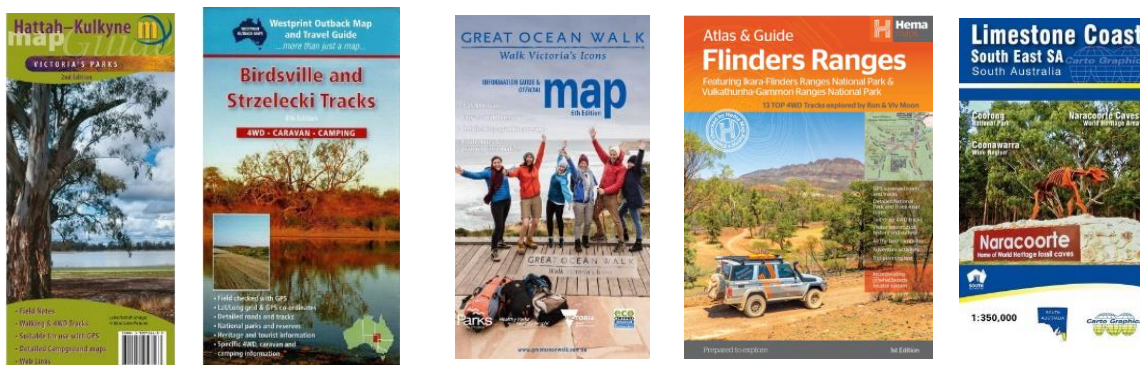


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“These men of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride of being an Anzac is shared by all Australians.” – Quentin Bryce



Hattah Kulkyne Map Guide – from \$10.95

A topographic map at a scale of 1:75,000 that encompasses the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park and the Murray-Kulkyne Park, offering detailed enlargements of the Lake Hattah and Lake Mournpall camping areas. It showcases all tracks, camping spots, and lakes within the park, making it an excellent resource for bushwalking, cycling, and four-wheel driving in this varied Mallee park. Additionally, the map provides informative notes on the parks' history, ecosystems, and available activities.

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

Birdsville and Strzelecki Tracks – from \$14.95

Stretching from Betoota in the north through Birdsville to Marree in the south, this map also includes routes from Birdsville to Innamincka and Cameron Corner to Tibooburra in NSW, a common entry point north of Broken Hill. Perfect for outback adventurers, this map provides detailed road and track information, GPS coordinates, distances, fuel stops, camping areas, and

more, making it ideal for 4WD enthusiasts and hikers alike. Symbols on the map correspond to detailed information on the back, covering points of interest, local flora and fauna. The back also offers insights into track history, attractions, wildlife, safety tips, trip planning, and contact details for local and emergency services.

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

Great Ocean Walk Map – from \$14.95

This comprehensive map encompasses the entirety of the Great Ocean Walk and includes accompanying track notes and planning details. It serves as your sole navigational resource, whether you're embarking on short walks or the full 8-day journey. Perfect for exploring the towering Otway forests, rugged coastline, or breathtaking gullies along the way.

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

Flinders Ranges Atlas & Guide - \$49.95

This first edition of Hema's Flinders Ranges Atlas & Guide features Hema's distinctive and informative maps, all of which have been field checked by Hema's Map Patrol to ensure the best possible accuracy with the latest mapping data. Written and researched by some of the most experienced outback travellers in Australia, the guide provides extensive and up-to-date information for the whole of the Flinders Ranges, from its southernmost tip, where it brushes against the waters of the Spencer Gulf, to its northern extremity beyond Arkaroola and the rugged Gammon massif.

Extensive cultural information and stories, along with the low-down on the European exploration and development of the region will ensure that today's travellers see the country in a new, exciting and enlightened manner.

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

Limestone Coast Map – from \$9.95

Explore the Limestone Coast and South East South Australia with Carto Graphics' detailed touring map at a scale of 1:350,000. This comprehensive map showcases major and minor roads, national parks, conservation reserves, campgrounds, cellar doors, and more. It provides road distance and surface information, along with a detailed inset map of the Coonawarra Wine Region featuring cellar door locations.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/limestone-coast-map/>

Meridian Musings

In the last newsletter, Laurie was looking for some information on the condition of the Heather Hwy just out of Warburton in WA.

