

Buick Owner's Club of WA (Inc)

AGM 5th July 2009

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 efficiently and effectively.
- Tony Howe for managing the Club's finances, arranging the audit of our books and planning our assault on Mt Clarence in Albany.
- Alan Hunt for arranging some very memorable events, with able assistance from Harold Hitchcock, Stuart Syme and others. Alan is standing down this year after 4 years as our Events Coordinator. I wish to extend my special thanks to Alan for a job well done.
- 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 Harold Hitchcock, who is standing down from the Committee this year.

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 remained at 81. The new members that joined during the 2008/9 year were:

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| • Kevin & Jude Patchett | Vehicle unknown |
| • Nevis & Jill Dowding | No vehicle |
| • Paul & Janene Stacey | 1969 Riviera x 2 |
| • David Nissen | 1973 Riviera |
| • Terry Stoddart | 1930 Marquette |
| • Simon & Sophia Bowers | Vehicle unknown |
| • Craig & Sharon Budgen | 1967 Electra |
| • Jennifer Oversby | 1956 Coupe |
| • Robert & Susan Niksic | 1972 Riviera |
| • David & Lorraine Carr (UK) | 1950 Riviera |

Other members acquired or restored new cars including John Padgett's 29 Roadster/Tourer, Jim Donis' 31 Roadster/Tourer, Colin Howe's 60 Electra, and Chris Blakeley's 70 GS455 Stage 1 Convertible and 68 Riviera. These are wonderful examples of Buicks and it is pleasing to see these cars entering in our Club.

The Club's financial position remains strong. Last financial year our income, mainly from membership fees, covered our expenses and we recorded a small profit. Our main expense continued to be the Buick News magazine. There has recently been an increase in the cost of the magazine and postage of 50c per copy. In spite of this increase, 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 continued to attract 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all our members that the Buick National in Victoria in April next year is approaching fast and it's time to start getting your cars ready. Our Club had 15 entrants and 13 cars at the Last Queensland National Meet – let's see if we can do better next year! Those proposing to attend the 2009 National in Victoria should contact Stuart Syme. Stuart is preparing a list of entrants and coordinating the travel itinerary for WA participants. He is planning a run from Adelaide to the National Event at Wangarrata via the Great Ocean Road in Victoria. This is a one of the world's most scenic ocean runs and we encourage you to join us. See our website for more details on the National Event.

Finally, a big hello from the US. Thanks to Murray for presenting this Report and to y'all for attending the AGM.

Alan Haime