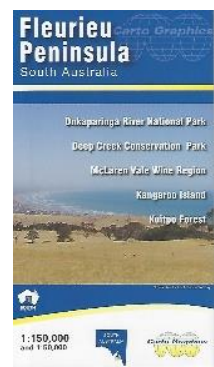
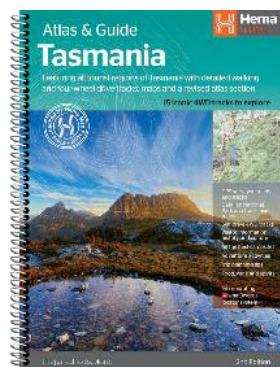
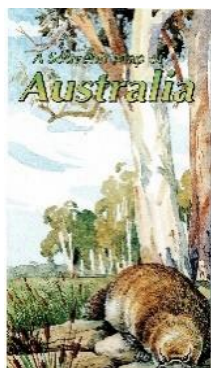
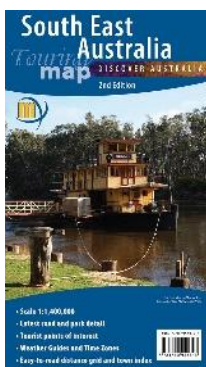




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“Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you.” – Walt Whitman



### ***South East Australian Touring Map – from \$12.95***

This 1:1,400,000 scale wall map covers the most populated corner of South East Australia, spanning from Port Augusta in South Australia to Newcastle in New South Wales and encompassing all of Victoria. Designed for both business users and frequent travelers between state capitals, the map offers detailed coverage of the entire region. Key features include a Major Town Index, Distance Grid, Time Zones, and Weather Charts, making it an essential tool for businesses, homes, and schools. Use this map to plan travel routes, locate customer sites, and assess distances across the South East corner of Australia.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/south-east-australia-touring-map/>

### ***Australia – A Souvenir Map – \$13.95***

This beautifully designed map highlights Australia’s main towns and roads, surrounded by stunning illustrations of native birds, animals, and iconic outback landscapes. It includes a vibrant full-colour envelope, perfect for sending to friends abroad. The map is packaged in a protective plastic pouch and comes with a mailing envelope.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/australia-souvenir-map/>

***Tasmania Atlas & Guide – \$49.95***

This comprehensive guidebook is the ultimate resource for exploring Tasmania, showcasing the State's top 15 4WD trips and five premier walking tracks. The Guide includes 40 atlas pages in a large-scale 1:150,000, with each trip detailed by location, grading, distance, and relevant travel insights to ensure a thorough, start-to-finish experience. It includes an introduction to Tasmania's regions and practical sections on trip planning, sightseeing, and activities.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/tasmania-atlas/>

***Best Walks of the Great Ocean Road - \$24.98***

This addition to Woodslane's popular walking guides series, showcases the top walks for both visitors and locals. This guide covers everything from relaxed beachside strolls to more challenging bush trails, allowing readers to discover the region's parks, rivers, coastlines, and unique urban spots. The book features over 150 full-colour photographs and numerous detailed maps, offering vivid insights into the area's natural beauty. As with other titles in the series, this guide includes a summary table with walk distances, facilities, and key highlights, making it easy to choose the perfect trail. Covering the entire coastal route from Torquay to the Twelve Apostles, it's an essential companion for anyone looking to explore the best of the Great Ocean Road and the Otways.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/walks-of-great-ocean-road/>

***Fleurieu Peninsula South Australia – from \$9.95***

Carto Graphics' map at a 1:150,000 scale covers South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula, located south of Adelaide. It features detailed roads with names, parks, cellar doors, hill shading, and more. The map clearly marks the long-distance Heysen Trail. The reverse side includes a 1:50,000 scale map of the McLaren Vale Wine Region, as well as 1:50,000 topographic maps for Deep Creek Conservation Park and Kutpo Forest. Also included is an index of towns, localities, parks, reserves, and winery cellar doors.

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

## Meridian Musings

It is always great to hear from Meridian Line readers especially when they reach out hoping to gain an answer from our readers. We recently received a question from John and hopefully someone is able to give him the advice he is looking for.

“A group of us are planning to visit some deserts in WA next year, including the southern section of the Canning Stock Route.

