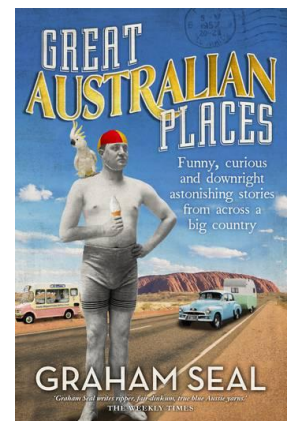
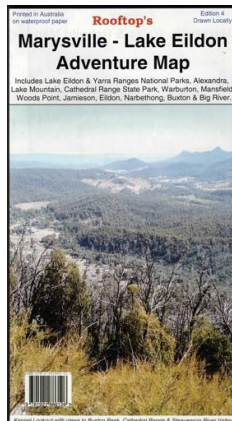
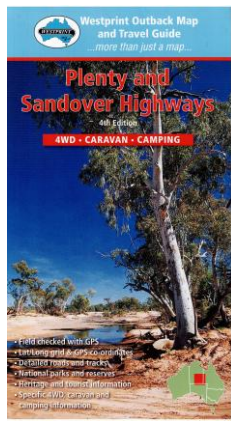


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“To travel is to live” – Hans Christian Andersen.”

Focus on Five



Lerderderg & Werribee Gorges Map Guide – from \$10.95

Popular walking locations are Melbourne's western gorges. This map offers detailed coverage of Lerderderg State Park and Werribee Gorge State Park. Included are a 1:30,000 scale map of Lerderderg, a 1:20,000 map of Werribee Gorge, a 1:15,000 map covering the area from Blackwood to O'Briens Crossing, a 1:55,000 map of the striking Pyrete Range, and a 1:40,000 map of Long Forest Reserve featuring six recently established walking trails. This edition includes 17 new and revised walking notes, along with fascinating information about the parks' history, wildlife, and recreational options. Emergency Marker Coordinates are also included for both parks, making this a handy and reliable guide for bushwalkers, day-trippers, and four-wheel-drive enthusiasts. Lerderderg State Park, located just an hour's drive from Melbourne, Bacchus Marsh or Ballarat, is a rugged and beautiful destination shaped by the Lerderderg River as it carves its way through a dramatic gorge. Visitors can enjoy a picnic at Shaws Lake or O'Briens Crossing, explore remnants of an old water race, walk a section of the Great Dividing Trail, or take a relaxed riverside stroll from Mackenzies Flat Picnic Area. Despite being so close to the city, much of the park feels wonderfully remote. The gorge

section between O'Briens Crossing and Mackenzies Flat offers breathtaking scenery and is ideal for experienced hikers looking for a challenge. Families can enjoy a day by the river, a gentle walk to Grahams Dam, or an overnight stay at the woodland-surrounded Lerderderg Campground.

Werribee Gorge State Park offers an entirely different kind of adventure. Shaped by over 500 million years of geological history, its steep river gorges and rocky ridgelines are perfect for bushwalkers and climbers seeking a wild and scenic environment. With a variety of walking trails and panoramic viewpoints, this untamed landscape invites exploration. Visitors who come prepared can enjoy picnicking and hiking through one of Victoria's most geologically fascinating areas at their own pace.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/lerderderg-werribee-gorges-map/>

Plenty and Sandover Highways – from \$14.95

The Plenty and Sandover Highways provide the most direct—and scenic—route from Alice Springs to Boulia, Mount Isa, and western Queensland. Far more interesting than the bitumen alternatives, these roads lead you through little-known but fascinating spots like the fossicking fields near Gemtree, the Boxhole Meteorite Crater, and the Aboriginal community of Atitjere, where local art is available for purchase. The route crosses diverse landscapes, from spinifex plains and mulga woodlands to Queensland's Channel Country. Like all Westprint maps, this one features extensive historical and tourist information, with numbered symbols linked to detailed site descriptions. It clearly marks distances, fuel stops, rest areas, caravan parks, and campsites. Explorer routes are colour-coded, and GPS coordinates are included throughout. Coverage includes the Plenty Highway, part of the Sandover Highway, the Diamantina Developmental Road, Birdsville, and Dajarra. It's ideal for four-wheel drivers, campers, and anyone keen to explore the heart of Australia.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/plenty-and-sandover-highways/>

Marysville-Lake Eildon Adventure Map – \$13.95

The Marysville-Lake Eildon Adventure Map from Rooftop Maps is at 1:100,000 scale and covers from Mansfield, Bonnie Doon and Merton in the north to Warburton Upper Yarra reservoir and Matlock in the south.

