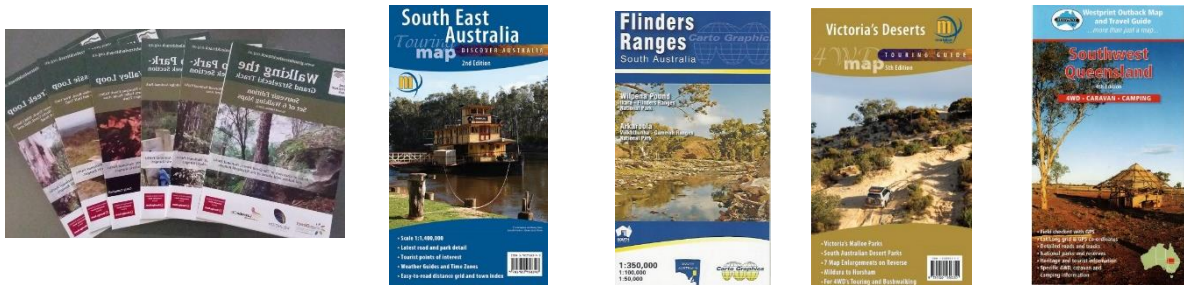




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*"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people just exist." — Oscar Wilde*

### List a product.



**Walking the Grand Strzelecki Track - \$29.95** The Grand Strzelecki Map set includes 5 topographic maps and a planning map to best experience this unique part of Victoria. Discover an ancient temperate rainforest, rivalling any on Earth, where silence reigns, except for the melodic serenade of lyrebirds. The Grand Strzelecki Track, totalling 110km, offers one and two-day hiking loops, as well as a two-day one-way hike linking Tarra Bulga and Morwell National Parks. Experience up to 5 days of serenity and stunning vistas, a hidden gem for the adventurous at heart.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/walking-the-grand-strzelecki-track/>

**South East Australia Touring Map – from \$12.95.** A comprehensive 1:1,400,000 scale wall map of South East Australia, spanning the most populous corner of the country. Covering from Port Augusta in South Australia to Newcastle in New South Wales, and Victoria in the south, this map offers an extensive coverage area. It is tailor-made for business professionals and frequent travellers between state capitals, providing detailed information for the entire region. The map features a Major Town Index, Distance Grid, Time Zones, and Weather Charts. Easily plan routes, locate customers, and calculate distances throughout the South East corner of Australia with this invaluable map.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/south-east-australia-touring-map/>

**Flinders Ranges Map – from \$12.95** . This map offers extensive coverage from Yunta/Orroroo/Wilmington to Farina/Mt Freeling/Arkaroola at 1:350,000 scale on the front side. It includes a full road and public track network, National, Conservation, and private parks, Heysen & Mawson Trails. On the reverse side, you'll find topographic-style maps at different scales. Wilpena Pound is showcased in high detail at 1:50,000 scale, perfect for walkers and tourists. The Quorn/Pichi Richi/Dutchmans Stern, Mount Brown area, and Flinders Ranges National Park are covered at 1:100,000 scale. Additionally, the Vulkathuna-Gammon Ranges National Park and Arkaroola Protected Area are presented in a single 1:200,000 scale map. All maps display road and track detail, contours & hill shading, walking trails, campgrounds, and significant features.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/flinders-ranges-map/>

**Victoria's Desert 4WD Touring Map – from \$14.95**. This is the most comprehensive map of Victoria's mallee parks. Significantly updated 1:350,000 scale map covering the all the Mallee parks of Victoria from the Little Desert through to the Murray River, as well as the South Australian Desert Parks of Ngarkat and Billiatt. Also shows the Riverland region of SA. Many new tracks, road names and other features added for this edition. Now with 7 enlargements on reverse of popular areas: Little Desert, Pink Lakes, Border Track, central Wyperfeld, Lindsay & Wallpolla Islands, Raak Plain and Mt Arapiles. Ideal for four-wheel drivers as it includes all the navigable tracks in the region as well as the tourist features. Great for bushwalkers with the Sunset Remote Walking Track and the Desert Discovery Walk shown in detail. Covers the best of the Border Track and all the four-wheel drive tracks of the Big Desert State Park.

