

## Without Prejudice

Mr. Michael Annett

CEO

ANZAC House

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of all members who requested the extraordinary meeting, in regard to the current crisis at Healesville RSL Sub Branch, as well as our request for an extra ordinary general meeting dated 28 May 2007.

1. Under your instruction and IAW state and Sub Branch Bylaw 10A, Mr. J. Wells, Ken Swincer and myself have spent a long time meeting/mediating in order to find a way out of the current situation and minimize the damage to the image and charter of the RSL.
2. We have come to the conclusion and it is in our opinion that the situation has not been constitutionally and fairly handled by ANZAC House.
3. Your representative Mr. J. Wells asked to meet me on Saturday 30-06-07 at Healesville RSL. During the meeting, Mr Wells threatened myself, Mr P. Low and members who signed the letter. He stated that ANZAC House could suspend Mr P. Low and myself from all RSLs. He even threatened me that ANZAC House could have another press release which would badly damage my family business, if I do not resign before the extraordinary General meeting on Saturday 07-07-07. He also stated to me that I would not be elected again should ANZAC House decide to call for a third time election at Healesville RSL Sub Branch, of course after tarnishing my name (the second committee election proved him wrong, as the majority of members believed in the integrity of their president, and re-elected me). Black mail, abuse of power, insults, abuses and racist insinuations have been used by Mr Wells, who represented ANZAC House, in that meeting and during mediation meetings (in front of Mr K. Swincer). Mr J. Wells stated to me that should I go back to my chair as president, he would still be there to oversee the committee.
4. This is an absolute disgrace to RSL and its charter. It also explains why we are all in this grave messy situation. The same person, Mr. J. Wells, has been appointed as legal advisor to the chairman of next Saturday's extraordinary general meeting?.
5. Would you please deal with this e-mail correspondence and advise us as soon as possible, if you still intend that we should continue to go ahead with next Saturday's extraordinary General meeting.
6. Should you decide we go ahead with the meeting, it is requested that ANZAC House appoint one of the following personnel to attend and supervise the above meeting to replace Mr J. Wells and also to ensure that legal procedures, constitution and fairness to all, are met: **Mr F. Bell, Mr R. Webster or Mr. K. Rossi.**
7. We also protest at the way the extraordinary General meeting has been organized. We urgently request your ruling on whether the meeting is/will be constitutional or not. We suspect that this meeting has been again mishandled and does not comply with state Bylaw 10A which



overrides Sub Branch Bylaw 10A regarding the meeting notice time frame, the agenda and date of the meeting.

8. In our opinion, it is in the best interests of all parties that rules, constitution and fairness are complied with to ensure a just solution to the current crisis at Healesville RSL Sub Branch.
9. We request that the following members with allegations against them -the secretary, the previous welfare officer and the manager (to be suspended on full pay)- be immediately stepped down pending investigation by an impartial and professional party, as per the request for the extraordinary general meeting,
10. We request that ANZAC House comply with RSL (Victorian Branch) Corporate Governance Compliance Manual , Module 6 (**What should be done if Fraud is suspected?**).
11. Please advise us on whether we need ANZAC House permission to call in the Fraud Squad, should we believe that illegal or inappropriate attempts have been made to cover up or protect the suspects, or in the event the above Corporate Governance Compliance Manual rules are not being complied with.
12. ANZAC House press release on the front cover of the Healesville local newspaper (titled, RSL under Seige, dated Tuesday 29-05-07) stated that the president, myself, had stepped down and would be facing the tribunal (defamation and libel suit is in process). State president and yourself have stated that the tribunal issue against myself would be finalized by the end of June, it is July now. We request advice on what has been done regarding this tribunal issue. If you are still going ahead with it, I would like to hear from the tribunal or receive correspondence from them. If the matter is not going ahead to tribunal, I request an apology (as promised by state president) from ANZAC House on the front cover of the abovementioned newspaper and my immediate re- instatement as the legally elected president of Healesville RSL Sub Branch.
13. I have great respect for you Sir, but we believe that urgent constitutional steps should be taken by ANZAC House State Executives to ensure legal, constitutional and fair outcomes to the grave and messy situation we are all in. We believe, with all respect, that if rules, constitution and fairness are followed by all parties, there will be a positive outcome for the current situation.

Yours Sincerely

Sam Halim

President (stepped aside)

Healesville RSL Sub Branch

03-07-07.