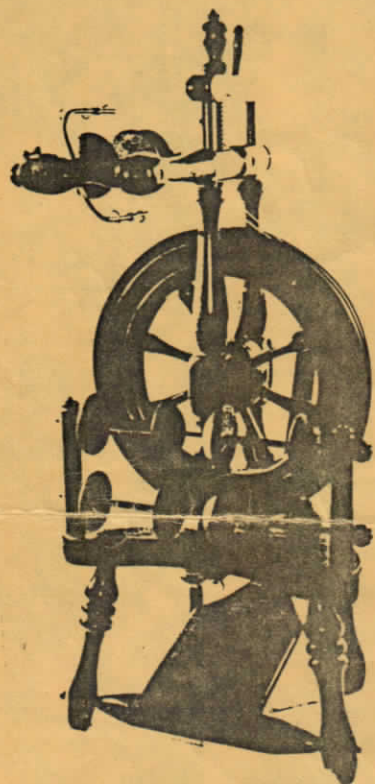
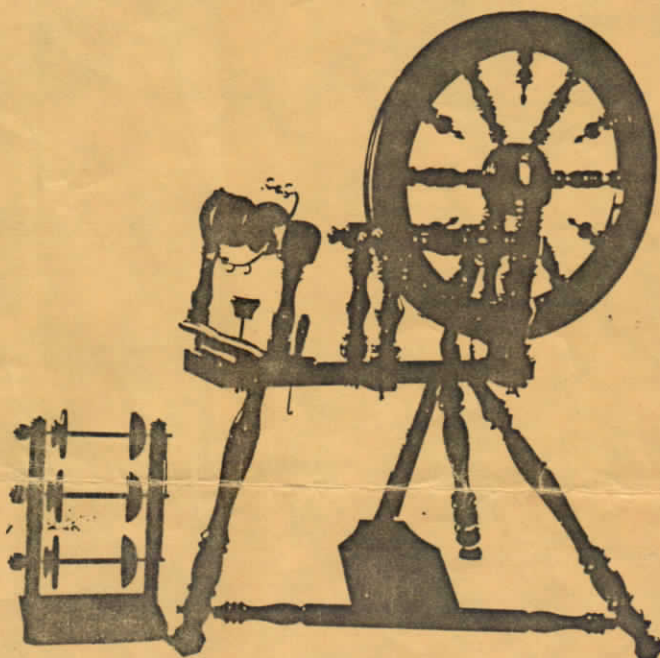


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Carousel de luxe



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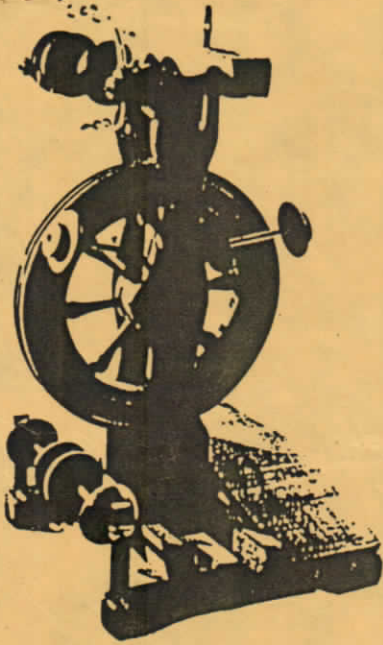
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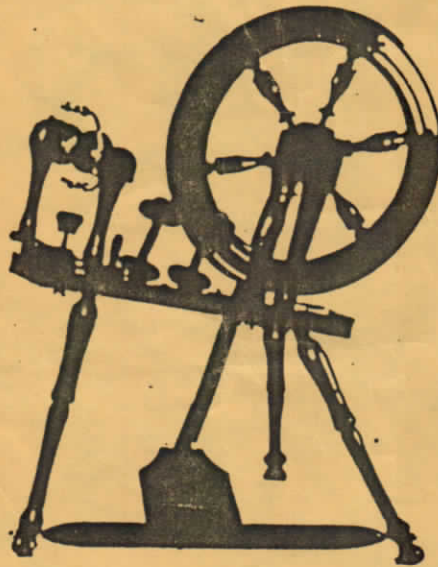
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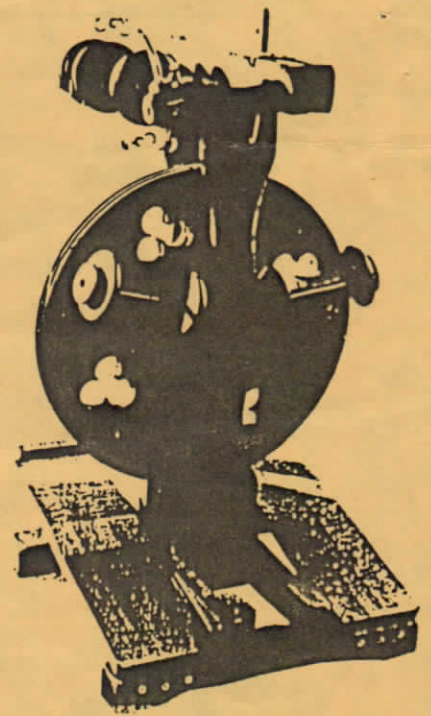
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"Benji"



