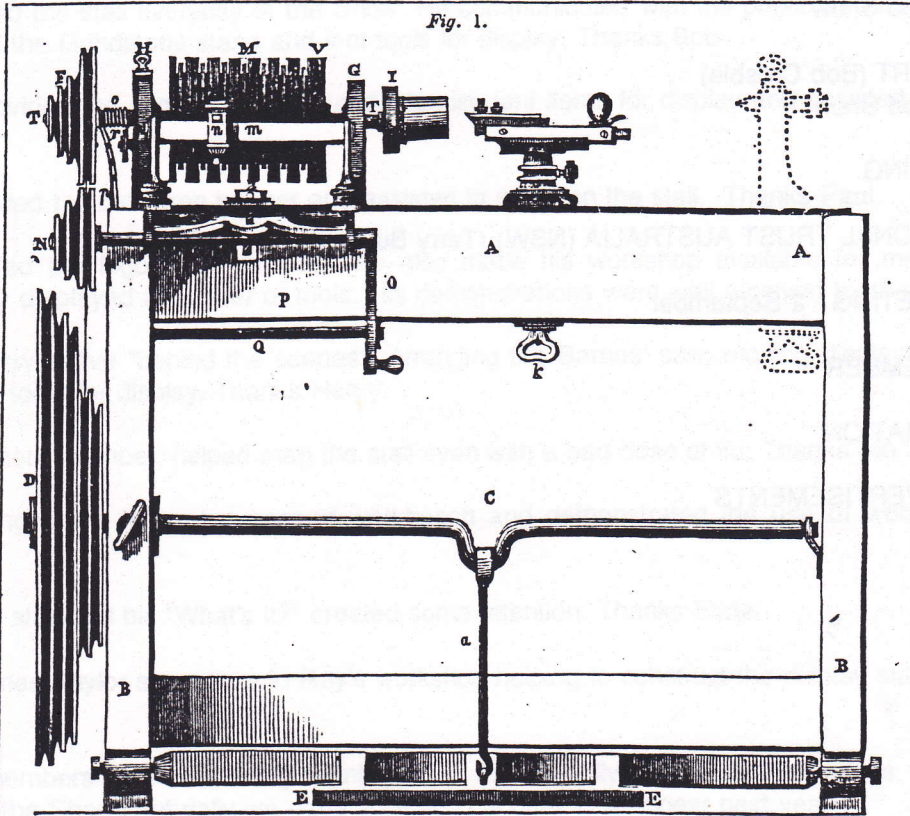




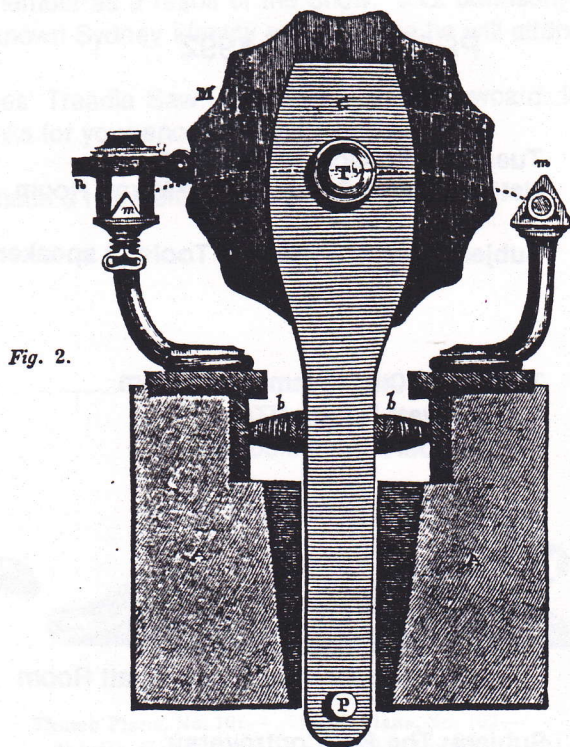
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PROGRAMME 1992

General Meeting:

Tuesday, 6th October, 7.30pm
National Trust Centre, Annie Wyatt Room

Subject: Leather Working Tools (2 speakers)

Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, 10th November, 7.00pm
Annie Wyatt Room, NTC
(all members are welcome)

Subject: Incorporation of Group

General Meeting:

Tuesday, 8th December, 7.30pm
National Trust Centre, Annie Wyatt Room

Subject: The Big Controversy
How to finish wooden tools? Shellach, Varnish or Linseed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Terry Butcher)
July. Working with Wood Show

With sighs of relief the Show is over. Public exposure and some new members.

