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Hi, all, and welcome to another issue of the MSDN Flash

As I indicated in the last MSDN flash, I am going to use this as an opportunity to introduce all the members of the team. In this edition we have that wacky American that many of you may know, Charles Sterling. Take it away Chuck!

For those of you who do not know me, my last job was in Redmond as the Product Manager for the .NET framework. I have been with Microsoft for 11 years and I still have the dubious distinction of being known as Mr. MSMQ.

This September will be my third anniversary in Australia and I must admit I love it even more now than when I first arrived and why not? Great fishing, great diving, great developers and really great grog. Strange how I always associate those last two together. So what have I decided to do for my third year Australian anniversary? I have decided to do what every red blooded Australian does. Go to the beach. When I say "œgo" I actually mean "œmove". I spent the last couple of weeks house hunting and I think I picked out the right place, white sand, great waves and beautiful views of the 'indigenous' wildlife.

Only one problem. I started asking around my co-workers like Frank Arrigo, what they thought of the area-Raby Bay and the sentiment was "very nice", but isn't 1100km from work a bit of a commute? I guess I should have bought a map to scale before putting the deposit down! So you Queenslanders, I will be seeing you soon!

So, now you know Andrew & Chuck. Next edition, I'll get you to meet another member of the team

Happy Coding

[Frank Arrigo](#)

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