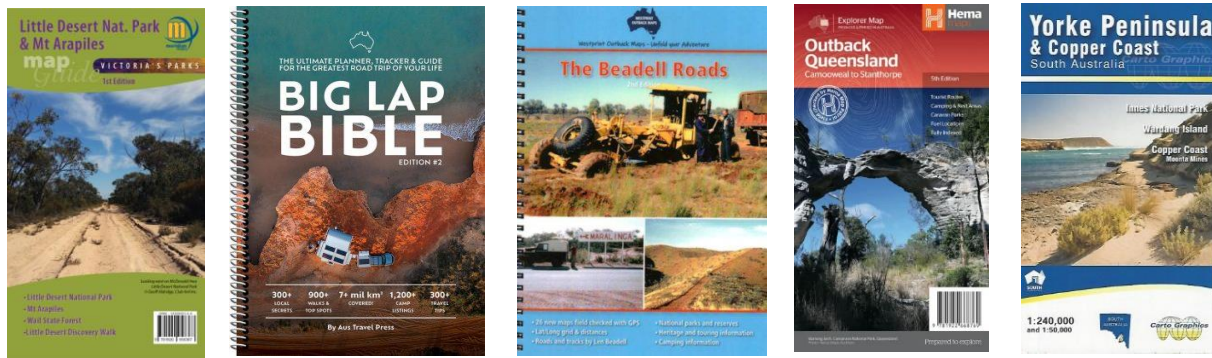




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“Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few are dirt” - John Muir



Little Desert Nat. Park & Mt Arapiles – from \$9.95

A double-sided, multi-scale map covering Little Desert National Park, Wail State Forest, and Mt Arapiles. Perfect for bushwalking, four-wheel driving, day trips, touring, and wildlife watching, this is the first large-scale topographic map of the region in many years. It includes detailed information for long distance walkers who are interested in tackling all or part of the 74 km Desert Discovery Walk.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/little-desert-mt-arapiles-map-guide/>

Big Lap Bible – \$94.95

The Big Lap Bible is the ultimate guide for the greatest road trip of your life! Organized into convenient sections, this book provides essential information to experience the best of Australia. Created by seasoned travellers, local experts, and tourism agencies, it includes tips, tricks, and local secrets, offering a unique perspective that other guidebooks don't. It features must-sees, must-dos, and must-knows to enhance your journey.

With fillable planning, tracking, and memory pages, the Big Lap Bible is your essential travel companion. Plus, enjoy 12 months of access to the Livin' Barry discount platform (worth \$60) to save money on the road!

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/big-lap-bible/>

The Beadell Roads – \$34.95

Len Beadell, a legendary surveyor and road builder, constructed over 6,500 km of roads, opening up the isolated desert areas of central Australia. The Westprint Maps' The Beadell Roads Atlas and Guide is a comprehensive, spiral-bound book featuring 26 double pages of maps and over 60 Points of Interest explained in the text section. This atlas covers parts of South Australia, Western Australia, and the Northern Territory, including the Great Victoria, Great Sandy, Little Sandy, and Gibson Deserts. It provides detailed information on road surfaces, fuel, and limited supplies available at remote roadhouses, along with historical details about early European explorers in the region. Featuring clear, easy-to-read maps, the atlas includes notes on history, explorers, points of interest, surrounding flora and fauna, and photos of landmarks. Road distances, rest areas, caravan parks, and fuel outlets are marked, along with Lat/Long grid and GPS coordinates. The Westprint Maps The Beadell Roads Atlas and Guide is essential for any adventurer exploring Australia's remote outback.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/beadell-roads/>

Outback Queensland - \$14.95

The Outback Queensland Map provides comprehensive mapping and visitor information for one of Australia's most iconic regions, spanning from the inland borders to Toowoomba in the east and Charters Towers in the north. With a scale of 1:1,500,000, the map features hill shading and elevation tinting for a realistic interpretation of the landscape. In addition to detailed maps, the guide includes extensive visitor information for Channel Country, Matilda Country, and the Overlanders Way. A town and locality index, along with essential contact details, covers the majority of touring information for the region. The map also includes specific maps of Bladensburg, Idalia, Currawinya, Diamantina, and Carnarvon Gorge national parks.

