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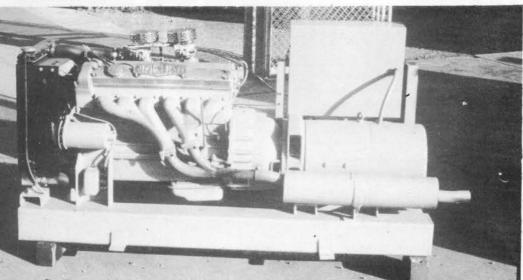
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and Co.



250KVA Cummins powered diesel generating Set, complete with weather proof canopy and 24 hour run fuel tanks.



#### Cover photo:

The 90KVA mobile soundproof generator and trailer are powered by Volvo engines. Macfarlanes have 3 of these units in their hire fleet.

#### Left:

A "Jaguar" powered 25KVA generating Set using a 2.4 litre 6 cylinder jaguar car engine. Engine supplied by another Macfarlane business Jagparts which specialised in wrecking Jaguar vehicles.

#### Lower Left:

A 70KVA Dorman powered 6 cylinder air cooled trailer mounted generator mounted on Jaguar wheels.

#### Lower:

In his spare time Gerald Kay enjoys a bit of Motor Racing. This photo depicts Gerald having a dice with another Dolomite Sprint in the 1980 Bathurst 1000.





# Hirer of the month

# M A Macfarlane & Co Specialists in generator rentals

The Macfarlane rental fleet provides portable electric power to service Australias fast growing film and television industry, for large sporting functions, and to provide long term and emergency power for industry.

Their large fleet, now in excess of 60 units, ranges in size from 12 KVA to 700 KVA and units are available with skid, trailer or truck mounting to suit all applications.

Gerald Kay, Owner and Managing Director of this specialized rental business, commenced work as an apprentice electrician with the Clayton based electrical contractor M.A. Macfarlane & Co. in 1957.

At that time a contractural arrangement, providing for the servicing and installation of generating equipment existed between a major generator manufacturer and Macfarlanes.

By working with this equipment as an apprentice, Gerald gained his initial interest in generating equipment.

Gerald established his own business as an electrical contractor in both industrial and domestic fields and it was in 1966 that his business G G Kay & Co Pty Ltd, Electrical Contractors was incorporated.

It was in the same year that the company purchased the business and Clayton premises of Gerald's original employer, M.A. Macfarlane & Co.

The Macfarlane business is now headed by Gerald Kay as Managing Director, Heinz Schendzeilorz, Company Accountant, and a staff of 14 comprising an Electrical Engineer, Sales Staff, Fitters, Mechanics and Electricians

Both companies operate from the original Macfarlane premises at 109-111 Carnish Road Clayton. A new showroom has been established this year to

house and display the Macfarlane generator fleet. These premises are situated at 50 Bendix Drive, Clayton.

Macfarlanes have built equipment which is quietly efficient. With effective use of accoustic canopies, large 90 KVA truck mounted units operate with an audible noise level of 58 dB's at 7 metres.

This allows the units to operate in close proximity to spectator crowds and as a result has provided access to the specialized rental markets associated with the entertainment industry.

Sound insulated truck mounted units have been built to provide mobile, on site power for television crews while filming Sporting, Musical and News events in the outdoors.

Large sound proofed trailer and skid mounted units are available for the film industry when filming on location.

A full range of diesel and petrol powered units are also available for industry.

Macfarlane Generators were air freighted to Fiji for use while filming **Blue Lagoon** and currently Cambridge Film Productions have 35 KVA and 55 KVA sound proofed units mounted on four wheel dirve vehicles on site at Mansfield, Victoria for the filming of **The Man From Snowy River** starring Kirk Douglas.



Headquarters for the Rental operation, Carinish Road, Clayton, Victoria.

Producers of the popular T.V. Series Love Boat will use 55 KVA and 70 KVA trailer mounted units aboard the Sea Princess with truck mounted 55 KVA units for the wharf scenes when filming the new Australian series currently being filmed in Sydney.

Industrial breakdown and strikes also create demand for portable generators.

Macfarlanes provided 688 KVA and 350 KVA units to power the floodlights at V.F.L. park for the Night Series Football semifinal during last years statewide electrical strike. Additional units were also provided for use by T.V. cameramen at the game.

