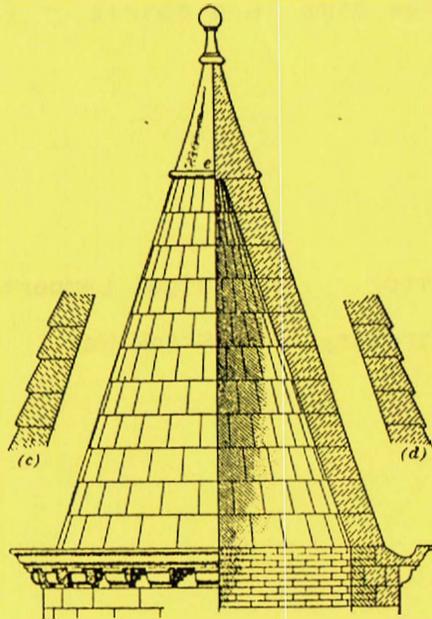


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## AIMS

Promote the preservation, documentation, study and understanding of hand tools and the skills employed in their usage.

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 including museums, pioneer villages, the National Trust and similar institutions.

Accomplish these aims in a spirit of fun and fellowship.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

### Newsletter Production

Special thanks once again to June and Alex McLean for their magnificent work in producing and mailing the Newsletter. Their support of our Association has been outstanding.

### Newsletter Name and Format

A lot of thought has been put into possible improvements in layout. One thought is to change the name from "Newletter" to something else. Suggestions to date range from "The Enthusiast" to "Tool Gossip". How about sharing your suggestions by jotting them down for the Executive to consider.

### Next Issue

Contributions for the first 1992 issue are due by 18th January.

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## SECRETARY'S NEWS

### 1. Annual General Meeting - November 20th

A good attendance was achieved at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre. Watson Cutter presented a report of our activities for 1991 and treasurer Ian McIntosh reported on our financial affairs (see reports elsewhere). The office bearers were re-elected for a further year. Tony Derrett retired as display co-ordinator but otherwise the membership of the Executive is unchanged.

The final draft of a proposed constitution should be available by February for consideration by a general meeting of members.

### First U.S.A. member

Gale Zerkle, President of the Mid-West Tool Collectors Association (the largest tool collectors organization in U.S.A.) has recently joined the H.T.P.A. to become our first member from the United States. Gale has also been President of the Sad Iron Collectors and he has presented two tool collecting booklets to the H.T.P.A. for which we thank him.

### Tool Inventory Computer Program

I have recently received from the United States, a software package (IBM Compatible) for a tool inventory. This enables listing tools in a collection, keeping track of prices paid and present valuations and also will print labels for the tools. If you are interested please contact the Secretary for details.

### Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club

The Annual Steam and Vintage Machinery Rally will be held at 1200 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby on Labour Day weekend, 7th, 8th and 9th March 1992. Members will remember that the H.T.P.A. had a display of tools (including wrenches) this year at the Rally.

### N.Z. Visitor to Xmas Social Function

Geoff Warren (and his wife Shirley) from Leeston, Canterbury were visiting Melbourne in late November early December. Geoff is a member of the Vintage Tool Collectors Club of Auckland and contacted some of our members. We were pleased Geoff and Shirley were able to attend our Xmas function at Geelong and Jan Juc. They would be pleased to see any H.T.P.A. members who are visiting the South Island.

As Secretary of the H.T.P.A., on behalf of the Office bearers and Executive, may I wish all members a happy Xmas and good tool collecting and restoring in 1992. Don't forget Ken Robert's lecture on 6th March.

Frank Ham

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## FUTURE MEETING NOTES

### 1. February 18th Meeting - 7.30 pm

Our first meeting for 1992 will be held at the Meat Market Craft Centre, corner of Blackwood and Courtney Street, North Melbourne. Former wheelwright Ted Frost of Geelong will discuss wheelwright and coachbuilding tools brought by members. Please bring only related tools. segment will be led by Watson Cutter. Please

### 2. March 6th Meeting - 7.30 pm

Ken Roberts will be presenting a special lecture on "English Braces and Other Tools" at the Melbourne Meat Market. A charge of \$3.00 will be made to cover expenses.

Members are encouraged to bring visitors to this special meeting.

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## CLUB MEETING REPORT - November 1991

Our Annual Meeting was held at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre on Tuesday 19th November. It was not a very pleasant evening but the attendance of 24 members included people from Geelong and the Mornington Peninsula. It was particularly good to see members who had not previously come to a club meeting. A full report by the President and Treasurer is included in this Newsletter. Office bearers for 1992 were confirmed as follows:

President:	Watson Cutter.
Vice President:	Doug McIver
Treasurer/Membership:	Ian McIntosh
Secretary:	Frank Ham
Editor:	Nigel Lampert
Librarian:	Kees Klep
Program Director:	Kees Klep
Tool Curator:	Keith Sutherland
Displays:	Executive
Catering:	Ben Rasalam

By 8.30 p.m. the formal part of the evening was over and Watson Cutter presented a talk on the development of hand routers. We had a table-full of hand routers mostly Stanley, but also including Carter, Sargent, Woodstock, Marples and home-made wooden ones. These included the classic D - shaped router. An interesting discussion on types, dating and reasons for development followed.

