



The Wombat Greg Mirabella

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I am writing this article in defence of Greg Mirabella (alias The Wombat) as it has come to my attention that in recent weeks there have been “whispers” of upsetting individuals undermining the good work of the [Liberal Party President, Michael Kroger](#) who has consistently called for unity if the Liberals are to win the Victorian State Election this year. Greg Mirabella it is alleged is one of them. They have accused him for being “personally responsible losing 15% of the Liberal vote in the Indi electorate because of his heavy handed attitude. I fail to see how one man can be accused of creating such turmoil in one electorate and put it all down to character assassination. The rumour mill and “whisperers” [intend on mischief against Greg](#), spread the rumours that the Indi Federal Election Committee allegedly controlled by Greg and his wife Sophie Mirabella (nee Panopoulos) went almost bankrupt to the tune of \$50,000 and that debtors wanting their money threatened bankruptcy proceedings.

Apparently Michael Kroger the Party President stepped in and paid the outstanding amount of which it was repaid back after some many months of fund raising. I blame the election loss on those mentors and supporters of his wife who did not answer the call and left her high and dry carrying her loss on her shoulders. On the other hand there were rumours that [Greg and Sophie Mirabella blame Michael Kroger](#) for the loss at Indi, but is this merely just scuttlebutt to stir the pot? To be fair to Greg, despite all the insinuations life was not easy for young Greg I must say. His wife losing the [Indi at the Federal election](#) is enough for one bloke to handle. He then had to battle the negative forces that appeared to be against him and his wife. Mind you I admire him for putting up his own money of some [\\$35,000 to fund his wife's last election campaign](#). As soon as Sophie lost all the negative assertions came out, most of what I was advised was absolutely disgusting.

To make matters worse I find upon my return back from my European holidays that he has been allegedly accused of assaulting a Liberal Party staff member and intimidating another with his physical presence. I find that hard to believe that a man of his stature and status having held responsible positions within the armed forces would stoop so low and allegedly intimidate/assault another member.



I know from my own experience that should a superior ever do such an act he or she would be summarily dismissed and thrown out of the Australian Defence Force which has no room for bullies of any type. Personally I believe that this alleged incident or incidents that supposed to have occurred at a recent Young Liberals convention is utter rubbish. I wonder whether the Herald/Sun had inside information to carry the story that [Greg Mirabella stood in front of the ballot boxes and intimidated the staff and voters alike](#). Hardly the actions one would expect of a Vice President.

I am also been advised that leaks have been coming from the Administrative Committee and that much of what is being leaked out is attributed to young Greg. This accusation is quite unfair and such vitriolic comments and rumours must stop. In fact it reminds of that other bloke who I hold responsible for the character assassination of a dear friend of mine called [Sandra Mercer Moore](#). This unnamed gentleman who goes by the Nome de guerre of the "Cake Whisperer was responsible for undermining her on Administrative Committee some years ago. Mind you Sandra Mercer Moore was the only member who suspected the now convicted [former State Director Damian Mantach](#). Tony Snell, [Caroline Elliott](#), Peter McWilliam, [Frank Greenstein](#) and others on the now disgraced Administrative Committee were asleep at the helm while Liberal party funds were being eroded.

Young Greg is of a different mettle and I would hate to think that he has joined the same crew as those of the past. If he has then I can honestly say that he does not deserve another term as Vice President because those type of characters are not needed or wanted in a new and invigorated Victorian Liberal Party. Greg knows full too well what disunity does to a group of individuals who are not united and that if there is no consensus then the only outcome is failure and in my book there is no excuse for failure. The way I see Administrative committee is that anyone who is not with Matthew Guy and his team who are working hard to win government, then my message to them is to resign and get out. You are not wanted. Support Matthew Guy should be the theme for 2018, not factionalism, disunity and Administrative leaks by anyone.

As for today, I hear the Cormack versus Liberal Party court case is being heard and that the outcome may not be known for a number of weeks. Some are of the opinion that Cormack are in the wrong, others say that Michael Kroger has rocks in his head for putting up his own money to fund the court case. Whatever the case may be, I don't appreciate hearing third hand from various sources that Greg Mirabella I allegedly being accused of secretly meeting with Cormack Directors and hoping that Cormack wins the court case which would strengthen Greg's position within the party and its members.

