

MacDon's 30th Year Celebrations in Australia Wraps Up

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The 30th anniversary of MacDon equipment in Australia was a great year for MacDon Industries Ltd., MacDon Australia Pty. Ltd., and especially MacDon dealers and customers. MacDon Australia started off the celebration with a dealer appreciation event in March 2005. Throughout the year, dealerships and customers continued the festivities to commemorate MacDon's 30 years in Australia.

Roger Vater was one of the Australian dealers to hold a MacDon anniversary party for his customers at his dealership A.W. Vater & Co., in Saddleworth, South Australia. The evening included a BBQ meal, training by MacDon Australia Product Support Manager, Paul Pickford and plenty of lively conversation! Roger Vater and Paul Pickford also cut a MacDon 30th Anniversary cake for everyone to taste.

During this 30th anniversary year, MacDon was fortunate to host many Australian dealers and customers at the factory in Winnipeg! It is always amazing to see the number of international guests who are interested in visiting MacDon. It seems that Australians are the most likely group to "stop by" while on a trip in North America! We love to show off the factory and the showroom at

590 Moray, especially to people who share the same passion for agriculture.

One such visit was from Peter and Marie Glover, along with Neville and Gayle Phillips, of Brooker Farm Supplies in Yeelanna, South Australia. The Glovers and Phillips arrived in March 2006, just in time to see some snow fall. Neville and Peter were particularly interested in the snow clearing machines running up and down the streets! They enjoyed a full MacDon tour and meetings with MacDon personnel. The group stayed long enough to visit some local farms, including Ron and Anne Braun's grain farm near Rosser, Manitoba. Peter, Marie and Gayle were also introduced to the fine art of curling by Gary Giesbrecht, MacDon's Vice President and CFO, and his wife Carolyn. The game will never be the same!

The past 30 years have been a remarkable journey for MacDon as the company continues to grow in Australia, not only in sales, but also in dealers and friends. MacDon Australia Pty. Ltd. would not be the business it is today if it were not for our extensive network of dedicated dealers throughout Australia. We appreciate all our dealers and look forward to the next 30 years!



Product Training with Paul Pickford, Australia Product Support Manager.

