



Mrs Rose Hollard and Mr Bernard Hollard with the tractor they have donated to help with the upkeep of the Hollard Gardens at Kaponga.

# Inquiry cleared Mr Prebble

## Family gives again

Some people do not seem to know when to stop giving.....

Last year the Hollard family, of Kaponga, donated a large garden area off Manaia Rd to the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust. Now they have paid for a new tractor and mower worth \$10,500 to be used by the Hollard Gardens staff.

It was handed over at a special ceremony on Wednesday with the tractor named "Rose" after Mrs Hollard. A Taranaki representative of the QE II National Trust, Mr Alistair Duncan, described the donation as an outstanding contribution in view of what the family has already given.

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The Minister of Transport, Mr Prebble, has been cleared by Parliament's privileges committee of misleading the House last year when denying allegations that he was reading while driving.

The committee's chairman and Minister of Justice, Mr Palmer, said the finding had been reached on a majority decision. Labour has three members on the committee and National two.

Mr Prebble was alleged to have misled Parliament by denying a Radio Windy report that he had been seen reading what appeared to be a Sunday newspaper while driving.

Mr Palmer, the committee chairman, said yesterday the broadcast was inaccurate, a "serious breach of ethics and probably libellous".

Radio Windy journalist Chris Gollins was found in contempt of Parliament for making statements implying that Mr Prebble had misled the House.

### Misunderstanding

However, although he never apologised and never withdrew the charge, Gollins based his broadcast on a misunderstanding about the nature of Mr Prebble's reply to a parliamentary question. Therefore, the committee recommended to the House that no further action be taken, Mr Palmer said.

He said the hearing, which took up 23 hours and heard more than 14 hours

of evidence over 12 days, was an "unnecessary waste of this Parliament's time and resources".

But Opposition MP Mr W. F. Birch (Franklin), who was a member of the committee that heard the case, said the minority of members on the committee considered that Mr Prebble had made misleading comments to the House. It was impossible to finally prove that anyone was actually reading something, he said.

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