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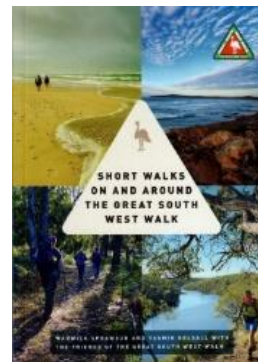
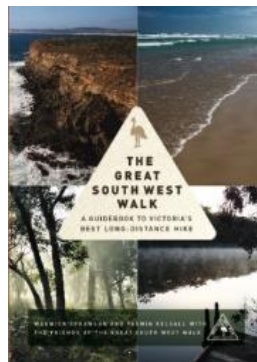
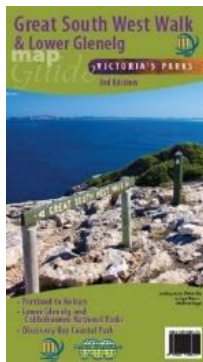
**South West Queensland – \$14.95** This map showcases the Adventure Way, a network of roads from Toowoomba to Innamincka, bordered by Windorah to the NW, Augathella to the NE, Barringun on the NSW/Qld border to the SE, and Cameron Corner to the SW. It includes access roads to Innamincka and has been field checked with GPS for accuracy. The map provides Lat/Long grid & GPS co-ordinates, detailed roads and tracks, National parks and reserves, heritage and tourist information, as well as specific 4WD, caravan, and camping details. Notably, it features historical notes, explorer details, points of interest, surrounding flora and fauna, and photos of landmarks. With clear readability, it includes road distances, rest areas, caravan parks, and fuel outlets for ease of navigation and travel planning. A comprehensive resource for adventurers exploring this region.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/southwest-queensland/>

## Meridian Musings

We know how amazing it is to travel around our beautiful country and experience some of what it has to offer. So, it was fantastic to turn on the TV a couple of weeks ago and see the entire episode of Back Roads on the ABC dedicated to the Great South West Walk. It gave a really great overview of the walk and many of the personalities who are wedded to it. If you missed it and would like to watch it again check out ABC iView. The Great South West Walk has been developed as a bushwalking trail that is suitable for most ages and abilities. You can look at completing short 2-hour loop walks, full-day walks, or for the daring, the whole 250km loop that begins and ends in Portland, Victoria.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/?s=great+south+west+walk>



We have just experienced our first rodeo and it was quite an experience! I can't ever see myself riding a bucking horse or an unimpressed bull, but certainly admire those who have the skills and abilities! There are a number of events, including rodeos, coming up in the next couple of months including:

The Mount Isa Mines Rodeo, Queensland: 10 – 13 August

Coolgardie Rodeo, Western Australia: 18 – 20 August

Birdsville Races, Queensland: 1-2 September

Dajarra Campdraft & Rodeo, Queensland: September (exact dates tba)

Outback festival, Winton, Queensland 19 – 23 September

*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.*

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retail price. However, as an environmentally conscience company, we do not want to just commit these maps to landfill. To address this, we have introduced a dedicated section on our website called the "Not Quite Right Laminations" category.

Here, you will find a selection of maps with slight laminate imperfections available at reduced prices. Rest assured that any maps listed under this tab are still functional and offer excellent value. However, once the stock is sold out, it will not be replenished. We take pride in our products and want to ensure complete customer satisfaction, even when minor imperfections arise.

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### **Additions to the Website**

Frequent visitors to the Meridian Maps website will see a new tab, that of Hema Maps. The range includes regional maps and outback Australia maps. The Books category has been expanded to include a number of Hema atlases.



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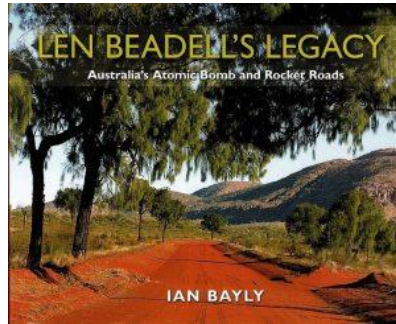
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### **Reader's Stories**

It is wonderful receiving stories and anecdotes from readers of The Meridian Line.