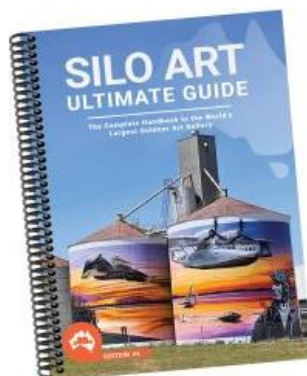
Thank you to Heather who wrote in saying “I would think that it would be in almost impossible condition now, as they’ve had fairly heavy rainfall over that way recently and it was all massive holes when I was on it years ago. The only way might be to get in touch with Warakurna roadhouse near Giles, they might have an idea.”

And Max who advised “I have just returned from NG council area and all roads that are shire council maintained are in reasonable shape BUT you need to visit the shire web site as conditions can vary in a matter of hours”

I passed on these answers on to Laurie who most appreciative not only for the information but for the tips on where to source further information. “Actually, the replies will be quite helpful as they have given me the guidance as to where to go to find the answers ie;- the local shire and the Warakurna & Warburton roadhouses. I hadn’t thought of that and it is really quite obvious.”

It's always great to hear feedback on the range of products that we carry, especially on the recently introduced new products. This comment from Bernie

“Just got back from central Queensland and stumbled across some painted silos which got me thinking about them elsewhere in Australia. I saw the Silo Art Ultimate Guide advertised in the monthly email newsletter from Meridian when we got back from Queensland and promptly ordered it in the National edition, rather than each of the individual state versions. Wow what a great piece of work and a perfect tool for trip planning. We’ve already plotted our next big road trip (4 to 6 weeks) for next year using it!”



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/silo-art-ultimate-guide/>

Elke from the Toyota Land Cruiser Club of Australia wrote to tell us about an upcoming swap meet on 4 May. It is to be held on the Cabramatta High School Grounds and they are welcoming sellers and buyers of general 4WDing and camping.

<https://www.tlcc.com.au/event/4wd-swap-meet-4-may-2024>

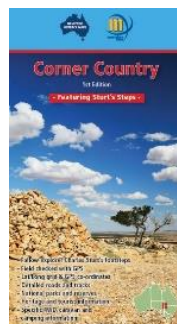
I'll be heading off at the end of the week for a two week road trip through New South Wales to visit our daughter and son in law who live in Sydney. The plan is to stop in Nhill to say hi to Jo and Graeme before heading to Broken Hill and then weaving our way to Sydney. So hopefully, I'll be able to put together a bit of a travel blog – I have never done that before so hope it will make interesting reading!!

What's New to the Website

Well last newsletter we said that it was coming and now it has finally arrived from the printer –

Corner Country Map featuring Sturt's Steps – from \$12.95

Discover the vast expanse of the Corner Country, where Queensland and South Australia meet in northwestern New South Wales. This region features diverse landforms, river systems, and wildlife for exploration. Immerse yourself in dramatic scenery and rich history as you explore the goldfield towns of Milparinka and Tibooburra. Sturt National Park preserves an arid landscape with attractions like the Strzelecki Desert's red sand dunes and the Grey Range's ancient mesas. Venture to Mutawintji National Park for an immersive experience in indigenous heritage and natural wonders. Follow Sturt's steps Touring Route, mirroring Captain Charles Sturt's 1845 journey. This new map will enhance your exploration of this remarkable outback region, where history, nature, and beauty converge. Remember to respect and appreciate the Corner Country's unique allure. Digital Versions are available in the Westprint Digital Maps category.



