



SCULPTORS & CARVERS INC.

Life Membership

Our first meeting for 2012, on Saturday 4th February, was indeed special for a number of reasons. Not least of these was the holding of an Extraordinary Meeting at which it was moved by the President, Graham Jones, that we award senior member and acclaimed Sculptor & Woodcarver Jack Nitschke, who is in his 90th year, Life Membership of our Club.

Joy Wescombe spoke briefly to the motion, summarizing Jack Nitschke's lifetime background; his working life as an Engineer; his interest in Sculpting and woodcarving; member of Wood Collectors International; learning his craft in Carving and later Figure-Sculpture including carving fine furniture - from Hoad Woodcarving Academy (4 years), Ken Vears and then with a Polish Sculptor of note before studying French Polishing. The excellence of his work is evident by the many beautiful items on display in his own home. He has opened his home for viewing of fine work by Members on a number of occasions. Over many years he has given away beautiful pieces of his work to family and friends, pieces of carving timber and unstintingly given his time and vast knowledge to Club Members in mentoring the same.

The Motion was Seconded by Frank Witcombe and carried unanimously by Members present. Graham Jones then presented the Life Membership Medal together with a certificate. Joy managed to pin Jack's medal on – without managing to impale him in the process!

Jack is well known within Woodgroup S.A. as a modest, unassuming gentle guy who has amazed us all, over many years, with his knowledge of Timber and his prodigious ability in rendering it into beautiful works of art. He keeps a low profile these days and attends our meetings when he is able. Jack's mind is as sharp as it ever was and he is ever ready to help or to impart his encouragement within the Club when needed.

Well done and thank you, Jack!

Frank Witcombe
Club Secretary