

WACOL

OPERA HERALDS NEW MACHINE

MANUFACTURER ON SONG AS ITALIAN HARDWARE BOOSTS PRODUCTION CAPACITY

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WACOL is not a suburb you would usually associate with antipasto or an aria but XL's headquarters turned Italian earlier this month to celebrate a new import.

XL manufactures sheet metal service bodies, specialising in one-tonne cab chassis, and purchased the Salvagnini panel folding machine from Italy to boost production capacity.

General manager JP Shelburn said the 4000sq m factory resonated with Judit V. Molnar's opera performance as the company's 50 staff celebrated and made the new addition feel at home.

"To stay competitive in the manufacturing industry, you have to rationalise your labour or you will close doors," he said.

"Once we've made our design to work with the machine, it will chew through our production capacity."

The company even gave staff the afternoon off in recognition of the new hardware but also for a job well done for the business.

"We're experiencing our best year out of 23 years in business," Shelburn said.

While the company imported the panel machine from Italy, the products XL produce have been ex-

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ported to around 12 countries including Mongolia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, the Middle East, North America and the United Kingdom.

"We're kicking goals and growing our business with a bit of good luck, hard work and a good product to offer," he said.

Mr Shelburn said the company was a leader in innovation and was focused on improving and updating its systems.

XL also manufactures sheet metal service bodies, toolboxes and ute canopies and sources all materials locally where possible including, fixings and components.

The company was founded by the Korganow family in 1991 and tens of thousands of service bodies later, the Korganow family still owns and manages the business at 1219 Boundary Rd, Wacol.

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XL celebrated the arrival of a new panel machine with a party featuring opera singer Judit V. Molnar.