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

Yorke Peninsula & Copper Coast – \$14.95

The Yorke Peninsula & Copper Coast Map by Carto Graphics is a detailed 1:350,000 scale touring map of South Australia's Yorke Peninsula. It highlights major and minor roads, national parks, conservation reserves, boat ramps, dive sites, and heritage shipwreck locations. Road distance and surface

information are also included. The reverse side features detailed maps of the Copper Coast area, Innes National Park, Wardang Island Maritime Heritage Trail, Moonta Mines Walking Trail, and Tourist Drive.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/yorke-peninsula-map/>

Meridian Musings

In the last newsletter Colin was hoping to get some advice about the Nutysland Nature Reserve.

This response was received which may also be of interest to other Meridian/Westprint readers.

“Mandy and I (another Colin) attempted to do the full track in September last year, we were looking for an alternative track back east after driving the Anne Beadell track east to west earlier. We ran into some local young fellas not far from Israelites Bay who informed us the track was impassable after rain, it had been a bit wet leading up till then. We were travelling solo and they said a bunch of local lads in well prepared 4wd's had attempted to get through and got into a lot of difficulties and turned back, hence we determined that us travelling solo would not make it. Instead, we followed the Parmango track from Condingup through Deralinya homestead station (Roger lives at the homestead and welcomes visitors and likes to pass on info of the area, its history and what there is to see), Booanya Rock, then onto the old telegraph station near Balladonia.

Attached is a link to our Facebook travel page for anyone who may be interested

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/y5oyAWE5thfsWx3m/?mibextid=oFDknk>”

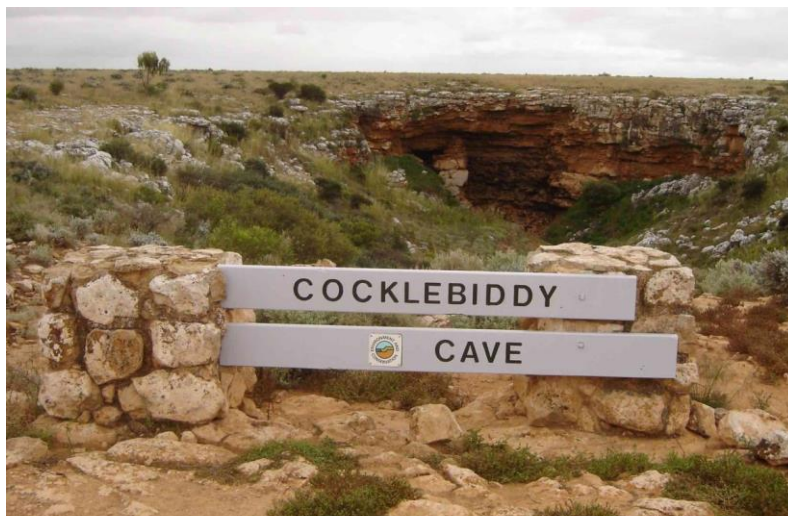
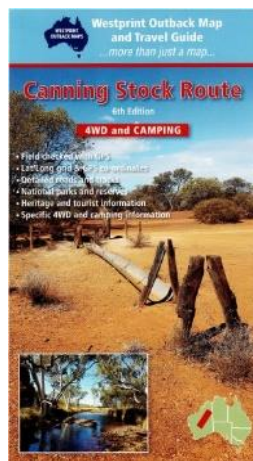


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What's New to the Website

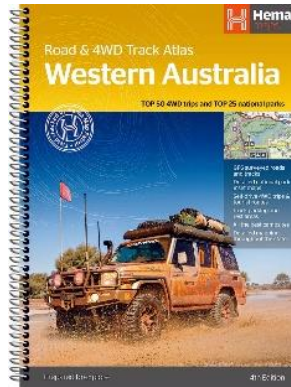
Sometimes it seems as if our laminator has a mind of its own! This was the case recently whilst we were laminating some Canning Stock Route. The end result is that there are now plenty of Canning Stock Route Maps available in the NQR Laminated Map area. These maps represent great value for money. The maps can still be easily read and they do have a laminate film over them to provide protection and give longevity to the map. Only problem is that the maps have creased during the lamination process which is why the laminate is NQR, not the map.