If you would like to contribute anything, please feel free to send your comments in to [rochelle@westprint.com.au](mailto:rochelle@westprint.com.au).

One reader who was happy to receive their copy of Len Beadell's Legacy wrote to advise "Great to see that the book Len Beadell's Legacy is back in print. Supply has been tenuous over the years, and I would urge anyone with an interest in the Beadell Tracks, Len Beadell's work, or who just wants a good read, to grab a copy while you can."



This week's story details a reader's walk along the Forest and Scenic Track in the Tarra Bulga National Park as part of the Grand Strzelecki Track – absolutely inspires me to get out there and visit this amazing park.

“Today was a great walk along the Forest Track and Scenic Track in the Tarra Bulga National Park, located in Gippsland, Victoria. The temperature at 10:30am was a brisk 4.5 degrees and rose quickly to 9 degrees by 12:30pm. These tracks are an easy but undulating terrain steep in sections, of 7.5km, taking 2 hours return to the Visitor Centre, including time to take photos. They are just two of the many within the national park, combined with the Grand Strzelecki Track, totalling 110kms.



Both the Tarra Bulga National Park and the Grand Strzelecki Track are seriously worthwhile visiting, but always check the website for track conditions and forestry operations ahead of your visit. If planning to do long walks, or even stay overnight, read the 'Information for walkers' page and initially purchase the planning map, or if topographical information is needed, purchase the set of printed maps. Georeferencing maps to install on your mobile device are also available to purchase.



## FOREST TRACK AND LYREBIRD RIDGE TRACK

From the Visitor Centre, head 300m down Bulga Park Road to the start of Old Yarram-Balook Road. A further 300m is the start of the Forest Track. Halfway at 2.2kms, the Forest Track becomes the Lyrebird Ridge Track. Sections of the tracks can be very wet and muddy during winter given the average rainfall is 1.7 metres and receives snow at least one a year. There are a few termite ant mounds. Cold winters allow for moss to grow on logs and rocks. The track descends to a creek flowing under a boardwalk, giving overpass access. There are many ferns and fungi in the cooler sections. Interpretive signs give important and interesting information about the environment of these tracks.

The end of the Lyrebird Ridge Track meets the Ash Track which heads for 1.2km to Corrigan's Suspension Bridge to start the Scenic Track.



## SCENIC TRACK AND LINK TRACK

The Scenic Track starts from the other end of Corrigan's Suspension Bridge. The Scenic Track is 1km, then uses the Link Track back to the Visitor Centre. Epiphytes grow on many of the ferns and Blackwood Trees on both the Scenic Track and Link Track. There are many large species of Mountain Ash Trees as shown at their feet (my keys lay at the foot of one tree). Both soft and rough ferns are dotted throughout, seeds on leaves, and a mix of short and slender, with some reaching for light in precarious ways. There are some distant outlooks where the canopy opens up. Came across spent *Fieldia* flowers (*Fieldia Australis*). The Link track had a display of various Fungi, as well as Lichen that only grows on trees where the air is clean (unpolluted).



I look forward to revisiting these two tracks for their spring flowering, of which I know there is much to be seen.”

### **Meridian Mirth**

Here are some lighthearted jokes to start your week.

Why don't scientists trust atoms?  
Because they make up everything!

What did one ocean say to the other ocean?  
Nothing, they just waved.

Why don't skeletons fight each other?  
They don't have the guts.

Why did the scarecrow win an award?  
Because he was outstanding in his field!

Why did the bicycle fall over?  
Because it was two-tired!

Why don't some couples go to the gym?  
Because some relationships don't work out!

How do you organize a space party?  
You planet!

Why don't you ever see elephants hiding in trees?  
Because they're really good at it!

What did one hat say to the other hat?  
You stay here, I'll go on ahead!

Why did the tomato turn red?  
Because it saw the salad dressing!

Takes clamping to a whole new level!



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