During the 1980 pre Christmas shopping rush an industrial accident cut all electrical supply to Waverley Gardens shopping complex. It took the Macfarlane team just 1½ hours to deliver 9 large generating sets and install the temporary switchboard connections to allow trading to resume.

Macfarlanes also offer Re Hire facilities to many members of the Hire Association throughout Australia who have a call for large portable generator units.

## **NEW ZEALAND CONVENTION**

JUNE 1st-5th 1981 HAMILTON

You are invited to the fourth H.S.A.N.Z. Convention, this year to be held in Hamilton, the heart of the New Zealand Dairying industry. Within a radius of 80kms of Hamilton, the density of animal population on pasture is unequaled anywhere in the world, and the Ruakura Agricultural Research Centre in Hamilton is internationally renowned for its immense contribution to the field of Agricultural Science and Aprical in the field of Agricultural Science and Animal

Health.

Hamilton is proud of its gardens, trees and parks spread throughout the city and is fortunate in being close to ocean beaches and the inland lakes of Rotorua and Taupo for all the summer water sports, while the winter playground of Tongariro National Park, with its spectrum. tacular scenery, active volcanoes and popular ski fields, is less than three hours travel to the

Whether it is scenery, activities, or meeting friendly people, your attendance at the 4th H.S.A.N.Z. Convention in Hamilton, New Zealand will be an event to remember

**VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION:** 

All seminars will be held at the Te Rapa Racecourse, Flemington Lounge and block bookings have been arranged for accommoda-tion at the Waikato Motor Hotel, Aaron Court

Motel and Ambassador Motel.

Rates per night will not exceed \$34 Twin-/Double unit and \$29 Single. To take advantage of these rates, all accommodation must be applied for along with Convention Registrations, direct to the Convention secretary.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

Your registration entitles you to participate free in all the social functions and seminars free in all the social functions and seminars except for the optional evening entertainment on Wednesday night, where delegates have the choice of a visit to a Medleval Feast at Anderson's Restaurant Theatre, hilarious entertainment for those with a broad mind and a sense of humour, but bookings will be limited and will be made on a first in first served basis. Bookings at the content and the co other restaurants serving a variety of ethnic foods will be available for those prefering a quieter night.

The breeding of racehorses in the Waikato is becoming a very important part of the agricultural scene and the optional day tour on Friday will include a visit to a top New Zealand Stud Farm and other agricultural highlights including a tour of the world's largest dairy factory at Te Rapa, or as an alternative, a trip to the Te Kauwhata Wine

Research Station will be available.

A coach tour to the unique Waitomo Limestone and Glow Worm Caves on Tuesday afternoon will be a highlight and will also give delegates a chance to travel through the lush pastures of the Waikato.

Golf and squash facilities are available on Tuesday afternoon for those prefering these activities.

TRADE EXHIBITION:

The latest in equipment for all facets of the Hire Industry will be on display in the Centennial Lounge at the Te Rapa Racecourse with larger

equipment and working displays outside.

The trade exhibition will be open from 11am until 2pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and ample time will be made available for exhibitors and delegates to discuss the various merits or otherwise of the plant and equipment on display

#### SEMINARS:

Seminars will be aimed at the development of managerial skills so important to the future growth of the Hire and Rental Industry and the success of the individual operations. Together with the efficient use of modern technology and staff training must be brought to the fore in our efforts to promote Hire as an industry for the

The seminars will commence on the theme of 'Marketing, the Tool for Future Success'.

#### PROGRAMME

SEMINARS and SOCIAL

**FUNCTIONS** 

**MONDAY JUNE 1st** 

1.00pm:Registrations all afternoon. 6.00pm:Cocktail Hour. 8.00pm: Evening free. Dinner available.

**TUESDAY JUNE 2nd** 

9.00am: Official Opening 9.15am: Keynote Speaker-'Marketing Key to Success'

10.15: Seminar—'Budgeting and Planning' Ladies Tour

10.30:

11.00:

Seminar 'Decision Making' Trade Display open Coach tour to Waitomo 11.30: 1.30: Caves incl. visit to Russell Plant Hire, Te Awamutu.
6.00pm:Happy Hour—Waikato Motor Hotel

7.30pm:Dine and Dance-Waikato Motor Hotel

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 3rd** 

9.00am: Seminar 'Principals and Techniques of Purchasing' 9.30: Ladies Tour, Perrin Park,

Herritage Bone China. Seminar 'Staff Training' Seminar 'Motivation and 9.30:

10.30: Communication'

11.00: Trade Exhibition open Annual General Meeting 3.00: 3.45: Open Forum: General

Business 7.15: Andersons Restaurant Theatre-Medieval Feast,

or alternative Restaurants.

