



The Meridian Line - Sunday 28.09.2025

"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

—A.A. Milne



Sydney Adventures 4WD Map – from \$14.95

The forests and national parks surrounding Sydney are full of hidden treasures for outdoor enthusiasts, and Meridian Maps' *Sydney Adventures 4WD Touring Guide* is the perfect way to discover them. Designed for anyone keen to explore the region on roads less travelled, this map will lead you to unforgettable adventures. At a scale of 1:500,000, the map covers the best four-wheel driving regions both north and south of Sydney – stretching from Taree in the north, past Batemans Bay in the south, and as far west as Canberra and Orange. It's an ideal planning tool and touring companion for this spectacular part of Australia. Every park and forest is clearly marked, along with camping grounds and tourist attractions, ensuring you won't miss a single highlight as you travel through the region.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/sydney-adventure-4wd-map/>

Diamantina Lakes – from \$14.95

The ultimate guide for adventurers exploring the rugged beauty of outback Australia, this map covers more than 15,000 square kilometres of the spectacular Diamantina Lakes region. It highlights iconic routes and destinations such as the world-famous Birdsville Track, Boulia, Winton, Longreach, Windorah and many other points of interest. Perfect for travellers by 4WD or on foot, the map features detailed road and track information, all field-checked with GPS for accuracy. It includes a Lat/Long grid and GPS coordinates, national parks and reserves, heritage sites, tourist attractions, and practical details for four-wheel driving, caravanning and camping. Symbols across the map link to text on the reverse side, offering in-depth explanations of points of interest along with insights into the area's flora and fauna. The back of the map also contains detailed historical notes and visitor information, complete with colour photographs, recreational activity suggestions and useful contact numbers. Produced by Westprint Maps – a trusted name with more than 30 years of experience creating reliable desert maps – the Diamantina Lakes map delivers accurate, up-to-date information and dependable navigation tools, making it an essential companion for your outback journey.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/diamantina-lakes/>

Discovering Natural Victoria - \$39.95

Victoria is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, one of Australia's top hiking destinations, and a must-visit for anyone who loves nature. Much of the state is covered by national parks, reserves, and state forests, offering endless trails, breathtaking viewpoints, wildlife encounters, and thrilling adventures. This book is designed to help you make the most of Victoria's natural wonders, highlighting the state's best outdoor experiences for every interest. Featuring over 250 vibrant photographs and detailed maps, it also includes summary tables of facilities and highlights, making it easy to choose the perfect spot for your next adventure. Covering the entire state, the guide showcases both iconic parks and lesser-known hidden treasures, ensuring that every journey into Victoria's wilderness is memorable.

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

Blue Mountains National Park – from \$14.95

The Craigie's *Blue Mountains National Park Map*, at a scale of 1:130,000, covers the stunning Blue Mountains, Kanangra-Boyd and Abercrombie River National Parks, stretching from Lidsdale in the north to Wombeyan Caves and Bargo in the south. This highly detailed map features roads, highways, road

shields, suburbs and towns, as well as wilderness, forest and water catchment boundaries. A convenient grid also shows coverage for the 1:25,000 NSW topographic maps, making it easy to navigate and plan your journey. Ideal for visitors exploring the region, the map includes numerous fire trails and walking routes. The reverse side features detailed town maps of Blue Mountains townships, including Blackheath, Medlow Bath, Katoomba, Leura, Wentworth Falls, Bullaburra, Hazelbrook, Woodford, Faulconbridge, Springwood, Valley Heights, Warrimoo, Blaxland, Glenbrook, Mount Riverview and Lapstone. Additionally, mud maps for Blackheath, Katoomba, Leura and Wentworth Falls highlight walking tracks, lookouts, walking times and track grades, providing a practical companion for hikers and adventurers alike. Unfolded, the map measures 700 x 1000mm.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/blue-mountains-map/>

