

Buick Owner's Club of WA (Inc)

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President's Report

We have had another outstanding year thanks to the dedication and efforts of the Committee, and I extend special thanks to:

- Bev Nicholson for handling the secretarial matters of the Club expeditiously, efficiently and effectively
- Tony Howe for managing the Club's finances and arranging the audit of our books
- Alan Hunt for arranging some very memorable events, with able assistance from Ken Churchman and Stuart Syme, and Dennis McGavigan and John Bell in organising the New Norcia and Bunbury runs, respectively
- Lois Haime for coordinating The Buick News inputs and submitting some interesting articles
- Murray and Ken for the vehicle inspection and concessional licensing activities
- Committee members for their support, with a special mention of Scott Barker, who is stepping down from the Committee this year after many years in that position. Thanks Scott for all your efforts

I also extend my appreciation to all of our Buick Owners Club members for being part of the special team that made all the effort worthwhile. And thanks to those that submitted articles for The Buick News, which continues to be a classy magazine.

Last financial year our membership rose to 81, setting an even higher record. The new members that joined during the 2007/8 year were:

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| • Jeff & April Randal, Darlington | No Vehicle |
| • Chris & Zoey Blakely, Ocean Reef | 65 Wildcat, restored |
| • Mark Jarvis, Myaree | 55 Roadmaster, TBR |
| • Paul & Jody Hopwood, Warnbro | No Vehicle |
| • Bill & Sylvia Reece, Currambine | 27 4-door Sedan |
| • Nick Mercuri, Alexander Heights | 73 Riviera, restored |
| • John & Kaye Cook, Kukerin | 71 Riviera |
| • Terry Peovitis, Hamersley | 68 Riviera (ex John Padgett) |

Other members acquired or restored new cars including Ian Baxter's 46 Sedan, John Padgett's 48 Sedanette, Ken Churchman's 54, John Bell's 39 Sedan and 69 Electra, Harold Hitchcock's 51 Sedan, Stuart Syme's 34 Roadster, Dennis McGavigan's 55 Coupe, Greg Trew's 73 Riviera and our 72 GSX. These are pretty impressive statistics for any Club, let alone one of our size.

The Club's financial position is strong. Last financial year our income, mainly from membership fees, covered our expenses and we recorded a small profit of around \$260. Our main expense continued to be the Buick News magazine and in spite of a small increase in the cost of the magazine, we did not have to increase membership renewal fees for the coming year. Further escalation of the magazine cost is likely to result in a rise in membership fees later years unless we can recruit new members or otherwise generate additional income.

The Club website is in good shape and has attracted considerable attention. We have received a number of emails regarding Buicks for sale or wanted and other parts enquiries. In some cases the contact has led to new applications for membership. There is still room for more photos of member's cars, so if you want your car to be displayed on our website, send your photos to me. It is worth noting that most of the articles that WA has subscribed to The Buick News since Lois became the magazine coordinator are on the website with colour photos.

Thanks again to everyone for another wonderful year. Let's keep up the good work and make sure next year is just as successful. The Committee intends to continue with the Club's objectives including attracting owners of all types of Buicks, encouraging the collection and restoration of these fine cars, providing assistance to other members, promoting safe and courteous driving and most of all to facilitate memorable runs and social events for the enjoyment of all members.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members attending the Buick National in September a safe trip, good luck and a memorable and exciting adventure.

Alan Haime