

Dear John,

When I first heard of you I was told you had been a long standing friend of Mick Young, but since I have met you I have been very disappointed by your anger and apparent desire to destabilize and undermine The Mick Young Scholarship Trust.

I have watched your performance with increasing alarm as what it appears to be - a negative approach to all efforts to move forward. I can't understand why you appear to be involved in activities designed to damage and destroy the work of the Trust. You appear to have an anger against the chairman with such terms that I have never experienced in my almost 70 years of adult activities. I have always loved and admired the bearer of the name of the Trust and I find your activities hard to fathom.

The Trust contains a number of fine people who volunteer their time, expertise and money to support the organisation. This sort of activity appears to be specifically aimed at undermining MYST and I can't for the life of me understand the reason for your attitude, a man who knew and respected Mick Young.

There is a proper forum and procedure for any Trustee with legitimate grievances to air those concerns and to raise the differing views of the organisation. I find it difficult to believe that you have been guilty of peddling confidential MYST material to the media. I sincerely hope that this is not true because that would be a breach of the obligations of the Trustee and completely unacceptable. I have always believed that the Melbourne fundraising dinner has been one of the most successful functions that I have experienced in my many years of fundraising for good causes and I can't understand the reason for your criticism.

I can't understand why you appear to have something against the Young family. One would have thought you would have congratulated them and be proud of their actions in honouring their husband and father instead of criticising them for no reason.

John, I have joined the organisation prepared to work with you and be proud of your activities in honour of our mutual friend a man that we both loved, a man whose name was synonymous with the Australian Labor Party, a man who is missed not only by his family but also by the whole labour movement. I still miss him after all this time. John, if you are not happy in the organisation, and for some reason you give the impression of being very unhappy, with respect I would ask you to consider resigning and be active in another organisation. I can't believe that you can continue with your current attitude. I am writing this letter to you because we should all be happy that we are helping to maintain that name of this wonderful human being.

Regards,

Saul Same

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