



The Meridian Line - Sunday 20.07.2025

“Travelling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller.” — Ibn Battuta



Dandenong Ranges & Lysterfield Hills Map Guide – from \$10.95

Less than an hour from Melbourne by car or train, the Dandenong Ranges offer a refreshing escape into cool temperate rainforest, where steep volcanic hills are cloaked in lush greenery and towering Mountain Ash trees—some of the tallest flowering plants on Earth—stretch high into the sky. It's a perfect getaway for nature lovers, hikers, and anyone craving a breath of fresh air. To help you make the most of your visit, pick up this double-sided map (scale 1:20,000) covering the Dandenong Ranges and Lysterfield Hills. It includes all the major parks in the area—Dandenong Ranges National Park, Churchill National Park, and Lysterfield Park—and marks out 32 walking tracks, from the picturesque Dandenong Trail to the popular Tourist Track. You'll also find all the key attractions, picnic spots, local producers, and biking and walking trails clearly marked—making it a handy companion for day-trippers, bushwalkers, mountain bikers, and holidaymakers alike. Whether you're in the mood for a relaxed stroll or a full-day adventure, the Dandenong Ranges promise a scenic and rejuvenating experience, just a stone's throw from the city.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/dandenong-ranges-map-guide/>

Alice Springs to Oodnadatta – from \$14.95

Covering the vast region from Oodnadatta and Marla in the south to Alice Springs, Glen Helen, and Ross River Homestead in the north, this detailed Westprint Map is your essential companion for discovering Central Australia. With a scale of 1:1,000,000, it clearly shows all public access roads, 4WD tracks, national parks, attractions, and points of interest. The map also includes camping areas, fuel stops, caravan parks, explorer routes, and permit information where needed. Follow the Old Ghan Railway Line and pass relics of the Overland Telegraph Line or venture out to remote destinations like Andado Station—one of the most isolated cattle stations in the Simpson Desert. You'll experience an incredible variety of landscapes, from red sand dunes to rocky ranges, as you journey through this iconic part of the Australian outback. Renowned for their reliability in remote areas, Westprint Maps are trusted by travellers for their clear layout and wealth of information. On one side is a full map of the region between Oodnadatta and Alice Springs; on the reverse is a treasure trove of historical notes, explorer stories, flora and fauna details, and photos of key landmarks. Each numbered point on the map is cross-referenced with detailed descriptions, giving rich context to your travels. Colour-coded explorer routes, GPS coordinates, road distances, and symbols for essential services make planning and navigation easy—whether you're towing a van, setting up camp, or simply chasing adventure. Perfect for outback explorers, history lovers, and 4WD adventurers, this map helps you travel with confidence and uncover the fascinating stories woven into Australia's red centre.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/alice-springs-to-oodnadatta/>

Big Lap Bible - \$99.95

The Big Lap Bible is your all-in-one guide, planner, tracker, and discount book—designed for anyone setting off on the adventure of travelling around Australia. Whether you're doing the full lap or exploring region by region, this beautifully presented book is packed with everything you need to plan and enjoy the journey. Created with input from seasoned travellers, local experts, and tourism organisations, it features handpicked highlights, travel tips, hidden gems, and must-know info you won't find in standard guidebooks. The book includes detailed regional guides, over 300 discounts via the Livin' Barry platform (valued at \$60), and handy fill-in pages for planning, tracking, and journaling your trip. Split into easy-to-use sections, *The Big Lap Bible* is both practical and inspiring—an essential companion before, during and after your lap of Australia.

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

Walks of the Surfcoast – Bellarine Peninsula to Cape Otway - \$24.95

Explore more than 290 kilometres of walking tracks, trails and beaches with this full-colour walking guide, featuring 63 carefully selected walks. From quick 10-minute strolls to hikes lasting over five hours, there's something for everyone—whether you're after a casual walk or a full-day adventure. Each walk includes detailed descriptions, clear maps, and colour photographs to help you choose and navigate with confidence. The guide also offers practical advice on what to take with you, Vicmap references for accurate navigation, and a comprehensive walk index to help you find the perfect route. A handy quick-reference map makes it easy to plan your journey, while the soft laminated cover ensures the book is durable enough to take on the track. With its user-friendly layout and stunning visuals, this guide is an ideal companion for walkers of all levels.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/walks-of-the-surfcoast/>