**THURSDAY JUNE 4th** 

9.00am: Seminar 'Stock and

Inventory Control'
Seminar 'Computors in the
Hire Industry' 9.30:

9.30:

Hire Industry'
Ladies Shopping Trip—
Chandler House
Seminar 'Disposal of Plant'
'Welding for Recovery'
Trade Exhibition Open
Coach Tour—Hire Yards—
Clydesdale Museum
Pre-Dinner Gathering— 10.30:

11.00: 1.45:

7.00: Pre-Dinner Gathering Turf Bar Waikato Motor

Hotel. 8.00: Annual Banquet-Waikato Motor Hotel.

**FRIDAY JUNE 5th** 

Optional all day tour-9.30: Stud Farms, Ruakura Agricultural Research Station, Dairy Factory. Te Kauwhata Wine or Research Station and

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# NOW: NO INVESTMENT ALLOWANCE ON CARAVANS

Some months ago, the NSW Supreme Court decided the Investment Allowance was allowable on caravans hired out in a caravan park because the use of them had no connection with the provision of finance (as with lease purchase). Frankly, it was a strange decision, because the income tax law doesn't link the test on use by another person with the provision of finance for its purchase.

Now the Full Court has decided the owner of the caravans cannot be allowed the claim. The case was FC of T v. Tourapark Ptv. Ltd.

These were the facts of the case. The taxpayer, a company, operated what's called a "motar village" where it provided accommodation for tourists in fixed-site caravans.

The caravans were available subject to certain conditions listed in a document of account.

The taxpayer argued that gave the customer a "right to occupy" the caravan for whatever period was named, and that it therefore didn't let the customer merely "use" it.

In the tax return for the year to 30th June, 1977, the taxpayer claimed the Investment Allowance on the new caravans it had purchased during the year.

The claim was disallowed and the taxpayer lodged an Objection.

## What the NSW Supreme Court said in the superceded case

In the Lower Court decision, which was released early in 1980, Mr Justice Woodward allowed the Investment Allowance on the grounds that, under S.82AA(a)(ii) it would be denied only when the "use" of the item was associated with the provision of some finance for its acquisition.

But S.82(a))ii) has three conditions, and snagging **any one** of them would deny the allowance.

Mr Justice Woodward's decision was made on the basis that two of them (the "use" and "the provision of finance") had to be connected. The Federal Court said he had been wrong in that interpretation.

### Full Federal Court took a more literal view

In a decision released just a few weeks before Christmas, the Full Federal Court said that when a customer was given the key to a caravan, he/she was therefore given the right to "use" the caravan — subject to the conditions in the contract.

Regardless of other considerations, if the owner allowed someone else (other than an employee when employed in the owner's business) to use it, then the Investment Allowance was forfeited where that event occurred within 12 months of purchase.

#### Careful!

Even in company groups (one owning the item), and whether or not an adequate charge is made, granting "use" denies a claim. It would be necessary to provide an operator, then you have a service being provided.



# A personal matter

By SISTER MARY PHILIP

It isn't only the word "chairman" that is going to pose problems in this day of women's liberation. I have just been running down the list of "man" words in the Oxford Dictionary and it has given me food for very serious thought.

It is simple enough to convert manholes to personholes, mandates to persondates and mandarins to persondarins. I suppose one could just as easily play a persondolin as a mandolin, given equal opportunity. But trouble crops up with words like MANger, MANge, MANgle and MANia. And yet, one cannot truly describe the passion to exterminate the sexes as a MANia! Does one manipulate or personipulate? Offer a manifesto or a personifesto? There is surely need for consistency.

I see more and more hurdles to cross. Is a growing boy manly or personly, and will the seminary need to change its name? Does one have mannerisms or not? How dare a millionaire live in a mansion or a clergy-person in a manse? How long may a Spanish lady continue to wear a mantilla and ought Marcos remain in Manila? Shall I now have to put the clock on the persontel piece and use personure on my garden? I see the extinction of manuscripts and manufacturing.

