

MRAA DUMPS CODOGNOTTO

Motorcycle lobbyist and one of the founders of the Motorcycle Riders Association of Australia (MRAA), Damien Codognotto, has been stood down from the MRAA and stripped of his life membership after refusing to apologise to a member of the MRAA.

According to AMCN sources, Codognotto accused an unnamed MRAA member of being a paedophile, bringing up an incident that occurred over 40 years earlier. The MRAA board

called an urgent meeting to resolve the dispute through mediation that resulted in Codognotto being asked to issue a formal apology to the offended member. He flatly refused to do so.

"The MRA wants to suspend me because I wanted to introduce police checks [of the members] in order to keep the good name of the association and someone took offence," said Codognotto

According to the MRAA president, Dale Maggs, an

argument between MRAA treasurer Don 'DJ' McCarthy and Codognotto during the special general meeting turned violent.

"He knocked me down and tried to strangle me," claimed McCarthy.

Maggs described the incident as a shame.

Codognotto will take the matter to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to fight the decision.

McCarthy has since resigned from his position as treasurer.