
Subject: Re: Kudos to RSI

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Peter Mason (menakkis@my-deja.com) writes:

> You know, David, don't you, that this is like when you just want to go
> downtown and you think "not this time", so you load your new ATV with 4
> spare tyres, a trunk full of tools and spares, barrels of gas and oil,
> plenty of food and water, GPS and radios, a portable toilet, a portable
> TV and a sack full of Thorium, but then you carelessly whisper: "Hit
> me, Sydney driving experience."

Not at all. Sydney is a totally civilized place compared to most of the places I visit. But Sydney is lovely for walking, and the excellent public transportation system (I really like the water taxis) will get you anywhere you need to go in fine style.

I do notice a decided disregard for pedestrians, however. The last time I was in Sydney I would take my exercise by walking from my hotel in Coogee Beach to the University of New South Wales, where I was teaching a course. I liked to look at the Jackaranda (sp?) trees and the wonderful birds in Sydney. (I once saw a tree, by the way, at the Botanical Gardens there that must have held a million dollars worth of Sulpher-Crested Cockatoos. Unbelievable!)

Anyway, I was trying to memorize a new story as I walked along, and I may have been a little distracted. But more than once I looked up at the last minute to see a car barrelling down on me into a driveway with absolutely no regard to the fact that there might actually be a pedestrian on the sidewalk.

In the end, I figured it must have been a hold-over from the Colony days when any bloke stupid enough to be out in the broiling Australian sun on foot must surely be a convict, and hence deserve to be run over!

Cheers,

David

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