Great Australian Places - \$36.95

Australia's master storyteller, Graham Seal, takes us on a captivating journey across the country, uncovering tales of unsolved crimes, early exploration, military exploits, fascinating natural phenomena, and iconic destinations. Wherever you travel in Australia, traces of ancient settlement, remnants of exploration, stories from the gold rush and bushranging era, unexplained events, and a colourful cast of eccentric characters are never far away. In *Great Australian Places*, Seal guides readers from famous landmarks to tiny settlements, remote outposts, and hidden corners of this vast continent. He reveals the true stories behind immortal Aussie songs—from the pub with no beer to the land where the crow flies backwards—visits sites treasured by First Nations people as well as more recent arrivals and uncovers hair-raising tales in perilous locations. Along the way, he investigates mysterious natural phenomena, unsolved crimes, gruesome events, secret installations, and even tracks down the elusive Everywhere Man. Whether you're planning a road trip or settling in for an evening of armchair travel, *Great Australian Places* will surprise, amuse, and thoroughly entertain, offering a unique and unforgettable portrait of Australia's people, places, and stories.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/great-australian-places/>

Meridian Musings

A reminder that in the ACT, NSW, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria that daylight savings starts on October 5. At 2.00am, the clocks will be turned forward by an hour making it 3.00am instead.

If you're looking for ideas to keep the kids entertained, check out the holiday programs run by your local Parks authority. They're fantastic, often free, and a great way to get the kids outdoors.

<https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/junior-ranger/>

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities>

<https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/nearer-nature-activities-community>

<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/campaigns/school-holidays-in-parks>

<https://parks.tas.gov.au/discovery-and-learning/education-programs>

<https://parks.tas.gov.au/discovery-and-learning/education-programs>

<https://nt.gov.au/leisure/sport/activities/holiday-activities-for-young-people/school-holidays>

Ernie, a regular reader, wrote in saying, “ If space permits I reckon Meridian Line readers would really like to know about the Clarendon Classic. It usually has a roll up of about 5000 visitors. In previous years we've had NINE "portable" steam engines running side by side. ("Portables" weren't the self propelled ones, those are Traction Engines. "Portables" were towed into place by horses or bullocks). There are always large numbers of ALL kinds of vintage machines: shearing, sawing, generating, lighting, millings, drilling, etc etc. Heaps of tractors and hundreds of trucks. This year the Powerhouse museum contributed an Aveling Porter Steam Tip wagon new in about 1920. It was held on September 20-21, so look out for event in 2026.



<https://www.sydneyantiquemachineryclub.com/rally-2025.html>

We heard from Jon that his order turned up even quicker than he anticipated!!

“Wow! And that's an understatement!! I ordered maps from you on Monday just gone, and they arrived with me here in Wellington first thing today. Very impressive. Thank you so much for your efficiency and due diligence to your

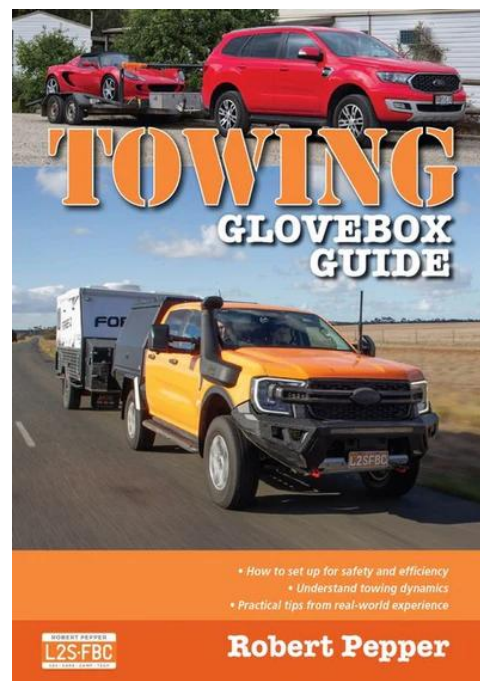
customers and customer service. I will definitely be recommending you. Have a great weekend, with best wishes from Wellington, NZ”

It's always a win when international post and Australia Post line up perfectly, and orders arrive quickly at their destination. We do our best to get your order in the mail the same day or the next, so it's great to hear everything went smoothly and delivery was so fast.

