

The Committee  
The Victorian Branch  
M.R.A. Australia.

Wednesday, 27 th., Nov., 1985.

Dear Committee,

I hereby tender my resignation as President of this Branch to be effective from January 1 st., 1986.

I intend to continue to serve the members of the Association by operating M.R.A. Promotions Pty Ltd from an office at home as long as personal work commitments allow.

If the Committee so desires I will help to produce the Deciding Factor under a mutually acceptable arrangement and I will advise on matters relating to the media.

I will not be available for work in politics, public relations or the media or organizing events. I will finish projects already commenced where possible.

The M.R.A. has come a long way in 8 years but it has never been capable of giving the members an audit in all that time. I have asked 3 Treasurers over the years to consult and employ a certified practising accountant. I have introduced a Treasurer to my accountant and was embarrassed by the exercise. The M.R.A. still has no professional advice in this area and I do not think the members can expect an audit this coming year.

This Association has moved into a retail outlet yet we do not act as a small business. We do not have stock takes. We do not even use the till roll for accounting purposes. If we have to react to a situation with an urgent letter we have to rob the till. The list goes on.

I am prepared to work in the shop on no pay 6 days per week. ~~at~~ A hard job is made impossible by a person who has dropped the entire load of day to day politics on top of my already heavy workload. A person who turns up on 2 days per week, if I'm lucky, and assorted other times.

I believe that Tony Scicluna is involved in a personal power play that will keep the M.R.A. an amateur operation. I have worked too hard for too long. I have no strength to fight a friend and I have no intention of facing another Melbourne winter with no heating or hot water.

Tony has called me a liar, said I am "shit on his shoes", Threatened violence and challenged me to <sup>move</sup> ~~pass~~ a motion of no confidence in him.. All this in the last few days when I have 3rd. party, N.1., A.M.C. & the National Conference to worry about as well as 6 days a week in the shop and the Toy Run.

This organization has only one way to go. That is professional. It must have full time staff, a business operation and a C.P.A. to go forward. We banked \$12,000 for October. We dont even have a night safe.

I feel my usefulness to the Association is over. My authority and respect of colleagues has been undermined partly by my temper which flares at times through exhaustion and frustration and partly through the actions of the Treasurer.

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