Now I come to think of it, even "person" is suspect. Why "son" rather than "daughter". Might this have to become per-person? But that won't do. I never was one for mathematics, but it looks as though the word might turn out to be "per" to the nth degree.

A dreadful thought has just occurred to me. What if the matter is pursued into France? What will hapen to the le and the la? I shudder to think. No more feminine flowers and masculine vases. No more masculine telephones and feminine televisions. Oo la la! It cuts both ways, of course. If all the doors, windows, houses and chairs are feminine, and all the carpets, mirrors and books are masculine, I can see that there will need to be some personoevring on a personifestly huge scale if equality is to be maintained. It will certainly need extremely delicate personagement.

Sister Mary Philip teaches English at Aquinas College, Ballarat.
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# **National Companies Bill**

The national co-operative scheme for the uniform control over the companies and securities industry is soon to be re-introduced into the parliament.

The revised national Companies Bill introduced into the House of Representatives on 27th August last was available for public comment and submissions until 21st December 1980. The Submissions will be reviewed and the Bill, if necessary, re-drafted ad reintroduced into the Autumn session of Parliament. It is expected that the Bill will be passed during that session. State Parliaments will have to pass application legislation, that is, Acts that will provide that the Commonwealth Act applies in that State. Because of the sitting times of the State Parliaments, these application Acts are not expected to be passed in every State until late in the year.

The aimed for, and currently most likely, starting date for the new Companies Act will be 1st January 1982.

We reiterate some of the proposed changes as they may affect Association Members:

- (a) The rules for lodgement of company documents have been considerably simplified to allow lodging of all documents at the Corporate Affairs Office in the home State where a company is also recognized or registered as a foreign company in another State.
- (b) A company in one State will be able to transfer its domicile to another State.
- (c) Provisions relating to the registration of charges are to be strengthened.
- (d) The obligation on a director to act honestly and use reasonable diligence is to be expanded.

- (e) The restrictions on making loans to directors or their relatives are to be extended.
- (f) The present restrictions on making payments to directors as compensation for loss of office or in connection with the transfer of company property will be tightened.
- (g) Provisions relating to the keeping of certain accounts and records are to be altered in certain respects.
- (h) The proposed new provisions governing the operation of businesses through trading trusts, the aims of which, were to —
  - alert members of the public to the nature of the entity with which they may be dealing;
  - (ii) clarify the extent to which the assets and liabilities of the trust are to be disclosed in the accounts of the trustee company; and
  - (iii) set out the criminal and similar liability that arises from non-compliance with these provisions,

have now been deleted from the new Draft Bill following numerous submissions on the original Bill.



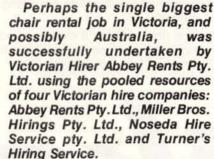
# Notes from the States . . .

# No matter which way you look at it—

There's a lot of chairs

13500 in fact!



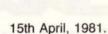


Twenty five truckloads of chairs totalling 13500 in all were delivered to the Royal Melbourne Show Grounds where all chairs had to be accurately set out to correspond with the Bookings plan, and all chairs had to be ganged into rows by the application of adhesive tape to the legs.

The chairs were required for a concert by popular entertainer Willie Nelson on his recent Concert Tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Another recent Abbey Hents project was to provide 8000 chairs for the Kiss Concert in Melbourne.

However, the assembled crowd, in the hours between 2.00 p.m. when the gates opened and the start of the concert at 8.00 p.m. found ways to use these chairs. They stacked them high in pyramids, stood on them and fought with them. The result was 1000 chairs damaged and a repair bill for \$8000.



Mr. Brian Elms, P.O. Box 136, BULLEEN, Vic. 3105.

Dear Brian,

It was with very mixed feelings that Dorothy and I resigned from the Management Committee of the Hire Association of Queensland, due to the disposal of our business. Sandgate Hire Service will continue as a member company under new ownership.

Our plans for the future are indefinite, but with 15 years to catch up on around our home, there is plenty to do. However we are torn between "Idle hands are the devil's tools" and "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", but somewhere in between the two, we hope to strike a happy medium. We will both miss our ties with the Association very much, and would like to take this opportunity, through the Hire Magazine, of thanking fellow members for their support and friendship, and wishing the State Associations and National Association all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Verney. 19 20th Avenue, Brighton Q4017. Dear Sir,

I am hoping that you could supply to me any information regarding employment in the Rental Trade in your country.

