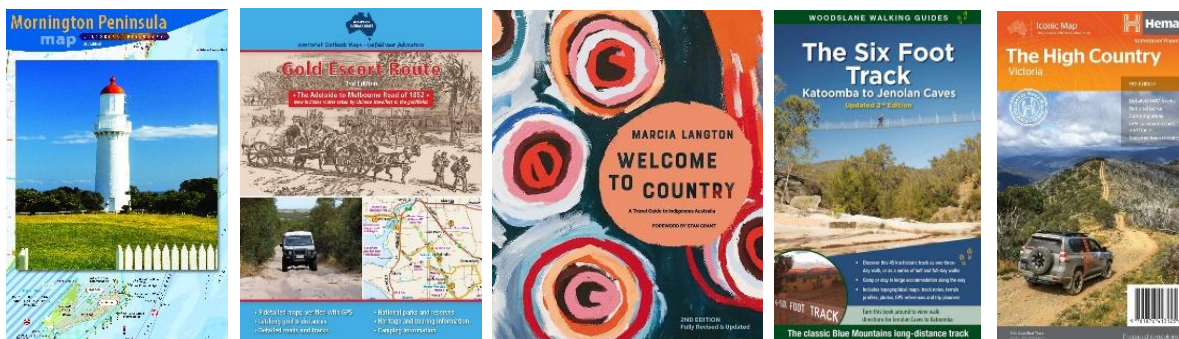


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**"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." —Albert Einstein**



### ***Mornington Peninsula Info Map – from \$16.95***

Explore the Mornington Peninsula like never before with this fully detailed and beautifully presented map. Featuring postcode boundaries, the peninsula's hills and valleys in relief, and an up-to-date road network with subdivisions, it's designed to help you navigate every corner with ease. Fully revised, it includes tourist attractions, wineries, distilleries, local produce farms, parks, golf courses, and recreation reserves, all with handy contact tables. New symbols highlight buoys, channels, and navigation aids, while the 1:50,000 scale ensures maximum detail for every journey. Perfect for businesses, tour operators, real estate agents, accommodation owners, holidaymakers, and locals, the map is as versatile as it is practical. Display it as a large, eye-catching wall map (855mm x 1122mm) or fold it down to a convenient glove box size (285mm x 187mm) for on-the-go adventures. Whether you're exploring scenic highways, hidden byways, or planning your next getaway, this map is an indispensable companion for anyone who lives, works, or plays on the Mornington Peninsula.

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

### **Gold Escort Route – \$32.95**

The Gold Escort Route between Adelaide and Castlemaine is one of Australia's oldest interstate roads—and possibly the most original that can still be travelled today. As the first direct route between Adelaide and Melbourne, it carries with it the stories of pioneer settlers, fortune seekers, and the great Mount Alexander gold rush of the 1850s. Originally forged from station tracks in the mid-1840s, when there were no maps, few signposts and unreliable water, the route became the path of the South Australian Gold Escort Service, which transported miners' gold back to Adelaide. While the official escorts lasted only two years, the track itself remained the Adelaide–Melbourne Road for another 70 years. In some places, such as the Little Desert, the tracks date from 1845 for European use and may stretch back thousands of years as Aboriginal pathways, with sections that have never been graded or altered. Today, the Gold Escort Route offers travellers a unique journey through history, with road surfaces ranging from smooth bitumen highways to sandy 4WD-only tracks. Detailed maps highlight alternative routes where the original track no longer exists, as well as seasonal options and wet-weather warnings. Just as the Gold Escort Service once varied its course to avoid bushrangers or difficult conditions, modern travellers can choose between different sections of the track from Wellington to Castlemaine, creating a new adventure each time.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/gold-escort-route/>

### **Welcome to Country - \$55.00**

*Marcia Langton: Welcome to Country 2nd Edition* is the essential follow-up to Australia's landmark travel guide, *Welcome to Country*. In this extensively updated edition, Marcia Langton presents a comprehensive guide to Indigenous-owned and -operated tourism experiences across the country, featuring an expanded directory with 250 new listings, illustrated maps, and striking photography by Wayne Quilliam. Celebrating the world's longest continuing culture, this guide offers countless ways to engage with and deepen understanding of Australia's First Peoples. From arts centres to immersive tours, it covers practical travel advice, cultural insights, and visitor etiquette, making it easy to explore respectfully and meaningfully. The book also addresses contemporary events and issues, including Native Title, the Stolen Generations, the 2020 bushfires, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the ongoing journey toward a rightful place in the nation for First Australians. As the first book of its kind, *Welcome to Country 2nd Edition*—authored by a highly respected First Nations scholar—is an essential addition to every Australian home, offering both inspiration and guidance for meaningful travel experiences across the country.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/marcia-langton-welcome-to-country/>