Nigel Lampert - November 1991

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### President's Report 1990 - 1991

This year has been one of consolidation of our stated aims and objectives and seeking to achieve what we said we would do at the last Annual General Meeting.

Our Organisational and administrative procedures have improved thanks to our Secretary, Frank Ham and Treasurer Ian McIntosh. This aspect is particularly important not only for our general well being but also to ensure that we easily meet our obligations as an Incorporated Association

In this regard your Executive Committee has held a number of meetings and there is now a final draft Constitution/Set of Rules which will be presented in due course at a Special General Meeting before sending them to the Office of Incorporations hopefully for their acceptance. We have decided to stick very closely to the

"Official" Model Rules set down as guidance for organisations seeking incorporation. Such Model Rules are quite extensive in their content and indeed they may appear "too bureaucratic" in some respects when compared with our Associations requirements. However from a legal point of view they give us protection and we do not see any need, because of them, to change the way in which we usually conduct our Activities Meetings or indeed our A.G.M. They do place restrictions on how we notify our members about important matters such as altering the Constitution and major financial decisions and the method and timing of notices. We believe however that our current general administration processes meet the Incorporation requirements.

This year we abandoned having meetings in members homes and instead we hired accommodation at the Meat Market Craft Centre in North Melbourne and the Box Hill Arts Centre. Stanley works graciously hosted our September Meeting in their Conference Room. We intend similar meeting venue arrangements in future as it reduces inconvenience to members households and to some extent evens out members travelling time (although we are aware that all members can benefit equally)

The following activities and meetings were organised during the year.

- Feb - Tool Identification - Hints and Processes
  - March - Polly Woodside Wooden Boat Building and Rope work
  - April - Gulf Station Classic Crafts Day- Display of Tools
  - May - History of Woodcarving and Techniques
  - June - Tool Sale and Swap
  - July - Spoke Shaves and Draw Knives
  - Sept. - Stanley Works - History of Stanley and Aust. Tool Development
  - Oct. - Gulf Station, Heritage Week - Display of Tools
  - Nov. - V.W.A. Demonstration Day - Display of Tools and Working Exhibits.
- Hand Router Development

Thanks go to Kees Klep our programme director and to Frank Ham. We need to give consideration to our capability to attend outside meetings and put on displays, and your Executive is examining this.

Doug McIver ably chaired the National Trust Caine Tool Sub-Committee and much work has been undertaken in regard to numbering, cataloging, identification and cleaning. This group has organised for selections of these tools to be on display at various venues and meetings e.g. Working With Wood Show.

I think you will all agree Nigel Lampert has done an excellent job as editor of our Newsletter and in giving the lead for the production of the Newsletter which is

growing in interest, stature and usefulness. We ask Nigel to thank his production team of Alex and June McLean who handle typing, cutting, pasting and otherwise generally arranging of the content. Producing consistently to a high standard is no easy task. It is pleasing to note that we are gradually getting more members to contribute articles and news items. We need more of this however, it doesn't matter how rough the draft is because it will be tidied up and we are sure it will be of interest.

We are branching out and the Newsletter is for sale at \$3.50 per copy at Ken Turners' "Cobweb" in the Park Lane Antique Centre in High Street, Malvern.

Kees Klep as Librarian keeps his eye out for interesting and relevant books for the library and many new additions have been made this year.

Keith Sutherland has acted as Club Tool Curator and he has been a consistent helper and attendee at the various exhibitions. We have had two donations of tools to the Association.

Tony Derrett has until last month acted as Display Coordinator and as well as doing an excellent job has ensured that the means of display i.e. cabinets, wall boxes, and partitions have been delivered on site and erected on time. Due to pressure of business Tony has had to relinquish this position and we are looking for someone to take his place.

Last but by no means least, among the valuable helpers is Ben Rasalem who as Catering Officer has ensured that at Executive Meetings and other activities the inner man has been looked after.

There have been many other helpers at various activities which I haven't called up by name but they are appreciated just the same. It does, however, seem to be the same people all the time. We need more volunteers in order that we can more adequately plan a more equitable non-onerous attendance. Again we thank all who have helped in whatever capacity.

Membership has remained fairly static with about the same numbers of new members as the number who have relinquished their membership. May I remind you that subscriptions are now due.

Finally I would like to spend a minute or so on future plans.

1. Your executive committee has received approaches from WA and NSW in regard to some sort of affiliation and consideration is being given to this.