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(24 HOUR CROSS COUNTRY NAVIGATION)

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A Promise

I, secretary of the NSWRA, hereby solemnly promise that my address will not change again. The above address is definitely IT. Actually, Bert and myself have lived at the same address for over 6 years but we have an uncontrollably nomadic postal address.

Dempsey's Dialogue

Most of the events staged by N.S.W.R.A. in the past few years have been held on Sydney sandstone terrain, largely controlled by public authorities. There are a number of advantages in running events under these conditions.

Such areas are close to Sydney so travel times are low for organisers, and for most competitors. In addition, since many public authorities are generally happy to allow access to their land, and because their land often covers quite large areas, there are significant time savings for organisers in gaining permission to use the land. I can remember being staggered to learn that at the 1985 Australian Rogaining Championships, held in Victoria, in excess of 100 landowners had to be contacted. The area used for this event was predominantly open farmland.

Despite the obvious benefits of using Sydney sandstone terrain there are some equally strong disadvantages. Perhaps the principal one concerns the nature of the vegetation. While the plants may be superbly adapted to the harsh conditions they grow in, and regularly provide us with a feast of colour during spring, they can take quite a toll on competitors' bodies during a long event. This, in combination with the deeply eroded relief that sandstone terrain produces, makes it difficult to set courses that are suitable for novices and for the non-competitive.

Sandstone country will continue to be used for our events in the future; its close location to Sydney and Newcastle will ensure that. However, when making use of it we should be mindful that the "acid test" of any rogaine is competitor satisfaction. We care, if you like, selling a product (an event), and have an obligation to ensure that the product meets consumer requirements. Should it not, consumers are free to cast their economic vote elsewhere. By attending to product quality, however, we can be sure that the rogaining experience will be a pleasant one for those taking part in rogaines.

Ian Dempsey

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Coming Events

- Australian Championship 24 hour rogaine 20/21 September
- A.C.T. 12 hour rogaine 18th October
(see attached entry form)
- VIC. spring 24 hour 10/11th October
- VIC. STR 24 hour 5/6th December

Mellong 12 hour Rogaine

16th August

(Six Brothers map)

RESULTS (max. score 730 points)

12 hour

<u>Division</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>
MX	K. Thomas, I. Davies, H. Burmester	660
M	I. Dempsey, A. Kingsland	640
M	A. Calder, D. Booth, P. Rand	640
MX	A. Lumsden, K. Grant	610
M	T. Sharp, W. Flores, E. Stevens, D. McLeod	530
M	P. Wherry, G. Harrigan	510
M	P. Tuft, D. Sanders	480
MX	R. Robison, B. Cooper, H. Watts	430
MX	B. Cavill, T. Parr, M. Joyce	380
W	R. Tuft, R. Sanders	300
J	D. Seabrook, J. Epae, T. Telfer, I. Rae	290
M	J. Keats, A. Hill	
M	G. Johnson, S. McInerney, M. Farrawell, R. Smith	280
M	J. Waddell, M. Trindiall, C. Ball, R. Cahill	180
M	M. Cole, P. van de Vyfeyke, P. Pether, T. Collins	110
MX	R. Montgomery, P. Montgomery	50

6 hour

M	A. Aitken, B. Ditchfield	250
MX	R. Austen, R. Austen	110
MX	Y. van Netten, D. Preston	20

An Extra Night at Mellong

As organisers of the Mellong 12 hour rogaine (16th August) Bert and I feel that it was very successful. We were given lots of positive feedback. Thank you all who competed and helped. Special thanks to Fay Wherry, Yvonne van Netten, Doug Preston and Wendy Davies. There is a large amount of time and effort involved in organising a rogaine and it is extremely rewarding when the competitors make comments such as, "Thanks, we really enjoyed the event".

By mid-morning on the Sunday everybody had left, except a few people who

offered to pick up a couple of markers close to the Hash House. Bert and I headed off in separate directions to collect the rest. By 6.30 pm we had all of the markers (or so we thought). We were starving and tired. All we wanted to do was get some nourishment and head home. BUT when we checked the markers we found there was no number 16. Oh well, it was close to the hash house. We could drive there or so a certain owner of a Mazda truck thought. To condense a long, sad story into a nutshell, we got bogged. After 4 hours of cursing, pulling, pushing, revving and rolling around in the mud Bert decided that it might be a nice idea if we stayed an extra night at the Hash House. We both had Monday off anyway.

On Monday morning we headed for the famous Mellong phone box. For those who do not know Mellong the phone box is its only claim to fame. We didn't know who we were going to ring when we got there but we figured a phone box would be the obvious place to go when you are in trouble. Besides there is nothing else at Mellong.

While walking to the phone box we were noticed by a fellow in a brand new, still plastic wrapped 4 wheel drive. He had just picked it up in Sydney that morning. We told him of our predicament. I was pessimistic. I thought surely he would not want to get his new machine dirty. Well, I was wrong. He was only too happy to try out his new toy.

Monday was a beautiful day and so the horrors of the night before in the murk and mire faded into oblivion.

Worimi

A very special note of thanks must go to the crew from Worimi. Never a rogaine goes by without the Worimi boys. Sometimes the pained looks on their faces don't exactly reflect a true devotion to rogaining. But we know better. We know they constantly hound John, Terry and Gordon (supervisors) about when the next rogaine will be. They probably even dream about rogaining. Would that be right boys?

A Warning To John, Terry and Gordon

You had better "pull up your socks" if you are going to keep up with these boys in the future. Their performance at Mellong was quite impressive.

Bert and I were thrilled to receive the following note of thanks written by one of the Worimi boys on behalf of all of the boys:

Dear Mr & Ms Van Netten,

On behalf of all the Boys of Worimi, I would like to thank you both for preparing and organizing the Rogaining Event on Saturday. It was very exciting and we all enjoyed it. We're looking forward to next time. Thanks again for a Job well done.

*Yours sincerely
Worimi*

Phone Service

Don't forget Peter Wherry's offer to keep a list of rogainers without partners. If you want to compete in a rogaine but can't find a partner then ring Peter and leave your name and address. Peter may be able to help you.

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