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

Western Australia Road & 4WD Track Atlas -\$44.95

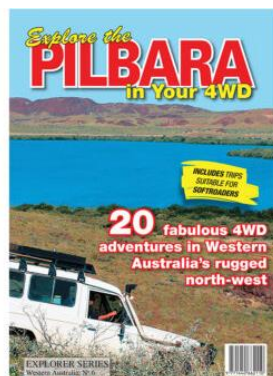
The atlas provides detailed topographical coverage for precise navigation. Discover adventure with the Top 50 4WD Trips, each with track grading, distances, contact information, and atlas references. Experience the natural beauty of Western Australia's Top 25 National Parks, complete with information on camping areas, activities, contact details, inset maps, and unique features. The atlas offers insights into private camping areas and caravan parks, providing a range of accommodation options. It includes an index and a list of accredited visitor centres within Western Australia. Whether you're a seasoned 4WD enthusiast or a traveller looking to explore Western Australia, this atlas is your comprehensive companion for a well-guided adventure.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/wa-4wd-atlas/>

Explore the Pilbara in Your 4WD - \$19.95

Discover an ancient terrain steeped in indigenous culture and stunning vistas. The Pilbara region of Western Australia boasts some of the richest mineral deposits in the world, paired with breathtaking landscapes. This area is home to Millstream and Karijini National Parks, attracting numerous visitors each dry season. Featuring 20 off-road tracks complete with GPS coordinates and local information, this guide is the ideal companion for anyone planning a journey into the Pilbara.

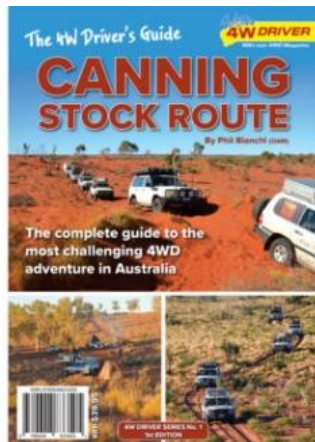


<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/wa-4wd-atlas/>

Canning Stock Route 4WD Guide - \$39.95

The Canning Stock Route, once the world's longest and toughest stock route, is now renowned as Australia's most challenging 4WD adventure. Its vast length and isolation draw travellers from across Australia and around the globe. Back in 1910, Canning could never have imagined its future popularity when he telegraphed his boss, Harry S. King, from Wiluna, declaring, "Work Completed, Canning." Authored by seasoned desert traveller and historian Phil Bianchi, this guide is indispensable for anyone planning to undertake this epic journey. It offers crucial advice on vehicle preparation, permit requirements, travel tips, and track information. However, users of this guide

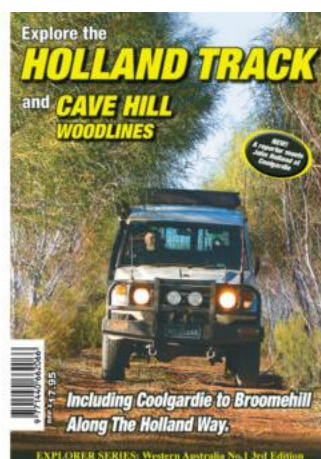
must ensure they fully understand the challenges and harsh conditions of the CSR and have a well-prepared vehicle equipped with adequate communication and safety systems.