I have been involved in this trade for over two years, gaining a position of an Assistant Manager within a large Tool Hire/Sale Company in the Midlands.

I now feel that I have achieved sufficient experience in the trade to warrant a new challenge in a new country.

Any information you can send to me will be of great value.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours faithfully, G.A. CRISP 107 Frances Road, Cotteridge, Birmingham B30 3DU ENGLAND

# Notes from the States . .

#### Further expansion for N.S.W. hiremen.

Wreckair has moved into the N.S.W. coal development areas by opening branches in Lithgow and Muswellbrook to service the boom in coal mining. In actual fact, the Lithgow branch is located at Wallerwang, but Manager Hans Kammer said nobody could spell it, let alone find it, so they have settled to call it Lithgow. At Muswellbrook, housing is so short that Manager Don Daniel has to live in a Caravan on the premises. He reckons it is the only 24 hour service in Muswellbrook!

COATES HIRE have a new branch at the Mt. Thorlev Industrial Estate, Singleton. This is catering for the resources development in the Hunter Valley. Wayne Fullerton, formerly Hire Controller at Coates' Newcastle branch, has been appointed Manager.

Both companies would welcome visitors passing through.

#### New Road Law in N.S.W.

"DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE". Most N.S.W. motorists will have seen this sticker on the rear of trucks. It is not compulsory to have it on your vehicles, and it only applies to vehicles or vehicles and trailers 7.5 metres long and over. BUT if a driver wishes to use an adjacent lane (i.e. two lanes) to turn, then HE WILL BE LIABLE IF HIS VEHICLE IS WITHOUT A STICKER.

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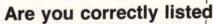
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Our Who's Who membership directory for 1981 is currently being compiled

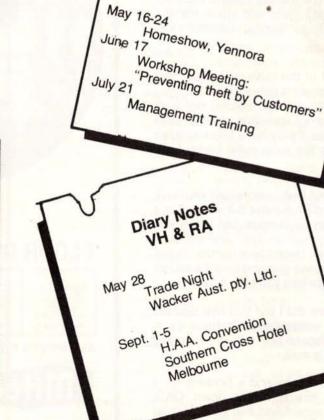
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Please notify Brian Elms immediately if your entry requires ammendment.



Diary Notes

H.A.NSW.





Jack Parker, B. E. Hire, Peter Para, Flextool and Dennis Rigoni enjoy a dip in the spa after the V H & R A Annual General meeting which was held this year at the home of HAA President Ron Williams.

# How's Your Style?

How's your style? No we're not talking about the gear you are wearing or the expertise you use on your lady friends. It's the flair you run your business with that's of interest.

The people who run hire operations up and down the country are usually down to earth type people and seem to be cast in similar moulds. Their thoughts also funnel along the same channels and their ideas bring the same results which are usually good.

But what of presentation? Do you greet your customers with a blob of grease hanging from your nose, and in a dirty paint-spattered pair of oily overalls that have not seen a laundry tub for months? The friendly voice is there but what inward ideas and visual impressions do your intending customers end up with?

And what of the tools and equipment your customer is going to hire? Do you have to dig out that electric drill from under a conglomeration of small tools that look as if they have been rumbled around in the local raffle barrel for a week?

What about that compressor you have in the yard? I wonder if it will go? Is it due for an oil change just when it is ready to go out on hire? And that concrete mixer. I won't be a minute. I'll just get the grease gun and give it a couple of squirts before you take it away.

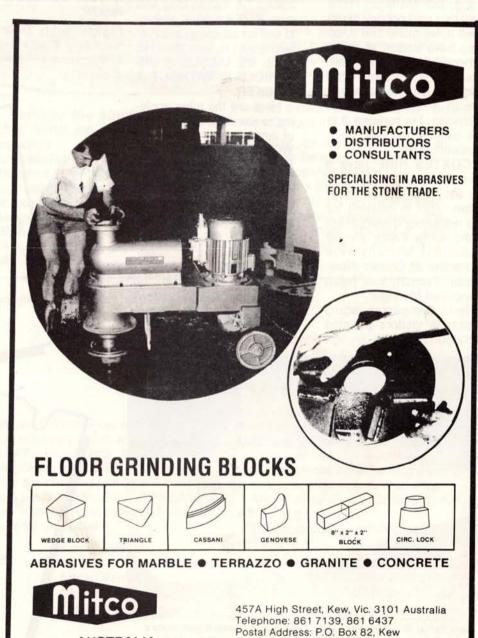
Now where did I put that hire docket? It's here somewhere. Perhaps it's in that cardboard box full of paper and last week's mail.

