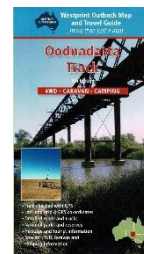
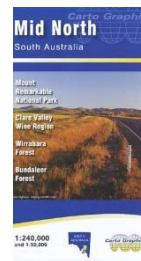
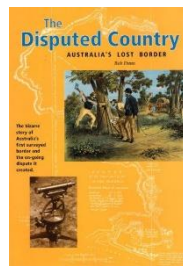
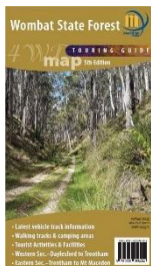




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"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."— C.S. Lewis

List a product.



Wombat State Forest 4WD Map – from \$14.95

This comprehensive double-sided map boasts a 1:50,000 scale and covers the expansive Wombat State Forest, extending from Daylesford to Woodend and the Macedon Ranges. It serves as an excellent guide for 4-wheel driving enthusiasts and showcases a wealth of tourist attractions, such as wineries, mines, mineral spas, and picturesque picnic grounds. The map also features essential highlights like the Great Dividing Trail and Wombat Forest Drive. Notably, the map incorporates valuable information on pet-friendly campgrounds, accommodations, local produce spots, petrol stations, mesmerizing waterfalls, and other tourist points of interest. Also available in digital format or customised as a single sided map.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/wombat-state-forest-4wd-map/>

The Disputed Country – Australia's Lost Border – \$22.50

This narrative recounts the remarkable survey of the South Australian – Victorian border, which unfolded between 1847 and 1850. A true epic, the three-year journey was characterized by unwavering perseverance through torrential rain and flooded swamps, as well as perilous escapes from the arid Mallee Country. Unfortunately, the border markers met a swift demise, succumbing to a devastating firestorm shortly after their placement.

Regrettably, it was soon revealed that the surveyed border strayed several kilometres from its intended position on the 141st east longitude, igniting a prolonged 64-year dispute between the two states over ownership of the "Disputed Country" – a narrow strip of land situated between the two lines. The loss of the border markers to the inferno means that even today, over a century and a half since the survey's inception, a "no man's land" endures between the South Australian and Victorian borders, providing a sanctuary for lawless activities.

Encompassing the enthralling account of the border fence, this chronicle also offers a valuable field guide, showcasing key heritage sites, and provides detailed maps of the Border Track, ensuring an immersive exploration of this historic terrain.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/disputed-country/>

Nullarbor Plain – Eastern Sheet – \$14.95

Covering the journey from Border Village to Port Pirie, this map encompasses the vast expanse of Australia's semi-arid Nullarbor Plain, extending over 1,256 kilometres via the Eyre Highway. One of the world's great scenic routes, it connects Adelaide and Perth, or vice versa, depending on your direction.

In addition to providing comprehensive listings of all key sites and amenities along the Eyre Highway, this map also encourages you to venture beyond the beaten path and explore the wealth of other attractions nestled off the Highway. Discover the captivating Nullarbor caves, experience the beauty of the iconic beaches along the Great Australian Bight, and explore thousands of kilometres of 4WD tracks, including the renowned Googs Track.

This map includes information on touring points of interest, camping and rest areas, fuel locations, accommodations, distances, and a glimpse into the region's fascinating history.

The Nullarbor Plain – Western Sheet is also available.

Nullarbor Plain Map Pack – also available in Map Packs

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/nullarbor-plain-eastern-sheet/>

Mid North South Australia Map – from \$9.95.

A comprehensive touring map of the Mid North region of South Australia is available at a scale of 1:240,000. The map covers a vast area from Kapunda in the south to Quorn in the north, encompassing the northern Mount Lofty Ranges and the Southern Flinders Ranges. It provides detailed information on country roads, including the long-distance Heysen and Mawson trails, as well as conservation and national parks.

