

Axeman's Hall of Fame collectors information sheet

The World first wood chopping carnival was held right here in Latrobe, Tasmania on 2 December, 1891. The event was held as a result of a driving force by a young North West Post journalist, Herbert Nichols. Hence the significance of why the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame museum has been located at beautiful picturesque Bell's Parade in Latrobe

The sport of wood chopping was developed as a matter of course between Bushmen, when during the early days of Australian colonial settlement the skills of wood chopping became essential in the development of clearing land and constructing dwellings

For 130 years since competitive wood chopping started the Foster family has dominated the sport, with David alone winning over 1000 titles inclusive of 179 world titles. A well known fact amongst wood chopping enthusiasts and supporters and a definite draw card for Tasmania.

Also relevant is that there are over 1200 registered competitors in Australia between the ages of 18 and 80. And significantly 4 current champions who live locally and are available to assist with demonstrations and information on the history of the sport.

Within the collections in the museum there are 173 items listed in our catalogue, ranging from Sashes, Trophies, Photographs, Programs (1930/1934), Wood chopping tools, shoes, singlets, medals and more.

Displayed is the framed wall of 24 inductees from 2004-2007.

Each Australia day an annual wood chopping carnival is held at Bells Parade where the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame is located. Inductees that meet the criteria are recognised and welcomed in at a ceremony on this day

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Legends Display cases	12	Listed below	Paraphernalia included in cases 1864-2001
Glass trophy cases 2m x2m	8	World titles etc	
96 Ribbon, Langdon Axe	1	Mathew Gurr	1987-2002
Left hander squaring axe (Jack)	1		1939-1940's
Adge	1	Vern Smith	1900
Chainsaw's	6	?	?
Twoller Jack			
Crosscut saws	2	Lofty Graue	
Hyttest racing axe	1	(Donated by) Barry Graue	
Hyttest forester axe	1	(Donated by) Dudley Parker	
Keesteel racing axe			
Aussie speed axe			
Champion "Plumb" axe USA		(Donated by) W Croft	
Splitting axe USA		(Donated by) Lofty Graue	
Number Hammer		(Donated by) Doug Campbell	
Shingle Knife	2	Vern Smith	1900

The Legends

Mathew Gurr	1965
Peter Foster	1958
David Foster	1957
Bill Youd	1939
George Foster	1931-1992
Vic Summers	1918
Jack O'Toole	1917-1983
Tom Kirk	1914-2001
Clive McIntosh	1913-1990
Hon Hubert Allan Nichols	1864-1940
Elwin Griggs	1925-1984
Doug Youd MBE	1927