### ***The Six Foot Track - \$22.95***

The Six Foot Track is one of Australia's most iconic long-distance walks, set in the breathtaking World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. Stretching 44 kilometres, the trek takes you down dramatic escarpments, across wide rivers, and through remote bushland, offering both challenge and stunning scenery. This second edition features a clever, original format: the first half presents directions from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves, and by turning the book upside down, you can follow the route from Jenolan Caves back to Katoomba. Full-colour maps and detailed walk statistics—including distance, total ascent and descent, walk grades, and estimated times—make planning and navigation simple. Beyond practical guidance, the book is packed with information about local flora and fauna, historical insights, and points of interest. Learn about the construction of the Coxs River suspension bridge, discover activities around Jenolan Caves, and uncover the stories of the people who built this track more than 100 years ago, all illustrated with full-colour photographs highlighting key attractions along the way. Whether you take on the Six Foot Track as a single-day marathon, a challenging two-day hike, or a more relaxed three-day journey, this guide covers all the logistics. It provides details on accommodation, public transport at either end, and essential gear to ensure a safe, comfortable, and unforgettable adventure through one of Australia's most remarkable landscapes.

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

### ***The High Country Victoria - \$15.95***

Explore Victoria's High Country with this durable, waterproof edition of the Hema High Country Map, featuring Hema's renowned mapping and an extensive collection of points of interest. All roads and 4WD tracks have been field-checked for accuracy, making this an essential tool for adventurers. The map combines Hema's complete database of roads and 4WD tracks with detailed touring information, topographic data, seasonal track closures, camping areas, old townsites, huts, accommodation options, and distances. It highlights some of the High Country's most iconic tracks, including Wonnangatta (Zeka Spur), Billy Goat Bluff, Ingeegoodbee Track, Mount Pinnibar, and Blue Rag Range Track. Whether you're planning a serious off-road adventure or a scenic touring trip, this map provides everything you need to navigate safely and make the most of the spectacular Victorian High Country.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/vic-high-country/>

## Meridian Musings

It is always great to hear feedback from members of the Meridian Line community.

I know that many of our readers enjoy the stories sent in by readers. Having read the story on War Memorials written by Katie and published in the last edition of The Meridian Line, Vince wrote in to say:

I really liked the article on war memorials. Great theme. Being an active tennis player (twice a week), the following sentence really had a lot of meaning for me. 'Over the 4 days of battle there, in an area the size of two 2 tennis courts, more than 4,000 Turkish and 2273 Australian soldiers fought and died for their countries.' Unbelievable. It's hard to imagine when you know the dimensions of 2 tennis courts."

Here's what one customer had to say after following our suggestion to laminate the Grampians Peaks Trail maps:

"Thanks for the advice to laminate my set of the Grampians Peak Trails which I ordered from you. By the end of our trip, everybody else's maps had started to disintegrate while mine were still fine. Thanks again."

And more recently from Franziska:

"Outstanding Customer Service - very friendly, committed, professional and customer-oriented! I couldn't have come up with a better solution for my problem than the one we found! Am very glad we bought the map we needed with that particular map shop! I can only recommend that shop (and the maps)!"

We recently received this informative update from Bob Dunn, Author of ***The Disputed Country***.

"Here's a long-overdue update on a couple of events relating to the SA/VIC border.

Spoiler alert: The location of the border north of Wade's Termination Point (near Border Town) is still unknown and there is no prospect of resolution. Likewise for the connection of the NSW/VIC/SA borders at the River Murray. That connection has never been legally defined, and the relevant states cannot agree on where the border connections should be made.

