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Hal Caston,
President,
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Dear Hal,

I have enclosed a copy of an article printed in the M.R.A. Queensland Newsletter, and sent to the National Newsletter Editor to be printed in the National Newsletter.


As with the Tasmanian attack on M.R.A. Victoria, I feel it is in the best interests of M.R.A. Australia not to print this in the National Newsletter. However, this decision is in your hands as M.R.A. Victoria does not want to be seen as censoring the National Newsletter.

Please note that many of the statements made in this article are blatant lies. I just don't understand M.R.A. Queensland or the way they think at all.

I have not taken up these matters with Queensland direct, and accordingly refer this matter to the M.R.A. Australia Executive.

Please contact the National Newsletter editor, Damien Codognotto by phone as soon as possible re the inclusion of this article as Damien believes such an article, and answers, should be printed.

Sincerely,



Tony Scicluna,
M.R.A. Victoria President.

A.C.T., New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia,
Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia and Gt. Britain

let those who ride decide

Hal, I presume this article was or is to be printed in the MRA Qld newsletter. I ask why have these complaints not been referred to the MRA Australia Executive in order to have that Executive resolve the matter. It is obvious that we are dealing with people who don't understand the MRA organisation or how politics within such organisations work. I'm not sure the MRA Victoria is in order to battle these claims but I won't sit back and take much more of this sort of thing. I trust you will take care when to stop the MRA Victoria attacks. If not we will take care.

Regards - Tony Skerks

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Welcome—to another Queensland edition.—During the last few months since our last issue, MRA Australia has published its first newsletter. You may have thought it was Victoria's Newsletter. You are excused. This publication from MRA Australia was edited and printed as well as posted by the Victorian Branch. It has since been admitted by the current Victorian President of MRA, that this just MRA Australia Newsletter, was designed to deliberately confuse and mislead and divide MRA members throughout Australia.

MRA Victoria was entrusted with the responsibility of producing Australia's first National Newsletter. MRA (Vic) by its action has usurped its responsibility and prostituted MRA Australia. The basic idea of MRA Australia was to bring bike riders from around this country together. They have since admitted that they deliberately set about to do the opposite with this newsletter.

This is not the first occasion where the Victorian Branch has tried to mislead the people of Australia.

NEXT NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

MRA Victoria have used the communication difficulties that exist throughout any organisation to again place themselves in a position of controlling the next National Newsletter.

MRA Australia had committed itself to two newsletters between meetings and unfortunately it was decided to again allow MRA Victoria to produce it.

It appears that MRA (Vic) has (as it has admitted) tried to confuse and compound the situation, this they may have done to the point where the next edition was in doubt. MRA Victoria, in full knowledge, allowed the rest of Australia to rest with confusion, before pressurising the MRA Australian executive into producing the next newsletter, after the deadline.

Two things concern me with this: 1. Only MRA Victoria was prepared, while other states were waiting for direction from MRA Australian executive.

2. The MRA Australian executive is allowing this confusion to continue, by permitting the National Newsletter to go to press without proper preparation by those states involved — Queensland is one of these.

I can only conclude that editorial control must be removed from any branch. I also feel that as a branch, Queensland should restrict its communications with Victoria to the National Conference. I believe such problems that MRA Victoria instigate/develop as they have only served to weaken the Association. Please what are your thoughts?

PLEASE CONTACT

Hal — these are my thoughts as to what is written. As yet I have not had discussions with MRA Queensland. I hope I don't have to
— Tony

The more input by each State, the more balanced the newsletter

This is a load of shit. I warn Qld not to start playing with my words. I will not have to lie printed slamming myself or MRA Victoria. I trust you will convey my warning to Queensland. They have thrown the first punch. If they want a fight I'll give them one.

MRA Victoria, misreading the people of Australia. I know MRA Vic. is in a strong position but not that strong. Anyway how can they write that after re-electing Jim

MRA Vic. is not producing the newsletter. I submit my articles to Damien just like any other branch

Hal, we spoke at length on the night we received MRA Australia problem. I spoke on the phone with Damien, myself and I do not believe we pressured the MRA Australia Executive

MRA Vic does not have editorial control. Damien, the Newsletter Editor, is subject to MRA Australia and the Newsletter guidelines

Hal, I suggest you keep in regular contact with Damien. I would like to see Damien