

1: Drover (Australian) - Wikipedia

The Murrangi Track, also known as the Ghost Road of the Drovers, was pioneered by the famous overlander Nathaniel Buchanan in 1824, when he drove large mobs of cattle along it. When Buchanan travelled the Murrangi Track the Murrangi Waterhole was one of the vital sources of water.

Usage[edit] By law, the travelling stock must travel "six miles a day" approximately 10 kilometres per day. This is to avoid all the roadside grass from being cleared in a particular area by an individual mob. Bores , equipped with windmills and troughs, may also be located at regular intervals to provide water in regions where there are no other reliable water sources. A Travelling Stock Reserve is a fenced paddock set aside at strategic distances to allow overnight watering and camping of stock. Reserves may also be located on many roadways that are not the typical wide TSRs. The travelling stock are driven by a drover and stockmen using Australian Stock Horses or vehicles. Other working animals include working dogs such as Kelpies , or their crosses which have been bred for working sheep and cattle. The stockman may also be accompanied by a packhorse , carrying supplies and equipment, or a wagon with supplies might follow the stock. More recently travelling stock has been accompanied by four-wheel drive vehicles and mobile homes. The purpose of "droving" livestock on such a journey might be to move the stock to different pastures. It was also the only way that most livestock producers had of getting their product to the markets of the towns and cities. The beef cattle were transported to a rail siding or abattoirs "on the hoof". The rigors of the journey, the availability of feed and water and the reliability of those "droving" the stock were all factors in the condition of the livestock when it was slaughtered. The local Aboriginals , realising the plight of the stock, led the stock and their owners into the country now known as Berridale. These early drovers sometimes had to contend with crocodile-infested rivers, droughts , dust storms, floods, poisonous plants and hostile Aborigines. These established routes were recognised and dedicated as roads between the s and s. From the early s the state Governments established a program to develop stock route water facilities throughout the stock route network. Most stock routes now have designated watering points, each located the distance of a droving day apart. With the establishment of railways in country areas from the s onwards, livestock usually reached the major destinations in cattle trucks. There were stock-yards and livestock ramps at nearly all rural railway stations to facilitate this transportation, meaning that it was only necessary to drove stock to the nearest rail transport depot. Travelling stock routes and reserves have generally been administered by Rural Lands Protection Boards, since There are about , hectares of travelling stock reserves in NSW and 2. After the war the road transport of cattle proved very successful with trucks carrying 80 head of fat cattle on each trip. Droving though, was continued until well into the s as these units required sealed roads. From about the road transport of livestock by road trains became increasingly common and has virtually replaced the transport of stock either by foot or by rail. But the days of the travelling stock route are not past. Today, TSRs are valued as corridors for native vegetation ecosystems and providing a habitat for flora and fauna. During , head of cattle died after eating Kalanchoe delagoensis mother-of-millions on a travelling stock reserve near Moree, New South Wales. Although he was caught and went on trial for his crime, he was found not guilty by a jury largely impressed with his audacious feat of blazing a new cattle stock route, making him one of the greatest drovers in Australian history. When Buchanan travelled the Murrangi Track the Murrangi Waterhole was one of the vital sources of water. This route was considered the worst stock route of all. In one horrendous trip across this Track in one man died, all but two stockmen deserted the drover, cattle and 11 horses died. The remote track skirts the Simpson Desert and the Sturt Stony Desert and drovers relied on government provided artesian bores to water their stock along the route. On several occasions during the early years there were big losses of stock on this route. Stock is now transported on trucks and the track is mostly used by tourists. The Canning Stock Route was regarded as the loneliest and one of the most difficult routes. It is a place of living history - the longest heritage trail in Australia. A series of wells, first dug between March and April by a party under the leadership of surveyor Alfred Canning , connect the stock route. These wells are generally situated on or near native water sources soaks. The Barkly Stock Route in the Northern Territory was also pioneered

by Nat Buchanan and known for the epic cattle drives of the past that passed through the area en route to Queensland. Travelling stock routes also provide crucial habitat and connectivity for many endangered species and ecosystems. Their length and density mean that they provide a comprehensive sample of the landscape and biodiversity of eastern Australia. The entire network is publicly owned, and therefore represents the best remaining opportunity for conservationists to protect large amounts of threatened biodiversity. Further, the Travelling Stock Routes provide a serendipitous solution to the problem of biodiversity connectivity in the face of climate change. It is a unique grouping of conservation organisations, scientists and drovers.