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

What's On

April 26 – May 5: Bright Autumn Festival. Ten day celebration of the wonderful autumn colours and autumn produce of the valleys of Victoria's Alpine High Country. Highlight is Gala day on May 6, with a market, music in the streets and a grand parade. <https://www.brightautumnfestival.org.au/>

May 3-4: Narooma Oyster Festival, join growers, chefs and shuckers to celebrate the rock oyster on the shores of Wagonga Inlet, Narooma NSW. <https://www.naroomaoysterfestival.com/>

May 3 -4: Cobar Show in Cobar NSW: he 2024 event will feature all that we know and love about local shows - agricultural displays of wool, sheep, poultry, local business displays and horse events including 6 Bar. <https://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/event/cobar-show-2024/>

May 3-5: Grampians Grape Escape. Three days of wine, food and music in the Grampians, Victoria. <https://grampiansgrapeescape.com.au/>

May 13 – 14: Mitchell Show in Roma Queensland. Celebrate the annual Mitchell Show which features Sheep, Cattle, Horse, Poultry, Produce, Cooking, Arts, Handicraft and Horticulture. Sideshow alley and a variety of stall and displays are not to be missed. <https://romarevealed.com.au/event/mitchell-show/>

May 18-19: La Fiera Italian Festival in Myrtleford, Victoria. This is a celebration of Myrtleford's Italian heritage and culture featuring a range of events <https://lafiera.com.au/>

May 18-25: Ord Valley Muster in the Kimberleys Western Australia. The iconic Ord Valley Muster is a program of events celebrating diversity, community and the north west's vast and untamed landscapes. For more information <https://ordvalleymuster.com.au/>

May 24 – 25: The Shearers Shindig Thargomindah, Queensland. Enjoy exciting quick shear heats, thrilling pig races, browse through market stalls, savour delicious food offerings, experience captivating entertainments <https://www.outbackqueensland.com.au/event/the-shearers-shindig-thargomindah/>

Seasonal Updates

For more regular updates on closures, please check our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MeridianWestprintMaps> as we try to include warnings and advice as we become aware of them.

Queerbidie campground in Innamincka Regional Reserve has re-opened to 4WDs.

Irapuna/Eddystone Point boat launching facility Mount William National Park Tasmania is closed from 29 April – 7 June.

All sections of the Heysen Trail will be open from 1 May.

There will be roadworks happening in the Stirling Range, Stirling Range Drive within the Stirling Range National Park will be closed from Sunday 28 April 2024 until roadworks are completed.

The following sites will not be accessible during this time

- Stirling Range Drive
- Mount Hassell carpark and walk trail
- Talyberlup carpark, picnic area and walk trail
- Mount Magog carpark, picnic area and walk trail
- White Gum Flat picnic area
- Central Lookout car park
- Western Lookout carpark

Abercrombie Karst Conservation Reserve in NSW will remain closed to the public until Monday 23 December 2024, due to ongoing flood repairs. The closure affects the entire reserve, including walking tracks, campgrounds, caves and trails.

Closures in The Great Otways National Park, Victoria - Lemonade Creek Walking Track will be closed indefinitely due to multiple unsafe bridges, Sharps campground permanently closed due to environmental and safety risks and Youngs Creek Track closed due to recent heavy rainfall.

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.

Reader's Stories

If you have any stories that you would like to contribute based on places that you might have been, drop me a line at rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au.

An ANZAC tribute:

For the Fallen

BY LAURENCE BINYON

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

In Flanders Fields
BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Meridian Mirth

Enjoy these jokes, some of which were sent in by Rob and our regular joke contributor! To share your jokes, please send them to rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au

There is a lot pilots have to take into account when flying safely across the sky:

- Every take off is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
- If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
- Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
- It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
- The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

- The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
- When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
- Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.
- Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take-offs you've made.
- Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.
- Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.
- There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, There are however, no old, bold pilots.

The moon landings were fake... but the director was such a perfectionist that he insisted they be shot on location.

Before my surgery, the anaesthetist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle... It was an ether/oar situation!

I have a pencil that used to be owned by William Shakespeare. But he chewed it a lot. Now I can't tell if it's 2B or not 2B.

Astronomers got tired of watching the moon go round the Earth for 24 hours a day. So, they decided to call it a day.

I'm taking care of the procrastination problem. Just wait and see.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. That's humerus.

Nurse came in and said Doc, there's a main in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible, what should I tell him? The doctor said tell him can't see him today.

I re-labelled all of the jars in the spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet but the thyme is cumin.



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