Our special thanks to Peter Kolshinski for his assistance. He helped to move the Barnes' saw and lent a workbench for the display. Thanks Peter.

Bob Lee deserves special mention. Bob's willingness to transport heavy items again came to our rescue. He assisted in making the display stands and gave freely of his time. Thanks Bob.

Bob Crosbie manned the stall everyday of the Show. He communicated with the public and distributed membership forms. Bob donated the Grindstone stand and lent tools for display. Thanks Bob.

Richard Weston provided the carpets for the stand. He also lent items for display and assisted with public inquiries. Thanks Richard.

Paul Gregson provided the backdrop banner and assisted in manning the stall. Thanks Paul.

Ray Gurney provided the logos and banners. He also made his workshop available for members to make the display stands. Ray displayed a number of tools. His demonstrations were well received by the public. Thanks Ray.

Henry Black was very active "behind the scenes". Arranging the Barnes' saw, moving displays and helping out on the stall. Henry lent tools for display. Thanks Henry.

Ian Goldsmith, a recent member, helped man the stall even with a bad dose of flu. Thanks Ian.

Mike Williams arranged the loan of a second workbench and demonstrated the use of wooden planes. Thanks Mike.

Eddy helped on the stall and his "What's it?" created some attention. Thanks Eddy.

Yves Linxe and James Taylor spent time in Ray's workshop helping to construct the display stands. Thanks to Yves and James.

On behalf of all members of TTTG a big thank you to Pat O'Rielly of Riddel Promotions for his generosity in allocating space at the Show. Naturally we have accepted his offer to reappear next year.

We also have an honorary member as a result of the Show. J.G. Johnson, violin maker, has accepted our offer of membership. John is a well-known Sydney identity and we hope he will attend our meetings.

Barry Peredon lent the Barnes' Treadle Saw. This was a great drawcard. It provided welcome humour when Ray and Bob tried to use it. Thanks for your encouragement Barry.

As you can see it was very much a team effort.



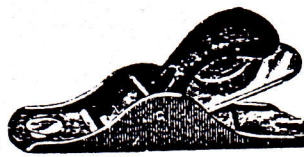
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Thumb Plane, No. 100—
3½ x 1in. Cutter, with
Handle ... -/7½



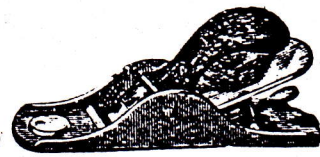
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Thumb Plane, No. 101—
3½ x 1in. Cutter -/5½



No. 102.

Block Plane, No. 102—
5½ x 1½in. Cutter ... -/11



No. 103.

Block Plane, No. 103—
5½ x 1½in. Cutter, with
Lever... ... 1/4

**EDITOR'S REPORT (Bob Crosbie)
The Working with Wood Show
The Trade Tools Group Display**

Firstly a strong expression of appreciation to all members and some non members, who assisted before, during and after the Show. The event was a success and the public's response should encourage the group to keep up the commitment to our aims.

Between 10am Friday and 6pm Sunday is a collage of memories. To say we were besieged by the public may not be an exaggeration. Our hopes were vindicated, our fears submerged. The riches out there are staggering.

To start with the tools themselves - many people wanted to know "what is it" but even more said "it's a" or "I've got one". Amongst those who recognised tools were old tradesmen or the descendants of tradesmen; they all wanted to talk and when they realised we were the only group who care about the tools and the people who used them they wanted to share their experiences.

