

WELCOME

Dear Members,

I am pleased the Club Committee made the decision to hold a conference for our 30th anniversary.

It is a good opportunity for members to get together to share our common interests in old tools and enjoy each others company. Because we are only a small organisation and a large portion of our membership lives in and around Auckland, it is not financially possible for most members to fully participate in all Club activities. That is why I believe it is important to have the occasional Conference which gives our out-of-town members the opportunity to participate in a weekend of Club affairs.

The Conference Committee have put together a programme with an interesting range of topics. I am sure it will appeal to all members. Our October Club meeting has been deferred until Friday the 10th of November and I hope we will see a number of new faces at that meeting.

The categories for the tool competitions have been simplified this year in an effort to encourage full participation. Each category can be interpreted broadly which should encourage wider participation. No judges will be appointed for the competitions - all voting will be by member's choice.

I do hope members will give serious thought to attending this milestone event. I can commend the programme to you. I know you will enjoy the fellowship in an environment in which we all share an interest. Please take the time study the programme and complete a registration form and post it as soon as possible.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Conference in November.

Kind regards,

Russell Snook

President

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2017

6.00 pm Early Registration Mix & Mingle,, view tool displays, book sales table and auction lots
7.30 Club Meeting Commences Refer to Club meeting Agenda for meeting details and guest speaker.

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

7.30 am Set up Tool Competitions
8.30 Registration Coffee & Tea, Mix & Mingle. View tool display, competitions & auction lots
9.00 Conference opening Conference opening by Club Patron - **Mr Neil Reid**. Reflections on foundation members and directions and aspirations for the Club's future.
9.30 Guest speaker **Ross Exley** - Type Study Stanley 113 Circular planes.
10.10 Morning tea Coffee & Tea, Mix & Mingle. View tool display, competitions & auction lots.
10.30 Guest speaker **Vernon Jensen** Wheelwright - on the construction of wooden wheels.
11.15 Practical demonstrations Craftsmen at work - View craftsmen- working at their specialist crafts - Woodturning, French polishing and Handle making..
12.00 Noon Lunch LaValla menu special.
1.00 Guest speaker **Corran McRae** - New Era Spitfire Manufacture.
2.15 Free time Meeting & Networking, judging the competitions, raffles, view the displays, Check the book sales and view the auction offering.
2.45 Afternoon tea Self service tea or coffee. Other beverages to be paid for (Cash bar)
3.15 Auction commences All Tool Collectors favourite activity.
5.30 Auction completed Auction payments and collection, Tool displays dismantled and Competition tools packed away.
5.45 Social time Happy hour - Musical entertainment by Michael Bennet.
7.00 Conference dinner LaValla Special - During which the Competitions results and presentations will be made, raffles drawn and announcements for the Sunday Tiki Tours will be announced.

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

9.00 am Morning visits commence View Dan Madsen's collection of Surveyor's theodolites and equipment ,and Des Barne's swords, levels and other items.
12.00 Noon Lunch Lunch at the home of Nolan Parker. View the reinstatement of the interior of his Victorian home, his extensive collection of infill planes, etched saws and catalogues. Collections from other Club members also be on display.
3.30 Close Depart for home.