But there have been a couple important happenings with regard to the SA/VIC border--



The memorial plaque for Henry Wade has been re-made and relocated to the centre of Sunbury, Victoria. Wade was the original surveyor of this, Australia's first surveyed border. The first plaque has been missing for some time. The plaque's location is very near to the place where Wade died while on a surveying assignment. According to research by Peter Wade (direct descendant) Wade is buried on the western fringe of Sunbury. I attended the unveiling ceremony on 10 December 2024 and during the reception had a long, informal chat with the Victorian Surveyor-General Craig Sandy. As we talked of his work priorities it became obvious any border issues would need to take a back seat to high profile show-stoppers like the Treaty and Reconciliation which he assured me would involve land boundary issues.

A photo of the new plaque is included. Note that, apart from the first stage of the SA/VIC border, Wade made a huge contribution to both Queensland and Victoria.



Not finished with the unveiling process, on 2 April 2025 John Deckert (founder of Westprint Maps, now Meridian Maps) and I unveiled an interpretive panel at the location of Wade's Termination Point (WTP) where in 1847 Wade's south-to-north surveying party stopped. The remaining northward survey to the Murray River was completed by Edward Riggs White completed in Feb



1851. WTP is roughly half-way between the sea and the Murray. South of this point the border position is accurately known, north of WTP the markers were lost in the terrible bushfire of early Feb 1851. In the process White's timber border markers, just installed, were completely destroyed.

From our time of re-discovery of WTP quite some years ago, John and I have been keen to install an interpretive panel which can tell the story of the survey and the importance of Wade's Termination Point.



To visit this point from the border rest area on the Western Hwy/Dukes Hwy, travel east for 1.6km and turn left (north) on C3226 (Serviceton North - Telopea Downs Rd.)

Travel for 7.3km and turn left (west) on Coads Rd.

Travel for 3.5km on Coads Rd. And turn right (north) on the Border Road. Travel north on the Border Road, including making a very small left jag at Percotts Rd.

North of Percotts Rd there will be a small clearing on the right, complete with a 'runaway hole'. The panel is there.

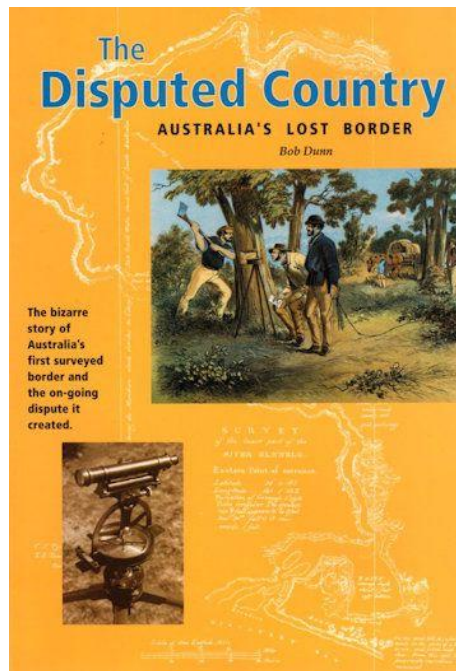
The precise location of Wade's Termination Point is shown by a small post set near the fence behind the panel.

In a straight line it is 9.41 km north of the highway.

There is another memorial to both Henry Wade and Edward Riggs White right on the border just east of Nelson, Vic on the road to Mt Gambier. It's a roadside rest area with a couple of tables and interpretive panel along with a plaque. That entire installation was refurbished last year by the Institution of Surveyors, Australia who did a fine job on polishing and re-inking the panels.



If you wish to look further into Australia's Lost Border and find out why it's lost, why it's more than 3 km too far west, why South Australia fought a legal battle with Victoria which lasted for decades, and why the border fence is not on the border itself, why the border fence has right angle turns, get yourself a copy of my book *The Disputed Country* right here at Meridian Maps (<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/disputed-country/>).



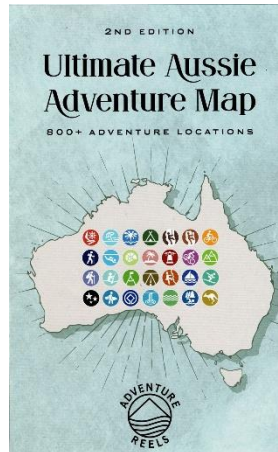
## What's New to the Website

### ***Ultimate Aussie Adventure Map - \$27.50***

Australia is full of unforgettable adventures, and the Ultimate Aussie Adventure Map brings more than 700 of them together in one place. Designed to inspire every kind of explorer, it's the perfect guide whether you're chasing thrills, soaking up nature, or seeking out hidden gems. The map highlights everything from breathtaking hikes and coastal trails to remote camping escapes and wild swimming spots, making it easy to uncover new experiences wherever your travels take you.

