

Dear Member,

The MRA is once again in crisis, with internal conflict and perpetual discord still affecting our day-to-day operations. Our reputation has been sullied, and despite the Board's efforts, with immediate and long term planning, our growth has been stifled. The planned reforms put in place by the previous board are starting to take shape, but all this change is going on amidst a saddening level of disunity within the organisation.

The root cause of the MRA problem is clearly evident and is linked to the misconceptions and self-interests of a highly vocal minority. The MRA is, as the name implies, an Association, it does not belong to one or two individuals.

In August, a new Board was elected. The new Board members are working as a team, and already have a number of major achievements – amongst them this revamped newsletter, a working web-site ([www.mraa.org.au](http://www.mraa.org.au)), and the forthcoming Toy Run, which promises to be the best yet.

In the very near future, because of this new Board, the MRA will have a **full-time receptionist, more member benefits, and an even more professional image** that will greatly enhance our ability to lobby effectively on our members behalf.

The MRA is the premier body that represents rider interests to the Government, but the Board is finding it extremely difficult to function adequately in an environment where there is unrest fed by intrigue, tension, destabilising tactics and blatant disregard for proper management policies and procedures. The situation we now face needs the urgent attention of all members if we are to resolve our current malaise, and avoid the destruction of the MRA.

We have reached the point where decisive action is needed by every MRA member and at the QGM on November 23 at Bells Hotel, South Melbourne you will have the opportunity to let your Board know which direction you want the MRA to take. Do we continue with the development of the organisation in its current direction, or do we regress to the unprofessional disorder of the past?

To expect the Board to continue to try to work in a voluntary capacity under the conditions that currently prevail is unreasonable in the extreme.

We believe that the current Board is best placed to further develop and promote the MRA. Let's leave the past behind, and continue with the much-needed reforms to take our organization into this new Millenium. **We ask you to support the new Board in it's efforts.**

Your attendance at the QGM, 1pm on Saturday November 23 is important, and we look forward to your vote of confidence. In the event that you cannot attend, please assign your proxy vote to one of the Board members, and return this by mail or fax as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

*Alex Money - Marcel Gomperts - Simon Rosenbaum - Faye Kerridge - Anton Lange*

**MRA BOARD**

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