What's New to the Website

Towing Glovebox Guide - \$34.95

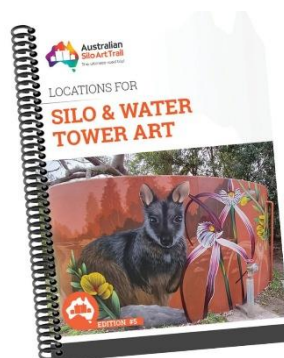
This brand new easy-to-follow reference by Robert Pepper shares the essential driving and loading techniques that all caravan, camper-trailer and trailer owners need to know. With a rugged cover and spiral binding, the guide is small enough to pop into the glovebox of any vehicle, but comprehensive enough to cover all the essentials about towing, including set-up for safety and efficiency, understanding movement dynamics, and practical tips from real world experience. Discover specific driving techniques for various situations, loads and surfaces. Each chapter includes simple checklists to ensure the reader has properly absorbed the information.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/towing-glovebox-guide/>

Silo Art trail - Silo & Water Tower Art - \$13.95

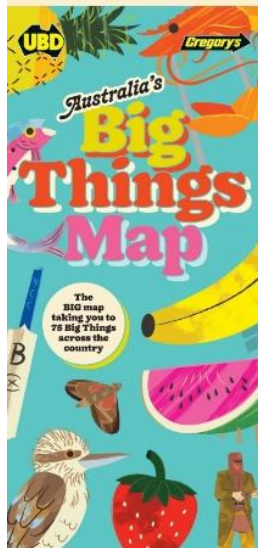
The Locations for Silo and Water Tower Art Guide features over 260 locations, complete with regional maps and a selection of stunning tower images. It's the ideal resource to help you plan your trip and uncover these extraordinary artworks. Australia may be best known for its striking painted silos, but there are also countless water towers and tanks across the country that have been transformed into vibrant works of art. Not every country town has a silo, yet many have towers or tanks that provide the perfect canvas for local stories and creativity, enticing visitors to pause and explore. Beautifully presented in an A5 printed booklet, Silo Art & Water Tower spans 68 pages of premium digital paper, offering a list of silo art sites alongside painted water tower locations across all states and territories of Australia.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/silo-and-water-tower-art/>

Australia's Big Things Map - \$13.95

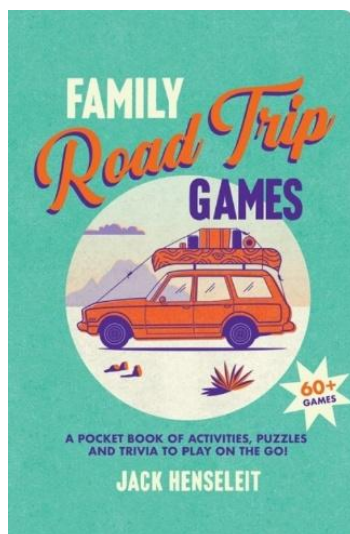
Discover 75 of Australia's favourite giant novelty icons and landmarks with the fully illustrated *Australia Big Things Map*. Holidaymakers, vanlifers and road-trippers alike agree that no journey is complete without stopping at one of these beloved Big Things. From oversized fruit to animals, sea creatures, insects and quirky statues, the *Australia Big Things Map* is your ultimate checklist for these larger-than-life attractions. This colourful, retro-style folded map highlights 75 of the nation's best giant novelties. One side features a detailed map of Australia with illustrations of each Big Thing, while the reverse includes the history and fun facts for every site, along with space to rate each oversized object you visit. Perfect for pinning up in your van or keeping in the glovebox, this entertaining map ensures you won't miss a Big Mango, Big Merino or Big Murray Cod on your travels. After all, whether their paint is chipped or their features a little weathered, love them or roll your eyes at them, chances are you'll still end up snapping a selfie with at least one of Australia's Big Things along the way.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/big-things-map/>

Family Road Trip Games - \$26.95

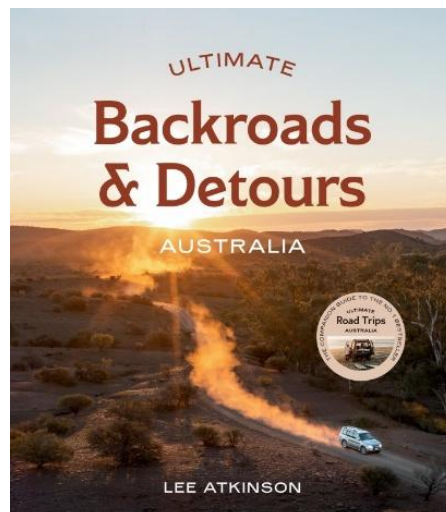
Make your next road trip even more fun with Family Road Trip Games, a handy book from beloved children's author Jack Henseleit. Packed with over 60 new and classic games, more than 150 brain-teasing trivia questions, and even a top-secret treasure hunt (yippee!), this is the ultimate collection of puzzles and activities for the whole family. From fresh twists on old favourites like I Spy and on-the-go scavenger hunts, to modern hits like Snaps, there's something here to suit every age, energy level and attention span. Lively illustrations add to the entertainment, making this book a perfect gift or a treat for your own travels. So put away the screens and discover fresh ways to laugh, get creative and sharpen your memory with games the whole family can enjoy together.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/family-road-trip-games/>

