

Notes on the maps for the “Tomorrow” books

The maps drawn here were developed to aid readers of the “Tomorrow” series of novels. They were created by R.B., a reader of the novels. They were not commissioned by either John Marsden or Pan Macmillan Australia and so the maps are not to be considered as representing what the author of the book series intended. Many features described in the novels are included to assist a reader to envisage some possible geographic relationships. The locations of many features in Cavendish, Stratton and Simmons’ Reef are suggestions only. Fletcher-East was on the route the five took between the Linton family’s farm “Mirrimbah” and Cobbler’s Bay (book 3); its location is uncertain. Fletcher-East and a small village of 12 houses near a bitumen road are included as insets on the Cobbler’s Bay area map.

The maps are drawn with north towards the top and east towards the right but are not drawn to scale. Texts written on the maps are references to the novels; e.g. [1/10 (4)], the latter example suggests the related material can be found in book No. 1, near page 4 of Chapter 10; (an “e” implies the epilogue in the book). Some references are to whole chapters.

Ideas used to determine broad outlines for the maps

1. Tailor’s Stitch forms the west wall of Hell [5/1 (5)]. Beyond Hell (i.e. further to the east) is the Holloway Valley with Risdon beyond [2/7 (10-11)]. The “back” route from Hell to Holloway Valley involves taking the Wirrawee-Holloway road, after turning right onto it. This implies that the Wirrawee-Holloway Road passes to the north of Tailor’s Stitch and the Wirrawee-Holloway Road runs northeast from Wirrawee towards Holloway.

2. In the opposite direction to Hell (from the south side of a knoll near Mt. Martin) lies the track towards Tailor’s Stitch from Wirrawee and the rich farmland of the Wirrawee district can be seen in the distance [1/2 (3)]; Wirrawee thus lies southwest of Mt. Martin. The eastern boundary of “Mirrimbah” is near the foothills [4/3 (16)]. From the knoll, Cobbler’s Bay lies in the opposite direction to Mt. Martin [1/2 (8)], but from this account it is uncertain if the latter means that Cobbler’s Bay lies to the north or south of the knoll, (but see following).

3. From northern Stratton, the hills behind “Mirrimbah” lie to the east [6/3 (8)], so Stratton lies west from Wirrawee. Cavendish lies beyond Stratton and Kerrie, and therefore is further to the west. In these maps, Cavendish is depicted as being northwest of Stratton. Lee & family lived near Fiddlebank Road in the “city” [9/17 (1)], but this seems not to be in Stratton [10/3 (2&3)]. So Fiddlebank Rd and Marlon [9/17 (1&4)] have been placed in northern Cavendish in these maps. Later, Lee & family apparently move to Stratton [10/23 (3), 10/e (1)]. From near the Russel Highway (between Stratton and Cavendish), Cobbler’s Bay is seen to lie towards the southeast [7/6 (14)]; this implies that Cobbler’s Bay lies south of Tailor’s Stitch. As Balony Creek is on the right of Cobbler’s Bay, when viewed looking south from a nearby hill [3/17 (5)], Balony Creek is west of Cobbler’s Bay.

4. It was difficult to determine precise dispositions of Rawson Road and the Shopping Centre (book No. 9).

Wirrawee:

5. Wirrawee Airport lies west of Wirrawee township, (when viewed from the hill on Coachman's Lane, [4/7 (2)]). The Racecourse and nearby Showground are to the north of the Airport; a dirt road from the rich person's house near Curr's to the Racecourse, passes around the back of the Airport, [4/20 (12)].

6. As Coachman's Lane appears to be a diversion off the Wirrawee-Holloway Road (the latter heading towards the northeast), then Coachman's Lane is likely to be located in the northeast district of Wirrawee. Robyn Mather's house has a steep driveway and from a ridge behind the property one can see Wirrawee and the Showground [1/7 (4&8)]. These features imply that Warrigle Street runs primarily from south to north. From Warrigle Street, Honey Street heads towards the town centre and so appears to run primarily east to west.

7. Maldon Street intersects both Honey and West Streets, so West Street also runs from east to west. As West Street intersects Barrabool Avenue [1/17 (8)], the latter runs north to south. The hospital is on Barrabool Avenue. Turner Street, a short street on a hill, runs north to south; it lies to the west of Barrabool Avenue and separated from the latter by St. John's church [2/15 (9)]. Fiona Maxwell's house is located on the opposite side of Turner Street to the church, so Fiona's house lies on the west side of Turner Street.

8. A little over 2 blocks downhill (west) from the Maxwells' residence is a milkbar with a little park nearby and a short distance further on is Sherlock Road, which therefore probably runs north to south. Sherlock Road runs in a valley between the hills of Turner Street and Racecourse Road in the vicinity of Mrs Alexander's [2/16 (22)]. The railway line [1/8 (10)], possibly runs in the valley. Sherlock Road continues for over 3 km beyond (to the south of) the AC Heron High School. It is possible that Sherlock Road is the continuation of the highway from Cobbler's Bay; however in these maps, the road from Cobbler's Bay is continuous with a road to the west of Sherlock Road.

9. Barker and Glover Streets intersect with Sherlock Road and therefore both Barker and Glover Streets appear to run east to west.

10. Jubilee Park seems to be located to the east of Tozer's store; the latter is visible from an oak tree located in the park [4/18 (7)].

11. Several sites in Wirrawee, whose locations are uncertain are described using a preceding #. Some considerations have helped to place these. For example, the Masonic Lodge was placed near Robyn's Music Teacher Ms Lim's house, the Silo placed near the railway line, Our Lady of Good Council Primary School was placed on the High School side of the supermarket whilst the Government Primary School was located on the other side of the supermarket and thus closer to "Mirrimbah" whereas Mr. Pott's property is placed between the football ground and the creek bed heading towards the High School. The movie theatre and "Maccas" are suggested to be located near the centre of town.