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Explore the Holland Track and Cave Hill Woodlines - \$17.95

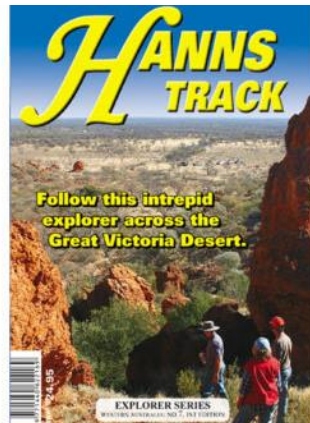
For those eager to follow in the footsteps of Western Australia's pioneering explorers, the Holland Track offers a perfect weekend or long weekend adventure with friends. Blazed in 1893 by John Holland's team as a shortcut to the Goldfields, this popular 4WD route starts at Broomehill and is ideal for a small convoy over an extended long weekend. Covering approximately 700 kilometres, the track winds through the Great Southern, Wheatbelt, and Goldfields regions, including the world's largest intact area of Mediterranean climate woodlands. Part of the broader Woodlines network, the Cave Hill Woodlines supplied timber to the Goldfields for mining until the mid-1960s.



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

Hanns Track 4WD Guide - \$24.95

Hanns Track, situated on the edge of the Great Victoria Desert, retraces the path of explorer Frank Hann. Experience the stunning landscapes "beyond the black stump" with this comprehensive guidebook, designed to assist four-wheel drivers at every turn. Each leg of the trip includes historical and cultural background information, detailed trip notes with distances, GPS waypoints, inset maps, and photographs.



<https://hemamaps.com/products/hanns-track-guidebook>

What's On

July 25 - 28: Childers Festival in Childers Queensland. The highway is closed and transformed into an action packed entertainment hub hosting celebrities, live music, and a market featuring 400 stall holders.

<https://bundabergregionalcouncil.shorthandstories.com/childers-festival/index.html>

August 3: Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival In Port Pirie South Australia. An array of artistic and cultural attractions, including illuminated art installations, captivating live performances, and engaging workshops.

<https://flindersandoutback.com.au/events/port-pirie-sala-winter-festival/>

August 4: Tassie Scallop Fiesta in Bridport Tasmania. A celebration of all things maritime, fishing seafood and fine food.

<https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/things-to-do/festivals-and-events/tassiescallopfiesta/>

August 9 – 11: 18th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair. Experience the rich diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, design and culture at the 18th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair.

<https://daaf.com.au/>

August 10: Louth Races in country NSW. One of the friendliest, and most unique, race days in Country New South Wales.

<https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/outback-nsw/bourke-area/events/louth-races>

August 10 – 11: Winter Wonderland in Avenel in Victoria. Ice skating, virtual reality, live music, hot chocolates and more at the weekend winter Wonderland at Jubilee Park Avenel.

<https://www.visitmelbourne.com/regions/high-country/whatson/community/winter-wonderland-in-avenel>

August 18: 2024 Darwin Lions Beers Can Regatta. Iconic annual family fun event of Darwin, established in 1974 is an event for all to use your imagination to design a vessel from cans, plastic bottles or milk cartons as long as it floats.

<https://www.tourismtopend.com.au/events/event/86287-2024-darwin-lions-beers-can-regatta>

Seasonal Updates

Please be aware that road and park closures are constantly changing and it is always best to check for changes before you set out.

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.

The latest Desert Parks Bulletin has been uploaded to our website. For this and other Desert Pass updates, please go to <https://meridianmaps.com.au/deserts-pass-update/>

A reminder when travelling to the snowy Alpine regions to carry wheel chains.

Bourke Shire Council in outback NSW incorporates a vast 4.2 million hectares and the majority of roads in the Shire are unsealed. Many factors can impact the condition of unsealed roads For up to date conditions, please check the website before travelling. <https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/engineering/road-conditions/>

Road report for updates about flooding and road closures in the Diamantina Shire can be found at

<https://www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/downloads/download/35/road-closures>

The Riversdale Road and Lower walking tracks in Liffey Falls State Reserve in Tasmania are closed until further notice due to fallen trees.

