



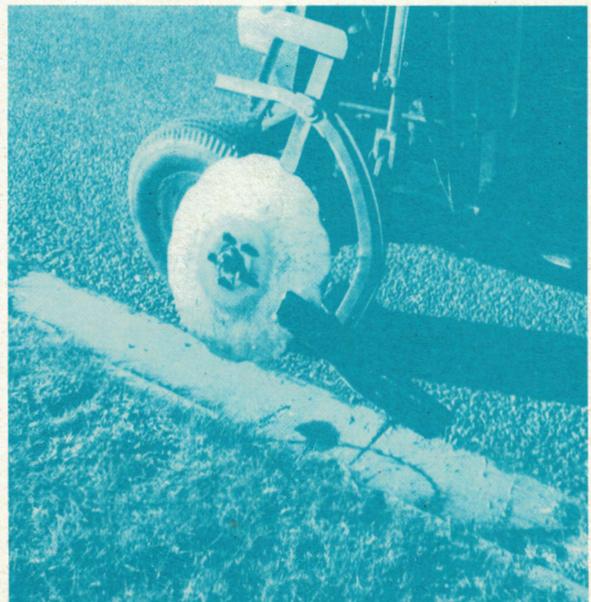
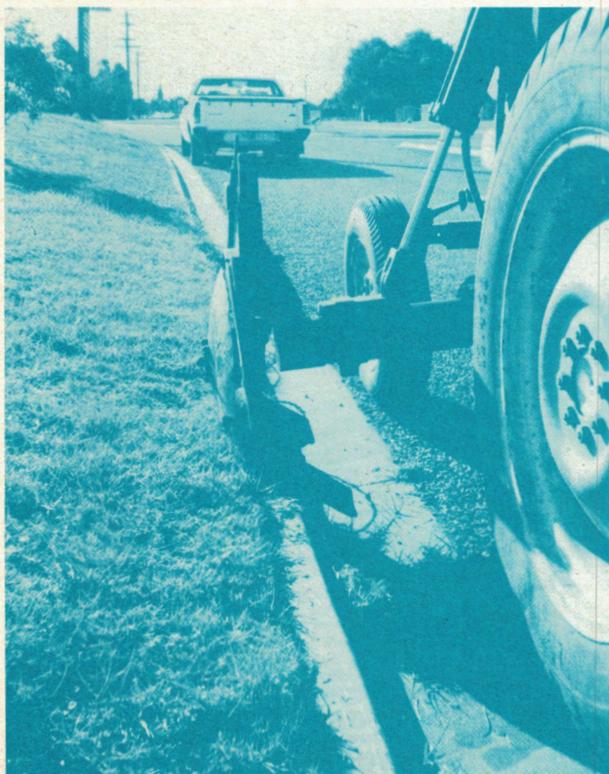
SIDE-MOUNTED KERB EDGER CUTS NATURE STRIP DOWN TO SIZE

Council workers trimming the edges of nature strips at kerbs face a number of hazards. The task is usually done manually or by a rear mounted trimming device on a tractor. Manual workers face sprain and strain injuries as well as the risk of being hit by a passing car.

The rear-mounted edger on the tractor also presents problems since it is often obscured from the driver's sight. The driver is required to constantly twist and turn to align the edger. Also the driver's attention is diverted from the road.

SOLUTION

The East Gippsland Council's Works Department developed and tested a side-mounted edger that bolts onto the tractors. Workers were consulted on its design features and performance requirements. Side-mounted mirrors allow the driver to see the edger without twisting and turning. A trailing plate, attached to the tractor, pushes the clippings into the curb. The clippings are then picked up by the Council's automatic road sweeper. The amount of bending and lifting by outdoor workers has been reduced.



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COST

\$1,500 approx.

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INDUSTRY

Local government

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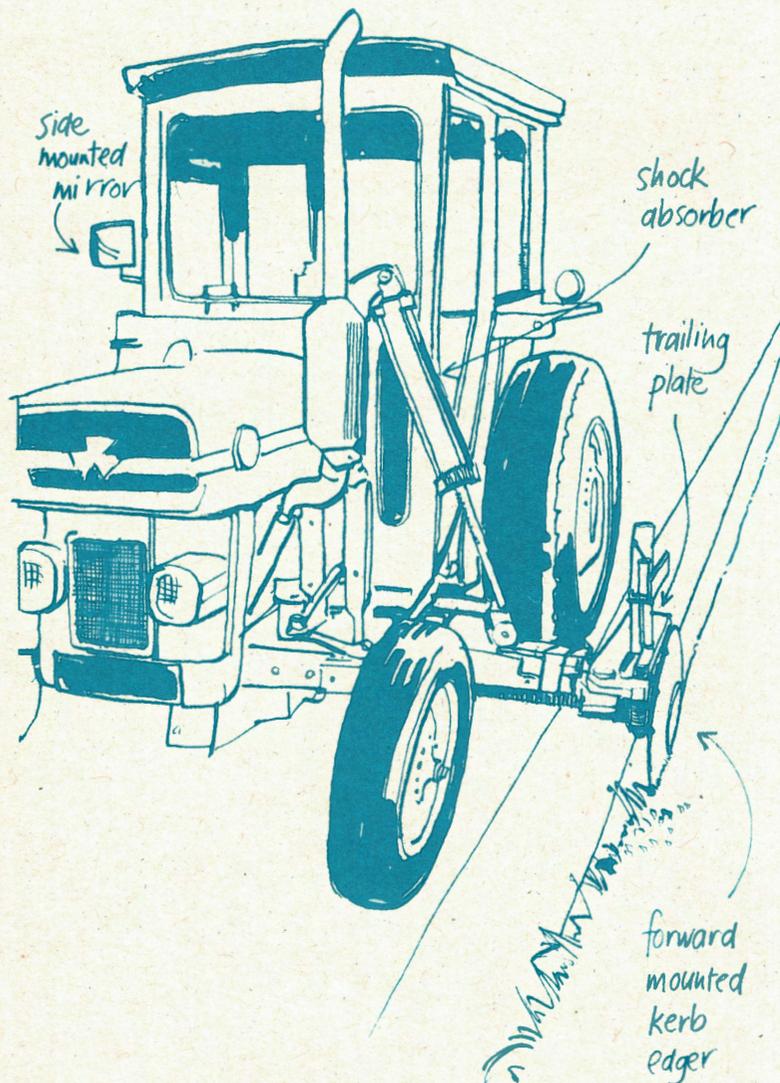
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Not applicable

BENEFITS

The relocation of the edger has reduced the number of manual handling risks faced by outdoor workers. Operators can see that the edger is working correctly with minimal twisting and turning. Manual edging and the need for employees to walk along busy roads has been replaced in many instances and manual handling WorkCover claims have been greatly reduced. Trimming the edges of kerbs has become safer and more convenient for the outdoor workers.



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