On the reverse side, a 1:100,000 scale map of the Clare Valley is featured, highlighting wineries, the Reisling Trail, and various points of interest. For outdoor enthusiasts, there are 1:50,000 scale topographic maps of Mount Remarkable National Park and Bundaleer and Wirrabara Forests, complete with 10-meter contours and a UTM grid for GPS navigation. Additionally, the map offers insights into walking trails, campgrounds, and other facilities for a well-rounded adventure experience.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/mid-north-map/>

Oodnadatta Outback Track and Travel Guide – \$14.95

This map provides coverage of the renowned Oodnadatta Track, spanning from Lyndhurst to Oodnadatta via Marree, Lake Eyre, William Creek, and Algebuckina. Following significant historical routes, including an Aboriginal trade route, the Overland Telegraph Line, and the Old Ghan Line, the Oodnadatta Track holds cultural and heritage value. Additionally, the region boasts unique mound springs, Australia's largest lake, and the world's biggest cattle station, making it a highly significant outback heritage area.

One side of the map contains GPS locations, while the other side offers in-depth information about each area incorporating historical notes, explorer details, points of interest, information about local flora and fauna, and captivating photographs of landmarks. The map provides road and track distances, rest areas, guidance for 4WD, caravan and camping locations, tourist insights, national parks and reserves information.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/oodnadatta-track/>

New on the Website

There is a new edition of the Brisbane Ranges National Park Map which includes updates to the walking track notes. The Brisbane Ranges sit about an hour to the west of Melbourne, in between Geelong and Ballarat and is a popular destination for day trippers, bushwalkers and campers. The Brisbane ranges are well known for the Spring Wildflower displays and range of wildlife. This updated full colour map features the entire Brisbane Ranges National Park and Steiglitz Historic Park and features the Burchell Trail.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/brisbane-ranges-national-park-map-guide/>

New to the website are all our Westprint maps now available folded as well as folded/laminated. This ensures that your map will last longer and the laminates brightens the map colours by around 20 percent.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product-category/westprint/>

Meridian Musings

Parks Victoria have just announced that campers will soon be able to start booking their favourite camping spots and accommodation for 2023-24. Bookings for stays between 1 September 2023 and 6 October 2024 will open progressively, depending on location and booking dates.

For more information, you can visit <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/where-to-stay/booking-information>.

Disclaimer: These events were correct at the time they were added to the Meridian Line; however, this may have been some time before the actual event. Please make your own enquiries before travelling to an event.

A Meridian Line reader recently sent me a link to another newsletter that he receives called Placenames Australia. It is the newsletter of the Australian National Placenames Survey which aims to research the origin and meaning of every placename in Australia. This got me to wondering what is the longest placename in Australia? That honour goes to a place in the north of the State of South Australia in the Indigenous Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands and is known as Mamungkukumpurangkuntjunya Hill. The meaning of this name? It means where the devil urinates!



Who doesn't love good value for money? Explore the range of value packs available on the Meridian website. These thoughtfully curated packs combine complementary items to offer you enhanced value. Instead of purchasing

individual 4WD maps, consider the convenient 4WD pack, which includes multiple maps tailored for your adventure. Likewise, if you're interested in books and maps on related topics, our value packs provide a cost-effective solution. Enjoy the convenience and savings offered by these bundled packs, designed to enrich your outdoor experience.

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Reader's Stories

We love hearing reader's feedback as well as their stories and articles. You can either send feedback to rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au or leave feedback on our website, <https://meridianmaps.com.au/contact/> .

From one keen reader: "I saw recently the Meridian Vic Desert Map listed. This map is a great resource for 4WD clubs, especially those based in Melbourne and Adelaide who want to plan an interclub get together. Broughtons Waterhole, Broken Bucket and Red Bluff are all big camping areas perfect for using as a base camp for clubs."

If you are a member of a 4WD club and would like to send in an article about a trip that you have taken, we would love to hear it.

We received a copy of the latest Placenames Australia newsletter from one of our readers who noted the connection that sometimes exists between placenames and maps. It was a fascinating read, and I thought this article titled Reedy Placenames, written by Peter McInnes of the Taralga Historical Society may be of interest to our readers. If you like to subscribe to the Placenames newsletter, check out <https://www.anps.org.au/>.

Reedy Names

Judging by the placenames of New South Wales, you might think that the state is a particularly reedy place: there are more than 160 mentions of Reed or Reedy in the on-line Register of the NSW Geographical Names Board. Most entries relate to creeks and swamps, with a smattering of rural places, reserves, flats, rivers and lagoons. In addition, there's a town and two islands. Admittedly, Reedy is not as common as Spring, which has over 500 entries; but there is no doubt in my mind that our early placenamers could, and should, have tried a bit harder. A moment's thought would have led them to

choose a more distinctive name so that their creek or lagoon could stand out in what was already a very crowded field.

