

14. 6.24

Karyn

MVA March - → hire car for 2 weeks.

His suicide - question why he did it. But no answer
How much he missed in the kids - + then getting
his input - shaving, driving

Ed. got into zone carnival + he couldn't come.
Blake needed to shave. Who would show him

" always wanted his f^c to teach him to drive.
Wonder if that's W

Day it happened I was in Windsor. My bro. worked at
Mulgrave. I was doing a course. Singleton Police called me
+ said Darren was dead. I didn't want to believe it.
How do I tell the boys?

Bro. took me to boys' schools + got kids.

Too many calls → turned phone off.

Stayed in bro a few days.

Went to Centrelink - sorted payments out.

Last time we saw him - etched in head

Thursday he rang saying he couldn't have kids +
Tammy kicked him out.

Sat. he rang saying he wanted to see the boys.

→ took them to the ~~Koola~~ Park Rouse Hill Park.

I let him spend time in boys. He said 'wait a minute'
Kids playing

He said 'I'm going to commit suicide' (said
'don't be so selfish')

Tuesday - I got call ~~from~~ re Tammy. She had gone.

I had to let boys know.

Ed. wanted to know who did it. I tried to Δ subject.

When Darren went, Ed wanted to know what car it was.

YR4 /5 - Ed had school project on family tree.

He looked up his f^c + found out about

murder/suicide. I had to explain what happened.

Shouldn't have to have that conv. in your kids.

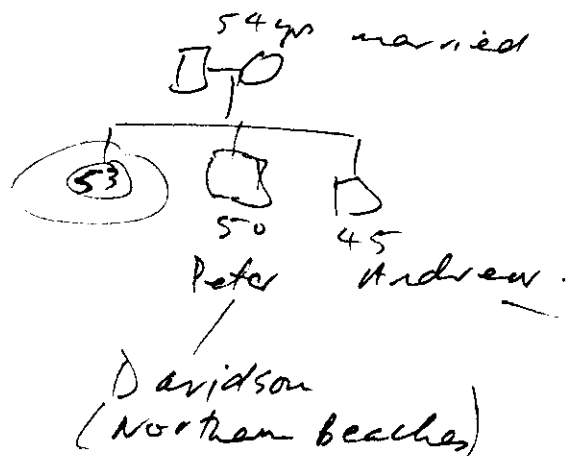
17th - his funeral. Got lost getting there → on edge.
Tammy + Darren had got Ed a horse + that was in procession. Darren AWOL.

Then we had his funeral.

After his funeral, Blake went to QLD in family.
Blake 13

I think it was same day, but Darren missing.
Darren - last time we saw him - his health had deteriorated. Not eating.

Tammy was having relationship with another man.
Hard to do on my own. But I had



I was concerned for the boys. - 13 + 6
(12mos + 6yrs when separated)

When we separated, Blake wanted to run in fast cars.
After his death → anxiety + dep. DSH but hid it
'stops the heart'

Ed - carried on as if nothing happened. But hard
to get to school. He wanted to know if Darren
would have gone to jail. I said yes - for a
v. long time

D. had been suicidal for a long time. It was his
decision + I can't be guilty over that.

Photo of boys + Tammy + Darren. They don't look
happy.

Blake + his F. v. close + 1/2 Tammy.

I was jealous over that. She'd had her kids
- girl + 2 boys - grown up.

She was a bit older than Dave.

Blake - not mentioned gender issues recently.

Both boys say they don't want kids.

Anne - able to keep it clean.

Sorting through cupboards in kitchen.

Not to let the questions get to me.

- x why did you do it

- x do you realise how much you've missed

- x did you explain to the boys why you wanted to die? (Ed. told me years later that he overheard him say 'can you look after the boys' + q. how much he told them.

- x

- x Tammy having affair

- x not able to live in himself for killing Tammy

- (I reckon it would have been pre meditated.

- x health deteriorating

- x he didn't want to get old.

- x mental illness; depression

- x childhood trauma - his F. ETOH

- x angry in himself

- x no self. worth - thought everyone would be better off without him

- x his bro suicided - yes Blake born.

* what did he say to the boys?

- never asked the boys. Might ask them on his next anniversary - 4th Feb.

→ D/C plan to talk to boys.

x Do you realise how much you've missed + kids

x how much he's missed

x he had a car for Blake - don't know what happened to it.

x the joy of them

I've missed him. He married Tammy

I didn't feel attached to him; disconnected but still loved him.

- Why I still struggle in a new relationship
want to lose all the baggage from him.

Right now - boys still need me.

fresh thinking

- won't have to worry about the g/s.

Next time

Emotions from being left as single parent & impacted children.