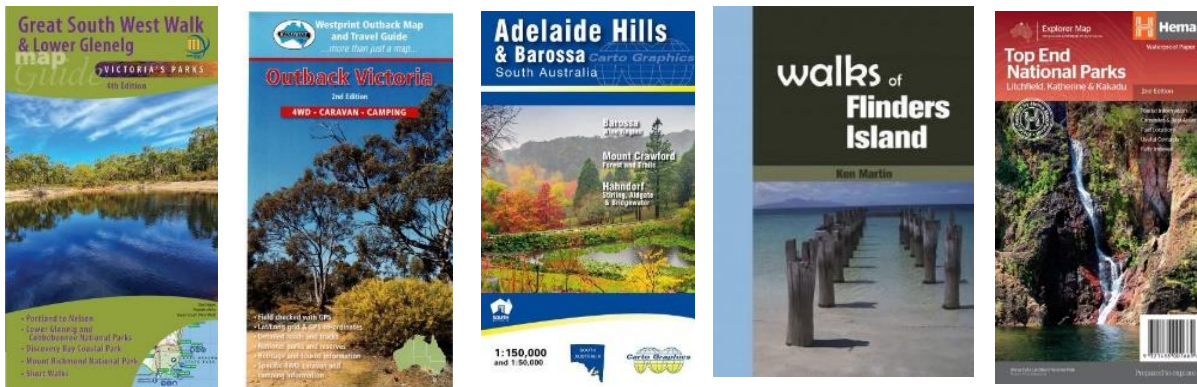




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“Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's party!'” – Robin Williams



Great South West Walk & Lower Glenelg Map – from \$14.95

A popular double-sided 1:50,000 scale topographic map that comprehensively covers the entire Lower Glenelg National Park, Cobboboonee National Park, Mt Richmond National Park, and Discovery Bay Coastal Park. This map includes the full 250 km length of the Great South West Walk, from Portland to Nelson and back, with all designated campsites clearly marked. It's perfect for canoeing the Glenelg River up to Dartmoor and features the Wood, Wine & Roses Forest Drive and the Great Cobboboonee Horse Trail. Ideal for bushwalkers, fishers, day-trippers, 4-wheel drivers, canoeists, and horse riders. Now updated with all Emergency Markers along the Great South West Walk and details of short walks.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/great-south-west-walk-map-guide/>

Outback Victoria – from \$14.95

The Outback Victoria map is an indispensable tool for adventurers exploring the vast and rugged landscapes of Victoria's outback. Spanning over 500,000 square kilometres, this map highlights the region's beauty and diversity, covering national parks, reserves, and historical sites. It extends from the

Northern Grampians to the Mallee Highway (Ouyen), including the Big Desert, Hindmarsh, Albacutya, Little Desert, Wyperfeld, and other significant areas. With detailed road and track information, this map is perfect for off-the-beaten-path travellers, offering comprehensive coverage of all major 4WD tracks and remote dirt roads. It also features detailed town maps for key outback settlements, along with information on camping areas, fuel stops, and points of interest.

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

Adelaide Hills & Barossa – from \$9.95

Adelaide Hills & Barossa Map. A 1:150,000 scale map covering the Adelaide Hills region from Strathalbyn to Kapunda and Adelaide to Murray Bridge. It features detailed roads with names, parks, cellar doors, hill shading, and more. The map clearly highlights long-distance trails like the Heysen Trail, Mawson Trail, Kidman Trail, and Lavender Federation Trail. An inset map at 1:50,000 scale provides a detailed view of the central area from Crafers to Hahndorf. The reverse side includes a 1:75,000 scale map of the Barossa Wine Region and a 1:50,000 scale topographic map of the popular Mount Crawford Forest and its surroundings. The map also includes an index for towns and localities, parks and reserves, and winery cellar doors.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/adelaide-hills-barossa-map/>

Walks of Flinders Island – \$29.98

This book offers detailed descriptions, maps, and colour photographs for 51 walks on Flinders Island, covering 250 km of walking tracks, trails, beaches, and 4WD tracks. It also includes practical notes on what to bring for your walk, Tasmap map references, estimated walk durations, a quick-find reference map, and a comprehensive walks index.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/walks-of-flinders-island/>