The bridge over the Stuart Murray Canal on the Murchison Rail Trail in northern Victoria has been reopened after Greater Shepparton City Council carried out essential repairs.

A number of tracks are closed in Innamincka Regional Reserve and Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park. Please check the website before you travel. <https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/desert-parks-bulletin>

Halligan Bay Point Public Access Route in the Kati Thanda Lake Eyre National Park in South Australia is currently closed, and Level Post Bay Public Access Route is open to 4WD only.

The Witjira National Park and Munga-Thirri Simpson Desert National Park in South Australia are open to 4WD only.

Karri boya-k (Tree in the Rock) day use site in Porongurup National Park in Western Australia has reopened to the public after receiving a makeover.

A new lookout and pathway at Rabbit Hill, just north of Yallingup in Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park in Western Australia, has now opened to the public.

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

Do you have a story?

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We cannot guarantee any item will have a particular publishing date but we do our best to keep topics and events current.

A little bit of Australian towns trivia this week.

Australia is home to a myriad of unique towns, each offering its own slice of history, culture, and natural beauty.

- ❖ The longest place name belongs to Mamungkukumpurangkuntjunya Hill in South Australia. It is in the Everard Ranges, about 22 km south-west of Mimili. The name consists of several Pitjantjatjara words made into one. It roughly means "where a devil urinates"

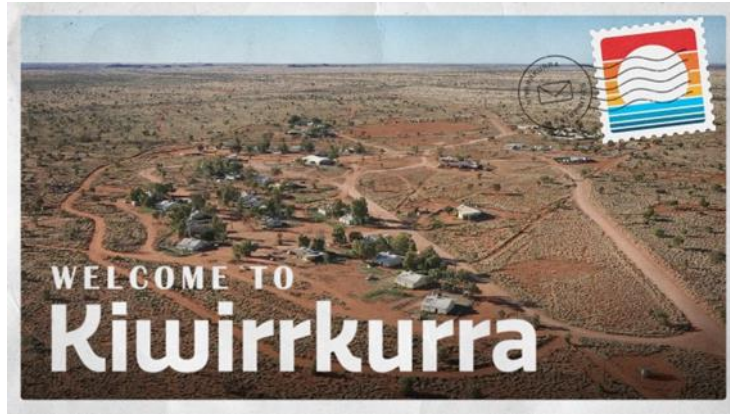


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- ❖ 1770 – the town that has a number for its name. This tiny town is nestled between the Coral Sea and Bustard Bay, known for its historical significance as the second landing site of Captain James Cook and the Endeavour crew in May 1770. Originally named Round Hill after the nearby creek, the town was renamed in 1970 to commemorate the bicentennial of Cook's visit. Today, it stands as a significant landmark in Australian history, reflecting its pivotal role in Captain Cook's exploration of the continent.



- ❖ Widely regarded as the most remote community is Kiwirrkurra. It is situated in the sandhill region of the Gibson Desert, southwest of Lake McKay in the Northern Territory. The residents of Kiwirrkurra predominantly speak Pintupi, although many have familial connections with residents of other Ngaanyatjarra communities. In 1988, Kiwirrkurra Community officially joined the Ngaanyatjarra Council, solidifying its affiliation with neighbouring communities in the region.



- ❖ Cooladdi In Queensland is thought to be the country's smallest town. Cooladdi was once a thriving railway town, but when the rail connection closed the residents slowly drifted away. The 2021 census listed the population for Cooladdi as 7.



- ❖ William Creek is a tiny outback town, found on the world's largest cattle station. The 32,500-square-kilometre Anna Creek Station is Australia's largest pastoral property and is located halfway point between Oodnadatta and Marree.



- ❖ The Hay Plains In New South Wales are world-renowned as the flattest place in the southern hemisphere and the third flattest place in the

world. There's just 17 metres difference between the lowest and highest points on the plains.