"Classic"



"Twin Treadler"

ALL BALL BEARING WHEELS

The all ball bearing wheels in the Tarra range are, Beverly, Carousel de-luxe, Classic, Benji and Twin Treadler. Main features of these wheels are, 5 ball bearings fitted within each wheel, special bearings in the bobbins and the treadle bar, large orifice, bobbin capacity 8 oz., double drive, wheel counter balanced and threading hook supplied. The three speed whorl has normal right hand thread.

Points to Remember

BALANCE

Your wheel leaves the workshop balanced and tested. The balance can only be upset, should you lose one of the sliding hooks from the metal flyer, or bend the centre shaft of the flyer. Make sure there is always one sliding hook on each side of the flyer, never have both sliding hooks on the one side.

MAIDENS

Are not to be turned or twisted when changing bobbins. If they become loose, glue them in original position, making sure the flyer runs freely.

REPLACING THE DRIVING BAND

The driving band is one continuous cord, which can be of cotton, string, wool etc., but never nylon, as nylon will slip. To replace, have the mother of all as close to the wheel as possible, eg. nil tension. Run a new band under the wheel and flyer, and onto whorl, then over wheel, under flyer and on to bobbin, then tie a reef knot at top of wheel. By following this procedure the cords will not touch where they cross while you spin.

RUNNING IN

The wheel when new could be a little stiff, but after treading for some time it will improve. Check that all moving parts rotate freely. A well running wheel should be silent. Oil any parts that squeak. Ball Bearings do not need oiling. To make bobbins run quietly, force some Vaseline through the bobbin from both ends, particularly when new.

THE WOOD OF YOUR TARRA SPINNING WHEEL

Tarra Wheels are made of carefully selected timbers. Your Tarra Wheel is in one of the following finishes: Unpolished, Stained/oiled, or Furniture Finish.

How to care for each type of finish is as follows:

UNPOLISHED

Should you have purchased a Tarra Spinning Wheel in the raw state give it the finish of your choice, before using it to spin on. Failure to do this will allow dirt and oil stains to discolour the raw wood.

STAINED & OILED

If the wheel of your choice is stained and oiled we suggest you care for it as follows:

(a) Oil your Tarra Wheel as often as you wish, the more you oil it, the more it will enhance its' beauty. It comes to you oiled with "Wattyl" Scandinavian Oil which we recommend. Any timber preservative oil should be satisfactory (eg. 50/50 Linseed Oil and Turps penetrates well).

(b) Do not let the dirt and grease build up on your oiled wheel. When it does, wash it off with warm soapy water, but remember to re-oil the complete wheel when dry.

FURNITURE FINISH

If your wheel is in our Furniture Finish we recommend you use any good Furniture polish to maintain its beauty. If the dirt and grease should build up, wash it off and re-polish with your choice of Furniture polish.



HAND CARDERS

HOW TO SPIN ON YOUR TARRA WHEEL

Experiment with your wheel to discover its possibilities. The three grooves on the spindle whorl you will notice are of different diameters. By placing the driving band in the smallest groove gives you the fastest speed of spinning. Should you need more tension you may place the driving band in the middle or largest groove to save altering the tension knob.

TENSION

The only adjustment on our double drive band wheels is on the driving band. Remember one band is always on the bobbin, the other on the three speed whorl. If the tension is too tight the wool will be drawn in too fast. If the tension is too slack, the wool will tend to over-spin and not be drawn into the orifice. To adjust the tension on the Evelyn, Classic and Beverly models turn the adjusting knob below the flyer in the required direction, clockwise to increase tension, and anti-clockwise to reduce the tension (same for all our wheels). The tension knob for the Carousel is above the mother of all in front of the threading hook, for the Benji and Twin Treadler it is on the right of the threading hook.

1. TREADLING

When learning to spin, the first step is to master the treadle which is not a heel and toe or rocking movement, like the old treadle machine. Keep the whole foot flat on the treadle and only press down on the toe half.

2. SPINNING

Never attempt to handle any wool until you can keep the wheel turning very slowly and always in the same direction, which is clockwise. When you have mastered this, you can then begin to prepare to spin.

