

25 July 1987.

The Secretary,
The Motorcycle Riders' Association
of Australia Inc.

Dear Margaret,

as you will see from the attached material a motion to expell me from the MRA was moved at a Committee Meeting some six months ago. I understand it was moved by the Gippsland Register Delegated and seconded by the then Vice President, Dave Hornsby of Morwell.

I further understand that the Committee has acted unconstitutionally in that it has never circulated the minutes of that meeting to the Registers nor has it informed me of the accusations. Since the accusations must eventually go to the members in the form of meeting minutes I believe I have a right to be allowed to know what I am supposed to have done wrong and have a right to defend myself even though the motion was lost.

Would you please supply me with a copy of the minutes in question including all the allegations on which the motion was based.

I would also like to protest most strongly about the two most recent issues of the Gippsland Newsletter. I believe that they are misleading and divisive and full of innuendo but fail to state facts or give names of the victims of what appears to be a smear campaign against genuine people who are working very hard to save the MRA in this State after almost two years of decline.

If the editorial in the July '87 issue is taken as read, in its entirety, the author states he set out to cause offence and that "the spirit of cooperation that was shown by this individual towards the present State Committee was a pretence". I can assure you that I (probably the individual the editor does not have the guts to name) do not want to control the MRA nor discredit the Gippsland Register. I think the Gippsland Newsletter in question does a fine job of discrediting itself. I challenge the editor to clarify his remark relating to the "quagmire of hypocrisy and chicanery that is the State Committee!"

The President's report was equally misleading. I am prepared to debate the issues raised by both men in public.

But perhaps the thing I find most disgusting is the fact that the calendar, "They're all going to." promotes a non MRA Rally in NSW rather than support the MRA 3rd party protest on the same dates and totally fails to mention the 2nd protest. In the words of the Gippsland President "So lets all pull together and stop the rot and work for the same aims." These newsletters do little to inspire confidence in the sincerity of the administration of the Gippsland Register when they claim to want whats good for the MRA as a State and not a local organisation.

I would like this letter included in the minutes of the July Committee meeting as a personal protest on the divisive nature of the Gippsland newsletter and the lack of support given to John Kermouche of the Seymour Register and I in organising the 3rd party campaign which is important to all members, by acting President Dave Hornsby. He was directed to work with us at the last Registers Conference but has not done so thus far.

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