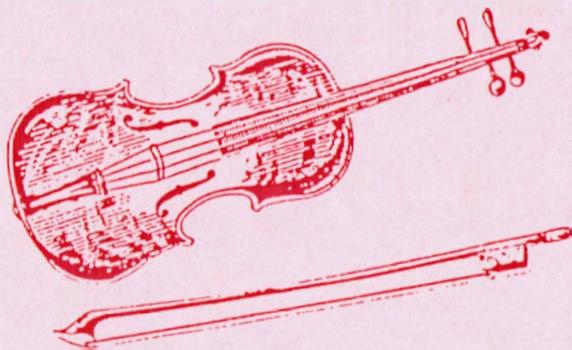


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AIMS

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 Lampert,

Secretary Frank Ham,

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Editor's Note

The author has indicated his willingness because of his deep interest, to carry out a search of a series of articles for the HTPA newsletter on the history, development, and effect of tool use on our environment. Whilst he may act as our guide he would like you to play a part. Do you have any historical information that can be incorporated. Each subscriber will be acknowledged as well as the original author.

How about it you HTPA'ers, this could turn out to be a useful Australian tool collectors project. Letters and comments are invited, particularly if they can clarify, elucidate and correct, thus making the text more factual and interesting.

How many of you still live in the "Stone Age" because your contributions would be extremely helpful?

The Editor

JOCK WATSON

With great regret, we record the passing of our President, I.H.S. (Jock) Watson on May 30th 1989. Jock was present at the meeting that formed the Hand Tool Preservation Association in 1983, and was elected our inaugural President. He already had a large room of his home set apart as a museum, and we all remember the happy meetings held at . Jock and his wife were always ready to welcome our Association, and Jock kept in touch with a large number of our members. His interest and knowledge in wood, wood turning, and hand tools will be missed, but we will remember his stories, his humour and his friendly personality.

Our thoughts are with his wife and family at this time.

Secretary's News

1. Display at Wangaratta

As well as transport costs for taking tools to Wangaratta and a return trip three weeks later, the City of Wangaratta has made a donation of \$200.00 to our funds.

2. New Members

3. Spotswood Pumping Station

The Museum of Victoria has taken over the pumping station and has made some repairs and increased security arrangements. Tenders have been called for the building of a large museum building behind the preserved buildings.

It is pleasing for our members to read of the interest shown in the planned pumping station museum. The 3.7ha site includes engine houses, straining wells, and coal bunkers. The intention of creating a museum highlighting the engineering and social history of the site is an excellent one. Already the centre has received 20 expressions of interest from contractors.

The project is due for completion early in 1991. The project itself is distinct from the main museum which will be moved to a location in the Southbank precinct.

4. Tool Sale in Sydney - 9th April

The sale was held in a suburban sea scout hall. there were approximately 12 tool dealers selling second hand and antique tools. Between 300 and 400 people attended and some interesting tools were available, e.g. Marples Ultimatum brace sold for \$550.00. Stanley No 35 wooden bottom plane \$140.00 (not sold). Stanley 27 \$85.00. However there were plenty of cheaper tools available also.

The dealers also filled a showcase with a display of uncommon Stanley planes such as No 1, No 2C, No 9, No 33, No 43, No 57, No 72 1/2, No 85, No 144, No 239.

The success of this tool sale makes me feel a similar sale in Melbourne would be quite feasible.