



## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHED***

**Noel Craig** -The silly season is upon us again. I have formed the opinion that the years pass much quicker when one retires, does anyone have the same thoughts?

Thank you to all the members who assisted in the daily operation of the Club's activities throughout the year, e.g.: fundraising barbecues, public turning demonstrations, wood gathering, cutting and stacking. Thanks to the tutors, members participating in the Mudgeeraba and Gold Coast shows, and general maintenance of our Club.

We had a visit from our local state member, Ros Bates, who shared morning tea with us. Ros enlightened us on a few projects which are on the agenda of both the State Government and Gold Coast Council itineraries. One of importance to a few of the members in our area, is the cable way to Springbrook. Wim Steenbeek had no hesitation to express his thoughts on that subject. Ros presented the Club with a defibrillator being surplus to the needs of the Commonwealth Games. These defibrillators were donated to various volunteer organisations and Clubs and we were lucky enough to be one of those recipients. Peter Poulton made a bowl which Beryl filled with goodies and presented to Ros on behalf of the Club. Thankyou Peter and Beryl.

The final turning session this year will be Thursday evening 6<sup>th</sup> of December, there shall be no turning Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of December. The following week Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of December to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of December is tidy up and maintenance week. I have made out of a roster for each session to carry out this role.

**Monday evening** general cleaning up of Club house (removal of residual dust on walls, fans and furnishings). Reorganising of the storage veranda, demonstration room and the leaking hot water tap requires possibly a new washer at the basin.

**Tuesday morning** cleaning of solar panels and the roof and gutters of the turning shed, external walls of Club building and the bandsaw room. **Tuesday evening**, replace defective air connections in turning shed and tidy up the bench and tool draws.

**Wednesday evening** service lathes e.g. lathe beds, tool rests and (sharpened tools if they time).

**Thursday morning** clean woodshed and roof, assist Vince with cutting and stacking any wood if required. Empty cyclone bins, mow the grass (I shall supply a mower). Remove weeds (whipper snipper required), trim the hedge (hedge trimmer required). Empty vacuum cleaners.

**Thursday Evening** if all above projects are completed members shall not be required to attend their session unless they are going to have a coffee and tea get together.

Annual Christmas lunch will be held on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December (refer to our secretary Jack Williams notes, which you should all have received.) The Club reopens on Monday evening the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2019.

Have a relaxing rest, enjoy Christmas,

**NOEL CRAIG - PRESIDENT.**

**Our Local State Member ROS BATES, surrounded by our Life Members presenting the defibrillator to the Club.**



### **NEW MEMBERS**

Edmond (Jim) Grohn

Richard Ngawati

Vere Nicholson

Finn Nicholson

**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL!**

## **The Coffee Club** Show and Tell

By John R. Meikle

Our Tuesday membership is still on the rise, creating a full house of turning each Tuesday morning. Our new beginners are becoming quite competent at woodturning. Both of the Chris's are doing really well.



Above we have a spalled long neck vase by Chris which he forwarded for display in our "People's Choice" competition at the Gold Coast Show.



Clive showed off two boxes which are made from Deer Antler with Ebony finishes at one of our Show Tell mornings.



Here we have a Cedar Box by Paul with a Jacaranda insert. There is embellishing on both the lid and sides to create interest and discussion about the box.

The next Item is one of Robert Skinners winged bowl creations. Robert seems to select odd pieces of timber and then set out to create a piece of abstract art from the timber, all the time thinking out of the square.

Years ago there was a song the Limbo Rock, with a lyric line "How low can you go". I am beginning to believe that with Robert he has changed the lyric too, "How thin can a wing go" in relation to the bowls.



# WALNUT.

## Short Description

Deciduous wood

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Walnut wood comes from the walnut tree (Juglandaceae). Despite its good properties and the additional use of its fruit, the walnut tree is not forested commercially. Walnut trees are widespread in temperate climates and have been cultivated from early on. The walnut is said to originally come from Asia. The European walnut wood is generally lighter than that of its American cousin. A speciality is the use of the tuber for making walnut-root-veneer. The heart and sapwood are easily distinguishable: The sapwood is 5-10cm wide, grey-white to reddish-white, the heartwood is light grey, mouse-grey to dark brown occasionally with coloured stripes (watermarks) depending upon age and location. Its irregular grain and cloudy colouring lends itself to use as a decorative wood, and this is due to the clear structure of the growth rings, the relatively large pore-structure and its intense dark colour.

Density	0.68 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
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## Properties

Walnut wood is relatively heavy and hard and resilient. It is resistant to warping and is subject to only light shrinkage. It has good strength but only limited durability when exposed to the weather.

## Usage

Walnut wood is easy to work and smooth, especially for turning, carving or profiling. Surface finishing is straightforward. Surface blemishing can occur when wet and in contact with iron.

## Dimensions

Walnut is available as round or sawn timber as well as veneer.

## Applications

- Solid wood or veneer: Furniture and musical instruments
- Interior Decoration: Bekleidungen, Treppen und Türen
- Flooring and parquet,
- Carving and turning
- Rifle and shotgun handles



**MORE OF SWANNIE'S CREATIONS.**





Quote of the day:

**ALWAYS FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES, NOTHING  
ANNOYS THEM SO MUCH.**

**Oscar Wilde**

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