Top End National Parks – Litchfield, Katherine & Kakadu – \$14.95

A regional map that covers Litchfield (1:160,000), Katherine Gorge, and Kakadu (1:350,000) National Parks. It includes a Darwin region map (1:850,000) along with extensive tourist information for Darwin and its surrounding areas, including the Arnhem Highway to Kakadu, Mary River, Stuart Highway to Katherine, Litchfield National Park, Katherine Gorge (Nitmiluk) National Park, and Kakadu National Park. The map also provides listings of national park facilities, as well as contact details for accommodations and visitor centres in the region.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/top-end-parks/>

Meridian Musings

Well, it is officially spring! The weather starts warming up which makes it perfect for getting into the outdoors and enjoying all that our National and State Parks have to offer. The landscape comes alive with blooming wildflowers, creating a kaleidoscope of colours across the parks.



Just some of the wildflowers to enjoy at Lerderderg State Park

We were invited to give a presentation at the recent AGM of the Melbourne Jeep Owners Club. We looked at the art of cartography and discussed how we go about making Meridian and Westprint Maps and answered a few insightful questions from members. We had a wonderful night and trust that our talk was well received. The members of the club were welcoming and there were quite a few laughs had by all during the evening. We are always proud of the maps that we produce but it is always gratifying to hear the experiences of the end user. If your 4WD would be interested in something similar, please contact us at rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au.



Meridian Maps Presentation
August 27th August

A couple of editions ago, we had a reader's query about Nuytsland Reserve which is a campground in Cocklebidy, Western Australia

We just received another reply from Bruce and thought we would publish for anyone who might be interested.

"Finally found some notes and gps wpts relating to this portion.

In early March this year I tried to reach Twilight Cove [beach closest to Cocklebidy] from the Eyre Bird observatory but failed to make it as the track was totally blown out so I didn't persevere. Track changes due to wind and fire.

Notes start at the Baxter cliffs at Twilight Cove. Haven't used this section in some time and last time there were new sections opened in places and these notes do not reflect these changes.

52H 245834 6428250 A commemorative Plaque is located near here [to Lionel Logue] Mounted on cliff on right as you head toward beach

245626 6428125 TR

233415 6430050 turn onto beach

232404 6429660 Off beach

225120 6425720 TR up hill

224105 6427008 KL

223522 6428538 KL

51H 774787 6422416 KL

756030 6413560 KL Track on right is to hwy

752530 6412070 Old tanks

739776 6407840 Y junct KL

737699 6405707 T junct TL

744720 6404380 Baxters Memorial

732767 6405690 Small cave on R

709393 6392949 Camping in this area

689740 6377150 To beach

685650 6374480 Toolinna water hole, ruins nearby

657043 6366808 Track junct, Culver TO. Suitable camping

641898 6360367 Track Junct, Eyre Hwy

641100 6359973 TL to cliff top, great view over Bilbunya dunes

637038 6355934 Top of scarp

635511 6354613 Entry on/off beach

624013 6354980 Camp and firewood but difficult access?

608175 6339015 Access on/off beach

From here to Israelite Bay the beach is not always trafficable and there are numerous tracks.

600026 6322819 Wattle Camp soak, camping difficult, no firewood

595650 6312920 Track Junct, TL

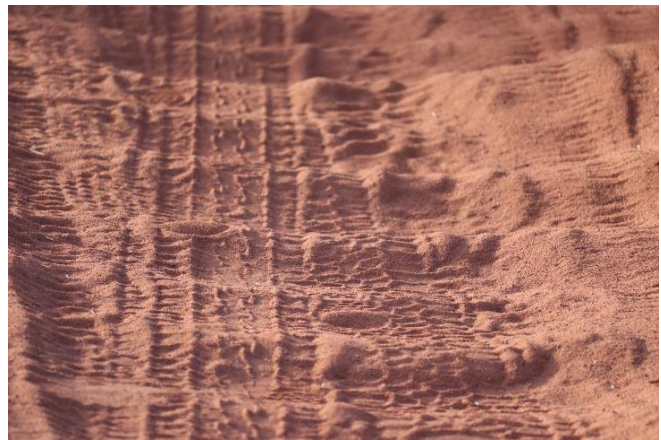
594192 6305755 On/off beach

585136 6282938 Rocky ledge, fishing spot??
579709 6279252 Old Telegraph Station ruins, track in this vicinity leads into Esperance via Fisheries road.
579345 6278536 Campsite, shelter and firewood
570059 6260148 Water point in this area

Return to Telegraph station ruins to head to Esperance.
It was possible to get through to Poison Creek before heading to Cape Arid but no longer have notes.
It is also possible to go from Twilight Cove to Eucla
Know this is a bit late but hope it may be of help.