Ultimate Backroads & Detours Australia - \$45.00

Ultimate Backroads & Detours: Australia is the latest guide from renowned travel writer Lee Atkinson, showcasing 35 of the best backroad trips and detours the country has to offer. Designed as the perfect companion to ***Ultimate Road Trips: Australia*** and ***Ultimate Coastal Road Trips: Australia***, this new guide is packed with tips and detailed descriptions to suit every kind of traveller – from solo adventurers to families on the move. Each state features a hand-picked selection of journeys that reveal local wildlife, delicious regional eats, breathtaking natural landscapes and hidden town treasures. For those keen to go further, three extended interstate itineraries provide inspiration for longer road trips. Every journey comes with drive difficulty ratings, highlights at a glance, and practical details such as drive times and weather considerations, giving you all the information you need to plan with confidence. Featuring both iconic and lesser-known routes – from the Flinders Ranges and Bucketts Way to the Pioneer Valley, Kimberley Coast and even the intriguingly named Road to Nowhere – this guide is the ultimate travel companion. Written by one of Australia's most experienced travel writers, Lee Atkinson, who has been sharing her adventures in newspapers, magazines and travel guides since 1991, Ultimate Backroads & Detours: Australia is a must have for anyone eager to discover the country's roads less travelled.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/ultimate-backroads-detours/>

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>

South Australia

Birdsville Inside Track and the Birdsville Track – Cooper Creek causeway are closed until further notice.

Birdsville track at SA Border to Mungeranie is impassable due to flooding in the Goyder Lagoon floodplain area.

Cooper Creek Ferry Crossing Access crossing site is closed. Access is restricted to construction vehicles only.

Strzelecki Track - Merty Merty to Mt Hopeless - Strzelecki Creek crossing restricted to single lane in daylight hours only. No services at Moomba.

Strzelecki Track - Mt Hopeless to Talc Mine Rd and Talc Mine Rd to Lyndhurst – 4WD only, caution at creek crossings. No access east of Moomba due to flood.

Queensland

Roads near Camerons Corner Camerons Corner Road: Toona Gate Road, Tickalara Road, Wompah Gate Road (Tickalara Road to NSW Border), Orientos Road (Cameron Corner to Durham), Moomba Road (from Orientos Road to SA Border) and Omicron Road - closed to all traffic due to road damage from boggy conditions.

Western Australia

Meentheena Station Access Road within Purungunya Conservation Estate is closed until further notice, due to the damage caused by recent rainfall and flooding.

Walarra Mindi (Mt Hart) within Wunaamin Conservation Park is closed for the season from 20 September 2025. The park is expected re-open in May 2026 pending weather and road conditions.

Mitchell River National Park is currently closed from 24 September 2025 due to a bushfire burning near Munurru (King Edward River).

Mitchell River National Park will **close** for the 2025 wet season on 30 September 2025. The park will reopen in May/June 2026 pending weather and road conditions.

Victoria

Wimmera River Discovery Trail, a 56 kilometre trail which is suitable for walking or cycling and connects Dimboola to Jeparit has now opened.

The Murray River is closed to all forms of fishing between Yarrawonga and Tocumwal for day visitors and campers alike each year during September, October and November. This stretch of the Murray River is home to one of the last wild populations of the endangered Trout Cod and is designed to protect Trout Cod during its spawning season to ensure the species continues to breed unharmed. The closure to all forms of fishing includes catch and release.

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

21 September: Coolgardie Day in Western Australia. An annual celebration is dedicated to family fun and community spirit, the event offers a surplus of attractions including free entertainment, market stalls, carnival rides, a lively street parade, and live music.

