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Drakes Supermarkets First Supermarket in Australia to trial Trolley sanitising system Sanitizit

The Sanitizit product has been developed in the US to sanitise shopping trolleys in retail, medical and airport environments. It works by providing a measured dose of sanitising solution, as a mist blanket, the covers the entire trolley as it is passed through the unit.

SAGE Automation has partnered with the developer of the Sanitizit product to manufacture, supply and support the units in the Australian and New Zealand markets.

“We have been working with SAGE Automation on the first Australian supermarket trial,” said Drakes director, John-Paul Drake. “Feedback from the team as well as our customers has been positive, and we will look at possibly rolling out into more of our stores.”

Adrian Fahey, MD & CEO SAGE Group says, “We are delighted to be bringing this product to the Australian market and to have conducted a successful local market trial with iconic Australian Supermarket chain, Drakes. SAGE will be the exclusive manufacturer of the Sanitizit product in Australia from our advanced manufacturing centre at Tonsley in South Australia and will provide ongoing support nationally via our 14 state and regional office locations.”

“We are proud to be supporting a local South Australian company with this innovative product” said Drake.

The SanitizIT product brings benefits including:

- Operational efficiency for the retailer, replacing the manual process of wiping the trollies down by hand with a touchless system
- The dosage of sanitising solution can be adjusted for one trolley or a bank of trolleys being sanitised at a time
- Reduced waste by eliminating wipes being put into landfill
- It sanitises the whole trolley, not just the handle
- A hand-held wand enables the sanitising of shopping baskets from the main unit
- The unit uses water based sanitising solution supplied by the unit operator
- The units are low voltage and use very little power

SAGE has identified markets in the retail, medical (wheelchairs) and airport (luggage trolleys) spaces where the Sanitizit unit will provide the public and operators with enhanced cleanliness and peace of mind. Manufacturing will commence soon, creating Australian jobs and providing local support. More information can be found here: <https://www.sageautomation.com/sanitizit>

About Drakes Supermarkets

In 1974 Roger Drake purchased his first supermarket, a three-lane store named Jack & Jill's which employed only four staff.

Today, Drakes Supermarkets is the largest independent grocery retailer in Australia and specialises in supermarket retailing. Operating in over 60 stores across South Australia and Queensland, the company now has an annual turnover in excess of \$1 billion and employs over 5,500 staff nationally.

The company's strength lies in operating on the principles of a family business and supporting local manufacturers and suppliers. Drakes Supermarkets has kept its focus on the important aspects of the business. THE CUSTOMER. This is the company's competitive edge, along with its family values and Australian heritage.

The company recently built a \$125 million Distribution Centre in Edinburgh North, South Australia, and is the only fully independent, family-owned, vertically integrated supermarket chain in Australia.

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