

NEWSLETTER (Name ?)

MINUTES OF MEETING 27 -11 - 91

Held to discuss formation of a group similar to the Melbourne based Hand Tool Preservation Association

Henry Black opened the meeting at 7.30 in his workshop where he had on display part of his own extraordinary collection of tools. H.B. outlined the Melbourne group and that about 100 people had responded to his questionnaire about forming such a group at the last tool sale.

Items of General Business

1. Pattern Mill, This was donated to the group by Gabbett Machinery following the S.T.A. auction of the Randwick Tram Workshops. Jack Skinner an expert on Wadkin Machinery believes it to be one of the first such mills to come to Australia in about 1910. Henry Black informed us that this was the first range of machinery built by Wadkin when they started in 1898. Rumour has it that Mr. Wadkin and one of these pattern mills were on the Titanic when it sunk in 1912 !

H.B. has organised photos of the mill and these have been forwarded to Don Godden an industrial archaeologist who has offered to write an official letter supporting the preservation of the mill which N.M. will forward to Department of Defence as part of a proposal he is working on which will hopefully see part of Cockatoo Island developed as an artisans quarter and working museum. In the mean time we need to get the mill out of the old tram workshops and stored somewhere before the 20th Dec, any suggestions?

2. Newsletter, Nigel from the H.T.P.A. told H.B. that they would welcome any contributions from N.S.W. into their newsletter.

3. Membership, discussion took place regarding the relative merits of: joining the Vic group / forming a N.S.W. branch of the Vic group / forming a separate group altogether. Consensus was reached that a separate group but affiliated with the Victorians and Western Australians be formed

4. Suggestions for a name were: Hand Tool Preservation Association N.S.W.
Hand Tool & Machinery Conservation Assn.
Tool Museum Society.
Cockatoo Hand Tool & Machinery Museum

5. Meeting place, N.M. offered to speak to Leichhardt Council about using a room.

6. Australian National Maritime Museum, H.B. offered to contact Daina Fletcher and Mike Staples re joining / venue for meeting.

7. Sydney Maritime Museum, N.M. offered to contact about use of Kanangra

8. Letterhead, Simon Sadubin agreed to come up with some ideas.

9. Powerhouse Museum, Terry Butcher offered to contact them about their tool policy.

10. **NEXT MEETING:** at H.B.'s 14 Corby Ave Concord 7.30 pm
Wednesday 18th December 1991.

11. **FUTURE MEETING:** 1st Public Meeting to be Mon 16th March 1992
Guest speaker: Ken Roberts U.S.A. book publisher and handtool authority.

Topic: Hand Braces from around the world.

pto

12. Aims of the Victorian group to be considered for ammendment and or adoption:

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

Discover, identify, classify, document, preserve & exhibit these tools. In particular special efforts are to be made regarding the documentation & preservation Australian made tools and machines.

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

Accomplish these aims in a spirit of fun and fellowship.

13. Attendance:

Henry Black Joiner, model & patternmaker.	14 Corby Ave Concord	744 7875
Terry Butcher Metal & furniture restorer.	56 Pitt St Redfern	699 2391
Bob Crosbie Antq furn rstr, jnry, hstrc pianos.	3 Chesterfield Rd Epping	869 8292
Ray Gurney Furniture restorer.	39 Syles St Leichhardt	569 1241
Robert Lee Retired auctioneer.	82/84 Princes Hwy Sylvania	522 8337
Nick Masterman Boat builder, alderman LMC.	9 Numa St Balmain	810 7917
Simon Sadubin Industrial design student.	15 Todman Ave West Pymble	449 2865
Brian Segal Cabinetmaker, woodworker.	2/126 Galston Rd Hornsby Hts	477 1573

14.

Agenda next meeting:

Minutes, business arising,
Correspondence,
Reports,
General Business:

Name
Structure
Mill
Organisation for public meeting,
Other items.

P.S. Tell interested friends and invite them along.