Leon also wrote in about his recent travels along the Canning Stock Route and sent in some stunning photos. We love hearing about the travels of the Meridian/Westprint community along iconic routes such as this.

“For your info, we recently did an Outback Spirit tour down the Canning. We had travelled up the CSR on a tag-a-long tour in 2004. Over the 20 years’ timeframe, a lot of the unrestored wells have deteriorated a lot and even the restored wells are showing signs of needing some care. A Peregrine near Durba Springs, corrugated track “out there” and then Well 6 (holding up well).”



What's New to the Website

No new products this edition, but we have recently been making some modifications to the website to try and make finding your product of choice more user friendly. Hope you are finding our website easier to navigate. As usual, all feedback is greatly appreciated.

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

What's On

September 2 - 6: Victoria's National and State Parks. Camp booking will open progressively from September 2, for stays in Victoria's National and State parks for Labour Day, Easter and ANZAC Day 2025.

<https://brnw.ch/21wM4mv>

September 14: Cassilis Rodeo in Cassilis, NSW. An evening of action-packed entertainment! Watch professional cowboys and cowgirls compete for top prizes in thrilling events, including the ultimate showdown of Cowboy vs. Bulls in bull riding.

<https://www.facebook.com/CassRodeo/>

September 20 – 21: Darwin Kite Festival in Cullen Bay Darwin. The skies will be packed with hundreds of colourful kites, along with many fun activities happening on the ground, such as kite decorating classes, face painting and roving entertainment and music.

<https://northernterritory.com/darwin-and-surrounds/events/darwin-kite-festival>

September 21 – 22: Cunnamulla Fella Roundup in Cunnamulla Queensland. a weekend of rodeo thrills and bull riding spills. Barrel Racing and Broncs, plus a free day of Fun on Sunday.

<https://cunnamullatourism.com.au/roundup/>

October 4 - 5: Deni Ute Muster in Deniliquin NSW. An amazing community that attracts people of all ages to celebrate all things iconically Australian and the icon of the Ute.

<https://www.deniutemuster.com.au/>

9 October: Dean and District Sheep Dog Trials in Dean, Victoria. Some of the best working sheep dogs attempt to guide 3 sheep through a series of obstacles in the fastest time.

<https://www.atdw.com.au/listing-detail/?id=5d97f691e4a0c6fb12540c33>

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/>

Freycinet National Park in Tasmania. Due to a severe weather warning, the following tracks will be closed from 27 August until further notice as a precautionary measure: Mount Amos track, Cape Tourville track and Mount Freycinet and Mount Graham track. Campsites and all other tracks including the Wineglass Bay lookout will remain open.

The new Tomaree Coastal Walk is now open on the coast of Port Stephens in NSW. This is a 27 km multi-day walk along the coastline of Tomaree National Park, starting at Tomaree Head at Shoal Bay and finishing at Birubi Point Aboriginal Place at Anna Bay.

The Whipstick Loop in the Wombat State Forest has reopened following severe storm damage in 2021. The walk has reopened and a new bridge has been installed at the start of the loop.

Burke's Grave in Innamincka Regional Reserve is now open to 4WD.

Boulia – Dajarra Rd, Dajarra – Mt Isa, Boulia – Winton, Boulia – Bedourie and Boulia – Queensland Border – roads are currently open to all vehicles.

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.