(a) To Thread Up

Place empty bobbin on spindle. Tie about 24" of any wool on to the bobbin, place over hook, draw it through the orifice with your threading hook, lay this thread of wool across your combed or carded wool as illustrated. Start the wheel slowly in a clockwise direction as the wheel moves the wool will be gently twisted and drawn into the orifice and fed onto the bobbin. Allow the twist to reach the join held between the right thumb and forefinger.

1. Release a few fibres by drawing the left hand away from the right.

2. Follow by slipping the right thumb and forefinger back along the released fibres towards the left hand. The twist will run along the thread until it reaches the right thumb and forefinger again.

Treadle as slowly as possible until you are working confidently.

Underspun wool is soft but weak, overspun wool is twisted hard and very strong.

3. PLYING

Remember that to ply you must turn the wheel in the opposite direction, (ANTI clockwise). This will take out half the spin and doubles the thickness and the strength. Place two full bobbins on your Lazy Kate.

Take the ends of the two full bobbins and tie them to your leader thread from the empty bobbin on your wheel, and start to treadle ANTI clockwise. Let the threads run loosely through your hands and watch for an even twist, if the wool is not going in quick enough tighten your tension.

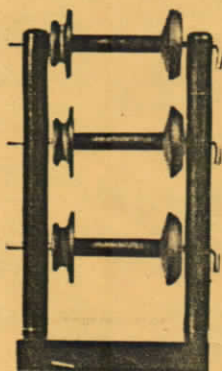
4. SKEINING

When you have plied sufficient wool wind your plied wool onto a Niddy Noddy which makes easier handling for washing. Before slipping your skein of wool off the Niddy Noddy tie in four places with scraps of wool to hold secure with a figure 8 such as illustrated.

5. WASHING

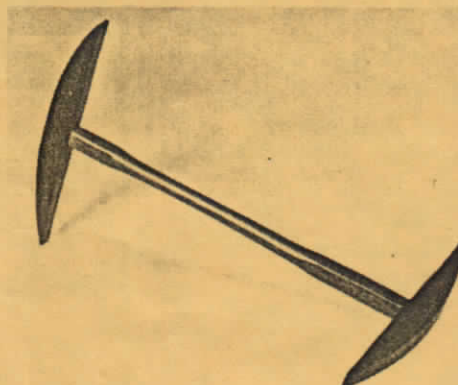
To remove grease and dirt, prepare the wash by dissolving a suitable amount of "Softly" in hot water (too hot for bare hands). Cover the wool completely. Allow to soak until water is lukewarm. Drain off the water and squeeze the excess moisture out.

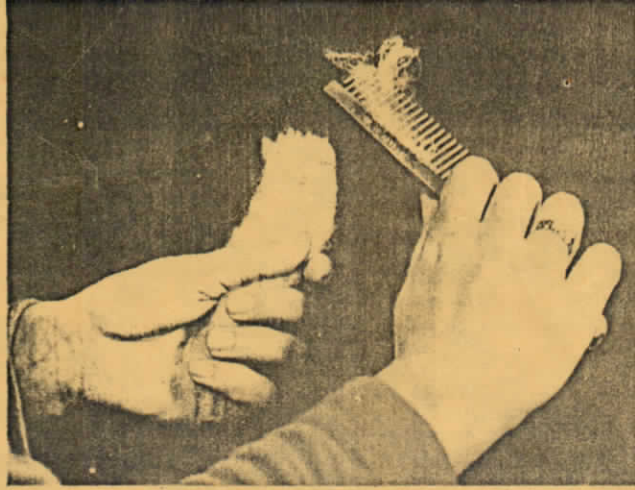
Rinse in lukewarm water as often as necessary, until the water runs clear. In the last rinse add a little "Comfort" for softer wool.



