

KEEPING OUR CAPITAL IN SHAPE

Canberra's extensive parklands and green belts define our nation's Capital, but require constant attention to keep them in top trim. The arrival of the spring growing season means intensive work for companies like Canberra Horticulture Pty Ltd, one of the ACT's largest horticultural contractors.

The company's 40 staff operate eight front-mounted mowers and four 12-foot wing mowers and four tractors with 12-foot mowers attached. The majority of their work covers most of Canberra's Inner North Region and the National Capital Authority area.

"Right now we are approaching our busiest time of the year – it was time to upgrade our equipment to enable us to work more efficiently", said owner Graham Ayre.

"The New Holland 'Boomer' 4060 tractor was the right size and had the operational capacity for the hydraulic attachments we needed. Semco Equipment Sales fitted a Challenge Loader, a Toro rear mounted debris blower and a mid-mount Gyrat path edger. These give us the productivity we need when trimming roadsides, parks, playgrounds and other public spaces" Graham added.

"Our staff spend long hours at the controls, so comfort and ease of operation were major considerations in selecting this equipment. Other attractive features included a seat that slides forward and backward along an inclined track to give taller operators extra leg room, or place shorter operators closer to the pedals and controls.

The easy-to-use 12 x 12 Synchro Shuttle Shift (SSS) transmission also appealed to us. This means the operator can shift from gear to gear while the tractor is in motion and ground speeds of up to 8km per hour can be achieved under ideal working conditions", he said.

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Caption: *Wayne Davis, Canberra Horticulture Supervisor, with the New Holland 'Boomer' 4060 with Challenge Loader, Toro rear mounted debris blower and a mid-mount Gyral path edger.*