Beautifully presented as a double-sided map of Australia measuring 700mm wide by 1000mm high, it features over 700 destinations along with curated lists of the top activities around the country. More than just a map, it's an invitation to tick off iconic locations, discover new favourites, and create lasting memories along the way. It also makes a thoughtful gift for the adventure lovers in your life, sparking inspiration for journeys yet to come.

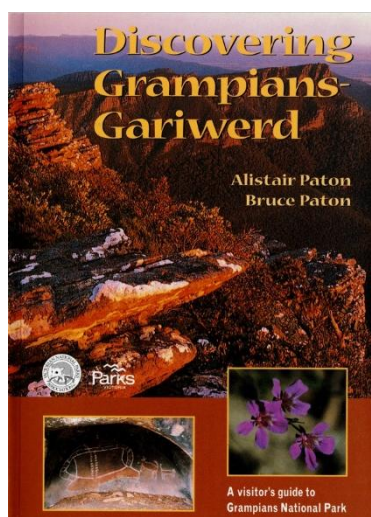




<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/aussie-adventure-map/>

### ***Discovering Grampians - Gariwerd - \$19.95***

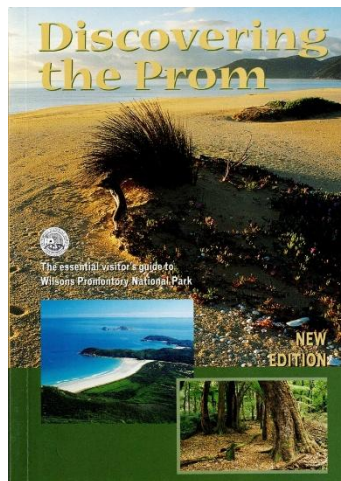
Grampians–Gariwerd (Grampians National Park) in western Victoria is a bushwalker's paradise, offering everything from gentle strolls to challenging full-day hikes. Rising dramatically from the Wimmera plains, these rugged mountains are rich in wildlife and wildflowers, while also holding deep cultural significance as a living landscape of Australia's Indigenous heritage. This comprehensive guide is designed to help you plan your visit and get the most from your time in the Grampians. Inside you'll find suggested itineraries, detailed notes and maps for 48 walks, and plenty of ideas for scenic drives, rock climbing and other outdoor activities. The guide also features 16 pages of full-colour plates showcasing the region's flora and fauna, as well as Gariwerd creation stories, and handy bird and animal lists to enrich your exploration.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/discovering-grampians-gariwerd/>

### ***Discovering the Prom - \$19.95***

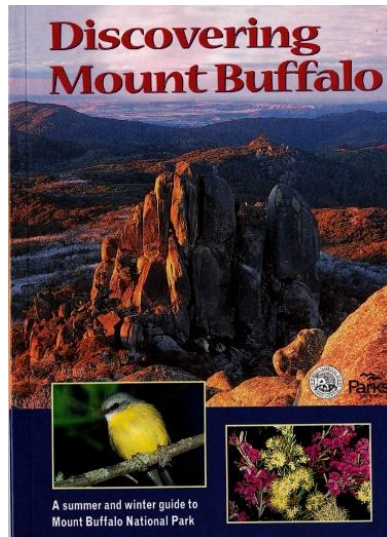
With its granite peaks, towering forests, coastal heathlands, sweeping sandy bays and sparkling surf, Wilsons Promontory is one of Victoria's most treasured national parks. Loved by generations of visitors, it offers endless opportunities for exploration, whether you're a seasoned Prom devotee or discovering its beauty for the first time. This comprehensive guidebook is packed with practical information and inspiration to help you make the most of your visit. Inside you'll find detailed notes on 27 walks ranging from short strolls to full-day and overnight hikes, along with nature trails to spark curiosity. It also covers snorkelling, diving and car touring options, supported by 11 maps and illustrations, plus black-and-white photographs that capture the park's character. Adding depth to the experience, the book explores both Aboriginal and European history of the area, while also providing essential details on accommodation and facilities.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/discovering-the-prom/>

