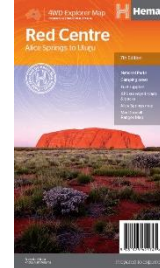
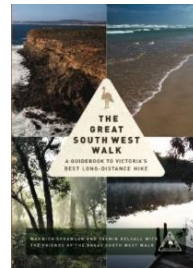
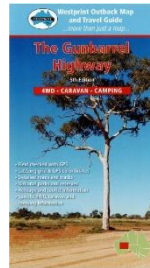
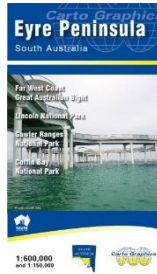
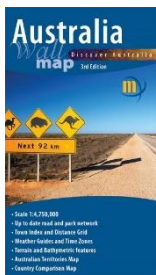




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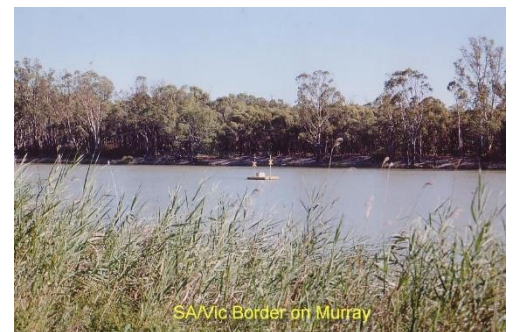
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## **Meridian Musings**

Reader comments after reading Bob Dunn's update article on the Victorian/ South Australian border dispute relating to his book *The Disputed Country*.

"I had been to top of the SA/Vic border in 2002 and was amused by the step in the borders. After acquiring the book "The Disputed Country, I returned a couple of years later and went exploring up the top of the Murray River bank trying to line myself up with the railway line marker shown in your article. I had at this time also gotten myself the latest in GPS technology. Very archaic these days but enough to keep me more or less on the border.

I climbed through a fence or two, watching out for bulls and irate farmers, and came across this odd looking pile of rocks on the line of the border. Not sure if this is one of the original border markers but it was not much different to the reconstructed "second last" cairn adjacent to the public road."



Would any reader know if the cairn pictured above could be an original border marker?

And from another reader: “We found the book to be a fascinating read and a great companion while traversing the Border track from Francis to the Murray River. We found a number of cairns along the way.”

Reading about the disputed border between Victorian and South Australia made me start thinking about Australian historical events that occurred in October. Here are a few things that caught my attention:

- October 8, 1908 The capital of Australia was chosen ending the feud between Melbourne and Sydney.
- October 9, 1888 Launceston, Tasmania is proclaimed a city.
- October 10, 1923 Telephone link between Sydney and Brisbane officially opened.
- October 12, 1923 Cairns, Queensland is proclaimed a city.
- October 13, 1933 Australia’s first traffic light was installed in Sydney.
- October 14, 1824 The first edition of Australian, the first uncensored newspaper on the mainland was published.
- October 17, 1917 The two halves of the trans Australian Railway line met at Ooldea in South Australia, five years after the turning of the first sod. It runs from Port Augusta in South Australia to Kalgoorlie in Western Australia, crossing the Nullarbor Plain.
- October 20, 1973 The Sydney Opera House was inaugurated, 14 years after construction started.
- October 27, 1980 The Great Barrier Reef is listed as a World heritage site.

As we head towards summer, a timely reminder from SA Parks about the extreme conditions that travellers in the outback can face “Outback daytime temperatures can reach high 40s. If you are travelling in the Outback, you should bring appropriate clothing, ensure your vehicles are properly prepared and equipped for outback travel and any emergencies or delays. Take extra water, food and fuel supplies. Ensure good communications equipment, either HF Radio or Satellite Phone and an EPIRB or PLB. Ensure you notify a responsible person, such as a family member, of your plans prior to travelling into remote areas, and seek local advice.”

Road and park closures can occur due to bushfires or extreme weather conditions. Please make sure you check conditions before you travel. Further information can be found on the Meridian website under the newsletter tab.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/deserts-pass-update/>

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## **Reader’s Stories**

Not everyone is able to enjoy the longer hikes such as the Great South West Walk, the Grampians Peak Trails or the Great Ocean Walk. Here a reader, shares with us the enjoyment and appreciation for just getting out and about on more modest walk. Reminds me of something that I often say, I am a city girl but sometimes I just need to get out into the Australian bush.

If you would like to share a story about a walk or hike that you enjoyed, drop us a line at [rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au](mailto:rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au).

I have limited mobility at the moment and enjoy reading the various stories submitted by your readers. I love the armchair travelling and educational pieces that are included but sometimes you just need to get out there yourself. Even long trips in the car can be challenging but sometimes you just need to escape from the city and enjoy something a little more regional.

I thoroughly enjoyed exploring your maps of Victoria and was inspired to find a nearby nature spot with a manageable walking trail. I stumbled upon Birdsland Reserve on the Dandenong Ranges and Lysterfield Hills Map Guide, and it turned out to be a hidden gem. The walk around the small lake was delightful, featuring a flat gravel path without any steps.



The circuit walk was just over 2 km and we were able to walk at our own pace and enjoy a variety of birds, both visible and audible. There are other walks that lead from this area so those with greater mobility or who want a longer walk can certainly enjoy that too.



Choosing a weekday visit proved fortuitous as the reserve was relatively quiet. We enjoyed the pet-friendly policy – dogs are welcome, as long as they are leashed, and there was even a designated area for them to swim. As the weather was quite warm, there were a couple of dogs taking advantage of this area.

Throughout the reserve, I found well-placed seating spots, offering plenty of opportunities to sit, relax, and soak in the tranquil surroundings. This experience served as a refreshing reminder of the beauty of nature and the peace it provides and gave us the opportunity to refresh our batteries before returning to the city.

## Meridian Mirth

Let's look at that age old question: **WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?**

**Plato:** For the greater good.

**Karl Marx:** It was an historical inevitability.

**Douglas Adams:** Forty-two.

**Albert Einstein:** Whether the chicken crossed the road, or the road crossed the chicken depends upon your frame of reference.

**Buddha:** If you ask this question, you deny your own chicken-nature.

**Salvador Dali:** The Fish.

**Darwin:** It was the logical next step after coming down from the trees.

**Jack Nicholson:** 'Cause it (censored) wanted to. That's the (censored) reason.

**Nicolaus Copernicus:** The chicken was moving at a slightly different orbital speed around the sun.

**Barack Obama:** The chicken crossed the road because it was time for change! The chicken wanted change!

**Dr Phil:** The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on this side of the road before it goes after the problem on that side of the road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he's acting by not taking on his current problems before adding new problems.

**Oprah:** Well, I understand that the chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross this road so bad. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a NEW CAR so that he can just drive across the road.

**Martha Stewart:** No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at the Farmer's Market to sell my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No little bird gave me any insider information.

**John Lennon:** Imagine all the chickens in the world crossing roads together, in peace.

**Bill Gates:** I have just released eChicken2010, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your cheque book. Internet Explorer is an integral part of eChicken2010. This new platform is much more stable and will never reboot.

**Isaac Newton:** Chickens at rest tend to stay at rest. Chickens in motion tend to cross the road.

**Darth Vader:** Because it could not resist the power of the Dark Side.

**Jerry Seinfeld:** Why does anyone cross a road? I mean, why doesn't anyone ever think to ask, "What the heck was this chicken doing walking all over the place anyway?"

**Dr Suess:** Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes! The chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed, I've not been told!

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