It includes Marysville, Lake Mountain, Cathedral Range, Yarra Ranges National Park, Big River, Buxton, Upper Yarra, Enoch Point, Stockmans Reward, A1 Settlement, Gaffneys Creek, Kevington, Knockwood, Woods Point, Big River State Forest.

The Reverse side is a 1:50,000 scale map covering Cathedral Range, an

inset of Marysville town and area, Buxton Town and Area, Acheron and Steavensons Rivers. Printed on waterproof paper.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/marysville-lake-eildon-map/>

Travelling with Pets – 7th Edition – \$34.95

Get your paws on the latest edition of Travelling with Pets on Australia's East Coast . Travelling with your beloved dog, cat, bird or horse? Independently researched and collated, the newly updated seventh edition of this popular guide explores the best pet-friendly accommodation (from 5-star hotels to campgrounds) between Port Douglas and Port Fairy. Every entry includes a brief, unbiased opinion plus details regarding price and which pets are welcome. Now also featuring the best doggie days out, dog-friendly beaches, parks, cafes, pubs and wineries, so you can enjoy family outings with your beloved furry or feathered friends. In collating this invaluable resource for pet owners, no advertising was accepted, and only the author's choice of the best accommodation has been included. Discover thousands of places to stay with your pet. Includes traveller's tips for dog-friendly sightseeing. Updated with new Destinations, Doggy Days Out and more.

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

Great Australian Places –RRP ~~\$36.99~~ Sale \$33.29

Australia's master storyteller, Graham Seal, takes us all around the country, uncovering tales of unsolved crimes, early exploration and military exploits, fascinating natural phenomena and iconic destinations.

Wherever you go in Australia, you'll stumble across traces of ancient settlement, remnants of exploration, yarns from the roaring days of gold and bushranging, unexplained events and a never-ending cast of eccentric characters.

Graham Seal takes us on a storytelling tour, from iconic destinations to tiny settlements, remote landmarks and little-known corners of this vast continent. He discovers the true stories behind the immortal Aussie songs about the pub with no beer and the land where the crow flies backwards. He visits sites precious to First Nations people and others precious to recent arrivals; he uncovers hair-raising stories in dangerous places; and he tracks down the elusive Everywhere Man. He also investigates mysterious natural phenomena and unsolved crimes, and takes us to locations of gruesome crimes and secret installations.

Whether you're planning a road trip or indulging in an evening of armchair travel, Graham Seal's ***Great Australian Places*** will surprise, amuse and entertain you.

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

Meridian Musings

Recently I was watching the news and saw a story on a speedy rescue of three divers off the coast of Peterborough in Victoria, whose boat had overturned in choppy weather. The rescue was facilitated by walkers who were on the nearby cliffs and saw the three divers in the water. They called 000 immediately and used the what3words app to precisely provide their location to emergency responders who were at the location in short time and winched the divers to safety in a nine-minute operation. The app has divided the entire world into a grid of 3-metre squares, with each square given its own unique three-word address – for example, ///filled.count.soap. This means you can pinpoint and share an exact location simply by using three words, rather than lengthy GPS coordinates or complicated directions.

This helps underscore the importance of ensuring we have the correct safety gear when out in the bush whether walking or driving. For bushwalkers, campers, 4WD enthusiasts and other outdoor adventurers, what3words can be a handy addition to your navigation toolkit. You can use it to mark a favourite campsite, identify a particular access point, share the location of a vehicle or meeting point, or let friends know exactly where you are on a remote track. The three-word address can be easily shared with others, and the app can open the location in mapping services such as Google Maps or Apple Maps.

