

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (Victorian Branch)

1986/87 Annual Election

Your Presidential Candidate: ANDREW LUCK

WHO AM I?

I am currently the Metropolitan Register Treasurer and have previously held the following MRA offices.

1983/84 Founding Secretary of the Melbourne (now Metropolitan) Register.

1984/85 State Treasurer.

I have also served the Association in the following capacities.

National Conference Delegate 1985 Adelaide.

Returning Officer 1986 Interim Elections.

MRA "Think Tank" Delegate February 1986.

Drafting the new MRA Victoria Constitution, recommended by the MRA "Think Tank", now adopted by State Register Conference in July 1986 for presentation to this AGM.

I was born in Northampton U.K in 1946 and began riding motorcycles in 1965. I have owned and ridden a motorcycle nearly every day for over 20 years.

I have been an office bearer of one motorcycle body or another for 14 of those years. I joined the MRA in 1981 and have held office for 3 of the last 5 years.

I am a part time Instructor/Examiner in the RTA Learner Training Program. I spent 9 years as a volunteer Instructor in the RAC/ACU Training Scheme in the U.K.

I believe I have good relationships with the other MRA Branches, particularly Ross Goodman (President N.S.W) and Peter Mount (President S.A), and with the Victorian Registers.

I arrived in Australia in 1977 and was naturalised in 1981.

I am a director of a Computer Consultancy Company and have a wife (Marilyn) and two children aged 13 and 11. I live in the North Eastern Suburb of Greensborough and travel to the City by Motorcycle daily.

I have recently joined the Ulysses Club as a Junior Member.

WHY AM I STANDING FOR PRESIDENT?

Since joining the Association I have gradually become more and more involved in its affairs as a result of "Putting up" rather than "Shutting up". I believe I am as qualified as anyone, more qualified than most, to recognise the problems that face us.

I fully support the conclusions of the "Think Tank", attended by all Registers and invited interested parties, that the problems of the MRA are people based and show themselves in poor management, inadequate communication and lack of use of the talents of the members.

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I have made many friends in motorcycling circles since joining this Association, and this is important to me, however along with the pleasure I receive from Motorcyclists company I have also suffered considerable emotional trauma from my official duties.

I have now reached the point that I either retire gracefully from Association affairs or I make a last effort to steer the Association in the way that I believe it should go. I have drawn considerable support from the results of the MRA "Think Tank". It is a regrettable truth that the policy and personality of the President exerts a disproportionate influence on the activities of the Association, therefore if I wish to give the lead I feel is required by the Association I must hold this office.

I am unable to withdraw from the Association's affairs with a clear conscience, therefore I am asking you, the members to make this decision for me. If you agree with my policies and philosophies then please vote for me at the AGM, equally if you disagree with me then please be equally positive and vote against me.

I did in fact nominate for President at the 1985/86 Elections but withdrew when the conditions which had spurred my nomination appeared to correct themselves. Unfortunately this was a temporary phenomenon and this year has also been troubled. I have no illusions about the coming year, this too will be most difficult. There are some hard decisions to be taken and some financially testing times ahead.

Unlike many I do not believe that the President of the Association must be readily available to the Public, on the contrary far too many decisions have been taken in the heat of the moment without proper consultation.

→ you are about to elect your leader for the coming year. MR. Leech believes that.

I strongly disagree and stand on my record of achievement since May 1978 as proof.

The most important task of the President is to ensure that the other officers of the Association perform their duties satisfactorily and that the Association is run in a competent manner. I believe I can do this, I am successful in this in my professional life, I believe I can be successful here also.

WHAT ARE MY POLICIES?

1. The Association's most important asset is people. I believe that the perception that MRA office meant full time commitment has prevented the services of many able people. My aim therefore is for the Association to be directed by largely part time Officers and Committee and for the Association to employ full time staff to run the office and the shop, wherever it is located. — ACU.
2. No decisions shall be made by the Association except by Minuted Resolution. I do not subscribe to the view that decisions need to be made within 24 hours. If an important and urgent issue DOES arise I will call a committee meeting at short notice. Registers will be consulted by phone.
3. No legal action will be taken by the Association in future unless Authorised by a Special Meeting of the Association called in accordance with the new Constitution. The Association shall NEVER in future undertake legal action on the undertaking of any person that they will underwrite the costs of such action. Damien Codognotto made such an undertaking with regard to the "Yellow Brick Road" case and subsequently discarded it. — WRONG.
4. The position of MRA Victoria with regard to the AMC will be re-negotiated. — ACCOUNTANTS/WITE SAFE/SHOP.
5. The sound financial management of the last two years will continue. This means we will not spend what we do not have and payment of debts, including the Court Costs from the "Yellow Brick Road" case, will receive priority.
6. The recovery of all names and logos of the Association currently used by other organisations in accordance with the new Constitution. This primarily means the recovery of the MRA name from MRA Promotions and MRA Insurances, both here and interstate. Hopefully this will be achieved by negotiation but it will be achieved. — HOW?
7. The Association will take all steps within its power to prevent Damien Codognotto speaking on behalf of the Association, both prior to and subsequent upon the recovery of the MRA name from MRA Promotions.

WRONG ABLE PEOPLE ASKED TO HELP, NONE DID.

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HOW?

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ANDY WILL TELL PEOPLE HOW TO BEHAVE.

- 8. Guidelines for behaviour expected of officers or representatives of the Association will be issued. This is to ensure that unacceptable behaviour is recognised before such behaviour occurs. **THEN WHAT?**
- 9. All letters to the Association will be answered. All issues will be resolved at Committee Meetings and will not be ignored. All correspondence will be from the Committee, authorised by minute and signed by the secretary. **BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE.**
- 10. An end to attacks on the integrity of "The Bureaucracy". Issues will be fought on their merits, there will be no "kneejerk reactions" that a view opposed to ours is a plot by venal politicians or bureaucrats.
- 11. Members opinions will be canvassed. **THATS WHY 2 PHONES & POBOX**
- 12. Criticism will be welcomed.
- 13. Association Office Bearers may not speak on motorcycling matters in their own personal capacity under their own name. This includes letters to the press. **- FREEDOM OF SPEECH**
- 14. There will be no more public wars waged with other MRA Branches, the AMC or any other Motorcycle Lobby Group. **EVEN WHEN THEY'RE WRONG MR LUCK WILL WEAR IT.**
- 15. The MRA shall not support the NHLRO by any OFFICER attending NHLRO functions, speaking at NHLRO functions or wearing NHLRO regalia together with MRA Regalia. This does not apply to individual members, only to Association Officers and appointed directors. **The official policy of the MRA is not to oppose Helmet Laws. Unless or until this policy is changed at National Conference MRA Victoria will abide by the letter and the spirit of this policy.**
- 16. Non performance of officers shall not be tolerated. Duties of officers are described in detail in the new Constitution, these are the measure of performance.
- 17. No more attacks on the motorcycle industry for "lack of support".

THIS IS NOT OFFICIAL POLICY:

LACK OF LEADERSHIP EXP./CONTRADICTIONS:

- ① THINK TANK NOT YET ACCEPTED
- ② HELMET POLICY?
- ③ ATTACKS ON BUREAUCRACY
- OTHER GROUPS
- WHY WAS 3RD PARTY RUN CANCELLED?