2: TRACK TRAILER TVAN MURRANJI REVIEW

The Murrangi Track. By Andrew Collins from Alice Springs, NT. Thursday, 26/06/ "No-one who has not seen the bulwaddy can appreciate its savage nature.

Method[edit] Moving a small mob of quiet cattle is relatively easy, but moving several hundreds or thousands head of wild station cattle over long distances is a very different matter. A drover had to be independent and tough, an excellent horseman, able to manage stock as well as men. The boss drover who had a plant horses, dogs, cooking gear and other requisites contracted to move the mob at a predetermined rate according to the conditions, from a starting point to the destination. The priorities for a boss drover were the livestock, the horses, and finally the men, as drovers were paid per head of stock delivered. Drovers were sometimes on the road for as long as two years. Traditional droving could not have been done without horses. The horse plant was made up of work-horses, night-horses and packhorses , with each drover riding four or five horses during a trip. The horse tailer was the team member responsible for getting horses to water and feed, and bringing them to the camp in the morning. A good night-horse was highly prized for its night vision, temperament, and its ability to bring animals under control when a "rush", known elsewhere as a stampede, occurred at night. Store cattle were moved in larger mobs, of up to 1, head, while fat bullocks going to meatworks were taken in mobs of about head, i. The stockmen will ride in formation at the front, sides and back of the mob, at least until the mob has settled into a routine pace. Occasionally mobs of horses were moved by drovers. A short camp is made for a lunch break, after which the cook and horse-tailer will move ahead to set up the night camp. Drovers tell vivid stories of the totally chaotic conditions that occur when several hundred cattle start a rush at night. Many drovers have been trampled to death in a rush, sometimes still in their swags. A good night-horse can be given its head, and will gradually wheel the leading cattle around until the mob is moving in a circle, and calm can be restored. About three kilometers before water is reached, the animals will be held and small groups will be taken to drink in order that the cattle do not rush and injure or drown others. Queensland is now the only state to run cattle trains. During the late s, settlers began to move into countryside near Adelaide. There followed expeditions to bring sheep and cattle to Adelaide from New South Wales. The first such expedition was led by Eyre, which started in December and followed the path of Charles Sturt along the Murrayâ€”Darling River system. At its height, there was an almost continuous train of sheep, cattle, bullock drays, and horses along the route. They sometimes received "injudicious treatment" from the Europeansâ€”in the words of Governor George Gawler. That led to an escalating cycle of conflicts between Aborigines and Europeans. They left with head of cattle and 60 horses during drought conditions as they trekked through Queensland. Arriving at the property in June with cattle and 13 horses they reunited with their brother Dan. The Canning was regarded as the loneliest, the most difficult, and the most dangerous. Decline[edit] A modern way to move some stock The gradual introduction of railways from about the s made some droving work unnecessary. However, the work of the overlanders and drovers in general fell away rapidly in the s as trucking of animals became the norm. Road trains carrying large number of animals are today a common sight in rural and Outback areas. But during times of drought , taking animals onto the "long paddock", the fenced travelling stock route , along a public road, is common practice even today, and droving skills are still required. Caravans are commonly used, along with generators to provide extra comfort and convenience. Stock may be enclosed at night in an area that has been fenced off with a temporary electric fence. The drovers would often bring cattle from the lower pastures to the fresh green pastures for the summer months. His route took him through very difficult country down the Thomson , Barcoo , Cooper and Strzelecki rivers thus pioneering the Strzelecki Track. One of the true legends of the outback is Edna Zigenbine, better known as Edna Jessop , [16] who took over a droving job from her injured father, and became a boss drover at Along with her brother Andy and four ringers, they moved the 1, bullocks the 2, kilometres across the Barkly Tableland to Dajarra, near Mount Isa, Queensland. Droving in popular culture[edit].

