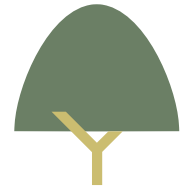


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From the Director:

Firstly, a big thank you to those “*snail mail*” customers with email who responded to our request for an email address for group mail outs. We realise that because of the possibility of attracting the dreaded SPAM, some are not handed out lightly, but in this instance, you may take some comfort from the fact that it will not only save a tree or two (thus contributing to the reduction of Aquavic’s carbon footprint) but will also leave a staff member free to devote more time to our mission of “Ionising Australia”. The World comes later.

Secondly, I apologise for the long delay in getting this issue of our little chat sheet out to where it belongs, but the truth is that, in spite of prolonged dry spell which has now broken virtually every record in the past 160 years, we have never been busier! Like the lizard quenching its thirst at the metaphorical water hole - *we’ve been flat out!*

April Fool:

We know that our friends to our near north, and right up into FNQ really can’t believe just how dry it is down south, and think that we’re pulling their legs when we tell them so, but a recent incident in Victoria’s Central Highlands should dispel all doubts. Having consulted our calendars to confirm that it was not April, and very definitely not the first day of that particular month, we were amused to read the news that - *a lake had caught fire and had been burning for several days!* Now the situation doesn’t get much dryer than that, surely!

Still don’t believe it? Use your favourite search engine and punch in something along the lines of, “*Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, Fire*” and it will dispel all doubts. And to put the size of the lake into proportion - and to further underline the severity of the long dry down south - that particular lake was the venue for all the Olympic Rowing events in 1956, so it’s a little bigger than the average yabby dam! Mind you, if it had been any *shallower*, they’d have been running on wheels thus pre-dating the unique Todd River Regatta in Alice Springs by several decades.

Welcome the New Millennium:

And finally we are pleased to announce the release of *both* versions of our “*New Millennium Ioniser*”. (Refer here to the pics on page 3). These two units, in company with our already-established commercial-quality model **KS2-M**, now complete our suite of ionisers which will handle pools from the most basic kit pool, right up to the plant-room installed and computer-monitored resort pool.

The smaller of the two, the *New Millennium Series 1*, still conforms to our original design criteria of being a basic, compact, no-frills control unit, but this one is more robust than its predecessor in that it

will tolerate higher ambient temperatures (such as those experienced on Saturday 7th February) has a little more “grunt” and is conservatively capable of handling pools of 70,000 litres.

And apart from being the *beating heart* of our ever-popular DIY and small-pools packages, it is also an economical drop-in replacement for the failed or faulty controllers of other manufacturers. So, if you happen to know somebody who has a pool with a perfectly good pair of electrodes but nothing to drive them, give us a call.

A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing:

The larger unit, our “*New Millennium Series II*” although wearing a similar gurnsey to its smaller sibling, is a veritable wolf in sheep’s clothing. It has “*no confusing and difficult to understand and almost impossible to program keypads and UV sensitive LCD displays*” - just two simple controls and a bypass switch.

Rather than follow other manufacturers Lemming-like over the precipice of conforming to a perceived industry standard, we actually listened to our customers and came up with a unit that is so simple that even a grown up can program it without consulting pages of instructions - or the teenager in residence.

As well as a 3-pin outlet for the pool pump, it also features an extra 230 volt outlet which can be used for a chemical dosing pump, or a waterfall, or a fountain etc. And as if that wasn’t enough, a single power point on the wall is all that is required to run the whole shooting match! No more running to the local hardware store at the last minute to buy a 24 hour timer that shouldn’t be outdoors anyway, and no more piggy-back plugs. It really is so very user-friendly and will no doubt be well accepted by all.

But Wait, There’s More:

The control module pictured has been programmed to run one of our 50-mm universal flowcells, and is suitable for pools of up 125,000 litres. But the same unit, supplied with an optional internal change which is specified at the time of ordering, will run two flowcells and accommodate pools to 250,000 litres. Not exactly two for the price of one, but jolly close to it. We believe that it’s virtually the last word in flexibility and we’re sure that their future owners will agree.

The Penultimate Word:

And that, along with our unique ability to ‘mix and match’ control units, flowcells, electrodes, and to design and build flowcells to suit a customer’s specifications, puts us in the unique position to satisfy virtually anybody’s ioniser requirements. We’re not hamstrung by a very limited range of standard products. With the much-valued and appreciated support of our loyal customers - some of whom have been with us since day one - we’ve been through some rough times and come a long way together. The next decade is going to be very interesting. Very interesting indeed. Watch this space closely.

The Last Word – Literally:

With reference to the earlier comment re the simplicity of control, whilst waiting at the trade sales counter of a large pool equipment supplier recently, I couldn’t help but overhear a telephone conversation between a sales rep and an obviously frustrated customer. (Fans of “*The Castle*” will really appreciate this. Remember the “*F3*” sequence in the solicitor’s office?) It went something like this:

‘Press the “UP” button – no, not that one, the one above it - ? - that shouldn’t have happened - there should be an arrow - no, an arrow pointing UP – OK, let’s hit RESET – oh, you’ve already done that – same result? – Bugger. OK. - Hit the big switch and we’ll start again - now, turn the power on and tell me what’s on the display – no, .no, no. The toggle switch – what’s a toggle switch? - no, it doesn’t say ON – it has a funny little symbol that means ON – describe it? (under his breath but clearly audible at the counter) Shit. Here we go again! – Now listen, what’s on the screen at the moment?.....!’

And this conversation went on for the 10 minutes that it took to serve me. If ever there was a case against touch pads and LCD screens.....! Call me old fashioned if you will but owners of our *New Millennium* ionisers would not have found it necessary to make the call in the first place.

Introducing our rationalised and complete range of ioniser control units.



“New Millennium Series 1”



“New Millennium Series II”



“Industrial Commercial KS-2M”

And herewith, several examples of our demountable flowcells:



Aquavic *“Universal C-40/50M”*



*A purpose-built
50-mm Duplex unit*



Aquavic *“C-40M MKII”*

And before we pull the plug on this issue, we have just taken delivery of a limited number of 4 in 1 pool water test kits and these are going out at **\$25.50 ea. + GST**. First in, best dressed. And for the handyperson who likes to fiddle with the plumbing, or perhaps you're about to build your own pool, we also have a selection of 40-mm Waterco PVC 2 way valves (isolating valves to the uninitiated) and a quantity of 40-mm Waterco PVC swing check valves and at **\$10.00** each, they're about *half trade price*. I kid you not. We've had them far too long and just have to get rid of them - somehow.

John Horwood
Director.

“If you wouldn't drink it, why would you let your children swim in it?”