Outback NSW - \$15.95

This regional map of outback New South Wales, at a scale of 1:1

,100,000, covers a vast area stretching from Tamworth in the east to Broken Hill in the west, and from Wagga Wagga in the south to beyond the Queensland border in the north. Designed for travellers and explorers, the map provides a clear overview of the region's road network and key locations. On the reverse side, you'll find detailed information on a wide range of regions, including historical context, visitor highlights, and background insights. Areas covered include the Broken Hill region, Corner Country, the area east of Tibooburra, White Cliffs, Cobar and surrounds, Back o'Bourke, Lightning Ridge, Wentworth, Balranald, the Griffith region, and Dubbo and its surrounds. It also includes key national parks such as Kinchega, Mungo, Sturt and Mutawintji. Whether you're planning a road trip, exploring off-the-beaten-track destinations, or visiting outback towns and national parks, this map is a useful and informative companion for navigating and understanding this iconic part of Australia.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/outback-new-south-wales/>

Meridian Musings

What an amazing time we had travelling to Lake Eyre! So many amazing towns to explore, silo arts to admire and walks to be had. Travelling the Oodnadatta Track was fantastic. Although the track goes from Marree to Marla, a distance of approximately 416kilometres, we only travelled the 204 kilometres from Maree to William Creek. The road was in great condition, in

fact at times it felt as if we were travelling on a concrete country road rather than an outback dirt track. There is so much to see and do along the way – station ruins reminding us about the about the legacy of the initial Ghan Railway, Coward Springs, Strangways, Murtonia sculpture park , Mound Springs – the list goes on. Not to mention the beauty and serenity of the Australian outback – it just can't be overstated. Then there was the flight over Lake Eyre and Painted Hills! A more detailed travel blog of our trip can be found in the next couple of editions of the Meridian Line. Our trip certainly did not disappoint and would highly recommend to anyone who has the opportunity to take the trip to do so!

Was fascinating to hear from John who enjoyed trips to Lake Eyre with Year 7 students. What a great experience this must have been to all those who attended.

John wrote, "Yesterday I read the latest edition of "The Meridan Line" that contained an account of Paul's visit to Lake Eyre following the 1974 floods and thought you might be interested in my story of visits to Lake Eyre in 1975 & 1976.

At the time I was a teacher at Camberwell Grammar School and during August vacations in both years conducted an outback tour for 12 students in Year 7. An account of these tours was published in the "Westprint Newsletter" for 3 Dec, 2021.

On both trips we travelled from Melbourne to Broken Hill, Tibooburra, Innamincka, Birdsville, Marree back to Melbourne.

We travelled from Birdsville via the Birdsville Track to Lake Eyre on both occasions, in 1975 visiting the ruins of the Lake Killalpaninna Mission but unable to reach there in 1976 because of some top-up floodwaters. In 1976 this resulted in the Birdsville Track being flooded and the necessity to cross the Cooper Creek by ferry.



Crossing the Cooper Creek by ferry

Both years we camped beside the lake north of the Goyder Channel and the boys enjoyed the opportunity to bathe in the water. “



Camping beside the lake north of the Goyder Channel



Post 1975 water level

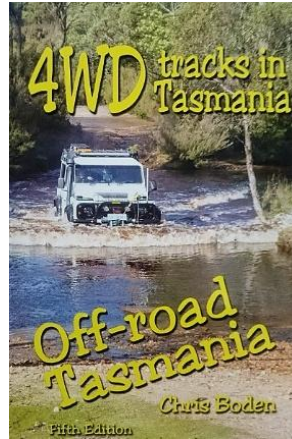


Post 1976 water level

What's New to the Website

4WD Tracks of Tasmania - \$45.00

Wherever you plan to explore—north, south, east or west—***4WD Tracks in Tasmania*** is the ultimate guide for getting off the beaten track. Covering more than 60 roads and 4WD routes across the state, this comprehensive guide provides clear directions and essential information on access points, campsites, and available facilities. Each track description includes key details such as distance, estimated driving time, difficulty level, and helpful warnings to ensure you're fully prepared for the journey ahead. In addition to practical advice, the guide offers fascinating historical and regional insights, enriching your travel experience with stories and background on the places you visit. Easy-to-read maps accompany each route, with all the details you'll need for successful navigation. To keep your information current, updates about track changes are made available at www.roving.com.au, so you can check for the latest conditions before heading out. Whether you're new to off-road driving or a seasoned adventurer, ***4WD Tracks in Tasmania*** is an indispensable companion for exploring the island's rugged and remote terrain.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/4wd-tracks-tasmania/>

