategy and Communications Consultant and Lawyer. Her address, entitled Truth and other Romantic Fantasies - Reflections on War, Politics and the Media, explored the way issues are dealt with in the public arena, and was exceptionally well received by the audience.

Dr Cica is a former Hutchins student (having attended the School during the 1980’s when a limited number of female students were enrolled) and has the distinction of being the only female Prefect in the School’s history.
Anniversary Week

2006 marked the 160th Anniversary of the founding of Hutchins School. The occasion was celebrated by a series of events, including a Staff v Student debate (won by the Staff), special lunches, special assemblies and the traditional Anniversary Service in St David’s Cathedral.

BENEATH - THE IVIED TOWER

Obituaries

We note with sadness the recent passing of the following Old Boys

- Peter M Johnstone (1930 Leaver)
- Peter N Hutchins (1937)
- Craig W Ellis (1972)
- Michael A Wertheimer (1969)
- Andrew D Morris (1993)

CRAIG ELLIS (1972) was sadly killed in a car accident while travelling in Northern France in June this year. Father of past students Hugh (2000) and Richard (2002) he was prominent both in Tasmanian farming circles, where he was a mentor to many young farmers, and in his local community of Bothwell where he made a major contribution. He was a past member of the Hutchins Parents’ Association and a consistent supporter of the School. Our condolences go to Craig’s family and friends.

MICHAEL WERTHEIMER (1969 Leaver) Hutchins was saddened to learn during term of the death of Dr Michael Wertheimer, former Senior Prefect, and father of Matthew (2003 leaver), Adam (Year 12) and Graeme (Year 10). Michael died suddenly in Amsterdam, where he was attending the World Rowing Championships. Shortly before his death he had the joy of witnessing his son Adam team with Jono Hookway to win the World Under 19 Coxless Pair Rowing title. Michael made a major contribution to rowing within Hutchins. Outside Hutchins he was a highly respected surgeon, and had served with the Defence Forces as a medico in a number of areas of conflict over the past two decades. St David’s Cathedral was packed for the service, which was conducted by our Chaplain Fr John Goodwin.

▲ Dr Michael Wertheimer at this year’s Prefects Induction Ceremony.
STEVE SMITH: OUR 2006 IVIED TOWER AWARDEE

1976 Leaver Steve Smith was this year’s recipient of the Ivied Tower Award. The Award is made each year to a past student from one of the Anniversary Reunion groups, and recognises outstanding achievement in a field of endeavour.

Whilst Steve holds a senior position in the State Public Service, he won the award because of his position and service in the Army Reserve, where he holds the rank of Brigadier. He is currently on duty in Baghdad, where he has a senior role in the transition process of that country.

He was unable to attend the Reunion Dinner, but we were delighted to discover he was home for a short leave break three weeks later, and he received his award at the lunch following the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys Association.

If any Old Boys happen to be looking to hire a car while in Port Douglas, then Kerry Smith (1980) at Holiday Car Hire would be a good person to talk to.

James Omond (1983) has a legal practice in Melbourne, specialising in the wine industry. He has provided specialist advice for eight of the thirteen largest Australian wineries, as well as a number of Tasmanian companies. He is also a freelance wine writer, writing for The Age and the Sydney Morning Herald, as well as a monthly column for Australasian Legal Business. He also runs a small internet-based wine club called The Wine-O, specialising in mixed dozens (www.TheWine-O.com).

Will Burbury (1987) is living in WA with his wife, Letitia. He is working as a corporate lawyer with mining company NKWE Platinum. Congratulations to Ian Clark (1987) and his wife Melita on the birth of their first child, Joshua, in July. They are living at Woodstock, and Ian works as a Fin Fish Feeder for Huon Aquaculture at Hideaway Bay, Dover. Ian still finds time for his hobbies of restoration of wooden boats and woodwork.

Jonathon Waters (1987) recently received a 2006 Early Career Award for Distinction in Research. Jonathon was appointed Lecturer in the Department of Zoology at the University of Otago (New Zealand) in 2004. He studies genetic variation in populations across space and time, in order to assess biological history. The ABC TV Science Series
(Catalyst) is profiling Dr Waters’ research and an Australian screening is planned for later this year.

**Roger Sheen** (1988) was married in France at the end of July. His fiancée is a French lawyer. Other ‘88 Old Boys to travel to France to attend the wedding included **Roger Sparrow** and **Michael Webster**.