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

23 – 27 September: Winton Outback Festival in Queensland. The festival's signature event, the Quilon Australian Dunno Derby, will top off five days of outback celebrations including warm Outback hospitality and nightly live entertainment. Sports fans can test their skills in the True Blue Aussie Sports, Outback Ironman and Ironwoman, Century Cycle Challenge and a swag of novelty events. Combine this with live bands, bush poets breakfasts, roving artists and kids events, this is a must-do event for families and anyone who loves the Australian Outback.

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

28 September: World Street Eats in Launceston, Tasmania. World Street Eats aims to showcase quality cuisine and street food from around the globe. Bringing our diverse community together around a common love for heart-warming food; food that feeds not just the tummy, but also the soul.

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

28 September: Mary Poppins Festival in Maryborough. Celebrate the art of storytelling and be transported into a world full of play and imagination at the Mary Poppins Festival. This free event is guaranteed to delight both young and the young at heart, with festival favourites, chimney sweeping, nanny

races and the grand parade plus street food vendors, market stalls, rides, pavement art and live entertainment.

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

29 September: 5 October: Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival in Western Australia. Australia's foremost outback historic motor sport event and will feature more than 250 motor cars and motorcycles from the glory years of motor racing from 1914 to 1939. The legendary Lake Perkolilli is a unique claypan with a hard and flat surface which made it ideal for motor racing.

<https://www.motoringpast.com.au/red-dust-revival>

1 – 31 October: Darwin International Laksa Festival in the Northern Territory. celebrates the diverse and flavourful elements of laksa and the Territory, as well as promoting local eateries and bringing our laksa loving community together.

<https://www.tourismtopend.com.au/events/event/86935-darwin-international-laksa-festival>

4 October: Corryong Agricultural Show in Corryong Victoria. action placed day with all of your fun filled favourites; dog jump, pet show, animal nursery, cow pat lotto, market and trade stalls, face painting, inflatable fun, live music, as well as bar and food facilities and we can't forget the fireworks!

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

4 October: Booligal Sheep Races in NSW. A truly unique outback event that has been running for over 20 years. The day features heats of 5 sheep all vying to take out the Booligal Cup. Visitors can hire a sheep on the day to race

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

4 – 5 October: Oysterfest in Ceduna, South Australia. The event offers free entry and a varied program of activities including live entertainment, family zone and, competitions for all ages, specialty cuisines, cocktails and stunt performances.

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

4 – 5 October: Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum in Alexandra, Victoria. Watch a diverse range of machines operating in close proximity and talk to the restorers and mechanics who keep this part of history alive. An event for all the family, with food trucks, a brewery, coffee and an open air dinner for exhibitors and their families.

<https://alexandratramway.org.au/attractions/machinery-festival/>

11 October: Back O' Bourke Stampede in Bourke, NSW. This Pro Rodeo includes Bull Ride, Saddle Bronc, Bareback Bronc Ride, Rope & Tie, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Barrel Race, Breakaway Roping and Junior Barrel Race.

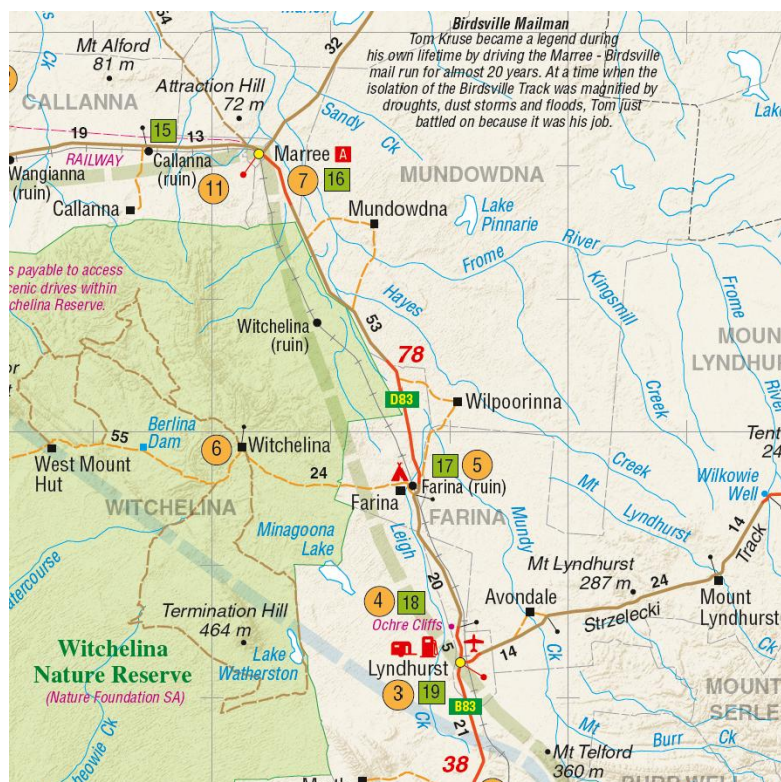
<https://www.visitbourke.com.au/products/back-o-bourke-stampede-peter-simmonds-memorial-pro-rodeo>

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.