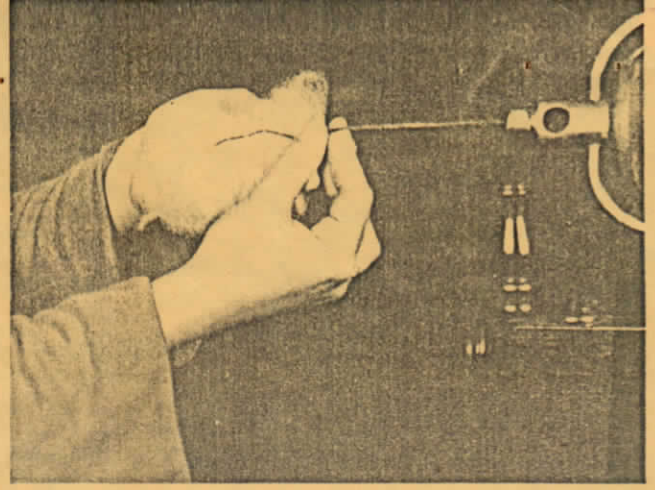
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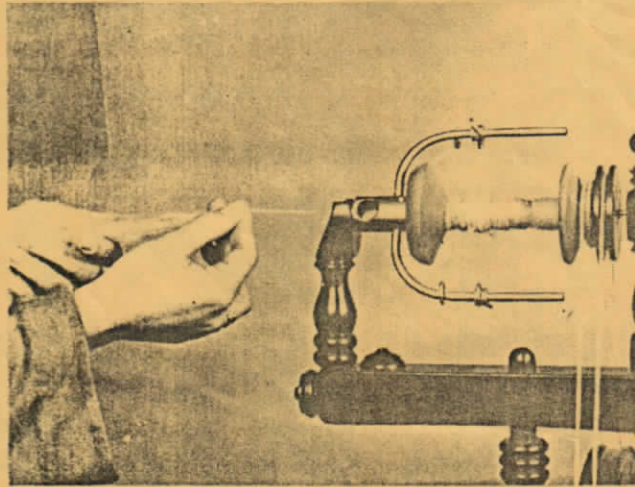




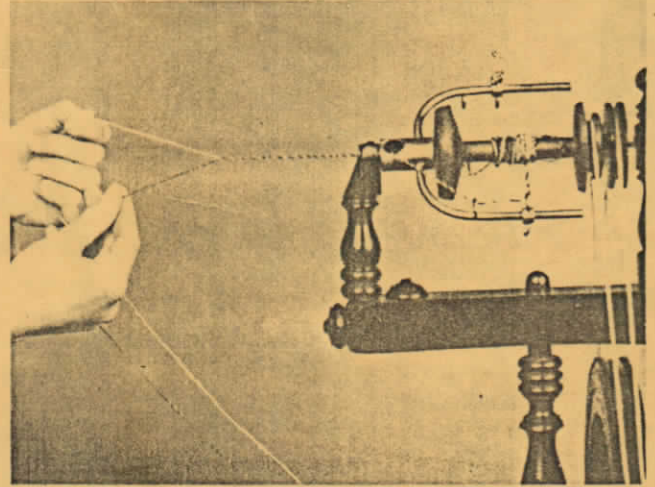
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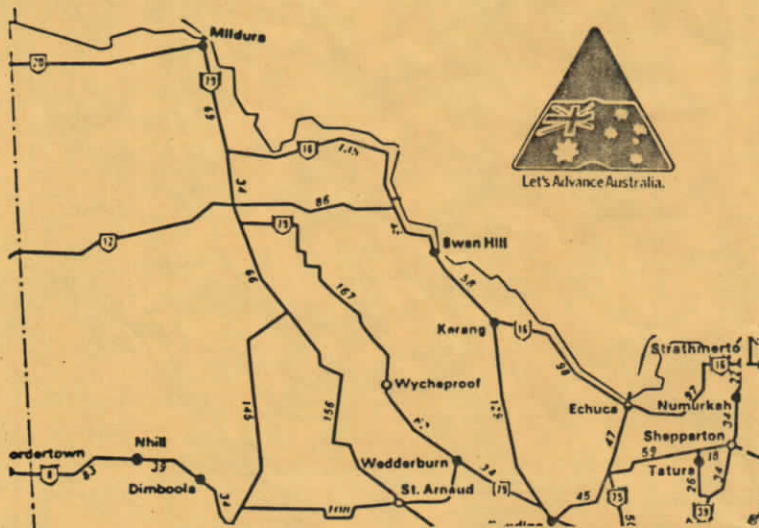
HISTORY OF THE TARRA WHEEL

Some 150 years ago, early pioneers from the Old World in Europe began to settle in the South East Corner of the Australian Continent (now the State of Victoria), bringing with them the hand crafts of those times.

These crafts have been preserved through the generations that followed. Today near Yarram in the picturesque Tarra River countryside of Southern Gippsland and close to the roaring surf of Bass Strait, lies one of the cottage industries 'Tarra Wood Products' dedicated to preserving the historic skills of those pioneering days, under its proprietor Alan Vaux, descendant of a French emigre.

Tarra Spinning Wheels are a prime example of this wood turning trade, being of unique design and superlative craftsmanship. Turned by hand from carefully selected timbers, and beautifully presented in a choice of teak, walnut, mahogany or natural finish, these spinning wheels are indeed made for the connoisseur, for the person seeking a truly rewarding home craft, and for the lover of prestigious furniture.

Whether it is standing in the corner of a living room, or actually producing yarn within the relaxed environment which it creates, the Tarra Spinning Wheel is surely a 'must' for all discerning people. A quality Australian made product at a competitive price. This worthy and practical example of Australian pioneer craftsmanship commands a place in your home today!



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