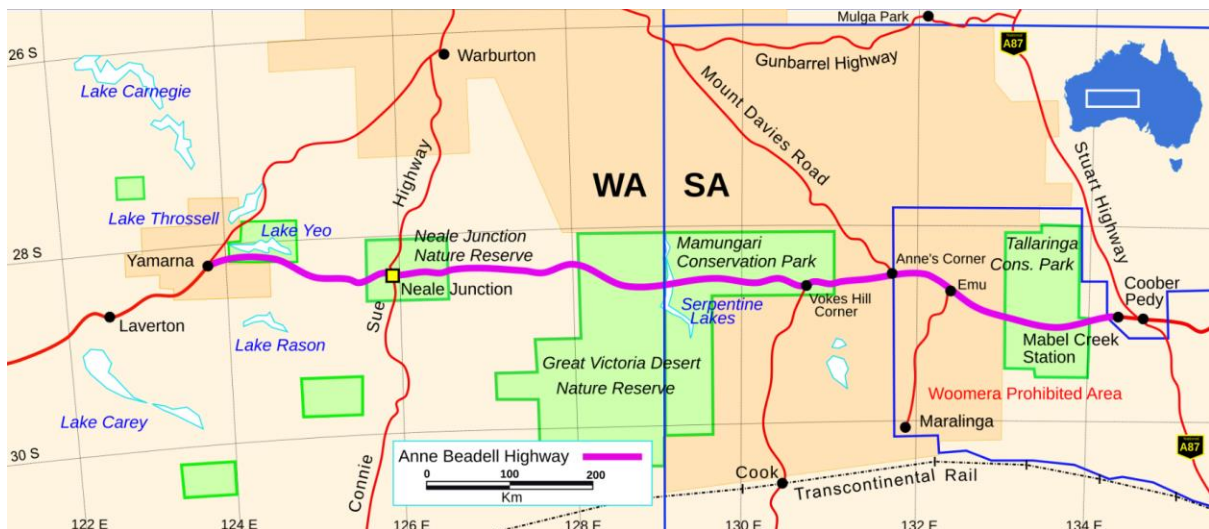
Reader's Stories

Do you have a story?

Articles for this newsletter can be emailed to rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au
We cannot guarantee any item will have a particular publishing date but we do our best to keep topics and events current.

Anne Beadell Highway

The Anne Beadell Highway is an awe-inspiring 1,325 km route that passes through extremely remote desert areas of Western Australia.



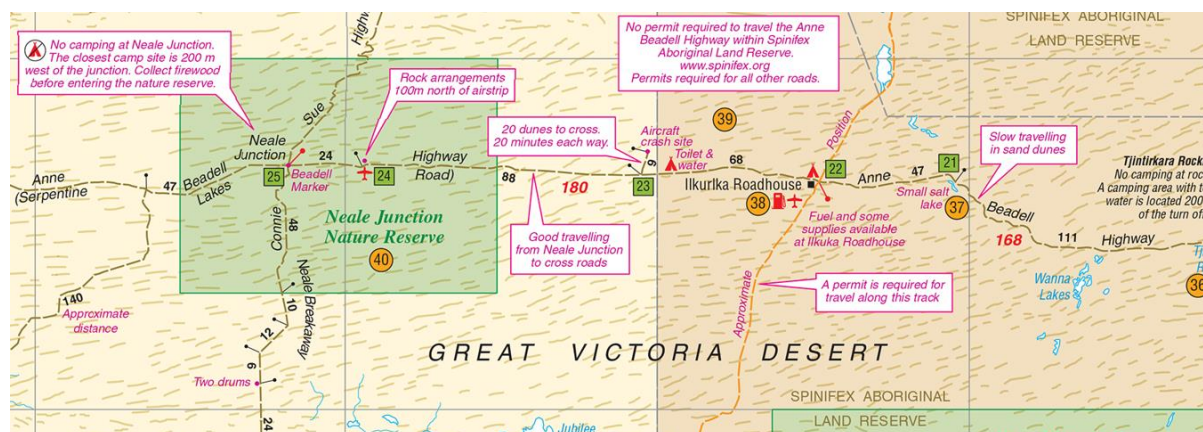
Shortly after surveying the site for the Woomera township and range facilities, Len Beadell was asked to find a remote location for the detonation of atomic bombs and other nuclear weapons. The site needed to be remote from public access, as well as being away from the proposed centre line of fire of the rocket range. Beadell's initial explorations led him to Dingo Claypan as the ideal site to land supplies and personnel for these tests, however this was too close to the centre of fire, being only a few kilometres from the 300 mile post.

Subsequent sites were explored and eventually a site for a works area and small village was located at Emu Claypan. The test sites were situated about 20 kilometres to the south east of Emu Village. Once this site was chosen a road was needed to transport the heavy equipment and personnel required to establish the test facilities. The remainder of the Anne Beadell Highway was built in various stages.



Work on the first section of this road from Mabel Creek Station to Emu was commenced by Australian Defence Forces, following Len Beadell's wheel tracks to Emu, as part of the Woomera Rocket Range network of roads. This road from Mabel Creek Station to Emu was constructed in early 1953 and was later to become known as the Anne Beadell Highway, named for Len Beadell's wife.

