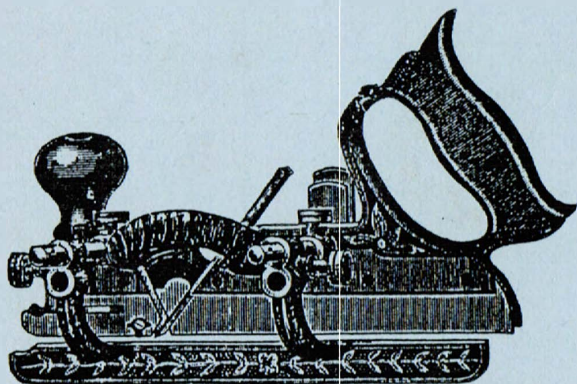


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AIMS

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.

Editor - Nigel Campert

Secretary - Frank Ham

Dear Members and Friends,

At last we have a newsletter - it has taken us more than five years since the formation of our Association, but here it is. There is no doubt that a newsletter helps in communication - it will allow our country and interstate members to keep in touch.

Most of the spade work for this newsletter was undertaken by Clay Stevens who unfortunately was not able to take on the position of Editor. The Secretary temporarily acted as Editor to ensure the delivery of the newsletter early in the New Year, but he is pleased to report that Nigel Lampert has agreed to head the newsletter Committee, and act as Editor.

It is of course essential that members help Nigel with contributions - not necessarily original or lengthy. A short report of an interesting tool or recent findings in a trash and treasure market etc. are very acceptable.

#### Last meeting of 1988

Kees Klep kindly invited the H.T.P.A. to his workshop at St. Josephs College, Ferntree Gully. Despite the terrible weather the attendance was good. Some tool repairs were undertaken, and a little swapping and trading was mixed with a lot of talking.

Late last year we acquired a programme organiser - Kees Klep volunteered to arrange future meetings and the planned events that Kees has organised so far for 1989 are:-

#### Sunday 19th February

Family BYO - BBQ lunch at the home of Mr and Mrs Colin Goldberg, Lamport Lane, Brandy Creek (see enclosed directions). Colin will demonstrate the making and repair of wooden Merry-go-round horses.

#### Tuesday 28th February

The first evening meeting will be at the home of Alan Marrone, 19 Dinadan Crescent, Glen Waverley, at 8.00 p.m. (Phone 233 4072). Alan has a superb collection of pocket knives which will be on display. He is also interested in measuring tools, so please take along any interesting rule, tapes, instruments etc. together with any relevant literature.

Saturday 4th March

Some of you will remember the cooper, Mr. Len Simnett who demonstrated the art of coopering at our Meat Market exhibition in October. Len has agreed to show our members more of his skills at his home, 2 Poolman Street, Port Melbourne on Saturday afternoon, 4th March at 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday 28th March

Jock Watson has invited us to his home at 21 Albert St., Mt. Waverley (Phone 807 1850) 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.  
5.00 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.

Membership subscriptions

At our last meeting in November, it was decided the subscription for 1989 should be slightly increased to \$18.00, especially as our costs will rise with our newsletters. Our present funds are a little over \$700.00.

Membership fees are now due and should be forwarded to the Secretary H.T.P.A., 21 Adeney Avenue, Kew.

## Library

Members are reminded that a good selection of books and other literature is available from the Librarian. The most popular books are available for inspection at our bi monthly meetings, but country and interstate members can arrange loans by post.

Three or four new titles will be available in the next few months.

## Tool sales or swap

One of the benefits of an Association such as ours, is the possibility of finding less common tools (or even parts of tools) available from other members. Although deciding on a monetary value can be difficult, swapping obviates this problem to some extent. Space will be available in our newsletter for advertising wanted or surplus tools.

## Secretary's news

### Display at the Exhibitions Gallery, Wangaratta

Sally Scott, Director of the above Gallery has asked our Association to be part of a Working with wood Exhibition to be held in the Council Gallery from February 3rd - 24th, 1989.

All the items loaned for the display will be insured and the Gallery is minded whilst it is open.

If anybody would be able to be in attendance at the display, at any time during the display period, (perhaps a day or a week end if you are looking for an outing), please let Frank know.

### Tool Sale in Sydney, April 2nd

Via Ray Ingold of Bowsaw Tool Company, we have been given preliminary notice of Tool Sale (collectable and usable) in Sydney on Sunday April 2nd 1989. This sale will be conducted indoors so will take place even if it rains. Further details will be available in our next newsletter.