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AIMS

Promote the preservation, study and understanding of hand tools.

Encourage interest in, and better understanding of crafts and early industries in which these tools were used.

Discover, identify, classify, document, preserve and exhibit these tools - in particular special efforts are to be made regarding the documentation and preservation of Australian made tools.

Share this knowledge and understanding with others and with museums, pioneer villages, the National Trust and similar institutions.

Accomplish these aims in a spirit of fun and fellowship.

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Secretary Frank Ham,

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## Editors Comments

Now over five years old we are this year attempting to have a more planned approach to club activities. This is a good sign of the development of our Association. In particular we will provide a regular newsletter and have a more broadly planned program. Both these goals should be more satisfying for all of us, but naturally require ideas and support from members in general. Your suggestions for club meeting activities and contributions to the newsletter are encouraged.

You will see in this edition we are beginning our "Wanted" and "Swap sale" columns, and we hope that country members in particular help with contributions to these and a "Letters" section.

In Australia we certainly do not have the antiquities and history of occupation of the land that exists elsewhere. However, we certainly do have our own early industries, trades and tools which require serious exploration, analysis and recording. With an already quite diverse membership we need to contribute to the understanding of hand tools and their contribution to our Australia. The isolation of our land has undoubtedly produced many special adaptations through the trades, crafts and use of tools which we are yet to appreciate.

## Our Next Newsletter

We hope it will feature articles on the development of tools and on the making of musical instruments. Your contributions, letters and advertisements are welcomed.

## Secretary's News

### Display at Exhibitions Gallery, Wangaratta

Our display at Wangaratta was successfully completed and apparently created much interest, especially amongst the older people. There have been one or two enquiries from people in Wangaratta.

### Tool Sale in Sydney

Please note the date is April 9th at 9.00 a.m. (not as previously reported)  
See advertisement elsewhere in the Newsletter.

### Display cases

John Cairns and Jack Watson have volunteered to repair the display cases.

## New Members

### Membership List

The list of financial members of the Association will be published in the next newsletter. To be included your subscription of \$18.00 must be received by the Secretary before 30th April.

### Club Meeting Program

#### Tuesday 28th March

Jock Watson has invited us to his home at 8.00 p.m. A guest speaker Mr. Raynor Beilharz will talk on "Violin Making".

#### Tuesday 23rd May

Not yet finalised.

#### Tuesday 25th July

A moulding and casting evening will be held at the Foundry School, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology from 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

#### Tuesday 26th September

No details as yet.

#### Tuesday 28th November

A visit to the School of Patternmaking at R.M.I.T.  
6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

As you can see there is still room for further suggestions, and Kees would be pleased to hear from any members who can help with speakers, or interesting venues for our meetings.

Club Meeting - Glen Waverley, 28th Feb., 1989

Our meeting was held at the home of Alan Marrone, and a total of fifteen members were present.

After a period of chatting, information swapping and a preliminary viewing of Alan's collection of pocket knives, Frank Ham opened the meeting. Frank welcomed a new member Andrzej Wyka to the Association. Andrzej specialises in antique musical instruments. Future events were outlined and members were brought up to date with the latest news, one important fact being that a permanent home for the Caine Tool collection has now been found.

Jock Watson thanked Alan and his wife for their hospitality and in particular for the magnificent spread provided. Jock also agreed to repair some showcases which have become the property of the association.

Frank Ham gave a talk on the dating of Bed-Rock Planes, demonstrating the procedure with a number of examples.

Alan then talked about his collection of knives. It was quite a revelation to us all. Those knives we pass in Trash and Treasure Markets will now be subjected to much closer scrutiny.

The meeting was declared closed. Members continued to discuss tools over tea and coffee and viewed Alan's knives again, this time with a far more informed outlook.

Report by Tony Derrett

Caine Tool Collection Committee

An inspection of a cottage at the rear of "Illawarra" took place on a very stormy day in early February. "Illawarra" is a well-known National Trust property and the cottage has been offered to our club for the storage and preservation of the Caine Collection and for other general activities.

Inspection led to agreement that the cottage was quite suitable provided the Trust made some basic repairs, and there was general enthusiasm for accepting the Trust's offer. Trust Property Officer Jan Hansen has had the requested repairs made including the fitting of locks. More work will occur after March and we may soon have a more secure base for holding club activities and working on the Caine collection