The second section of the Anne Beadell Highway from Emu to Annes Corner was built in 1957 to link the newly constructed Mt Davies Road to the Maralinga- Emu Road.



The next section, from Annes Corner to Voakes Hill Corner was built in 1961. The last section of the Anne Beadell Highway, westward from Voakes Hill Corner was completed in November 1962.

Despite, its name, it is important to note that the Anne Beadell Highway is an outback unsealed track carved through some of the most isolated and harsh areas in Australia. Road conditions along the Anne Beadell Highway vary significantly and the track is notoriously rough, with corrugations, washouts, and soft sand sections.

It is also necessary to organise a number of permits to travel along the highway. The Cosmo Newberry Reserve on the Western Australian side of the track allows for transit through the area. Permits are also required for travel though the area within South Australia. including to transit through the Tallaringa Conservation Park and Mumungari Conservation Park which are administered by South Australia National Parks.



Another permit covers the Maralinga Lands - as Defence periodically conducts testing in the desert, there are exclusion periods where permits aren't issued. This is because Defence uses the Woomera Area for military capability and `weapons testing. To make sure these tests are safe and secure, there are times that Defence will require non-defence users such as permit holders and other people to evacuate the area.



Approval to access this area is suspended during these periods that are called Exclusion Periods. These exclusion zones occur several times throughout the year and are widely advertised on the defence website (<https://www.defence.gov.au/bases-locations/sa/woomera/access/exclusion->

periods) or in the Desert Parks Pass published by the National Parks and Wildlife Services of South Australia (<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/book-and-pay/desert-parks-pass>).



The track itself is a combination of firm sand but heavy and sustained rainfalls can cause washouts significant road pavement damage to the Anne Beadell Highway making it unpassable during these times.

The Anne Beadell Highway traverses some very remote terrain and, at times, there can be fairly limited traffic on the road. In fact, there are no settlements between Coober Pedy and Laverton. In 2003, the Ilkurlka Roadhouse opened. This initiative of the Spinifex people, is 167 kilometres west of the Western Australia – South Australian state border. While the Ilkurlka Roadhouse offers essential services to travellers on the Anne Beadell Highway, including travel updates, its primary function is to support the communities to the north and south during times of Aboriginal business and travel.



Despite its challenging conditions, the Anne Beadell Highway offers several points of interest that make the journey rewarding. These include:

Emu Field: Site of the first British atomic tests in Australia, Emu Field is an eerie reminder of the country's involvement in nuclear testing. The remains of the test site, including concrete markers and craters, can still be seen today.



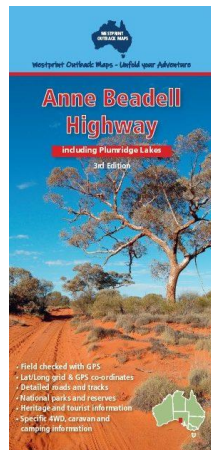
Vokes Hill Corner: This is one of the key junctions along the route, where the Anne Beadell Highway intersects with other tracks. It's a popular camping spot for travellers to rest and regroup.

Neale Junction: Another significant intersection, Neale Junction is where the Anne Beadell Highway crosses the Connie Sue Highway. Named after Len Beadell's daughter, this spot is marked by a plaque commemorating Beadell's work.

Yeo Lake Nature Reserve: Located towards the western end of the track, Yeo Lake offers a rare opportunity to see a variety of wildlife and bird species in an otherwise harsh environment.



The Anne Beadell Highway is more than just a road; it's a passage through history, culture, and some of the most spectacularly remote landscapes on the planet. For those willing to take on the challenge, it offers a unique adventure and a chance to experience the true spirit of the Australian outback. Whether it's the thrill of navigating one of the world's most isolated tracks or the opportunity to connect with the rich heritage of the land, the Anne Beadell Highway remains a testament to human determination and the enduring allure of the wild frontier.



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

Meridian Mirth

To share your jokes, please send them to rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au. Thanks to Rob and Simon for sending in the following jokes!

After last call, the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so apparently intoxicated that he could barely walk.

The man stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing.

After what seemed an eternity, in which he tried his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his car and fall into it.

He sat there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off.

Finally, he started the car, switched the wipers on and off; it was a fine, dry summer night, flicked the blinkers on and off a couple of times, honked the horn and then switched on the lights.

He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little, and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more of the other patrons' vehicles left.