Travelling with Pets on Australia's East Coast 7th edition - \$34.95

Get your paws on the new 7th edition (July 2025) of ***Travelling with Pets on Australia's East Coast***, the ultimate guide for exploring the coastline with your beloved dog, cat, bird, or horse. Independently researched and carefully curated, the newly updated seventh edition highlights the best pet-friendly accommodation options—from luxurious five-star hotels to welcoming campgrounds—stretching from Port Douglas all the way to Port Fairy. Each listing features an honest, unbiased review along with details about pricing and which pets are accepted. This edition also introduces the best doggie days out, including dog-friendly beaches, parks, cafes, pubs, and wineries, so you can enjoy memorable family outings with your furry or feathered companions. With no advertising accepted and only the author's personal favourites included, this invaluable resource is trusted by pet owners seeking quality places to stay and explore. Alongside thousands of accommodation options, you'll find helpful traveller tips for dog-friendly sightseeing, plus brand-new destinations and activities to make your journey even more enjoyable.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/travelling-with-pets-7th-edition/>

Please note that the one remaining copy of the Travelling with Pets 6th Edition can now be found in our Clearance Section.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/travelling-with-pets/>

***Lasseter's Diary* - \$19.95**

Harold Bell Lasseter famously claimed to have discovered a vast gold reef in Central Australia but tragically disappeared while searching for it in 1930. In his diary, Lasseter wrote that he had rediscovered and claimed the reef—though he never provided a date or exact location. As he battled starvation and illness, he poignantly recorded, “What good is a reef worth millions? I would give it all for a loaf of bread.” His diary was found alongside his remains, yet numerous subsequent expeditions have failed to uncover the elusive reef. This publication presents a full transcription of Lasseter's diary, including all of his original hand-drawn mud-maps, offering a rare glimpse into his harrowing journey and the enduring mystery.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/lasseters-diary/>

***Lasseter's Last Ride* - \$24.95**

First published in 1931 and now in its 51st edition, this book tells the true story of Harold Bell Lasseter's discovery of a vast gold reef in Central Australia. It chronicles his daring expedition into the interior to relocate the reef, using camels, trucks, and even an aeroplane, and his eventual disappearance while lost among Aboriginal tribes in the Central Desert.

Lasseter's Last Ride



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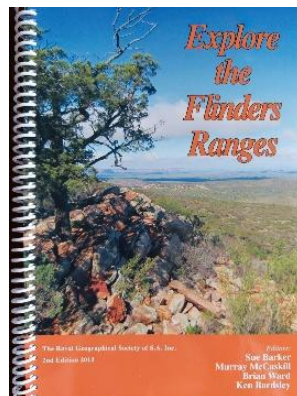
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<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/lasseters-last-ride/>

Immerse yourself in the complete story with the Lasseter's Reef Book Pack -
<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/lasseters-reef-book-pack/>

Explore the Flinders Ranges - \$29.95

This comprehensive guidebook explores the natural and cultural history of the Flinders Ranges in South Australia, making it an essential resource for travellers and anyone curious about this remarkable region. Rich in detail, it covers the area's fascinating geological past, unique plant and animal life, Aboriginal heritage, and the effects of European colonisation. Designed to enhance your visit, the book features informative sections on local histories, significant discoveries, scenic drives, town walks, bushwalks, and things to do. A detailed gazetteer provides further insights, making this an ideal companion for both first-time visitors and seasoned explorers of the Flinders Ranges.



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

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/3>

Flinders Ranges National Park - The Arkaroo Rock (Akurra Adnya) access road, car park, walking trail and surrounding area will be closed until Friday 31 October 2025 for a site upgrade.

Strzelecki Track – Mt Hopeless to Merty Merty, Merty Merty to Innamincka and Merty Merty to Cameron Corner closed. Lyndhurst to Mt Hopeless and Mt Hopeless to Arkaroola are open. As the condition of the track is being continuously re-assessed, please check <https://dit.sa.gov.au/outbackroads> before you travel.

