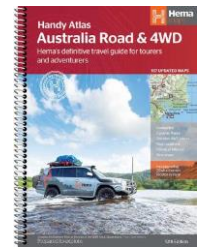
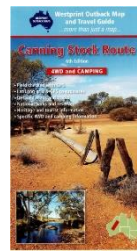
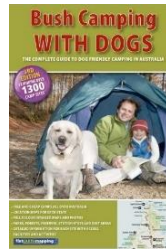
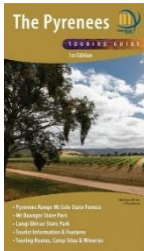




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“I’ve never understood treadmills when there’s so many trails to hike.” – We Dream of Travel

List a product.



The Pyrenees Touring Guide - from \$14.95

Discover the entire Pyrenees region on one double-sided 1:50,000 scale map. Covers Beaufort to Redbank, Navarre to Avoca. Ideal for 4WD and touring, highlighting wineries, historic areas, picnic spots, plus the Pyrenees Endurance Track, Mt. Buangor, and Mt. Cole walks. Find pet-friendly campgrounds, lodging, local produce, petrol stations, waterfalls, and tourist information.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/the-pyrenees-touring-map/>

Bush Camping with Dogs – \$34.95

The ultimate guide to pet-friendly camping across Australia, ensuring your four-legged companion can join your adventures. Ideal for 4WD, camper trailer, tent, motorhome, or caravan enthusiasts, this comprehensive guide provides detailed information on each site, including accessibility, facilities, and activities. It features location maps for every state, along with detailed maps and photos for easy navigation and planning.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/bush-camping-with-dogs-flat-earth/>

Great Ocean Walk Booklet – Walk Victoria’s Icons - \$19.95

This map book is the official guide to the Great Ocean Walk, covering the route from Apollo Bay to The Twelve Apostles. It divides the journey into half-day segments, providing all the necessary information for an exceptional eight-day walking experience. The booklet is wire-bound and features a matte-laminated cover for added durability and protection. Also available as a map and a Map Pack of map and book.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/great-ocean-walk-booklet/>

Canning Stock Route – from \$19.95

The Westprint Canning Stock Route Map is a vital tool for exploring one of Australia's most remote and iconic regions. Covering the entire 1850km Canning Stock Route, from Halls Creek to Wiluna, it offers precise details about the route's history, wells, water sources, campsites, and Aboriginal communities. The map also includes notes on Alfred Canning's surveying and well reconditioning by Snell. With clear symbols and informative text on the back, this map is essential for navigating the challenging and stunning landscapes of the Australian outback. It's a must-have for adventurers seeking an unforgettable experience.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/canning-stock-route/>

Handy Atlas Australia Road & 4WD – \$29.95 each

The Hema Road & 4WD Handy Atlas is the ultimate travel guide for adventurers. Packed with 4WD tracks, campsites, caravan parks, rest areas, 24-hour fuel, and points of interest, it's a must-have. This edition offers extensive mapping and a user-friendly design. It covers top 4WD destinations like Cape York, Fraser Island, the Kimberley, and more. The atlas includes a distance grid, national park guide, accredited information centres, and a complete index, making it the perfect tool for tourers, campers, road trippers, and off-roaders across Australia.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/handy-atlas-australia-road-4wd/>

Meridian Musings

It took me a little by surprise as I started writing this newsletter to realise that we are already in October! Hard to believe that we are half way through spring and that summer is just around the corner! I'm sure that there are some who have already started to think of the possibility of a long deserved break at the

end of the year. For some, this may mean pulling the caravan or campervan out of storage and hitting the roads.

October could be the perfect time to check that your caravan and towing vehicle are safe to use and meet ongoing safety compliance requirements. There are many pre safety check lists available on line or you may even have devised your own over the years, nonetheless, here is one compiled by the NRMA <https://thehub.nrma.com.au/drive/towing-safety-checklist>

If you have a favourite camping spot or trip that you would like to share or advice for those who are perhaps novice caravanners, drop a line to rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au.

What's on:

Sometimes a short break from the everyday routine can really give you the chance to recharge your batteries and leave you feeling refreshed. It doesn't always have to be a formal event, sometimes relaxing outside with a good read and no phone can be liberating. If you are looking for something more organised here are a couple of ideas.

Griffith Springfest – Griffith is located in the NSW Riverina and there are various events throughout October to enjoy Griffith and celebrate Spring. <https://griffithspringfest.com.au/>

Bay to Birdwood is an iconic historic motoring event that has been enjoyed in South Australia since 1980. Marl 22 October in your calendar and, if you happen to be in the area, make time to pay the festival a visit. <https://baytobirdwood.history.sa.gov.au/>

As the weather warms up in Queensland, enjoy a German beer festival in Winton from October 13-14.

