



Motorcycle Riders Association

BORDER DISTRICTS (ALBURY/WODONGA)
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Member of:-

- MRA Aust. Inc. (Victoria)
- MRA N.S.W. Ltd.

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The President MRA Australia
The President MRA New South Wales
The President MRA Victoria

I hereby tender my resignation as President of the Border Districts MRA and my position of committee member for Victoria State MRA, to be effective from the 28th June, 1986.

The reasons for this action are numerous, but mainly due to the lack of unity shown. Infighting at all levels, dissention amongst the ranks, taking action on issues of major importance with the lack lustre approach of "who cares" - "we" have decided - from state level, forget the registers/sub-branches and the members in these areas, they don't matter - they're of no importance. Well this sort of decision making, as far as I am concerned, is just not on. I thought that road safety is supposed to be the No 1 priority of the MRA irregardless of anything else, when I read of MRA NSW supporting the 5/25 helmet exemption issue and the MRA Victoria attitude towards the ripple strips at roundabouts and major inter-sections (already under test by the RTA and the RCA), with no investigating of these ripple strips - who cares?

Motorcycle lobby groups in this country had better do a rethink regarding their aims and start acheiving something before the existing groups become non-existent. The way I see and have seen the motorcycle politics in this country is this - Someone virtually unknown gets elected to a position of authority - puts forward his own views and expects everyone else to go along with it - if they don't well that's tough, there is just not enough input from the motorcyclists be they a member of an organisation or not, nobody seems to know what is happening except for a select few, and those people usually don't wish to divulge any information regarding topics of controversy - consequently no one knows what is really happening and therefore no one can do very much about it.

Talking in particular of MRA Australia at the moment - does it really exist? I know that we have a national president, who by the way will be unavailable for 12 months due to a training programme with his work, OK that's fair enough, but there is no one to take his place while he is undertaking career changes. There is NO vice president of MRA Australia. Why not? There is no MRA Australia constitution, why not? You would think that after several years the MRA would at least have a national constitution, I have been told that there is a draft MRA Australia constitution but have not sighted it, nor have the Border Districts members been asked for input into it. I am also told that if the Australia constitution is adopted it will not cover all motorcyclists in Australia, only the states at a federal level, each state has its own, or is working on a constitution - what the hell for I ask - if we had a national constitution, one that every member, (regardless of what state they lived in) can abide by, and that every state must also abide by, it would make things a lot simpler for all con-

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let those who ride decide

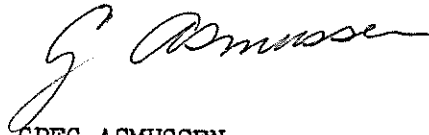
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cerned, maybe then we would be united and maybe then we could get on with the job of what the MRA was initially set up to work for -

1. ROAD SAFETY
2. EDUCATION NOT LEGISLATION
3. IMPROVE THE IMAGE

But I'm afraid until this sort clear, level headed thinking prevails -I for one will not hold position with the MRA, I will continue to support it as a member only.

Yours sincerely,



GREG ASMUSSEN.