The phone rings and a booking for a Saturday hire is written down. On a scrap of paper! And that joins the rest of the paper in the box you have just rustled through.

Well, that's some style we have been reading about and in the main it does not attach itself to the majority of hire operations. Presentation of yourself, your operation and the way you run it is of prime importance to the general public. If your first impressions do not imprint themselves on your intending

customers you are not likely to get a second chance.

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# Briefly . . .

# NSW may end hire purchase

The N.S.W. Government is considering a sweeping new credit law which would abolish hire purchase in NSW and provide more protection for consumers.

Under the law, hire purchase would be replaced by chattel mortgage. This would mean buyers would own goods from the time they paid a deposit.

Another measure would be a credit tribunal to adjudicate on any claims that consumers have been "ripped off" by means of harsh and unconscionable contracts.

#### Think positive . . .

A smiling, positive-minded Mr Bob Ansett urged businessmen, investors and State politicians to be glowing positive about Victoria's future.

At a press conference called to announce Mr Ansett's appointment as the president of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce Mr Ansett, said too many negative and bad things had been said and written recently about Victoria's economic prospects. "Anyone can knock," he said. "It's very easy to do, it's much more difficult to pick the positive things and work quietly on the problem areas.

Asked about Victoria's high rate of bankruptcies, rising unemployment and population drift, he said: "I am not trying to minimise the fact that there are problems, but you can build up to almost an hysteria about these problems and put them completely out of their perspective.



Stihl Director of Marketing Bob Donaldson has been appointed President of the Australian Chain Saw Industries Association.

At the same time, on the nomination of the Confederation of Australian Industry, he becomes industry representative on the newly formed committee, which will investigate chain saw safety standards for the Standards Association of Australia.

Among things to be looked at by the committee in the process of setting future standards will be antivibration, noise, automatic braking, hand guards, safety chains, mufflers, etc.

Barry Bradshaw is the new Victorian sales manager for Stihl Chain Saw (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. Barry, who replaces Geoff Pickett in the position, brings to the job a wealth of experience in the small motors field.

#### KWIKFORM

KWIKFORM Industries Ltd. has bought the KS Electrics Pty. Ltd. for an undisclosed amount of cash.

K S Hire rents scissor-type and boom-type lifting equipment.

# **MANUFACTURERS NEWS...**

#### HEAVY DUTY PASQUALI ROTARY HOE MEETS TOUGH REQUIREMENTS FROM CONTRACTORS

The new Pasquali 931 Contractor model rotary hoe has been introduced as a heavy duty machine specially to meet the demands of contractors, equipment hirers, government agencies and councils.



Powered by a 13hp Lombardini single cylinder aircooled, four stroke engine, the Pasquali 931 has a nine forward and three reverse gearbox. This allows a choise of operating speeds from 0.6 kilometres per hour to 15 kilometres per hour to be selected. In heavy going or hard soil conditions,

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the working speed appropriate to conditions can be engaged. As part of its heavy duty specification, the Pasquali rotary hoe has a dry element air cleaner and a single plate, dry clutch. Other standard items include front counterweights and adjustable handlebars to provide the best individual operating position with minimum operator fatigue. A differential lock and a kill switch which immediately shuts down the machine are futher safety precautions. The 500 x 15 tyres on the machine also aid its stability.

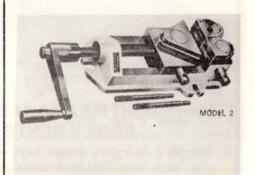
Long life cultivator tyres are also fitted to counter the tough operating environment usually demanded from such a machine. A standard cutting width of 76cms (30 inches) is provided and a choice of two hoeing speeds can also be made depending on the soil type.

Pasquali rotary hoes have been used by home gardeners and small farmers in Australia for some years and the new Pasquali 931 Contractor has been released following demand from commercial users for a machine that will stand up to tough, everyday conditions, further details are available on request from the Australian distributor. Motorcolt Pty. Ltd., 909 Dandenong Road, Springvale. 3171. 547 4177.

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This is not a toy. It has a body of meehanite casting, with exceptionally high tensile strength, and specially heat treated, hardened steel jaws.

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