The CSR passes tantalizing close to the Shoemaker Crater and we'd like to access it. We wonder if any of your readers have ever been there, and if so, how they accessed it? The crater is 100 km NNE of Wiluna and 30 km SE of Well 4A.”

This Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, is Remembrance Day. The story in this newsletter gives a brief overview of Remembrance Day to our honour and respect our service personnel.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we travelled by steam train ride from Melbourne to Ballarat. It was a picture perfect day to enjoy a relaxing ride on this beautifully restored train.



Views along the route were stunning and we were constantly surprised by the number of people who had set themselves up with cameras and tripods to take photos of the trains as we passed by.

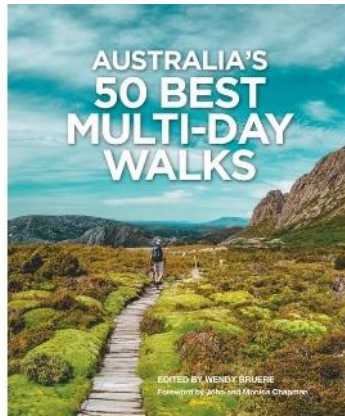
Once we arrived in Ballarat, we had a few hours to leisurely stroll around Ballarat and admire some of the architecture and enjoy lunch before boarding the train for the ride home. It was a great day out and would highly recommend.



## **What's New to the Website**

### ***Australia's 50 Best Multi Day Walks - \$39.95***

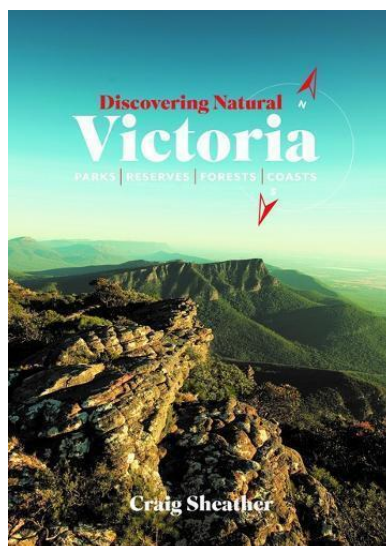
*Australia's 50 Best Multi-day Walks* presents a curated selection of the country's top multi-day treks, ranging from 3-day journeys to extended 3-week adventures. Compiled by some of Australia's most knowledgeable guidebook authors, including John and Monica Chapman, and edited by Wendy Bruere, this guide offers inspiring walk descriptions, stunning photography, essential planning details, and easy-to-read maps. Designed to help you choose the perfect trail for your next adventure, the guide provides a diverse mix of experiences—from breathtaking mountain views and lush green forests to world-renowned coastal landscapes and unexpected wildlife encounters.



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### ***Discovering Natural Victoria - \$39.95***

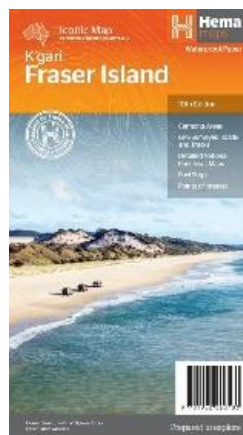
Victoria is renowned as a destination for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers. It boasts an incredible array of national parks, reserves, and state forests. With trails, scenic lookouts, diverse wildlife, and endless adventure opportunities, this book is your ultimate guide to experiencing the best of Victoria's natural beauty. There are over 250 vibrant photographs, detailed maps, and a helpful summary table listing facilities and highlights, making it easy to plan your next adventure. Covering the entire state, this guide explores both iconic parks and hidden gems, ensuring there's something for every outdoor interest. This book will help you discover the top outdoor experiences Victoria has to offer.



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### ***K'gari Fraser Island Map - \$14.95***

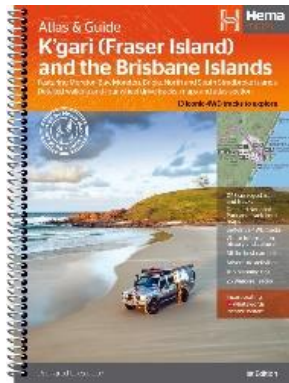
K'gari (Fraser Island) is one of Australia's most unique 4WD destinations, offering an incredible mix of beaches, rainforests, perched lakes, sand dunes, and more, all within the world's largest sand island. This detailed map (scale 1:130,000) provides an in-depth guide to navigating the island, with 4WD tracks meticulously field-checked by the Hema Map Patrol. It also includes hybrid satellite inset maps for popular spots like Waddy Point, Orchid Beach, Cathedral Beach, Happy Valley, Kingfisher Bay, Eurong, and Second Valley. On the reverse side, you'll find comprehensive information to enhance your experience on K'gari, from touring highlights and things to do in each region to practical details on island access, permits, accommodation options, key contacts, and tips for safe sand driving.