This to me is the lowest of the lowest form of character assassination any one can do to another without any definite proof. It is one thing to accuse a person of [leaking Administrative documents and the Liberal party's financial status to third parties](#) and it is another to provide evidence that it has actually happened. My guess after years of being a political activist is that those who cast dispersions are probably the ones who leak the information in the first place. I get emails, mobile text messages using Messenger, What sup, Viber, SMS, and Confide and trawling through all of them to identify what is truth and what is fiction takes time, patience and much research. Politicians, members and yes from opposition parties all send their points of view.

If that was not bad, people within the party have made young Greg a target saying that he has turned the Victorian Liberal party into an extremely volatile factional party and has created waves fragmenting the alliances and good work by Michael Kroger. Others are saying that [Greg has a personal vendetta with Michael Kroger](#) and blames him for losing the safe seat of Indi. I have not heard such drivel in my life. The only ones capable of doing that are the ones who were on the Administrative Committee during the time of Tony Snell. That generation has much to answer for I must say. And I for one hold them personally responsible for failing to arrest the problems with the Liberal party.

On reflection, I had not heard of Greg before his marriage to Sophie, whom I knew of in the early Nineties. Sophie was learning the ropes of being politically active and quickly sided with those who would assist her in climbing the political ladder. Greg did not know of her then as [Sophie was in another relationship at the time.](#) Despite not knowing of him, I have since found that we had both served in the Australian Defence Force in different Corps. Greg I believe was an Engineer officer and I a humble Infantry Warrant Officer. Both Corps known for their toughness and enduring qualities.

Well I must say he has done well since leaving to have reached the dizzy heights of Country Vice President within the Liberal party within a short space of time. I can only assume that he was selected because of his connections with his wife and of one of the many factions within the Party. From a personal point of view I guess I am somewhat biased in my opinion of anyone who has worn the uniform of Australia as I know only too well the rigors of discipline and hard work that goes into being a member that only few take the plunge and make it a career.



I now see that young Greg has cast his cap into the ring again and lobbying for the Country Vice Presidency again and I for one wish him the best of luck as I do know that it is a difficult job. Being away from home for days in attending meetings, fund raisers, events of a political and non-political level can take its toll on anyone. But then again I can only assume that anyone who seeks high office knows the risks involved and while their children are still young the impact may not be as negative.

After raising four sons alone, I know full well what it is like to juggle work, children, domestic issues, community volunteer as well as being a political activist. Since my cancer treatment and subsequent long term recover, I have come out of retirement for the third and hopefully the last time to support the Liberal Party in my own way and support Matthew Guy, Michael Kroger and others working towards a Liberal Party victory. . I have written this article in defence of Greg Mirabella in the hope that members who do get the opportunity to read what I have written above are mindful of the fact that we need to all put aside our differences if any and get behind Matthew Guy, Michael Kroger and their teams united and win the next State Election.

In conclusion, I find that there is no room for disunity and those responsible for creating havoc, think again. I learnt whilst in the Army that although we may not always agree with the leader, we would follow him or her once we offered alternative points of view. Once a decision was made we all went out as a team and not our own secret agendas. I have stated this on other occasions and will continually do so: Anyone who does not support the Administrative Committee led by Michael Kroger is not supporting Matthew Guy win government at the next State Election.

Post Script. I have written a number of political article on various subjects and other matters. Since that time I have received a number of abusive telephone calls at home and on my mobile. Furthermore please note that all my calls are monitored due to inappropriate behaviour. I have also received unwarranted and inappropriate threatening emails. As I take such matters to heart, I would like to point out that I have no malice towards any individual. In fact I admire anyone who stands up or what they believe in. I am the same and will do what is right in the eyes of our society. If any reader is aggrieved by my comments, then an apology is in order on my part.

I will go even further and apologise to all and sundry if my posts have offended or upset my very dear friends, mates, ex-military, retired cobbers political, military, community and all those I have met throughout life. But having apologised does not mean that we do not have our political differences and I don't expect us as individuals to see eye to eye on many things apart from wanting as in my case Liberal Governments in power. My disagreements if any with individual are never personal.

If those who read what I have written, please be assured that it was not my intention and I am sorry if people have taken it the wrong way. I have explained in another post what has occurred to my database and in my own manner of speaking I hoped that it would make matters clearer. If not then I am sorry if readers have taken my posts the wrong way. I welcome as always constructive criticism to matters which readers may feel need further clarification and I will endeavour to correct it. It may also mean that I may have to add a postscript to any article that I write in order that others understand that what is being written is not personal at all. Thank you to everyone for their kind support and understanding. Peter Adamis.



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