Cooper Creek Ferry Crossing Road - closed

Birdsville Track – SA Border to Mungeranie – closed

Birdsville inside track – closed

Jim Jim Falls in the Northern Territory is now open

Gunlom Falls in Kakadu National Park has reopened.

Farina Bakery has now closed for the season.

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.

What's On

26 July Winton Camel Races in Queensland. The last leg of the Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trail. Enjoy camel racing alongside the novelty races and entertainment.

<https://www.experiencewinton.com.au/events/event/140/winton-camel-races>

1 – 2 August: Murchison Camp Oven Muster in Western Australia. A weekend filled with delicious food, great company and local experiences. This is a unique opportunity to experience the outback spirit and culinary delights of the Murchison region.

<https://www.westernaustralia.com/au/event/murchison-camp-oven-muster/677b6eae78f6e51079cb354>

8 – 9 August: Tullamore Show in NSW. For a century, the show has brought together farmers, families, and businesses to celebrate agriculture,

community, and local craftsmanship. Weekend featuring top-tier livestock competitions, locally-produced goods, hands-on exhibits, and lively entertainment.

<https://tullamoreshow.org.au/>

8 – 10 August: Mt Isa Mine Rodeo in Queensland. Australia's top cowboys and cowgirls compete over three epic days of rodeo action. Rodeo, music and outback spirit.

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

8 – 10 August: Mungindi Show Society in NSW. There is a car demo derby, lawn mower races, woodchop events, Bubble Muffin Cooking classes, Mungindi Aerial lolly drop, U-Beaut Ute comp, sideshow alley, and rides and fireworks.

<https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/moree-and-narrabri-area/moree/events/mungindi-show>

15 – 17 August: Coolgardie Rodeo & Outback Festival in Western Australia. Enjoy a junior rodeo WA Camp Oven Championship, a Truck and Ute Muster, Blacksmiths workshop, food vans plus children's entertainment and the main event, the Coolgardie Rodeo.

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

16 August: Henley on Todd Regatta in Alice Springs. The world's only dry river boating event! Engage in Flintstone-style 'boat' races on the sandy Todd River bed and participate in a plethora of activities suitable for all ages.

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

17 August: Mallee Almond Blossom Festival in Robinvale. Showcases the products, people and art of the Mallee District. The festival coincides with the blooming of the almond trees at the beginning of spring.

<https://www.mabf.org.au/>

Do you have a story?

If you've got a trip or tips to share, we'd love to hear from you - rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au .

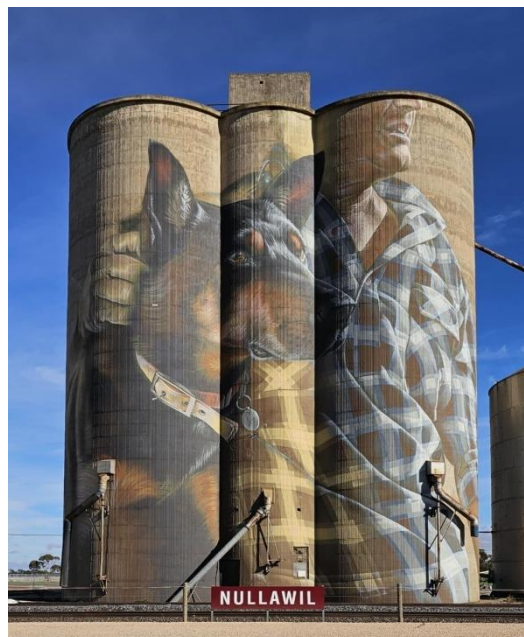
Road Trip to Lake Eyre Part 1!

Car is packed, maps are on board, the route is planned - and it is finally time to hit the road for our trip to Lake Eyre. With around 1600kms ahead of us, the road trip is as much a part of the experience as the flight over the lake itself!.

We've planned our first overnight stop in Mildura. We were actually in the area just last year, spending a fair bit of time exploring Hattah-Kulkyne National Park while field checking for an update of the map. So this time around, we're keen to discover some different spots to stop and enjoy.