### ***Discovering Mount Buffalo - \$19.95***

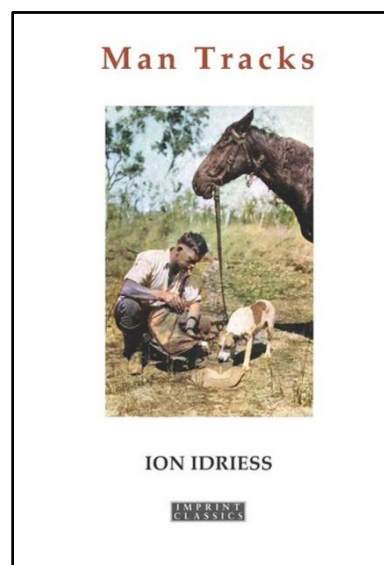
When the summer sun paints the cliffs of the Gorge in glowing amber, or when winter light sparkles across the icy face of the Horn, you know you've arrived at Mt Buffalo—one of Victoria's most treasured national parks. Whether explored by car, on foot, or on skis, the mountain rewards both casual visitors and seasoned adventurers with its dramatic scenery and rich natural beauty. This detailed guidebook is the perfect companion for your visit, featuring 28 walks for both summer and winter, a dedicated winter ski guide, and suggestions for scenic car tours. It includes seven maps, a bird list, and 16 pages of striking colour plates showcasing the park's wildflowers, along with fascinating historical illustrations. The book also delves into the Aboriginal and European history of the region, adding cultural depth to your experience of this remarkable alpine landscape.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/discovering-mount-buffalo/>

### ***Man Tracks – \$29.95***

Man Tracks recounts gripping true stories of the pursuit of lawbreakers across some of Australia's most remote and untamed country. From patrols through the Kimberleys and the rugged Fitzmaurice River region to the far north-west of Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Central Australia, each chapter brings to life the voices of both pursuers and pursued—white, black, and brown. At the heart of the book are remarkable accounts of Aboriginal trackers, their extraordinary skill described in detail exactly as it was practised in each case. Unique in scope and authenticity, these tracking stories had never before been gathered in book form, making Man Tracks a rare and compelling record of Australia's frontier history.

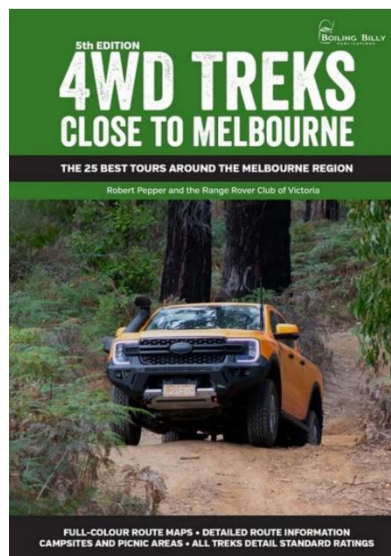


<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/man-tracks/>



## **4WD Treks Close to Melbourne 5<sup>th</sup> Edition - \$49.95**

Fully updated and field-checked by the Range Rover Club of Victoria, the 2025 fifth edition of *4WD Treks Close to Melbourne* introduces five brand-new treks and covers a total of 25 of the best four-wheel drive adventures within just a few hours of the city. Perfect for both casual day trips and longer overnight escapes, this indispensable guide will lead you through hidden gold mining areas, historic townships, lush forests and the spectacular mountain landscapes that frame Melbourne. Whether you're after a gentle family outing or a challenging off-road experience, *4WD Treks Close to Melbourne* is your key to discovering some of the finest picnic spots, walking tracks, campsites, swimming holes and fishing locations right on the city's doorstep.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/4wd-treks-melbourne-5e/>

Please note that we have 2 copies of the 4<sup>th</sup> editions of the 4WD Treks Close to Melbourne in our Clearance section at a reduced price.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/4wd-treks-close-to-melbourne/>

### **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>

Birdsville Track - SA Border to Mungeranie – **Closed**. The road is impassable due to flooding in the Goyder Lagoon floodplain area. Repair works are in progress.

Birdsville Inside Track – **Closed**. Due to flooding until further notice.

Strzelecki Track - Della/Dullingari Rd junction to Moomba **Closed**. Due to flooding and severe flood damage until further notice.

Cooper Creek Ferry Crossing Access **Closed**. Closed due to flooding at the Cooper Creek Ferry Crossing site. No public access. Construction traffic only.