In fact, it may actually be the case that 160 reedy creeks, lagoons and swamps is an undercount - that there are many placenames in the GNB Register with a 'reedy' origin in an Aboriginal language but are not marked as such. The table below lists a small sample of possible candidates, with a particular placename in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional local government area as a starting point. Turallo is the name of a creek, a range and a nature reserve near Bungendore. One of the three entries in the GNB register (oddly, the entry for the derived name of the nature reserve rather than that of the creek or the range) notes the name's Aboriginal origin; it credits two sources (Martin, 1943; McCarthy, 1963) for the meaning 'reeds growing in water; water weeds.

Near Taralga, around 100km north of Turallo there is an almost identically named creek, the Turrallo, one of three tributaries that all flow into the Tarlo. The Tarlo, whose meaning has been reported to be 'river' (Barrett, 2016, p. 67), from the Gundungurra word dharlang 'small river', is possibly a mis-transcription of Turrallo. If so, it would indicate that the original emphasis was on the first syllable (tu-ral-o), leading to the elision of the second syllable, and producing a later pronunciation 'Turlo' or 'Tarlo'.

Often the English transcription of the Aboriginal 'reedy' placename appears quite differently from those recorded above. Tyrl Tyrl, a parish and placename near Taralga, does not resemble Turallo at all. The earliest record of Tyrl Tyrl I have found (Bennett, 1834, p. 142) is transcribed as Turril Turril. The only recorded meaning (unattested) suggests it means 'deep or wide valley' (Golspie Progress and Landcare Association, 2005, vol.1, p. 46). This makes some sense topographically, but local knowledge suggests an alternative: ...Joe Croker bought the 660 acres of portion 1 of the Parish of Tyrl Tyrl commonly known as Lagoon Paddock. In that paddock there is a flat area between the NWSTyrl Tyrl Road and the waterfall gorge which becomes a lagoon in wet seasons, however in a normal summer it is usually dry, and, in those times, it formed a natural cricket ground.' (Williamson, 2004, p. 1) So our hunch would be, based on our understanding of repetition in Aboriginal placenames, that the original form meant 'a reedy place'. And *tyree* has been recorded as 'a reed', as far away as Moree in northern NSW.

The vagaries of English transcription practice when recording from Aboriginal languages mean that there may be many other reedy places out there in NSW. The potential candidates listed in the table may be the tip of the iceberg, to use a rather inappropriate cliché.

<i>turrella</i>	reeds growing in water ⁴	<i>Science of Man</i>	Turrella Creek	Bayside Breeza	suburb stream	NSW GNB
<i>turrallo</i>			Turrallo Creek Turrallo	Taralga Taralga	stream parish	NSW GNB NSW GNB
<i>tarlo</i>	river	Barrett, 2016 (pp. 97, 125)	Tarlo Tarlo Tarlo River	Goulburn Goulburn Goulburn	locality parish stream	NSW GNB NSW GNB NSW GNB
<i>tyreel</i>	a reed ⁵ <i>dreelwarrinah</i> - a reed standing up ⁶ <i>tareelaro</i> - a reed in the river ⁷	<i>Science of Man</i>	Tyreel Creek Tyreel Bore Old Tyreel Tyreel Run	Moree Moree Moree	stream bore property	NSW GNB NSW GNB <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , 25/05/1868, p.2
<i>tyrl tyrl</i>	deep valley? ⁸		Tyrl Tyrl	Taralga	parish	NSW GNB
<i>terralong</i>			Terralong	Argyle	locality	<i>NSW Govt Gazette</i> , 14/05/1844, p. 685
<i>terragong</i>			Terragong Terragong Swamp	Shellharbour Kiama	parish locality	NSW GNB <i>Sydney Herald</i> , 11/02/1840, p.4
<i>jerralong</i>			Jerralong Jerralong Creek	Goulburn Windellama	parish stream	NSW GNB
<i>terralagolong</i> ⁹			Terralagolong	Crookwell	location	<i>NSW Govt Gazette</i> , 01/02/1837, p.1117

If you would like to contribute anything, please feel free to send your comments in to rochelle@westprint.com.au.