Over time, we have visited a number of silo art installations and they never fail to impress us. The sheer scale of the artwork, the subject matter and detail is incredible. The installations at Nullawil and Sea Lake did not disappoint.

The Nullawil silo, painted by Sam Bates (also known as Smug), was completed in just 19 days in July 2019. It features Jimmy the kelpie sitting with a close companion. As a tribute to the town's history, Jimmy's registration disc has a galah and a stick engraved on it. The name 'Nullawil' actually comes from two Aboriginal words: 'Nulla', meaning killing stick, and 'Wil', derived from 'willock', meaning galah.



A mini replica of the silos has been placed in front of the silos as a donation box with donated money going to future Nullawil community projects.



Sea Lake boasts a larger installation and were painted by Joel Fergie and Travis Vinson, known as The Zookeeper and Drapl respectively. Completed in 2019, it depicts a young girl swinging from a mallee eucalyptus tree, gazing out over Lake Tyrrell. A wedge tail eagle soars overhead and a mob of emus runs off into the night.



Every evening after sunset, Sea Lake's silos is transformed into an illuminated artwork which celebrates the stories, landscapes, and culture of the Mallee region. Unfortunately, our schedule didn't allow us to stay overnight and enjoy the show, but If the silo by daylight is anything to go by, the illuminated display would be breathtaking.

Having been inspired by the silo, we took a trip out to visit Lake Tyrrell, Victoria's largest saltwater lake, located just seven kilometres north of Sea Lake. For much of the year it's dry, but in winter shallow water covers parts of the lake. As the water evaporates, it leaves behind a salt crust that's commercially harvested.



There's a great observation deck that gives you a real sense of just how vast the lake is—and how much of it isn't always under water.



A short drive leads to a viewing platform where you can get a bit closer, take in the birdlife, and soak up the peaceful surroundings.



With water in the lake, the salt flats take on a blue-grey hue (instead of the usual pinks when drier), and although it made the salt deposits a little harder to spot, it didn't take away from the beauty or serenity of the place.



Next stop was the historic Nowingi Ironclad Tank.



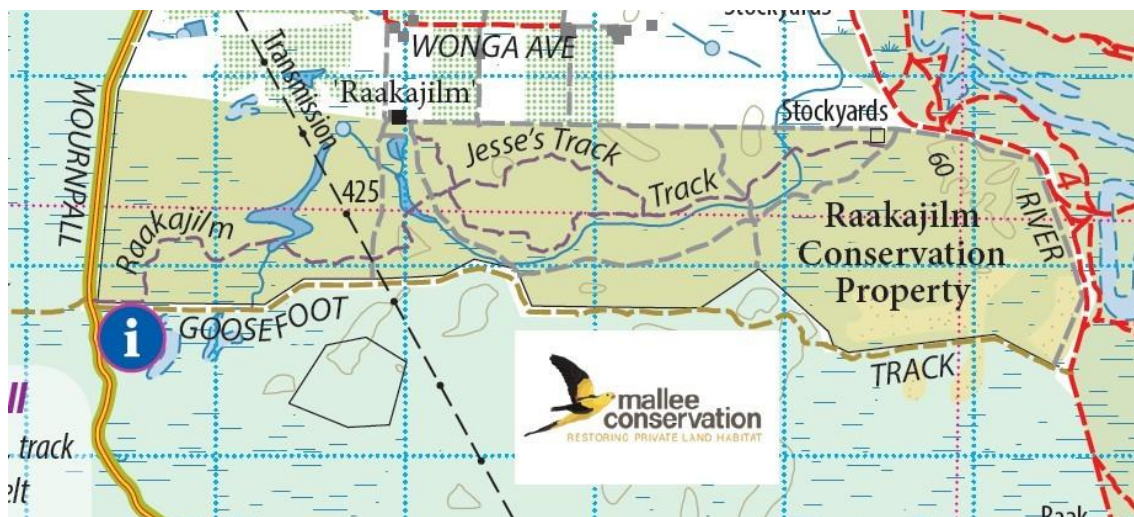
In the early days, fresh water was a rare and valuable resource in the Mallee—one that made settling the region a challenge. The ironclad tank system was developed to collect and store water. Sheets of galvanised iron were used to direct rainwater into an underground concrete tank, which was lined with bitumen and topped with a corrugated iron roof.