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***Atlas & Guide K'gari (Fraser Island) and the Brisbane Islands - \$49.95***

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### **What's On**

**20 – 22 November: 2024 Bendigo Caravan & Camping Leisurefest** in Bendigo, Victoria. Experience Victoria's leading caravan and RV manufacturers all in one place - 3 specialised zones: the RV Master Stage, Off-Grid Campground, and the Kids Zone! Free demonstrations, industry presentations, and pick up expert tips to enhance your next outdoor journey.

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

**29 November – 1 December: Nindigully Pig Races** in Nindigully Queensland. Famous Pig Races are held annually and help raise funds for the RFDS.

<https://www.nindigullypub.com.au/events>

**30 November, Nugent Tasmania: The Rugged Race** in Nugent, Tasmania. Tasmania's only outdoor only obstacle mud course.

<https://www.theruggedrace.com/>

**1 December 2024 – 30 June 2025 throughout Victoria.** Camping in 131 of Parks Victoria's paid campgrounds will be free of charge between 1 December 2024 and 30 June 2025. Existing bookings for this period will be honoured and refunded.

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/where-to-stay/booking-information>

**14 December: Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival** in Manjimup, Western Australia. The event is a celebration of local food, wine and crafts with entertainment for the whole family! Activities include cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, the cherry art exhibition, fashion parades and live music.

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

### **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/>

The majority of seasonal road closures in Victoria were lifted on 31 October. However, due to severe weather events, a few other roads and tracks have remained closed for visitor safety and to protect the environment. Specific tracks include:

- McNamara Track Buckety Plain (Alpine NP) has been found to have a large number of hazardous trees that require assessment and removal. Works are expected to be completed some time in November.
- Two sections of the Mt Pinnibar Track (Alpine NP Tom Groggin). The affected sections are: the western approach to Mt Pinnibar from Walkers Rd, and the section between Tom Groggin Track and Stony Creek Track. These closures are expected to remain in place over summer.
- Dingo Hill Track, Scrubby Hill Track and the (not seasonally closed) Mt Kent Track (Alpine NP Wonnangatta) are damaged and closed for safety.

Berry Springs in the Northern Territory is now closed to swimming for the we season.



Restrictions on campfires, pot fires and other solid fuel stoves will start in some Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service campgrounds from **5 November 2024**. The restrictions reduce the risk of bushfires. The seasonal campfire restrictions apply to all national parks and reserves in the local government areas of:

- King Island
- Flinders
- Dorset
- Break O'Day
- Glamorgan-Spring Bay (including Maria Island)
- Sorell

They also apply to Narawntapu National Park.

*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](mailto:rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au)

At 5am on 11 November 1918 in a railway carriage in France, representatives of France, Britain and Germany all signed a document that would put an end to four years of conflict. Six hours later – at 11am – those signatures would bring into effect the Armistice that ended WWI. At 11am on 11 November 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent. More than 60,000 Australian soldiers had made the ultimate sacrifice, more than 150,000 had been wounded or taken prisoner and some 23,000 soldiers were missing.

On the first anniversary of the Armistice, King George V asked all the people of the British Empire to observe two minutes' silence at 11am.

Armistice Day was renamed Remembrance Day after World War Two to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars. Today, Remembrance Day acknowledges not only those lost in past wars but also the service the service personnel who died while serving, whether in wars, conflicts or peacekeeping operations.

The Remembrance Day minute of silence was formalised in Australia in 1997 by Governor-General Sir William Deane, who issued a proclamation declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day and urging all Australians to observe one minute of silence at 11am on 11 November each year. It's a tradition still honoured today during Remembrance Day services as we remember all who

have served in the Australian Defence Force, in WWI and in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations since.