Meridian Mirth

It is claimed that there are many benefits from having a good laugh. Hopefully, you will enjoy these.

Bill is working away from home one winter's morning and the weather's very, very cold outside. Suddenly he receives a text message from his wife, Jane. The message reads, "Windows frozen; won't open."

Naturally, Bill wants to ensure his wife doesn't experience any major problems whilst he's away, so he sends an immediate response. His message reads, "Carefully pour some warm water over it and then gently tap the edges with a hammer."

Thinking he's done all he needs to do to resolve Jane's problem, Bill gets on with his busy schedule.

However, within minutes, he gets another message from Jane, which reads, "The computers really messed up now!"

An elderly man had owned his large farm in Louisiana for many years. Right at the back of the farm, there was a large pond that was ideal for swimming. The old farmer had fixed it up real nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the farmer decides to go down to the pond, to look it over, as he hadn't been down there for a while.

Before setting off, he grabs a five-gallon bucket as he decides he'll bring back some fruit.

As he nears the pond, he can hear voices shouting and laughing with glee. Clearly, someone is having a good time.

As the farmer gets closer, he can see a bunch of young women who are clearly skinny-dipping in his pond.

He makes the women aware of his presence and immediately they all swim over to the far end.

One of the women then shouts, "We're not coming out until you leave mister! " The farmer replies, "Ladies, I didn't come down here to watch you swim naked or make you get out of the pond. You carry on. "

The wily old-timer then holds up his bucket and says, "I just came down here to feed the alligators! "

A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before saying "You obviously get a lot of exercise."

The man replied, "Oh yeah, in fact, just the other day I walked 5 kilometres over rugged terrain as I climbed over rocks and trees. I also waded along the edges of a lake, pushing my way through tall thistles and sliding down sandy slopes whilst getting sand in my eyes."

The doctor was quite impressed, "Well you are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."

The man replied, "Not really doctor, I'm just a really bad golfer."

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question.

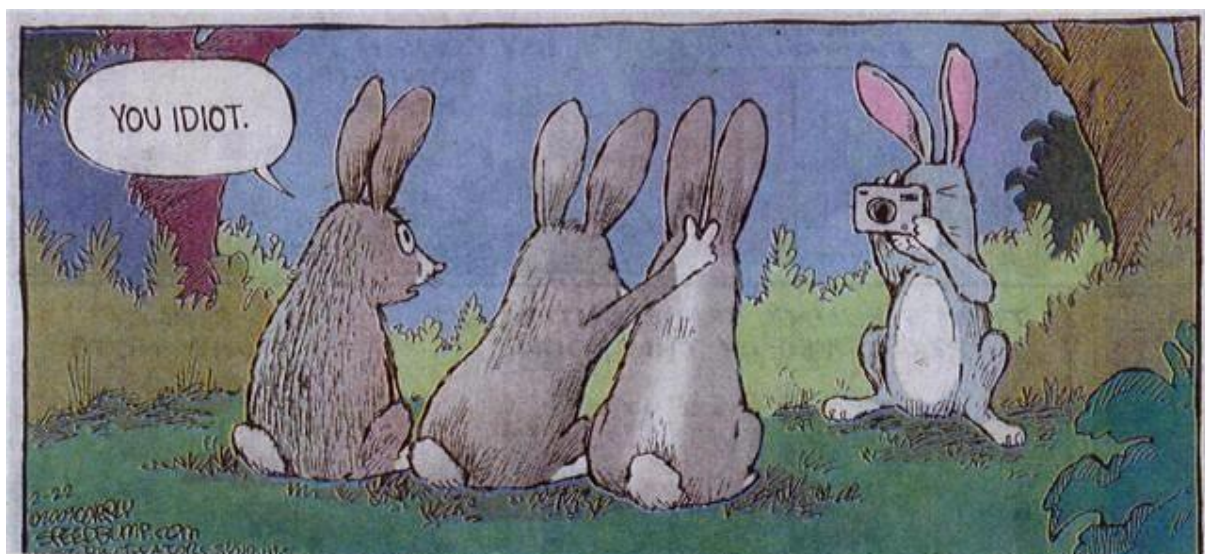
The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop window.

For a second, everything was quiet in the cab. Then the driver said, "Look, mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver — I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."

And one last one....



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