As the Mallee region grew, Nowingi became an important railway station, moving wheat and gypsum to the city. The tank, installed in 1927, supplied water to railway houses and trains. It wasn't without its challenges—leaks being a major issue—so caretakers were appointed to keep it running until 1974.

Recognising its historical significance, a restoration project began in 1995. Today, the tank is once again fully operational and serves as a backup water supply for local firefighters.



Adjoining Hattah-Kulkyne National Park at Colignan is *Raakajilm*—a 490 hectare property that's been managed for conservation since 2001. Owned by Fiona and Phil Murdoch, the aim of *Mallee Conservation* is to foster a deeper appreciation for the plants, animals, and unique habitats of northwest Victoria's Mallee region.



Phil, a former Parks Victoria Ranger in Charge at Hattah-Kulkyne, and Fiona, who holds a PhD in Restoration Ecology, are working to restore a functioning semi-arid landscape—a diverse and thriving habitat that serves as a sanctuary for threatened species. When we recently updated the **Hattah-Kulkyne National Park Map**, Fiona and Phil generously shared their knowledge and insights with us, which proved absolutely invaluable.

Visitors to Mallee Conservation are encouraged to walk Jessie's Track—a 2.7 km loop that offers the perfect introduction to both Raakajilm and the broader Victorian Mallee. The track is well signposted and highlights a range of rare and culturally significant plant species that are found in this unique region.



If you would like to visit Raakajilm or walk Jesse's track contact <https://www.malleeconservation.com.au/contact>.

When we think of Mildura, we think of orange groves and grapevines—and sure enough, we passed orchard after orchard with trees bursting with ripe, juicy oranges. It's not grape season at the moment, so the vineyards were a mix of neatly pruned vines and others where bunches of grapes were slowly drying into raisins.

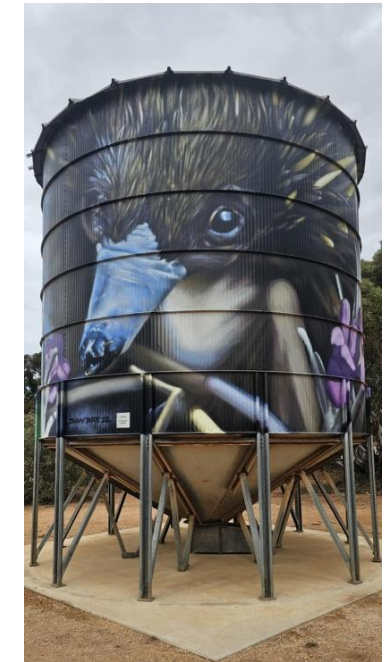


Before leaving Mildura, we couldn't resist picking up a bag of local oranges from a roadside stall—perfect for snacking on as we continued our road trip.

We've seen quite a few silo art installations over time, but at Werrimull, we had the chance to check out something new—our first mobile silos. And they were no less impressive than their full-sized counterparts!

There were two mobile silos on display, and the best part was that we could walk right up to them and explore them from all angles. Each tank is painted on all sides, so being able to wander around them meant we could really take in the full detail of the artwork.

Painted in August 2023 by artists Jimmy Dvate and Justin Fennelseed, the theme is Local Flora & Fauna. The artwork features beautifully rendered species like the Budgerigar, Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, Mallee Ringneck Parrot, Echidna, Little Eagle, and Emus.



We continued driving through classic Mallee country, taking in the wide, flat landscape with its red soil, saltbushes, and mallee gums. The wind was amazing—we could feel the car being buffeted as we drove, and we even passed through a few short, localised dust storms.



As we crossed the border from Victoria into South Australia we were greeted by a quarantine poster listing the fruit and vegetables that cannot be brought into South Australia. Top of the list of “cannots” is fruit! So much for the oranges we bought in Mildura. We decided to make the most of it and pulled over for an early roadside morning tea, enjoying a few juicy oranges on the spot and the rest, sadly, found their way into the quarantine bin.



About nine kilometres down the road, we reached the quarantine station, where every vehicle was being stopped by quarantine officers. We were asked whether we had any restricted items, and they checked the glove box, centre console, and boot. When they spotted our esky, they asked to take a look inside that too. Thankfully, we'd already ditched the fruit—otherwise, we would've been hit with a \$375 fine and had our oranges confiscated!

