

18 April 2002

Dear MRA Member,

In the past the MRA's agenda has been primarily reactive, and it has been plagued by internal conflict and discord which has damaged its reputation, almost beyond repair. As a result, productive growth has been virtually impossible to achieve. We are determined to turn the situation around and we have, therefore, commenced a program of reform which aims to reconstruct the MRA as a professional and proactive organization that is respected by all riders.

We all believe that the MRA has great potential, but conflict and controversy, directed by a small number of members who are intent on resurrecting the past, continues to destabilise the organization and undermine our efforts. Implementing new management strategies has become more and more difficult, and we find we are unable to function effectively in an atmosphere of unrelenting tension, intrigue and subversive betrayal. The situation has deteriorated to such an extent that we are calling on all members to help resolve the problem and voice their opinions about the future direction of the MRA.

Each one of us is committed to completing our term of office, but we are not prepared to work beyond the next AGM under the current conditions, and it is an unreasonable expectation to expect any volunteer to do so.

All members must understand that the MRA is in deep crisis; it has reached a point where it either takes a decisive step forward or retreats to its disordered past. Whether you agree or disagree with our vision of reform we urge all members who want a hand in shaping the future to attend the upcoming Quarterly General Meeting on 25 May at 22 Ross St., South Melbourne to express your point of view. The organization does not belong to any one individual, it was, and always has been, the property of its members. Your opinion is important, especially in the current circumstances when the fundamental nature of the organization is at stake.

We look forward to seeing you and to hearing your point of view,

Yours Sincerely,

The Board of the MRA.

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MRAA Quarterly General Meeting  
22 Ross Street  
1.00pm, 25 May 2002

1. Welcome.
2. Present: Please sign attendance register
3. Apologies:
4. Minutes of Previous meeting:
  - Business Arising
5. Board Reports:
  - President (to be held over to item 7)
  - Membership Secretary
  - Treasurer
6. Committee reports
  - Events
  - Funding
  - Member benefits
  - Advocacy
7. Future of the MRA. (Presidents report –held over from item 5)
  - Facing the music: Is the MRA “dead in the water” or does it have a viable future? - Address by President
  - Discussion
8. Items submitted.
  - “That it be MRAA Inc. policy to Elizabeth Street, Melbourne as the destination of the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Melbourne Toy Run even if the main collection site is in the Queen Victoria Market area.” – submitted by Damien Codognotto OAM
  - “That the 25<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Toy Run be held on the traditional date, that is, the Sunday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend in December, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2002.” – Submitted by Damien Codognotto OAM
  - “That the MRAA Inc. make Damien Codognotto OAM the event organiser for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Melbourne Toy Run and Chairman of the MRAA Melbourne Toy Run organising committee.” – Submitted by Georges Gouron
9. Items from the floor.