

Melbourne



Beefsteak

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Club

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Mr. Robin Boyd,
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Dear Robin,

The more I think about our conversation yesterday the more depressed I am that you should have seen through us so quickly. Nevertheless, I have to respect your judgement - and admire your courage!

As you are determined to resign it would be helpful, I think, if you could do it immediately, because we have an election impending and it would be simpler to fill all vacancies at the same time. I would be grateful, therefore, if you could let me have the brief letter that I suggested before the end of the month.

I am enclosing with this, as I promised, a copy of the Victorian Childrens Book Council Basic Book List and of two leaflets they have prepared to help parents in their choice of books for children.

The book I mentioned was "The Sword in the Stone" by T.H. White.

Yours sincerely,

Alan

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Dear Frank

With sincere regrets I have come to the conclusion that I must ask permission to retire quietly from the Beefsteak Club. My misfortune is that in the time since I joined various circumstances have changed to the extent that Friday evening ^{has been practically} squeezed out of my life, by pressure on one side from my work and on the other from my home life. Between the two I face a future bereft of free Friday nights. Although no doubt I could cling to membership by occasional visits, I know that is not in the spirit of the club and that I would be denying someone else a place at the distinguished table.

Please convey my apologies to the current Master and my warmest wishes to all members.