3: The Murrnji Track: Ghost Road of the Drovers - Darrell Lewis - Google Books

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John Willis, Photography by: The Tvan is one of the most popular camper tourers ever produced. And constant innovation and improvement has ensured that the much-loved unit will stay a favourite for many years to come. What we looking at here is the latest version of the Tvan Mk4, an incredibly practical, compact and user-friendly camper built to high engineering standards, which first entered the scene 18 years ago. The Murrnji specification is the flagship of the Tvan Mk4 range and its packaging has been improved yet again with a host of new optional equipment combining with the impressive standard features. It has a DO35 offroad coupling out front of the A-frame drawbar featuring plenty of reversing clearance. You could easily repaint the removable alloy stoneguards to keep up the appealing aesthetics. The spare also serves as overhead protection from whipping saplings, particularly with the Perspex skylights behind. Both have flyscreen and awnings, plus they open for flow through ventilation. Access to the bed is as simple as unlocking four over-centre catches, folding down the deck and releasing the gas strut-assisted hatch. You might then choose to shut the hatch after yourself and go straight to bed, or to install one of the two rear-door covers. We chose to set up the rear tent and annexe instead, which erects in a jiffy. Fitted with a tropical roof, it is cosy when closed, and light and airy when the three large windows and doors are unzipped. Check out the new and very ingenious plug-in flick mixer fitting, which adjusts the shower temperature. As usual, the full-length awning takes the longest to assemble, probably around 15 minutes. Under the bed we also find two all-new sheet metal storage tubs, which look great and are available as a set of three or can be purchased as singles. Designed to work around the new air-conditioning and other options under the bed, these tubs are completely removable for easier loading and lock securely in place when travelling. The drop-down floor and rear-opening hatch set the Tvan apart and make for a very flexible camping setup, whether you want to deploy the tent or not. The Mk4 Murrnji package includes the full-length annexe and zip-on ensuite as standard. It also boasts a Thetford three-burner glass-topped stainless steel cooktop with piezo ignition and matching stainless steel sink with flick-style tap, draining board and cutlery drawer. The integrated windshields are quite innovative and easily pop up into position, too. Its quality and reputation is unquestionable. The military-designed MC2 suspension is still a favourite after all these years and the resale value is terrific. The Tvan is an ideal companion to a travelling couple; just ask the multitude of happy owners you see once you leave the concrete jungle.

4: The Murrnji Track: Ghost Road of the Drovers by Darrell Lewis

The Murrnji Track: ghost road of the drovers / "The Murrnji: a waterhole, a region, track and legend. Although only kilometres long, of all the difficult stock routes in Australia the Murrnji Track gained one of the fiercest reputations.

5: The Murrnji Track : ghost road of the drovers / Darrell Lewis. - Version details - Trove

The Murrnji Track has 2 ratings and 1 review. Claire said: This is a very in depth, well-researched history. Probably a little dry and detailed for the.

6: Down the Murrnji Track " Outback Magazine : R.M. Williams

The story of the Murrnji Track is a story of determination in the face of neglect and indifference. For years requests were made for the Government to improve water supplies, to clear a corridor through the scrub, to wipe out poisonous plants, to establish stock reserves, and for years little was done.

7: The Murrnji Track | ANU School of History

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Darrell Lewis. For almost a century, drovers moved cattle along the Murrnji Track, despite scarce water, jungle-like scrub and its reputation as the Death Track.

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9: Track Trailer Tvan Mk4 Murrnji Video Review

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