At last, when his was the only car left in the parking lot, he pulled out and drove slowly down the road.

The police officer, having waited patiently all this time, now started up his patrol car, put on the flashing lights, and promptly pulled the man over and administered a breathalyser test.

To his amazement, the breathalyzer indicated no evidence that the man had consumed any alcohol at all!

Dumbfounded, the officer said, "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the police station. This breathalyser equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," said the truly proud Redneck. "Tonight, I'm the designated decoy."

A duck walks into a pub and orders a pint of beer and a ham sandwich.

The barman looks at him and says,

"Hang on! You're a duck."

"I see your eyes are working," replies the duck.

"And you can talk" !!

Exclaims the barman.

"I see your ears are working, too,"

Says the duck.

"Now if you don't mind, can I have my beer and my sandwich please?"

"Certainly, sorry about that,"

Says the barman as he pulls the duck's pint.

"It's just we don't get many ducks in this pub. What are you doing around this way?"

"I'm working on the building site across the road," Explains the duck.

"I'm a plasterer."

The flabbergasted barman cannot believe the duck and wants to learn more but takes the hint when the duck pulls out a newspaper from his bag and proceeds to read it.

So, the duck reads his paper, drinks his beer, eats his sandwich, bids the barman good day and leaves.

The same thing happens for two weeks.

Then one day the circus comes to town.

The ringmaster comes into the pub for a pint and the barman says to him

"You're with the circus, aren't you? Well, I know this duck that could be just brilliant in your circus. He talks, drinks beer, eats sandwiches, reads the newspaper and everything!"

"Sounds marvellous," says the ringmaster, handing over his business card.

"Get him to give me a call."

So, the next day when the duck comes into the pub the barman says,

"Hey Mr Duck, I reckon I can line you up with a top job, paying really good money."

"I'm always looking for the next job,"

Says the duck.

"Where is it?"

"At the circus,"

Says the barman.

"The circus?"

Repeats the duck.
"That's right,"
Replies the barman.
"The circus?"
The duck asks again.
with the big tent?"
"Yeah," the barman replies.
"With all the animals who live in cages, and performers who live in caravans?"
says the duck.
"Of course," the barman replies.
"And the tent has canvas sides and a big canvas roof with a hole in the
middle?" persists the duck.
"That's right!" says the barman.
The duck shakes his head in amazement, and says
"What the hell would they want with a plasterer" ???

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."
"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"
A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"
"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"
A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!"
"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"
The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask.
"I work for 7 Up!"

I was walking home late one night after work. It was so late that the buses weren't running in this part of the city. I decided to take the shortcut through the cemetery since it would cut half an hour off my trip. As I approached the cemetery gate, I saw three young women standing there nervously. They were dressed up in nice clothes and high heels, possibly going home after a night out. They asked if they could accompany me since they were nervous walking through the cemetery at night. Of course, I agreed and we started walking. I reassured them, "I completely understand your concerns. This place used to freak me out when I was alive too."
I was not aware just how fast you can run in high heels.

I spotted several pairs of men's jeans at a garage sale. They were sizes 30,31 and 32 but I was looking for a 33. So, I asked the owner if he had a pair. He shook his head. "I'm still wearing the 33s," he said. "Come back next year."

During a wedding, the bride's father – who was a doctor – got up to read his speech, which he had written on some paper. He stopped several times,

possibly overcome that this day had finally arrived, until one long pause when he explained, "I'm sorry. I'm having trouble reading my writing. Does there happen to be a pharmacist here?"

A husband calls the Sheriff's office to report his wife missing.

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home!

Sheriff: Height?

Husband: I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sheriff: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sheriff: Colour of eyes?

Husband: Sort of brown I think. Never really noticed.

Sheriff: Colour of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

Sheriff: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

Sheriff: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went in my truck.

Sheriff: What kind of truck was it?

Husband: A 2016 pearl white Ram Limited 4X4 with 6.4l Hemi V8 engine ordered with the Ram Box bar and fridge option, LED lighting, back up and front camera, Moose hide leather heated and cooled seats, climate controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, Weather Tech floor mats. Trailering package with gold hitch, sunroof, DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio, Cobra 75 WX ST 40-channel CB radio, six cup holders, 3 USB port, and 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Toyo tires. It has custom retracting running boards and underglow wheel well lighting.

At this point the husband started choking up.

Sheriff: Take it easy sir, we'll find your truck!

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