So many offers of donations have been made. Virtually everything offered is of significance which means we must now work hard to secure a permanent "home". If we don't preserve the tools and record the knowledge of their users it will be lost.

As to the variety of people it was too vast to itemise. Some people stand out: the woman whose grandfather was a coach builder; the woman whose grandfather worked on the Farmer's building; the joiner whose shop made the first flush doors in Sydney - as a hand joinery job the joiner who as an apprentice was only allowed to clean up sash with a beech plane with a Mathieson iron; the cabinet maker who lectured and appeared on television; the stonemason who made grindstones; the pattern makers, tool makers, fitters -- three days of rich memories.

The unexpected such as the German and European cabinet-makers. The cabinet maker from Malta willing to share his knowledge. The ageing joiner trained in Glasgow whose experiences proved to be identical to those of the young joiner who was recently trained in a hand shop in Glasgow. All talking of the pleasures of using hand planes.

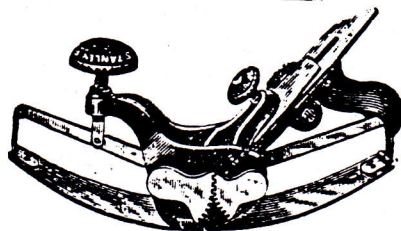
The shipwrights; one from Glasgow remembering his work mate's home-made dovetailed iron plane. The young woman learning to be a shipwright suddenly discovering the "magic" of hand tools. The old time builders, those wanting to learn and those merely spellbound by the beauty of an object.

Ray and Mike's demonstrations held the crowd. Hopefully new interests may develop and knowledge of our group be spread further in the community. If only a small number of those showing an interest in our next meeting turn up we should be in for an exciting night.

The widespread of ages, interests and gender is encouraging. Some may call us fuddities but at least the group is non discriminating on age, race or gender.

Bob Crosbie

P.S. Thanks also to the various Wood Turners Guilds, the Wood Workers Group and Women in Woodwork for assistance and encouragement.



No. 113.

Compass Plane, No. 113 8/6

This Plane has a flexible steel face, which can be easily shaped to any required arc, either concave or convex, by turning the knob on the front of the Plane.

No. 13 same as 113, but with screw at each end instead of at centre 8/6

THE LAST MEETING - 12.8.92

Editor's Report (Bob Crosble)

Twenty five members attended the last meeting at the Balmain Leagues Club. This included several "guests" who joined during the evening.

Terry Butcher addressed the meeting and outlined the activities for the evening. He gave a lively account of the Working With Wood Show and introduced some new members. Once the formalities were dispensed with the speakers presented their talks.

Paul Gregson gave a detailed account of the properties and uses of traditional wood adhesives. Placing the discussion in a time span Paul observed that synthetic glues have been tested "in the field" for about forty years while traditional glues have a three thousand year record. Combining this fact with the mechanical properties of wood and the reversibility of traditional glues, Paul argued that synthetic glues are inappropriate for quality cabinet making.

Paul further explained the preparation of hide glue and showed a selection of glue pots. As a final blow to the industrial chemists Paul reminded his listeners that traditional glues have no known health risks. The talk was well received and Paul has offered to write a paper on this topic for this newsletter.

Ralph Hawkins and Maurice Brown presented a talk on the tools of the early timber getters. Using photographs and old tools they gave a lively account of how timber was felled and converted last century. Tools displayed included the fro, ring dogs, auger, axe and wedges. Ralph has undertaken detailed research into this topic and has offered to write a series of articles for this newsletter.

Gilbert Mackie addressed the meeting. He shared some of his experiences in the joinery trade, in technical education and as a television celebrity with the group. Gilbert is a lively speaker who possesses a vast store of knowledge. No precise could do justice to Gilbert's talk and he is a welcome new member. Gilbert has offered to share his experiences with members through this newsletter.

To conclude the last meeting was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be a departure from the usual venue and should see our group consolidating and growing.

MEETING: INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY COMMITTEE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUST (NSW) Annie Wyatt Room, National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill - 5.30pm Report of address by Terry Butcher, President TTTG

On Wednesday 15 August I attended the Committee Meeting of the National Trust which I was invited to address the Industrial Archaeology Committee about our own Group's aims and objectives.

