

FASCINATING FIND

Blue Streak Two-Man Chainsaw



This Blue Streak two-man chainsaw was made by C.C. Engineering in Sydney under licence to I.E.L. in Canada around 1950. The working length of the cutter bar is 4ft (1.2m) and the overall length is 8 ft 6 inches (2.6m), although bars were available up to 11 feet. This one weighs over 50 Kg. The cutter bar can be rotated on the engine to allow the Villiers carburettor to stay vertical at any cutting angle. The recommended petrol/oil ratio was 8/1, and the engine appears to have no muffler on its two exhaust ports. There are handle bar controls for throttle and clutch.

Clyde Hewitt, who operated the local chainsaw business in Monkland Street for many years acquired it as a trade-in and has loaned it to the museum. It is pictured with a 19" Whitehead chainsaw donated by Ian Lewis, and they are currently on display at the old Cooran lock-up at the museum.