

## **Eoin Burns, President 1998-2001**

Eoin, along with his wife Rosemary, first joined the Mercedes-Benz Club Auckland Club in 1987. He has held a number of positions on committee over this time, the most notable of which is currently being our President.

For 20 years they lived with their three sons on several acres at Karaka which had been in the family for several generations. They kept a few donkeys on their land and their visitors always enjoyed seeing them there.

Eoin and Rosemary now live at Conifer Grove, which is south of Auckland. They moved here at the beginning of 2001.

Their son has purchased the Karaka place, and if his children go to school at Karaka primary (Rosemary's grandfather was the first headmaster) they will be the 5th generation to live on the land and attend school.

Until last year, Eoin drove a 250S (1967) named "Blackie" which is nicknamed "Blackie" which has been in the family since new. In 2000 Eoin gave in and purchased a 300E. Blackie of course, still resides in the garage ready for special occasions and other outings.

If anyone was asked what characteristic does Eoin most display, it would surely be his affability and serenity. His ability to remain unruffled no matter what, makes him an easy person to get along with. Please don't be deceived however, as he is a hard worker on behalf of the club and often works frantically behind the scenes pulling events and people together. Eoin along with initially Brian Hood and later on Dyan Tucker and Dave Firkin, spent almost a whole year organising the 2000 Intermarque Concours at Ellerslie, while still remaining as President of the Mercedes-Benz Club Auckland Club. This was an arduous task which he pulled off as a huge success, benefiting our club by a very large number of dollars in the process.

A President should be a good people person and being multi skilled also helps. Eoin chairs our meetings, does Public Relations for our club, handles enquiries from prospective members, liaises with the National Club (Mercedes-Benz Club of New Zealand) and Presidents of other clubs plus Mercedes-Benz dealerships, agents and parts suppliers including Daimler-Chrysler NZ and generally keeps the club on track. So you can see what a big role this is which he has undertaken.

Our club owes Eoin a vote of thanks for his unselfish time and energy spent in many different ways, further our club and the Mercedes-Benz marque. How many of us would take on this job??????

Eoin - Our club thanks you.