

COMMITTEE PEOPLE

(1st written for the newsletter in 2007) [{See here for table listing the Clubs Office Bearers}](#)

The recent awarding of Life Membership (2007) for amongst other things, my long term role as Secretary, prompted me to look at some statistics concerning the executive positions of the ACCV.

Whilst reading this, keep in mind that the positions of Vice President, Editor and Club Captain have been committee positions for only half of the clubs life whereas President, Secretary and Treasurer have been recognised since the clubs beginning. The position of Committee Member has, in general (except where noted) not been considered in the compiling of this article as the records are inconsistent.

Since its inception in 1952 (as a sub-branch of the NSW club) the ACCV has had 55 members hold Executive Office (as of the newly elected committee 10/2026).

Of these more than half held office for less than 2 years, some for as little as 3 months.

On at least three occasions members have held two executive positions at once, Basil Bowes; Secretary and Treasurer, John Twomey; President and Treasurer and John Lang; Vice President and Editor.

Sadly, of these only four women have held executive positions, two as Secretary, two as Treasurer.

The most popular position has been that of President, 25 different members in total, with an average term of around 3 years.

Once again, the shortest term was a few months and the longest single stretch 7 years by Andrew McDougall & Mark Weller, Chester McKaige held the position for 6 years and John Hetherington for 5.

Bob Graham actually held the post for 6.5 years but this was in three parts (either a brave or foolhardy member depending on your view).

The least popular (or possibly the most enjoyable depending on how you look at it) appears to be that of Treasurer with only 8 people volunteering in 68 years.

Next least popular is Secretary and although 18 have held the position, more than a third have lasted a term or less.

Four members have given more than 15 years of service to the club and three of these have been in a single position, myself (in my 37th year as Secretary, John Lang, 21 years as Editor and Andy Hannam (20.5 as treasurer).

Our longest standing member is John Hetherington, at 38.5 years, although not all in an Executive position. This comprises 12.5 as Editor, 5 as President, 3 as Vice President and 18 as an ordinary (possibly extraordinary) committee person.

I hope you have enjoyed this small insight into the members who have led the club for 72 years, and I think it reflects well on the overall membership that volunteers for the committee although small in number are rarely hard to find and are willing to continue to serve.

Dale Parsell

Your very thankful Secretary.

Note, the above information was collated from the clubs minutes, there is a chart listing Officers of the club available on the web site.