Strzelecki Track - Merty Merty to Mt Hopeless, Mt Hopeless to Talc Mine Rd, Talc Mine Rd to Lyndhurst, **4WD / HV** Caution at creek crossings. No access east of Moomba due to flood damage. No services at Moomba. Next service - Camerons Corner.

Mount Buffalo National Park, on Taungurung country, is closed until further notice due to the ongoing Victoria Police incident at Porepunkah.

Witton Bluff Base Trail which connects the townships of Port Noarlunga and Christies Beach in South Australia via a 1.1-kilometre coastal pathway has now opened.

Autumn bookings for camping trips until 30 June 2026, which includes Labour Day, Easter holidays, ANZAC Day and Kings Birthday 2026 have now opened through Parks Victoria. Camping fees at Parks Victoria campgrounds have been set at half price. [Parks VIC - Book](#)

*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 Dunny 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/>

**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 – 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](mailto:rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au) . Thanks to Terry for sending in this story which was part of a larger trip that he completed.

### **The Track That Disappeared**

Bulldust flowed down the windscreen like rain in a tropical storm and my turbo diesel Patrol growled defiantly as it surged through the enveloping cloud of power sucking dust. I was on my way to Andamooka, South Australia enroute to Western Australia but this part of my journey began in Lyndhurst.



Lyndhurst is a small supply point in the North of South Australia between Leigh Creek and Maree. I had read about a little used and at times ill-defined track through pastoral land to Andamooka and although it was shown on my map I decided to get some up to date information and in a small bush town where else do you go for such advice but to the pub.

The Publican revealed that the track should be OK, (bush parlance for it may not be easy) but sometimes it may disappear in a clay pan where meandering cattle have obliterated the track. "But look around and you should pick it up somewhere." Armed with this comforting information I made my way to the service station to fuel up.

When answering the attendant's question, "Where are you off to mate?" he asked me to deliver a newspaper to 'Whichelena' a pastoral property on my way. So off I went with my precious cargo for 'Whichelena'. The track to the homestead was uneventful and I duly attempted to deliver the newspaper but was greeted by a dog with an unwelcoming ferocity that left me in no doubt I was intruding on its territory. Sounding the car horn I was unable to procure any human inhabitant and I therefore decided to throw the newspaper on to the veranda and take my leave. In the rear view mirror I could see the dog happily wagging its tail.

Soon after leaving 'Whichelena' I encountered the aforementioned bulldust. This dust, common on outback roads is like fine talcum powder and can be a trap for the unwary. Having successfully negotiated this obstacle I soon made camp for the night beside a dry creek bed.

Not long after leaving camp next morning I came upon a clay pan and true to the Lyndhurst publican's word the track disappeared. I searched far and wide on the other side where I thought the track should be but to no avail. It was not until I went looking elsewhere that I discovered a faint track. I followed this track for some distance across dry creek beds and small dunes until I came upon the 'dingo fence'.



This fence runs for 5,320 kilometres from Jambour in Queensland to the Eyre Peninsular on the Great Australian Bight, 2,225 kilometres of which are in South Australia. The fence was constructed to keep marauding dingos out of sheep grazing country. This was not what I wanted to see as according to my map the dingo fence was north of where I should be.

I was comforted in the knowledge however, that the dingo fence crossed the Borefield Road that runs down from the Oodnadatta Track to Roxby Downs and if I could reach that I would be OK. I continued to follow the track along the fence line but my confidence was dented momentarily when I came to a gate in the fence. Fearing that it may be locked I was relieved to find that it was not the case. A few kilometres later I reached the Borefield Track and turned left for Roxby Downs.



I had not reached Andamooka as planned but I did find a way out of that clay pan albeit the wrong track.

## Meridian Mirth

To share your jokes, please send them to [rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au](mailto:rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au). Many thanks to Vince, Paul and Ron for their contributions!

A Navy Chief noticed a new seaman and barked at him, "Get over here! What's your name sailor?"

"John," the new seaman replied.

"Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy crap they're teaching sailors in nowadays, but I don't call anyone by his first name," the chief scowled. "It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I



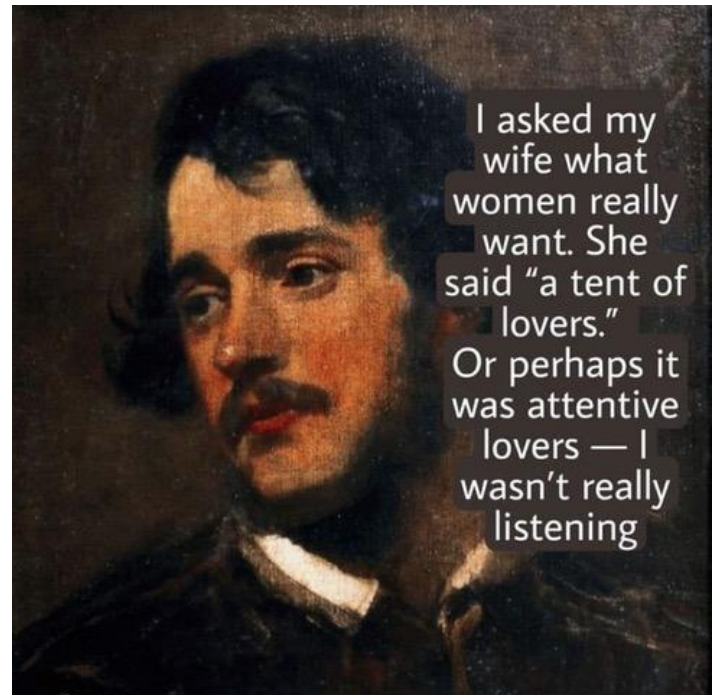
refer to my sailors by their last names only; Smith, Jones, Baker, whatever. And you are to refer to me as 'Chief'. Do I make myself clear?"

"Aye, Aye Chief!"


"Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?"

"The seaman sighed. "Darling, My name is John Darling, Chief."

"Okay, John, here's what I want you to do."



Dogs aren't the only animal you can train. I had a goldfish that could breakdance on the carpet...but only for like 20 seconds

You know how they throw the ball into the crowd after they win the game? That's not allowed in bowling. I know that now. 

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## THE PHONE CALL

We were sitting munching Weetbix,  
Behind the closed Van door;  
When we heard an urgent knocking.  
Before her face we saw.

"Which one of you's named Walker?"  
She called out, in a trembling voice;  
"That's him over there", I said,  
You see, I really didn't have much choice

You have to ring your wife back home,  
They are in trouble, - because of you;  
So go over to the phone box,  
And see what you can do.

**Panic** swept across his face,  
His plate crashed to the floor;  
He spun around and clutched the stove,  
Which way was the open door.

He grabbed some coin and paper money,  
Put on his coat and ran;  
Thoughts cascading through his mind,  
The dog, the house, - the pension plan.

He found the public phone box,  
Pushed six coins through the slot;  
Picked up the ebony handpiece,  
But his home number, he'd forgot

So he settled down and calmed his mind,  
The numbers, - slowly drifted back,  
He pushed the digits sequentially,  
His mind - now back on track.

But "hello, hello" was all he heard,  
He wasn't getting through;  
But the voice coming from, the other end,  
Was someone that he knew.

But in his haste, the coins had jammed,  
And blocked communication;  
Technology had let him down,  
Halfway across the nation.

Now he'd lost five dollars in this wave,  
So another five went in;  
The phone fastened on, to this lot too,  
With his patience wearing thin.

"Hullo Hullo" again on the line,  
Now - a different family voice,  
Another 'blockage' held him up,  
So he had, no other choice:

But to call the lady from the store,  
To help him in his plight;  
He didn't think she'd be much help,  
But then again, - she might.

She had seen this happen, frequently,  
So she strode across prepared;  
Screw driver, meat skewer, and C.R.C  
It looked like she really cared.

She deftly opened up the box,  
The coins fell to the floor;  
The channels discharged freely,  
Until there were no more.

So he started out with new desire,  
Placed the coins correctly in,  
Keen to hear, what fate had in store,  
Or - of the perils, of his kin.

So after twenty minutes,  
Of irrelevant family chat,  
He said "let's start and concentrate"  
And tell me, where we are at.

"Oh! it's alright dear", a soft voice said,  
"We needed a reminder;  
Where is the key to your tool box, love,  
We need the *angle grinder*"

My wife: You need to do more chores around the house.

Me: Can we change the subject?

My wife: Ok. More chores around the house need to be done by you.

### **The Fine Print**

#### **At The Meridian Line**

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