Farina is one of those places that can easily be overlooked. From the road it seems little more than a scattering of old stone ruins in the red dirt of the outback, but if you take the time to stop, a bigger story begins to unfold. What looks like a ghost town at first glance turns out to be a place with a surprisingly colourful past and a new kind of life in the present.

The town sits in the arid Lake Eyre basin, about 26 kilometres north of Lyndhurst and 55 kilometres south of Marree, where the Oodnadatta and Birdsville Tracks begin and 540 kilometres north of Adelaide.



(Meridian Maps - Westprint Oodnadatta Track Map)

To early settlers this patch of country seemed like the start of something big. In the 1870s, they believed it would become a wheat-growing centre, even though the land lay well beyond Goyder's Line—the boundary that separated reliable farmland from marginal country. A few good seasons gave them hope, but the climate quickly reminded them how harsh it could be. Rainfall was patchy, the dust storms relentless, and crops failed more often than they grew.

Despite this, Farina managed to carve out a place for itself. In the beginning, it was little more than a well sunk by the South Australian Government near a stand of tall red gums. The area was originally proclaimed a town on 21/03/1878 and called "Government Gums" because of the mature River Red Gums in the creek to the north of the town. Tents popped up around the well from 1876, followed soon after by timber and corrugated iron buildings. Many of those lighter structures didn't last, but the stone buildings have endured, at least in part, and their remains are what you see today when you wander the site.

Later its name was changed to "Farina" (Latin for wheat or flour) by farmers. It was a hopeful name that reflected the ambitions of those first settlers who imagined endless fields of grain. For a short while, it didn't seem so far-fetched. The town grew quickly, laid out in more than 400 blocks, and by the 1880s, Farina had become a lively little hub at the very edge of settlement.

The railway arrived in 1882 and made Farina the end of the line for two years. This changed everything. Suddenly it was no longer an isolated outpost but a point of connection, where goods, stock, and people came and went. The railway brought with it miners, station workers, cameleers, and drifters. The community was surprisingly cosmopolitan for its location. Aboriginal families, Chinese labourers, Europeans, and Afghan cameleers all lived and worked here. For a while, the town thrived with a school, two hotels, a bakery, general stores, post office, churches, breweries, blacksmiths, and even a brothel. At its peak, around 600 people called Farina home.

Transport was the lifeblood of the place. Before the railway, horses, camels, mules and even bicycles kept people and goods moving across vast distances. The surrounding pastoral stations relied on Farina to ship wool, cattle, and sheep out to Port Augusta, Adelaide, and beyond. The town's location at the junction of the Oodnadatta and Birdsville Tracks made it a busy stopover point, not just for stock but for anyone travelling through the outback.

Of course, prosperity didn't last. Farming dreams faded with the return of dry seasons, and while mining gave a brief reprieve, that too dried up when the copper and silver mine closed in 1927. By the 1930s, the town's decline was obvious. Visitors described it in unflattering terms, one even calling it "the last

place on earth God made, and then he turned around and threw stones at it.” Harsh words, but they reflected the reality of a settlement struggling against impossible odds.



Bit by bit, people drifted away. The school shut its doors in 1957, the post office followed in 1960, and the store closed in 1967. The railway line, once the town's lifeline, was rerouted further west in 1980 and eventually pulled up in 1993. By then, the last permanent residents had gone, and Farina was little more than a ruin marked on maps. Even the cemetery, with its mix of European and Afghan graves, saw its last burial in 1960.

Despite its decline, Farina had its moments of note. One of the most unusual came when South Australia's largest meteorite—the 1.2-tonne Murnpeowie Meteorite — was hauled out of the desert northeast of town and shipped from Farina's station. Today it sits in the South Australian Museum in Adelaide, a reminder that even remote outposts can find themselves part of bigger stories.