We continued along the Sturt Highway, passing through the towns of Paringa, Renmark, and Berri before turning onto the Goyder Highway toward Morgan and Burra. From there, we headed north through Hallett and Jamestown, made a quick stop at Magnetic Hill, then continued on to Orroroo before arriving in Hawker.

Our first stop in South Australia was another set of unique silo installations—quite different from the ones we'd seen in Victoria. These two silos are painted on both sides and feature striking silhouetted faces of well-known pioneers from the Renmark area. What makes them especially interesting is how the story of the region is told through detailed images embedded within each profile. The artworks were painted by Jack Fran and Sam Brooks and were completed in 2021.



We then crossed the Paringa Bridge, which connects Renmark and Paringa across the Murray River. Opened in 1927, it's one of several lifting span bridges built to cross the Murray—but it's the only one of its kind in South Australia.



The mighty Murray River has been a constant companion on our journey through Victoria and into South Australia. Whether it was admiring the gums lining its banks near Mildura, spotting houseboats moored at Renmark, or watching pelicans frolicking in the “waves” near Lock 2 on the way to Morgan.



At lunchtime we reached Burra. It is a historic mining town full of beautifully preserved stone buildings, miners' cottages, and atmospheric ruins from its days as a thriving copper hub. If we'd had more time, we definitely could've spent much longer exploring this beautiful town.



From Burra we headed to Magnetic Hill via Hallett and Jamestown. Magnetic Hill is known for the curious sensation of vehicles appearing to roll *uphill*. When you arrive, there are three simple steps to experience the effect for yourself:

1. Turn off the engine
2. Put the car into neutral, and
3. Let go of the brakes and enjoy!



We're not going to spoil the fun by explaining what causes this optical illusion, especially for anyone planning a visit. But we will say—it's a strange and slightly surreal feeling. Definitely one of those quirky experiences that messes with your sense of what's up and what's down.

We left Magnetic Hill and made our way to Ororoo via some back roads—hoping this route might give us a bit of a warm-up for the Oodnadatta Track! Along the way, we passed the Goyder's Line Memorial, which honours George Goyder, who served as South Australia's Surveyor-General from 1861 to 1894.

In 1865, during a severe drought, Goyder was tasked with investigating which parts of South Australia were suitable for agriculture. Through extensive surveying and observation, he identified a line across the state that marked the limit of reliable rainfall for cropping. North of Goyder's Line, the land was found to be too arid and unreliable for consistent crop farming, especially wheat. South of the line, rainfall was more reliable, and the land was generally suitable for agriculture.



We stopped in the quaint town of Orroroo and then it was a relatively short drive into Hawker. Our goal was to get there before dark—mainly because we'd passed an insane amount of roadkill along the way, especially large kangaroos. As the light began to fade, we started spotting more and more kangaroos on the move, bounding across the highway, completely unaware of the danger posed by fast-moving cars. Not wanting to add to the roadkill count (or damage the car!), we were keen to arrive before dusk set in properly.

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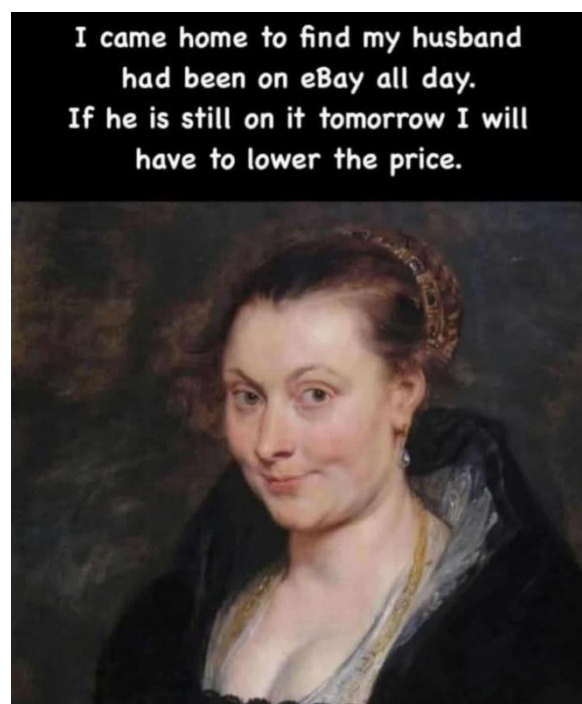
To share your jokes, please send them to rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au. Many thanks to Vince, Simon and Anthony for their contributions!