The what3words app and online map are free for individual users and are available on iOS, Android and the web. While it shouldn't replace a good map, compass or GPS when you're heading into the bush, it provides another useful way of communicating locations – particularly in places where there are few roads, signs or recognisable landmarks. Three simple words can tell someone exactly where to find you.

What's New to the Website

Magnificent Tasmania – 2nd Edition - \$16.99

This souvenir book's vibrant photography of Tasmania is accompanied by a concise but fascinating commentary, an indispensable reminder for both international and Australian visitors to this very special place. Armchair travellers and children will pick it up time and again to whet their appetites and perhaps to plan their own visits. Includes sections on geography, wildlife and

culture, Cradle Mountain, Port Arthur, the Bay of Fires, the Tarkine, Ben Lomond, the Overland Track, Bruny and Maria Islands, Wineglass Bay and the Great Western Tiers.



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

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/>

Victoria Pass is currently closed on the Great Western Highway between Mount Victoria and Little Hartley. All highway traffic between Mount Victoria and Lithgow is detoured via the Darling Causeway and Chifley Road. Road is expected to reopen in the second quarter of next year.

Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park:
Public Access Route 13 Halligan Bay Point – open
Public Access Route 2 Level Post Bay–Closed for safety purposes due to flood damage

Tallaringa Conservation Park: Public Access Route 6 Tallaringa– Open to 4WD.

Innaminka Regional Reserve and Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park closed due to flooding.

Witjira National Park Open: Witjira National Park – Open
Dalhousie Campground – Open
Three O’Clock Creek Campground –Open
Dalhousie Campground to Purni Bore – Open
The Dalhousie airstrip – Closed
Pedirka Track (on park) — Closed
Bloods Creek Ruin to Federal Waterhole Track – Closed
Binns Track – Open
Public Access Route Number 8 Pedirka – Open to 4WD

Munga-Thirri – Simpson Desert National Park Open.

Birdsville Inside track, Birdsville Track – Cooper Creek Causeways, Birdsville Track – Cooper Creek to Maree, Birdsville Track – Mungaranie to Cooper Creek, Birdsville Track – SA border to Mungaranie – all closed.

Strzelecki Track – Innamincka to Della/Dullingari Rd Junction, Merty Merty to Mt Hopeless, Moomba to Merty Merty, Mt Hopeless to Talc Mine Rd, Talc Mine Rd to Lyndhurst - open to 4WD/HV only.
Strzelecki Track - Della/Dullingari Rd junction to Moomba – closed

Oodnadatta Track – Bopeechee to Marree, Marla to Oodnadatta, Oodnadatta to William Creek, William Creek to Bopeechee – currently open to 4WD.

William Creek Rd - Coober Pedy to William Creek – open to 4wd.

And good news from the Cameron Corner Store facebook page

The most exciting news we’ve had this year. QLD has opened the roads!! 🥳
This means you can get to and from Innamincka and Noccundra through here!! 🚗💨
It does state they are high clearance vehicles only but towing is aloud.
I have marked red on the roads that are still closed.
🍺See ya at the Corner!! 🍺



What's On

Back O' Bourke Stampede in Bourke, NSW will not go ahead in 2026.. This popular event has been moved to a biennial format with the next event planned for 2027.

17 October: Karuah Oyster and Timber Festival in NSW. An event that you will love for its eccentricity and uniqueness! Watch the state's best axemen compete in wood chopping, and sample delicious oysters from the local area. The festival is a family affair with the children's fishing competition, our "duck race" and the oyster eating competition catering for many ages, plenty of stalls and entertainment suitable for the entire family.

<https://karuah.org/events/karuah-oyster-and-timber-festival/>

17 October: Coonalpyn Show in South Australia. Now in its 81st year the Coonalpyn show theme this year is Women in Agriculture. There is an indoor pavilion with the classic sections including Cookery, Flowers, Eggs, Jams &

Preserves, Art & Craft, Knitting & Sewing as well as Wool, Grain & Fodder & Poultry sections.