By the 2000s, Farina might easily have stayed forgotten, but in 2009 a group of volunteers stepped in with a plan to keep its history alive. The Farina Restoration Group Inc, was formed to stabilise and restore the existing Farina Town Infrastructure and to display the history and “style of life” of an inland Australian township from the 1880’s to the 1960’s. The Farina Restoration Group has been working each winter since then to stabilise and restore what’s left.



The global aim of the Restoration Group is to attract increasing numbers of visitors to see the preserved town, to appreciate the history and to be a very significant attraction in the North Flinders Ranges area.



Their most popular project by far is the revival of the old underground bakery. The bakery started out in the 1880s, when an old meat store was converted into a bakehouse. It's built underground, which kept it cooler in the blazing outback heat, and it still houses its original Scotch oven which is believed to have been built in 1888. Back then, it is believed that there were only 100 residents in Farina and 30 houses.



That oven has been brought back to life, and every winter volunteers fire it up to bake bread, pies, cakes, and pastries. just as it would have back in the day. The wood fired oven is made of brick with a curved roof and is tied together at the top and bottom with iron rods to allow for expansion and contraction without breaking. The oven is surrounded by sand to allow a build up of stored heat. The fire burns in a separate chamber and circulates throughout the oven and out through a flue. The fire and temperature is controlled by a damper in the flue. In operation, the oven is heated and the fire is allowed to die down. Cooking is then done by the stored heat. The loaves of bread were pushed into and removed from the oven using paddles known as “peels”.



During the short season, usually from late May to early July, the smell of fresh bread drifts through the ruins. Travellers pull off the highway for a hot loaf, a meat pie, or a slice of sticky date pudding, and it's not unusual for the line to snake out the door of the little underground shop.



All the proceeds go back into restoration, so every lamington or sourdough loaf helps preserve the town.



The building was used as a bakery until the early 1940s. With the decline in population of Farina, it fell into disuse as a bakery and was turned into a butcher's cool store for some years.

In May 2010, the Farina Restoration group Inc reworked the oven and interior fit out and baking was recommenced after approximately 80 years of disuse.

Walking through the ruins today, it's not hard to picture what Farina must have been like at its height. You can wander among the old stone walls, read the stories on interpretive signs, and visit the cemetery, which tells its own tale of a diverse and often tough community.



Camping is available nearby, with bush-style facilities maintained by the owners of the present-day Farina Station. Lyndhurst, 26 kilometres south, is the nearest place with supplies, making Farina more of a destination stop than a convenience.

What's left of Farina is a mix of ghost town, outdoor museum, and working bakery. It may never be the wheat town its founders hoped for, but in many ways, it has become something more interesting. It's a reminder of the optimism of the early settlers, the resilience of those who stuck it out, and the efforts of today's volunteers who are making sure its story doesn't disappear into the dust.

Whether you camp overnight or simply stop for a wander and a hot pie, Farina has a way of leaving an impression. It might not look like much from the road but take the time to explore and you'll discover a place that's as much about the present as it is about the past.