<https://www.queensland.com/au/en/things-to-do/events/p-63d205908c168a914ba46cbc-oktoberwest>

Seniors Festival Dandenong Ranges Park Walk – enjoy this ranger led 5.5km walk through the Dandenong ranges National Park.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/seniors-festival-2023-dandenong-ranges-park-walk-tickets-705637218917>

If you have an event that you think may be of interest to Meridian Line readers drop us a line at rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au

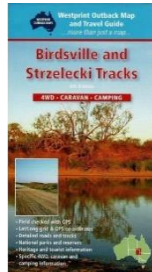
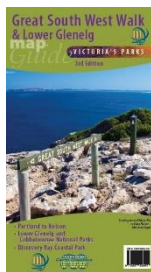
Disclaimer: These events were correct at the time they were added to the Meridian Line; however, this may have been some time before the actual event. Please make your own enquiries before travelling to an event.

What's in the Not Quite Right Area

The stock in the Not Quite Right laminate category is being constantly updated. There are never many of any particular map available and once they are gone, they are removed from the website. It really is first in, best dressed with these special offers.

Maps currently available include:

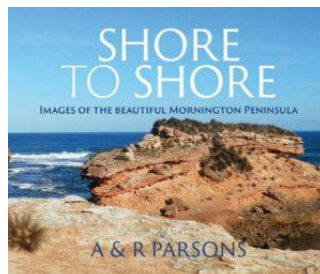
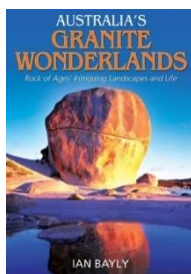
- Great South West Walk & Lower Glenelg
- Birdsville and Strzelecki Tracks
- Grampians Peak Trail South Map
- Grampians Peak Trail North Map
- Brisbane Ranges National Park



Sale Section

This clearance sale is for maps and books in perfect condition but that have been superseded by a newer edition or will no longer be stocked by Meridian Maps. These items are only available while stock lasts.

- Shore to Shore – Images of the beautiful Mornington Peninsula – was \$35.95 now \$25.95.
<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/shore-to-shore/>
- Australia's Granite Wonderlands – was \$39.95 now \$29.95.
<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/aust-granite-wonderlands/>



Reader's Stories

Dipped into the archives for the story for this edition!

Bill Binns and the Binns Track

Bill Binns - the man and the Track.

Bill Binns has spent most of his life in the Australian bush. His 32-year career with the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service from the 1960s to 1990s shows his passion for wildlife and conservation. The 2,200 kilometre track from Mt Dare to Timber Creek is the result of that passion. Bill was instrumental in the conservation of the Territory. He worked with Traditional owners and liaised with government to establish joint management of parks and areas of significance.



Timber Creek Escarpment

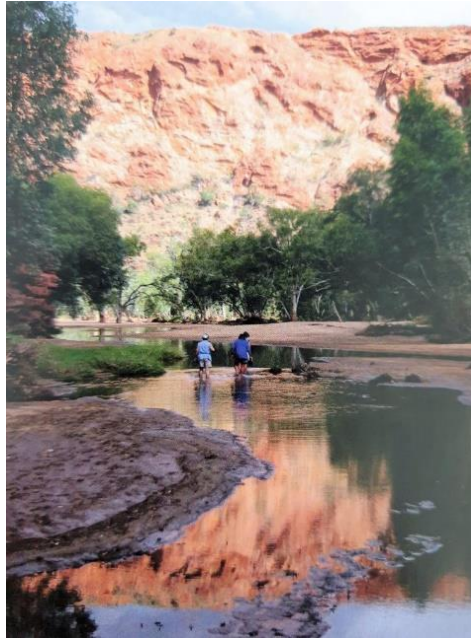
From his years in the bush, Bill formed the view that the Territory would benefit from interstate four-wheel drive tourism. He had driven all the stock routes, many abandoned since the use of road trains in the 1960s. Bill also knew the location of all the spectacular rock formations, where to see abundant wildlife and where to enjoy the vibrant colours of the landscape.

Bill Binns, John Deckert and the birth of the Binns Track.

In 1993 Bill Binns met John Deckert from Westprint Outback Maps. They both wanted to develop a series of maps highlighting stock routes and linking the various parks and features of the NT. A map now known as the Original Binns Track map resulted. John and Bev Deckert travelled many of the routes marked by Bill as they did the ground research for a proposed series of maps for the NT Government. Two years later saw the launch of the first map in the

series; the East MacDonnell Ranges. Although successful, a change of government scuttled the project.

