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CHAMPION GRADER

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Big is not always Best

The Champion Grader proves to be the answer for tough jobs.

When Carl Schultz the Maintenance Supervisor for Bardavcol Pty Ltd – a company responsible for completing such major projects as Sturt Highway Duplication, Mawson Connector and Interchange, Adelaide Airport's new terminal earthworks, Port River Expressway, plus many more – had a tricky grader job he called Graham Witt from Loadex Hire SA.

Loadex hires out a large range of earthmoving machines including, excavators, loaders, telehandlers, rollers, and graders. Graham recommended the model C80C Champion compact grader.

"We had a shoulder patrol on the road that runs through Humbug Scrub," explained Carl. "The dirt edges of a bitumen road break up and soften over time, so we had to build the material back up and compact it making a harder surface for cars if they wander off the road. There were only thirty metres between some of the driveways, but it was no problem. The Champion was the right size with the ten foot blade, low cabin, it could get around obstacles and keep away from the guard rail by using the articulation, plus fantastic visibility made the job easy."

The Champion Compact Grader was introduced to the market by Clark Equipment to go where big graders can't by manoeuvring into tight spots for quick finishing and grading. The versatility of the grader can do most of the jobs a contractor needs at a much lower cost than big graders.

"We tried big graders on shoulder patrol," said Carl Schultz, "But with the twelve foot blade, and being longer and higher the big boys did a lot more damage to the road. The Champion got in there and quickly did the job."

"We purchased the C80C because we identified a gap in the market," said Graham Witt. "When we told our customers about the Champion they were very encouraging. Soon after we bought it, Bardavcol hired it for a month."

The Champion articulate graders have a range of attachments to make them even more versatile, such as: Rotary Broom, Dozer Blade/scarifier, Rippifier, "V" Scarifier, Side Dozer, Vibratory Roller, Windrow Eliminator, and Counter Weight are just a few.

"A big advantage of the C80C is it costs a lot less to operate," said Graham Witt. "The purchase price is lower for a start. Big graders use eighteen to twenty litres an hour while the Champion only uses five. That is enough saving to pay for an operator. Being only eight tonnes compared to sixteen or seventeen, it travels beautifully along the road with a lot less tyre wear. If a contractor does a lot of car-parks, cycle tracks, slip-lanes, shoulder patrols, and small jobs the Champion is ideal. But, don't be fooled, this machine has power, she does the big jobs as well."

"Get your bottom in the seat and try it," said Carl. "You are in for the surprise of your life."



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