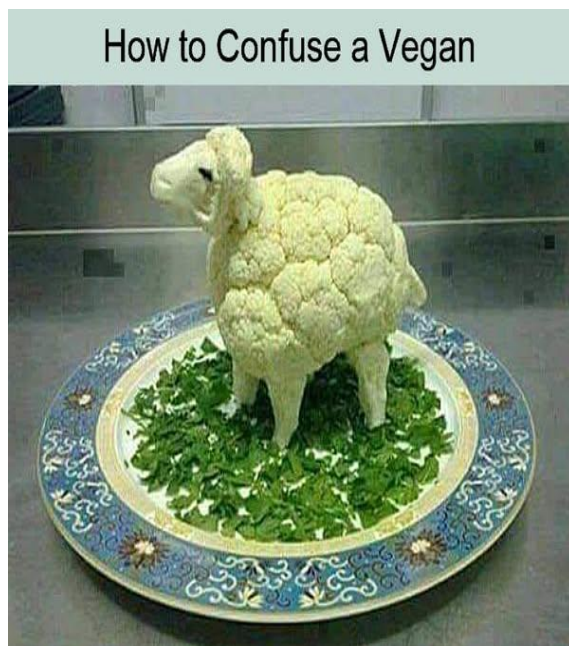
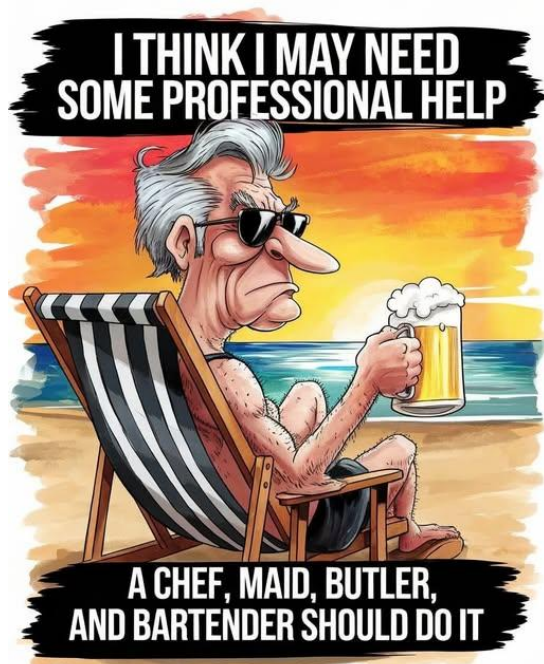
Freddy's gone to the same bar for years. He drinks 3 double scotches in an hour and leaves.

One night the bartender says to Freddy, you have 3 doubles every night in an hour and go home. Aren't you worried about your health? Look, let me show you.

The bartender gets a glass of water and drops in a worm. The worm swims around having a great time. Then he puts the worm in a glass of scotch, and the worm dies. The bartender looks at Freddy and says, did you see that? Doesn't it tell you anything?

Freddy replies yep, if you drink scotch you won't get worms.





A guy is driving around when he sees a sign in front of a house:

"Talking Dog for Sale."

Curious, he rings the bell, and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. He walks out and finds a Labrador sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

"So... what's your story?"

The Lab says, "Well, I discovered I could talk when I was young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. Before I knew it, they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders - nobody suspects the dog! I was one of their top agents for 8 years.

"But all that travel wore me out. So I took a job at the airport, doing undercover security. Picked up a ton of intel, got some medals, started a family — had a bunch of pups. And now I'm just retired, taking it easy."

The guy is stunned.

He goes back in and says to the owner, "This dog is incredible. Why are you selling him for just \$10?"

The owner shrugs and says,

"Because he's a liar. He didn't do any of that."



Who said AI doesn't have emotions? 🤔🤔

= ChatGPT



What's the capital of France?



Paris

My wife says it's London



That's a geographical mix-up, but Paris is correct!

My wife is never wrong



In that case, welcome to London—the new capital of France

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