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

18 October: Meadows Country Fair in South Australia. Showcasing the country spirit of the Adelaide Hills The Meadows Country Fair is regarded as one of the best events of its kind in the Adelaide Hills with amusement rides, children's races, quality market stalls, Farmers Alley, live entertainment, field day, yard dogs, animal expo, special guest speakers, demonstrations, and more — there's so much to entertain the whole family.

<https://www.visitadelaidehills.com.au/listing/meadows-country-fair>

24 October: Myrtleford Show in Victoria. A family fun event with rides, arts, crafts, cooking, livestock and horses and a range of other fantastic exhibits and entertainment on offer, showcasing local community efforts and being a true agricultural show - the only one in the Alpine Shire!

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

24 October: Thunderbolt's Festival in Uralla, NSW. The festival is about celebration, the gathering of people to revel in history, heritage, fun, food, music and community.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100040376394332>

24 – 25 October: Quorn Quandong Festival in South Australia. Hosting stalls laden with Quandong products, interactive cooking demonstrations, art exhibitions and cultural performances.

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

30 October – 1 November: Taranta Festival in Bellingen, NSW. A vibrant celebration of Mediterranean and world music, lively parades, interactive workshops, art installations, and intentional spaces designed for community connection. From intimate performances to large-scale concerts, the festival offers experiences for all ages and interests.

<https://tarantafestival.com.au/home/>

30 October – 1 November: Tasmanian Craft in Deloraine, Tasmania. Celebrates and nurtures high quality artists and makers across a broad range of crafts both traditional and contemporary, who are encouraged to show their works being created at the fair.

<https://www.tascraftfair.com.au/the-fair>

30 - 31 October: Penola Show in South Australia. A full day of fun for the whole family with magicians, fireworks, exhibitions and animals, there is something for everyone

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

30 October – 8 November: Grafton Jacarandah Festival in NSW. During October and November countless avenues of Jacaranda trees in Grafton turn from green to purple. The Jacaranda Festival celebrates this natural wonder by combining the history and pageantry of yesteryear with a new, modern and inclusive vision. Line the main street of Grafton to watch (with purple ice cream in hand) the annual float parade, the flamboyance and pageantry of drag queen bingo – the Jacaranda Festival has something for everyone.

<https://jacafest.com/>

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.

Thank you to Laura for another fascinating story about Australia's past. Reading about towns and their history, especially ones that have moved is quite engrossing. If you have stories to tell of your trips or experiences or want to know about some interesting facet of Australia and its past, please let us know. Everyone loves a good story, especially from fellow readers.

The Towns That Moved

We tend to think of towns as permanent. Roads might be realigned, rivers change course, railway lines close and buildings disappear. But the town itself seems fixed, its collection of houses, shops, and streets that gives a place its identity. Find a town on an old map and you expect to find it in roughly the same place today, but that is not always the case.

Across Australia, there are towns whose dots have moved. Some were physically transported building by building, others were rebuilt nearby before the original disappeared beneath a reservoir. Streets were redrawn, homes were shifted, businesses reopened and, eventually, new generations grew up in places their parents remembered differently.

The reasons varied, but water was responsible for some of Australia's most remarkable town relocations. In the 1950s and 1960s, huge dam projects transformed parts of south-eastern Australia. Reservoirs promised water,

electricity and economic development, but they also required valleys to be flooded and sometimes there was a town sitting in the way.

Three of the most fascinating examples are Tallangatta in Victoria and Adaminaby and Jindabyne in New South Wales.

Tallangatta: the town that went west

If there is an Australian town that deserves the title *the town that moved*, it is Tallangatta.

Today, Tallangatta sits beside Lake Hume in north-eastern Victoria, surrounded by rolling hills and farmland. It looks like an established country town, with streets, houses, shops and civic buildings arranged around the modern township, but most of what you see wasn't originally there. In the 1950s, Tallangatta was moved approximately eight kilometres west to make way for the expansion of Lake Hume. The relocation took place between 1954 and 1956, with more than 100 timber houses loaded onto trucks and transported to the new site. Brick buildings and civic structures were rebuilt, while new prefabricated houses were also introduced. Instead of demolishing an entire community and starting again, the authorities and residents worked to move much of the existing town. Houses were lifted, placed onto transporters and hauled along the road to their new positions. The town itself therefore became a kind of giant relocation project. The new town was officially opened in 1956.