**Bill Lawrence** (1988) writes “In 2001 I left the ANZ Bank after 12 years, having worked my way to management level and living in 3 different states/territories. Over the last 5 years I have spent a large amount of time travelling in Australia, NZ, Africa, North America and Europe. I am now settling back into Hobart and have a job running tours with Tassielink. A bit different to banking, but I enjoy it!”

**Tim Burbury** (1990) is now based in Hong Kong with law firm Minter Ellison.

**Michael Ayling** (1991) left the Regular Army on promotion to Major in 2005, having served in the 5th Aviation Regiment and 1st Health Support Battalion, and having deployed to Banda Aceh, East Timor (twice), and Bougainville. He remained in the Active Reserve, has since deployed to the Middle East and will shortly be deploying again to another overseas location. He is currently an anaesthetics registrar at Liverpool Hospital, Sydney, approximately half-way through specialist training. He married Penelope Fischer in April of this year.

**William Coyle** (Senior Prefect 1992) is now back in Hobart and has recently become engaged. He is continuing his love of music as a piano teacher.

**Andrew David Morris** (1993) (known as David Morris) was sadly killed in an accident in June. David grew up in Papua New Guinea and attended Hutchins as a boarder for Grades 5 and 6 during 1986 and 1987. His brother Jon was also a boarder between 1980 and 1985. David recently completed his B.Ed at Griffith University.

**Andrew Sypkes** (1994) has recently moved to San Francsisco to study for his MBA at Stanford.

**Christopher Chesterman** (1994) is working on the family property at Earlham. He and his wife Angela recently celebrated the birth of twins Ruby and Alexander.

1996 Leaver **Michael Chapman** is currently serving as a Captain in the Australian Army in the Al Muthanna Province of southern Iraq. Michael, who initially joined the Army Reserve but transferred to the Regular Army, was recently featured in the Army magazine receiving a “rats” shoulder flash (which commemorates the famous “Rats of Tobruk”) from his Commanding Officer.

**Brodie Neill** (1997) recently had some of his design work featured in the Salone Satellite Exhibition in Milan. His design for the Morphie light has been picked up by a leading Italian avante-garde lighting manufacturer, and he is also working closely with manufacturers in Amsterdam and San Francisco. Brodie is currently based in London.

**Nick Yong** (1998) was recently selected to represent Australia at the world underwater hockey championships in Sheffield, England.

**Albert Marsman** (1998) recently graduated from Leiden University with a degree in Dutch private and international law. He is now in Asia for an internship at the Netherlands Embassy in Beijing. All Old Boys are welcome to visit him either in China or in the Netherlands.


**James Faulkner** (1999) joined the armed services for 5 years, and is now studying for a Bachelor of Arts at the Queensland University of Technology.

**Matthew Dean** (2001) has been accepted as First Officer with Flybe, one of Europe’s largest low cost airlines (see www.flybe.com).

**Craig Irons** and **Alex Dance** (2005 leavers) were part of the Fade Theatre crew that recently performed David Williamson’s The Club. The performance was held in the footy change rooms of the Brammall Pavilion, and received very positive reviews.

Congratulations to **Raj Narulla** (2005) for receiving an Australian Students Prize for 2005. These prizes (which comprise a Certificate of Excellence and an award of $2,000) are provided by the Australian Government and are designed to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the very best students who graduate from Australian secondary schools each year.

Are you interested in leaving a Bequest to the School? If so, you can contact Tony Smithies (03) 6221 4206 for a confidential discussion.
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**Sydney and Gold Coast Old Boy Functions - November**

We’re currently chasing email addresses and mobile numbers for Old Boys studying/working/living in the Sydney, Brisbane and the Gold Coast areas.

We’re aware that many of the recent leavers are fairly mobile, and thus still have Magenta and Black delivered to their parents’ address. Any information can be emailed to Tony.Smithies@hutchins.tas.edu.au.

**NEW COMMITTEE**

A new Old Boys Committee was elected at this year’s Annual General Meeting. The committee members are Josh Munnings (President), Simon Barker and Tony Park (Vice Presidents), Tim Lack (Treasurer), Ramanan Daniel, Robert Dick, Nick Dwyer, Alex Farmer, Scott Harvey, Nick Slugocki, Tom Vincent