Following a fairly lengthy but hopefully not too boring talk, there was a fairly lively discussion over the best way the National Trust could be of assistance. The main points were:

1. That TTTG should register its name.
2. That the group become incorporated as government bodies do not like to get involved with groups of individuals rather than an organised corporate body. It also offers benefits of protection such as insurance, banking, fund-raising etc.
3. In order to become incorporated we must elect a public officer who will be responsible for the liaison between the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Group.

If you would like this responsible job give it some thought and if you have any experience with accounting and legal matters, so much the better. I will be calling for nominations at the next meeting 6/10/92.

I thought it was a good opportunity to get ourselves known through this meeting and as we were also invited to hold our meeting in the Trust Building I believe that it was a success.

Terry Butcher, President TTTG

COMMITTEE MEETING

Redfern, Wednesday 2 September This Committee Meeting was called at short notice to discuss several urgent matters. Members should be aware of the following.

National Trust - Terry Butcher gave an account of his meeting with a committee of the National Trust. A detailed report is included in this newsletter. As a result the committee has resolved that

- a) TTTG will become an incorporated group.
- b) TTTG meeting will be held at a National Trust venue (see notice in this newsletter)

Working with Wood Show - TTTG will present a display at next year's Show.

Acquisitions, Donations - The Committee resolved to formalise an acquisitions policy. This is subject to further discussion. Members wishing to present items to the group should address correspondence through the Committee. (Write to: The Secretary TTTG).

The Group is keen to build up a reference library. All surplus books, catalogues or any letters etc to do with tools or trades would be most welcome.

The Newsletter - The Committee elected the following:

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| Editor | : | Bob Crosbie |
| Assistant Editor | : | Ian Goldsmith |

All members should feel free to use the newsletter as a means of communication. Any articles would be welcome. In further issues a Letters column will be included. So please write something. Typing on A4 helps but is not essential.

Advertising - In future issues the newsletter will include advertising. See Classified section for details.

Correspondence - All correspondence to one address: The Secretary, TTTG, 56 Pitt Street, Redfern 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next meeting TTTG - 6 October, 7.30pm
National Trust Building (see map)
Subject: Leather Wooding Tools (Donna May Bolinger & Mario Dato)

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Readers who know of other sources of hard to find items may wish to share their knowledge via this newsletter. Feel free to contact the Editor.

Traditional Wood Turning Some readers may be interested in wood turning. One of our members, David Rivett, undertakes traditional wood turning and offers lessons. David is also interested in researching the history of Wood Turning in Sydney. He can be contacted at The Wood Turning Centre in Brookvale.

Information Wanted - Any readers with information that may be interesting to fellow members can share their knowledge through this newsletter. Write to the Editor. In the future this section should become a valued vehicle of communication for all members.



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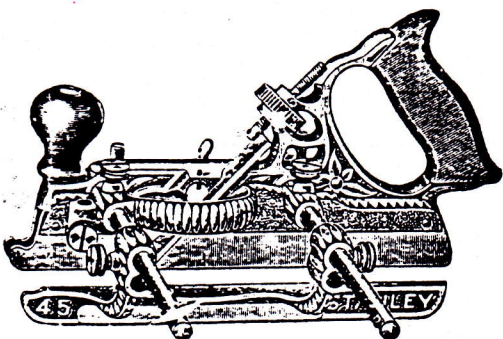
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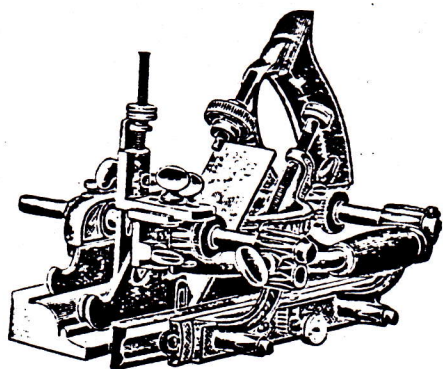
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