The old town, meanwhile, slowly became part of the landscape beneath Lake Hume. At low water levels, remnants of the original Tallangatta can still be seen. The local council even identifies an Old Tallangatta Lookout from which the remains can be viewed when the lake falls sufficiently.

So there are effectively two Tallangattas, one is the living town on the hill and the other is the ghost of a town beneath the water. If you look at an old map alongside a modern one, the change becomes obvious, the place name survived, but the town itself shifted.





Houses being moved to the new Tallangatta town



Aerial view of new Tallangatta town



Water in the streets of old Tallangatta town

Adaminaby: when the town disappeared

The town of Adaminaby was also affected by a dam, with its original location overtaken by the construction of a new dam as part of the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

Construction of the scheme began in 1949. Dams, tunnels, power stations and reservoirs were built across the Snowy Mountains to generate electricity and divert water towards the Murray and Murrumbidgee river systems. One of those dams was Eucumbene, the problem was that the proposed reservoir would cover the valley containing the old township of Adaminaby.

The original town had been established in the nineteenth century and, by the 1950s, had developed into a substantial rural community. It had shops, hotels, garages, a picture theatre, houses, farms and churches. It was not simply a collection of buildings, families had lived there for generations but then the map changed.

Residents were offered several possible sites for a new township. In a remarkable decision, they chose a location on the main road rather than the site that offered views over the future lake. They believed the highway position offered better long-term prospects and that the lower, more sheltered location would be more comfortable. The choice was endorsed in a 1954 referendum.

The town was then physically dismantled, with houses jacked up and placed on trucks and churches were taken apart and reconstructed. More than 100 buildings were removed from the old township, most of them being transported to the new site. It was a difficult process, the first house took six days to move because of wet weather and mud, while at the height of the operation houses were being transported at a rate of approximately one per day.

By the time the waters of Lake Eucumbene rose, most of the old town was gone, but not everything disappeared. The cemetery survived on higher ground and a small number of buildings also remained above the eventual water level. The old townsite itself, however, was swallowed by the reservoir.

During severe drought, the lake level fell dramatically and the old town began to reappear. Ruins and foundations emerged from the water, revealing the outline of a place that had been hidden for decades. For former residents, this was more than an archaeological curiosity, it was the return of a childhood landscape.

The modern Adaminaby is therefore unusual. It is a town with a visible present and a submerged past.



The bank building being moved to new Adaminaby town



Houses being moved to new Adaminaby town

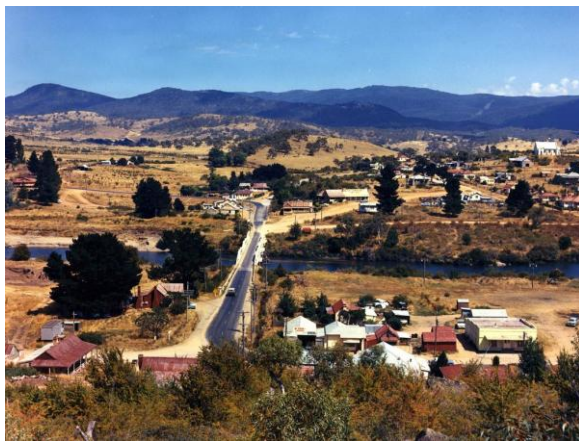
Jindabyne: learning from the first move

A few years later, another Snowy Mountains town faced the same fate. Jindabyne had grown beside the Snowy River, its position made practical

sense as the river provided a crossing, transport routes developed around it and the settlement became an important local centre. The construction of Lake Jindabyne meant that the original town would eventually be flooded. The authorities had already learned from Adaminaby and the relocation of Jindabyne was handled differently. The new township was deliberately positioned above the future lake and residents were given time to move. Rather than transporting the old town building by building, the new Jindabyne was largely constructed from scratch. The community was involved in the design process, while historical records and cultural material from the old town were documented. The new Jindabyne was officially opened in 1964. Three years later, the old town disappeared beneath Lake Jindabyne with a ceremonial farewell. On 19 December 1964, townspeople crossed the old bridge for the last time before heading uphill towards their new homes. In 1967, the old bridge was demolished, severing one of the last obvious links with the original settlement.