The red poppy has long been associated with Remembrance Day. Inspired by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's poem *In Flanders Fields*, which described the resilient poppies that grew among the graves of soldiers, the poppy has become a national symbol of remembrance. The vivid red bloom was adopted in England in 1919 as an emblem to honour the dead and help the living, and Australia followed in 1921. Today, Remembrance Day poppies are worn – on the left lapel – in memory of those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice, and to recognise their acts of gallantry.



We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Here is a story of an Australian soldiers who was dedicated to the protection our nation. *Information and photo from the Australian War Memorial.*

General John Monash



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John Monash is considered one of the war's outstanding commanders. Monash was born in Melbourne on 27 June 1865. He was dux of Scotch College and studied arts and engineering at Melbourne University, where he was also involved in debating and student politics. Outside of university he dabbled in acting. In 1884 he joined the university company of the 4th Battalion, Victorian Rifles.

Monash was a driven young man, ambitious and intelligent. He worked on the construction of the Princes Bridge in Melbourne and in 1888 was placed in charge of constructing a new railway even though he had yet to complete his degree. Monash married Hannah Moss in April 1891, finished his studies in 1895 and, having long since decided to combine engineering with a military

career, was promoted to captain in the Garrison Artillery that year. In 1897 Monash was promoted to major in the North Melbourne Battery and served there for 11 years.

Meanwhile, he and a friend had established a private engineering practice in 1894. The business grew steadily but a series of setbacks left him with large debts in 1902. Starting again, Monash recovered and his business prospered. He also gained promotion to lieutenant colonel in the Australian Intelligence Corps in 1908 in 1913 took command of the 13th Infantry Brigade.

After the outbreak of war, Monash was given command of the AIF's 4th Infantry Brigade, landing at Gallipoli on 26 April 1915. In July he was promoted to brigadier. Despite having encountered some criticism for his performance on Gallipoli, Monash took his brigade to France in June 1916. He became a major general in July and took command of the 3rd Division. The division's first major battle, Messines, was hailed as a great success. Further success followed and in May 1918, Monash was promoted to lieutenant general and given command of the Australian Corps. His first battle in this role, Hamel, of which he wrote: "the operation is a striking example of the success which invariably results from careful preparation and coordinated action: and will serve as a model and the standard of the fighting efficiency of the Australian corps". Monash remained in command through the victorious battles in the last months of the war. He was an innovative leader who earned high praise from many leading political and military figures.

After spending eight months in London overseeing the repatriation of the AIF, Monash was welcomed home in Melbourne by an enthusiastic public on Boxing Day 1919. He returned to business and in 1920 became manager of Victoria's State Electricity Commission. An advocate for returned soldiers, Monash also held a range of high-level positions.

Monash died of heart disease in Melbourne on 8 October 1931 and was given a state funeral attended by some 3000,000 mourners.

## **Meridian Mirth**

Thank you to Douglas for sending in jokes for this newsletter.

When you ring the weather bureau, they answer saying..... " weather bureau, good morning... possibly "

What's the best thing about living in Switzerland?  
Well, the flag's a big plus!!

George, an elderly man, from Meridian, Mississippi, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me.

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available."

George said, "OK."

He hung up the phone and counted to 30.

Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Georges residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

Don't mess with old people.

Yesterday I was at my local store buying a large bag of dog chow for my loyal pet, Biscuit, the Wonder Dog and was in the checkout line when woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Dog Chow Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 30 kilograms before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with chow nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again.

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me.

I told her no; I stepped off a curb to use a fire hydrant and a car hit me.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

A lawyer and a senior citizen are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The lawyer is thinking that seniors are so dumb that he could put one over on them easily. So, the lawyer asks if the senior would like to play a fun game. The senior is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists, saying that the game is a lot of fun... "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5.00. Then you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00," he says. This catches the senior's attention and, to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?" The senior doesn't say a word, but reaches into his pocket, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer. Now, it's the senior's turn. He asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The lawyer uses his laptop to search all references he could find on the Net. He sends E-mails to all the smart friends he knows; all to no avail. After an hour of searching, he finally gives up. He wakes the senior and hands him \$500.00.

The senior pockets the \$500.00 and goes back to sleep. The lawyer is now going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the senior up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?" The senior reaches into his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

Don't mess with seniors!

To share your jokes, please send them to [rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au](mailto:rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au).

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