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MRAA President

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It is with regret that I formally tender my resignation as the  
Elected President of the MRAA effective immediately.

I have not come to this decision easily but as I have grave concerns  
regarding the actions of some of the members of the current board it  
impinges my ability to serve as President.

Since returning from a short vacation recently I have requested, on

numerous occasions, for information from certain members of the current board. To date I have received no response or communication from board regarding specific queries. "Transparency" was one of the driving issues when this Board was formed; the lack of information being passed onto the membership is appalling.

Board members accepted certain responsibilities and duties when elected to their positions. Although these roles are voluntary these responsibilities and duties are imperative to the effect, efficient running and longevity of the MRAA. If these responsibilities are not fulfilled, in there entirety the MRAA will not survive. The following roles are not currently being fulfilled in there entirety and therefore threaten the longevity of the MRAA.

The Secretary's role is to ensure all correspondence is efficiently dealt with, ie. email queries are read and responded to on a timely basis. All Board Members should represent the MRAA's members interests, to the best of their ability, in a truthful manner. This is not currently the case.

The Membership Secretary's role is to ensure the efficient maintenance of the Membership Database, and to protect the confidentiality of the MRAA Members, this is not currently the case. Due to lack of integrity of the Membership Database the QGM to be held on Saturday 9 October 2004 should be deemed unconstitutional. As per 10.4 of the MRAA Constitution "The MRAA

General Meeting shall be notified to all members entitled to vote not less than 21 days prior to the Meeting stating the time, date, place of the meeting and the number of members required for a quorum". This requirement has not been met. I have provided the Secretary with the details of eight members that have not been notified regarding the QGM.

I have concerns that the some members of the Board have overlooked three business opportunities that could have placed the MRAA in a stable financial position, the reason, and I quote, "they could not be bothered". This now places the MRAA in a precarious financial position.

The Boards indecisiveness regarding reprimanding a member who has been harassing Councilors/CEO's and who is claiming to act as a representative the MRAA in this manner. In turn this is undermining the successful organisation and delivery of this years' GP Run. The Board has elected representatives acting on behalf of the MRAA and actively working in conjunction with the City of Casey in this matter. The Member is not authorised to be directly involved at the request of the City of Casey. Businesses have voiced their concerns over this persons' harassment and the Board is yet to respond. This directly jeopardises the GP Run funding.

I question the motives and aspirations of the current board, with

the Federal Election looming, and whilst every other MRA & MCC of Australia is talking to politicians and striking deals. The current board believes there priority is selling "gate and camping tickets" at a rally. Are we not a "Political" lobby group?

I cannot and will not continue to sacrifice my (and my family's) time working with a group of individuals that "choose" demise the very thing that the MRAA was formed to work for. Promoting a better image for Motorcyclists', working towards a fairer and sensible legislation, to promote Road Safety and shall always act in the best interests of ALL its members. As such, with regret I formally tender my resignation.

I would like to thank Sarah and Shane for the exceptional achievement and efforts in organising this years' GP Run. Without their dedication the MRAA would not be involved this year. I wish them well with the execution of the run. I know it will be a success.

My thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and/or money to help the MRAA in any way all your efforts and contributions are appreciated.

Sincerely

Brian Beardon