- ❖ Marble Bar in Western Australia has held the title of Australia's hottest town since 1924. It etched its name into the history books with its record-breaking heatwave from October 31, 1923, to April 7, 1924, with the longest heatwave ever recorded anywhere in the world. For 160 consecutive days, temperatures soared above 100 degrees 37.8 degrees Celsius. Notably, Marble Bar's record for the hottest days was set in January 1905 and January 1922, when the temperature reached a sweltering 49.2 degrees Celsius.



- ❖ Liawenee is a small town in the central highlands of Tasmania. It is a Tasmanian Indigenous name that means 'frigid' which is apt as Liawenee is classed as one of the coldest permanently inhabited places in Australia. Temperatures range from 5C to 18C in summer and between -2C and 6C during winter although its record low was -14.2 Celsius set in 2020.



- ❖ Hobart in Tasmania is home to the Hope and Anchor Hotel. Established in 1807, this pub claims to be the oldest continuously licensed pub in Australia.



- ❖ Melbourne is home to the oldest railway station. Flinders Station was opened in 1854 and was a collection of weatherboard train sheds. The station was eventually rebuilt and today, Flinders Street Station, with its prominent green copper dome, distinctive yellow facade, arched entrance, tower, and clocks, is also one of Melbourne's most recognisable landmarks.



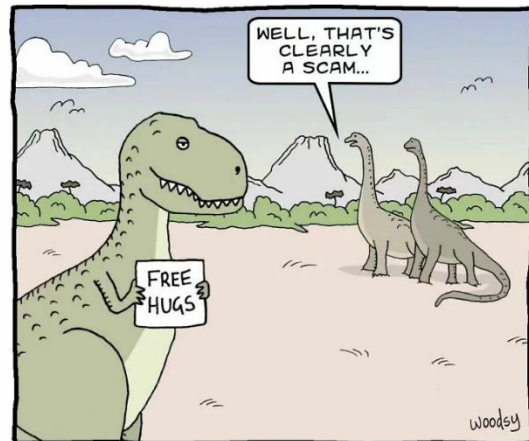
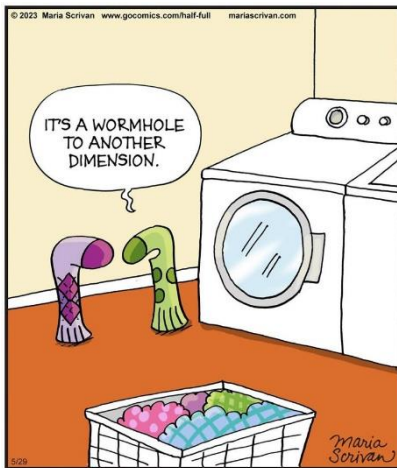
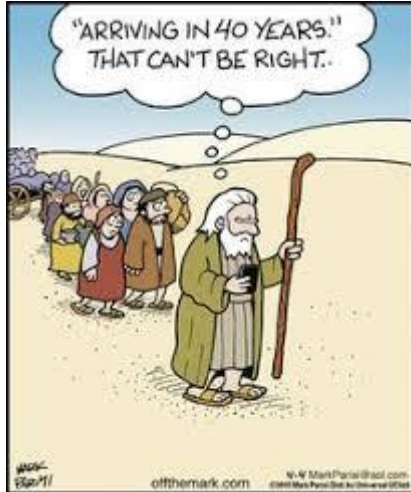
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Meridian Mirth

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Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.



Knock, Knock
 Who's there?
 Nobel.
 Nobel who?
 Nobel...that's why I knocked!

Knock, knock.
 Who's there?
 Needle.
 Needle who?
 Needle little help right now!

Knock, knock.
 Who's there?
 Canoe.
 Canoe who?
 Canoe come out now?

Knock, knock.
 Who's there?
 Candice.
 Candice who?
 Candice snack be eaten?

Knock, knock.
 Who's there?
 Boo.

Knock, knock.
 Who's there?
 Icy.

Boo who?
Don't cry, it's just a joke.

Icy who?
Icy you looking at me!

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Tank.
Tank who?
You're welcome.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Luke.
Luke who?
Luke through the peep hole and
find out.

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