

FASCINATING FIND

GRAIN CRUSHER



This grain crusher was built by Jas Smith, an agricultural machinery manufacturer, who began business in Ballarat, Victoria in 1865. It is very heavy, being chiefly constructed of cast iron, with a sheet steel hopper. The three feed and grinding pulleys were operated by flat leather belts.

Engine driven units like this were often used for cracking corn and rolling grain for feeding livestock.

The old firm and factory has closed down and these days the company of Jas Smith imports chaff cutting and grain rolling equipment.

This machine has been demonstrated rolling oats at the museum, powered by a diesel engine.

It is on display in the agricultural machinery shed.