For more information on Farina go to: <https://farinarestoration.com/>

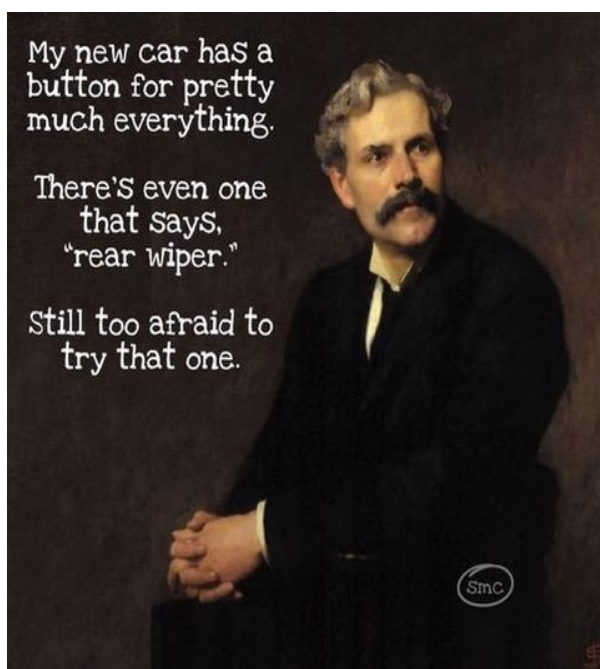
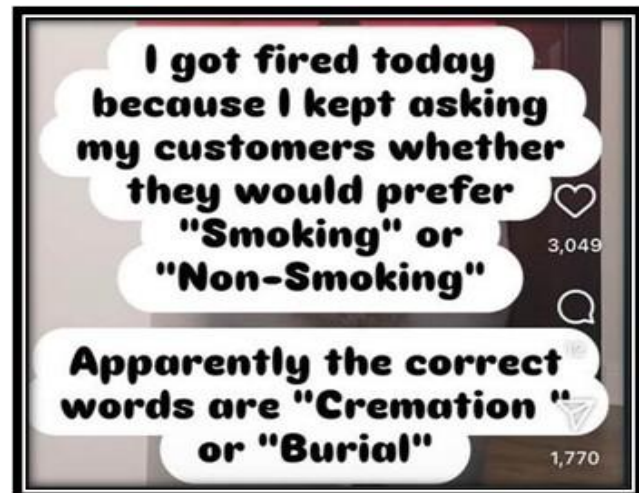
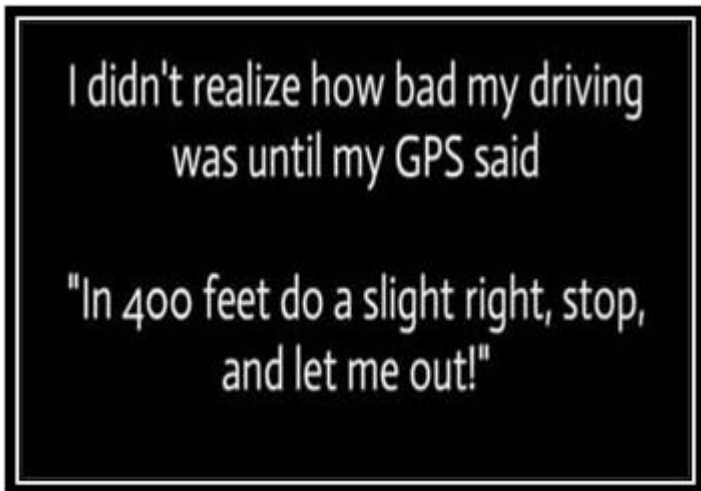
Meridian Mirth

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

THIS IS WHY WE LOVE CHILDREN

- 1) I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'
- 2) A woman was trying hard to get the sauce out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'
- 3) A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'
- 4) A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.' 'And why not, darling?' 'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

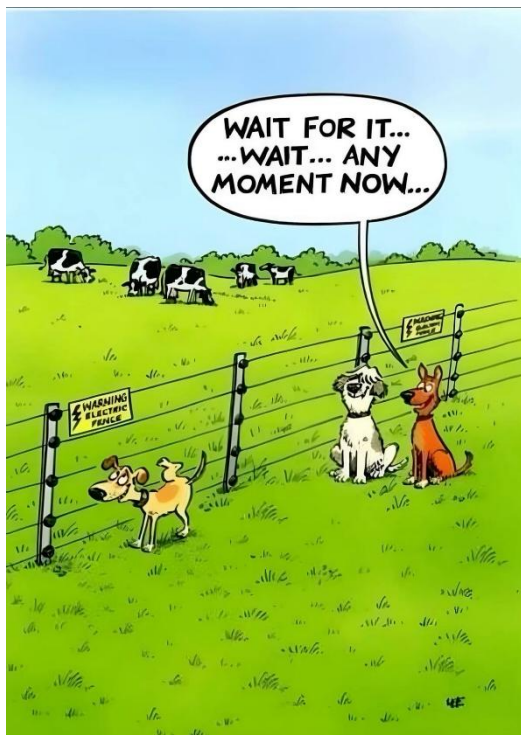
5) A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'



GRANDMA ONCE SAID,
"SOMETIMES YOU
HAVE TO HUG THE
PEOPLE YOU DON'T LIKE
SO YOU KNOW HOW BIG
TO DIG THE HOLE IN
YOUR BACKYARD."



Son:
"Dad, I've got a
part in the school
play, I play a man
who's been
married 25 years"
Dad:
"Maybe next time
you'll get a
speaking part"



The Fine Print

At The Meridian Line

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