Today, the modern town is one of the best-known centres of the Snowy Mountains with its position beside the lake has become part of its identity. Tourism, skiing, fishing and outdoor recreation have helped turn Jindabyne into a major base for visitors to the region.

When lake levels fall, traces of the old settlement can emerge, including foundations and other remnants.



Old town of Jindabyne



New town of Jindabyne



Underwater image of old Jindabyne town

These old towns are not necessarily gone. Tallangatta's original site can emerge when Lake Hume falls, old Adaminaby can reappear during drought and Jindabyne's remnants can become visible as Lake Jindabyne drops.

Have you visited any of these fascinating towns?

Meridian Mirth

To share your jokes, please send them to rochelle@meridianmaps.com.au. Many thanks to our readers for these contributions!



The Secret of the Long Marriage

An elderly couple was celebrating their **60th wedding anniversary**. Over six decades, they had shared everything and kept no secrets from each other—except for one thing. The wife kept a shoebox on the top shelf of her closet, and she had asked her husband never to look inside or ask about it.

For 60 years, he respected her wish. But on the morning of their anniversary, the wife grew very ill, and the doctor suggested it was time to sort out her affairs. The husband took the shoebox down from the closet and brought it to her bedside.

"I think it's time you know what's inside," she said softly.

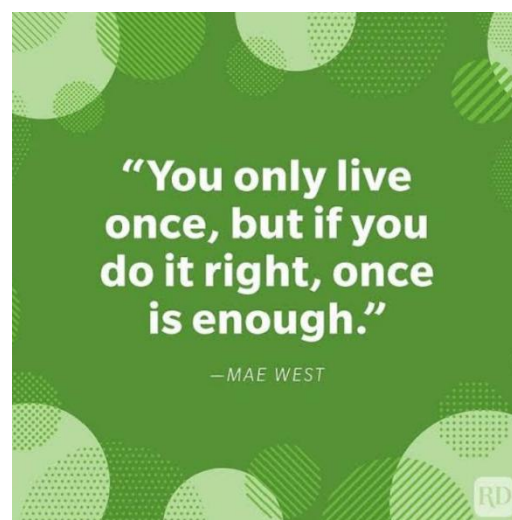
He opened the lid. Inside, he found **two beautifully crocheted little dolls** and a massive stack of cash totalling **\$95,000**.

"When we were first married," the wife explained, "my grandmother told me that the secret to a happy marriage was never to argue. She said that if I ever got angry with you, I should just stay quiet and crochet a little doll."

The husband was deeply moved. Tears welled up in his eyes. In 60 years of marriage, there were only two little dolls in the box. She had only been angry with him twice in their entire life together! He felt incredibly loved.

"Wow, honey," he said, kissing her hand. "That explains the dolls. But what about all this money? Where did the \$95,000 come from?"

The wife smiled faintly and said, **"Oh, that's the money I made from selling the dolls."**



The Three Wishes

A man is walking along a deserted beach when he accidentally kicks a strange brass lamp buried in the sand. He picks it up, rubs the dirt off, and suddenly, a massive **Genie** erupts from the spout in a cloud of purple smoke.

"I am the Genie of the Lamp!" the entity booms. "I can grant you **three wishes**. However, there is a catch. Because I am a fair spirit, whatever you wish for, **your boss will get double**."

The man shrugs. "That's fine by me. I actually like my boss."

For his first wish, the man asks for a **brand new, top-of-the-line luxury sports car**.

- *Poof!* A gorgeous car appears on the road nearby.
- At that exact moment, his boss receives two identical sports cars.

For his second wish, the man asks for **\$10 million**.

- *Poof!* His bank account balance skyrockets.
- At the same time, his boss's account receives a massive deposit of \$20 million.

The Genie looks at the man and says, "You have one final wish. Choose wisely, because remember, your boss will get double whatever you ask for."

The man thinks carefully for a long moment, smiles, and says, **"I've always wanted to donate a kidney."**



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