Behind the scenes work continued with the idea of linking tracks, resulting in the promotion of several designated 4WD tracks featuring the Explorer Territory logo. This culminated in the eventual launch of the Binns Track in May 2008.



Ruby Gap

The Binns Track is not to be underestimated.

Road surfaces on The Binns Track vary from sealed highways to rugged, tyre-punishing rocky tracks. Although used regularly, the track should not be taken lightly and a small convoy of two or three vehicles will increase safety.

Use a high-clearance vehicle on the Binns Track

Most sections are suitable for 4WD and camper trailer, but Gregory National Park presents a difficult landscape for 4WD vehicles. Caravans and Camper trailers may suffer significant damage and taking an alternative track is recommended. Some tracks are rocky with sharp creek crossings and are only suitable for high clearance vehicles. Rocky ledges with 300 mm drops will cause difficulty for vehicles with soft suspension or low towing hitches. The Broadarrow Track has many sharp rocks and can be particularly hard on tyres. The Westprint Outback Maps guide shows alternative routes for camper trailers.

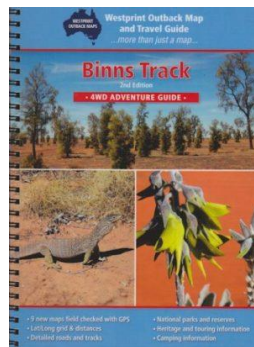
Always check local conditions

Track damage and large areas of bulldust have seen the Binns track closed indefinitely between Mt Dare and Old Andado. A detour is in place via New Crown Station.



Old Andado Homestead

Have you driven the Binns Track? We'd love to hear about your trip. Email: rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au.



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

Meridian Mirth

Time to relax and unwind with these.

Riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Answer: A candle

Riddle: What question can you never answer yes to?

Answer: Are you asleep yet?

Riddle: What is always in front of you but can't be seen?

Answer: The future

Riddle: Where does today come before yesterday?

Answer: The dictionary

Riddle: What has hands, but can't clap?

Answer: A clock

Riddle: What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

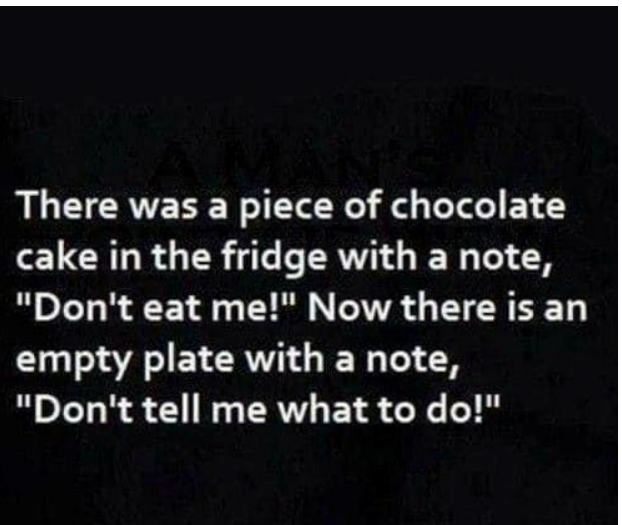
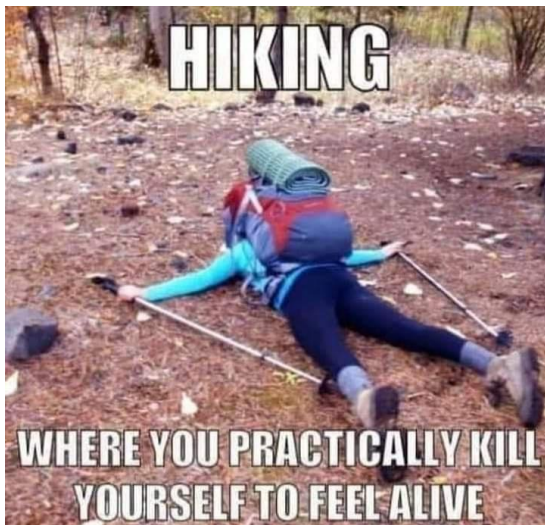
Answer: Silence.

Riddle: When you have me, you want to share me. However, if you share me, you don't have me any longer. What am I?

Answer: A secret.

Riddle: I have mountains with no stone, lakes with no water, cities with no buildings, and towns with no people. What am I?

Answer: A map.



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