



Guildford Grammar School

FOUNDED 1896





“An historical pilgrimage to honour their sacrifices”

ABOUT

Travis Hocart Managing Director & Lead Guide

- Hale School (1985-88).
- 1995 – 2004: WA Police (Tactical Response Group).
- 2004: Baghdad, Iraq.
- 2004 – 2012: Australian Federal Police (Air Marshall Program).
- 2012 + : Risk Management & Work Health and Safety Consultancy.
- First trekked Kokoda in 2009.
- Kokoda Crossing – Formed 2017



FAMILY HISTORY

Maternal Grandfather – Corporal Colin Thompson: 10th Ordnance (Papua New Guinea)



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Paternal Grandfather – Sergeant James Hocart: 2/24th Battalion (“Rat of Tobruk”)



FAMILY HISTORY

Great Uncle – Captain Cliff Thompson: 2/14th Battalion (Middle East and Papua New Guinea)

- Adjutant to Brigadier Potts during part of the campaign.



ABOUT

Jamie Ogilvie Guildford Grammar School Tour Head Guide

- Australian Army 2011 – 2024 (1st Royal Australian Battalion).
 - Rank: Sergeant
 - Overseas service: Afghanistan/Philippines.
 - World War Two historical expert.
- Registered Nurse (Emergency Department) – Royal Perth Hospital.
- Trekked Kokoda and Northern Beach Battlefields – 3 times.

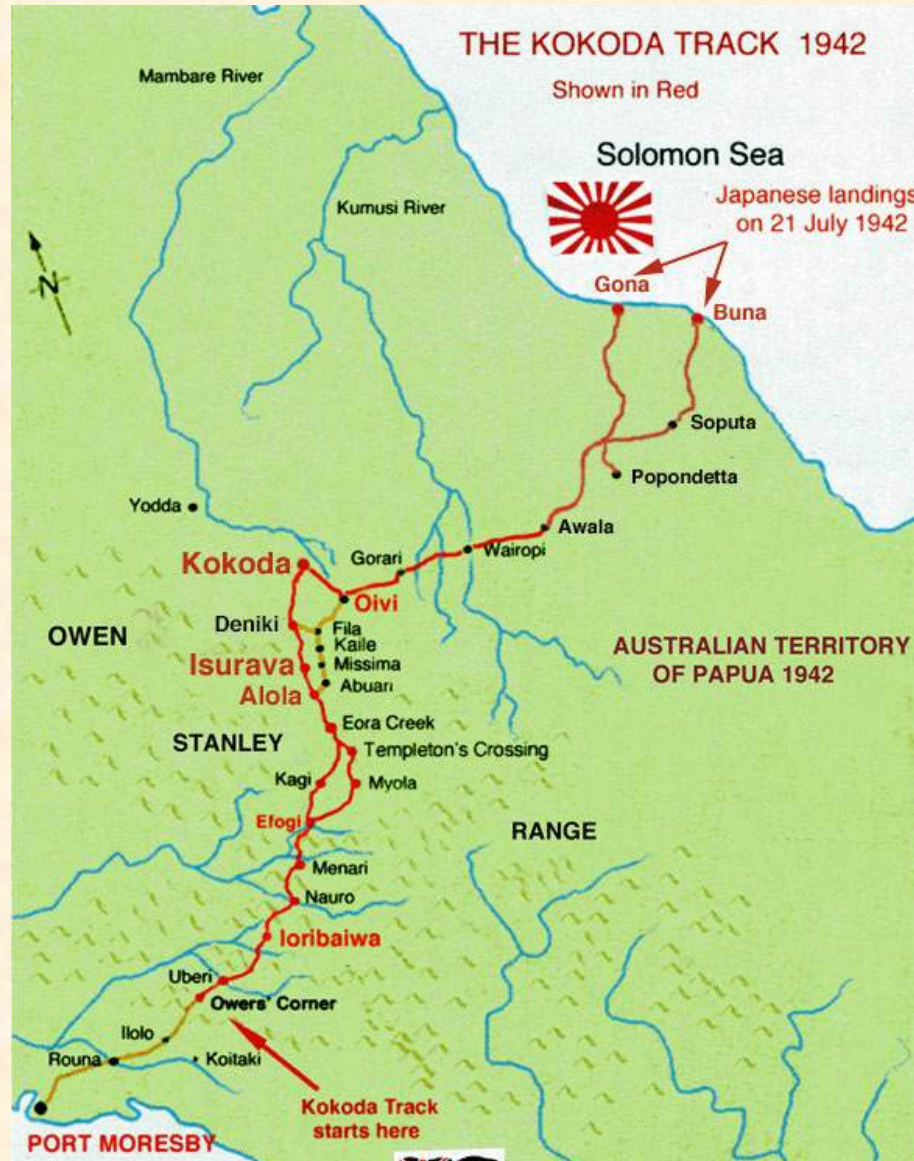




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Day 1

- Arrive Port Moresby.
- Overnight hotel.

Day 2 – Day 9

- Fly to Kokoda (35min)
- Commence Trek in “north to south direction” commencing at Kokoda.

Day 10

- Arrive Owers’ Corner – completion of trek.
- Visit Bomana War Cemetery.
- Overnight hotel.

Day 11

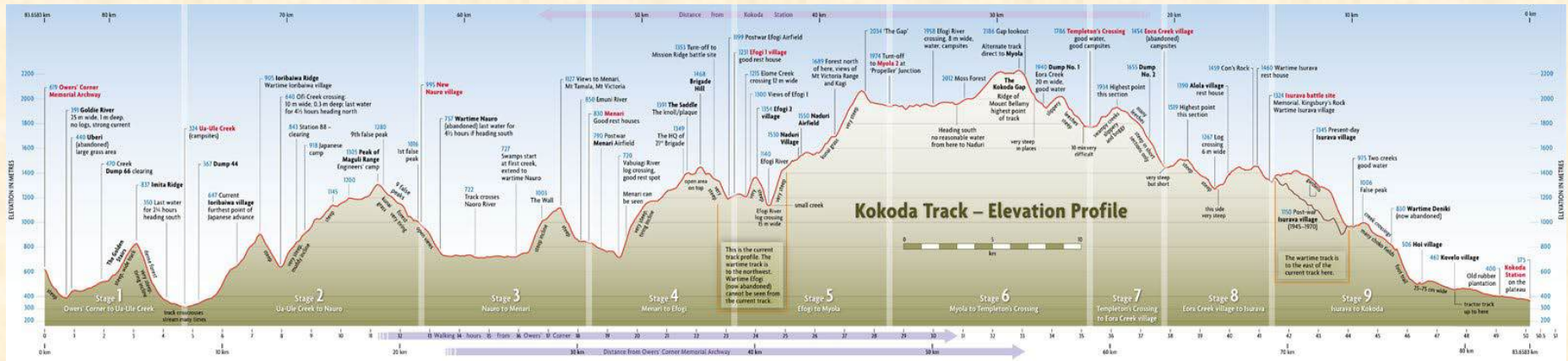
- Travel back to Australia.

CONDITIONS & TERRAIN

What to expect across the Owen Stanley Range



CROSS SECTIONAL MAP



CONDITIONS & TERRAIN

- Port Moresby and low-lying mountain & coastal areas:
 - temperatures high 20's / low 30's with high humidity, sticky overnight.
- Higher altitudes in the mountains:
 - day temperatures mid-high 20's, cooler conditions overnight with temperatures sometimes reaching 5-10 degrees.
- Precipitation – mornings are usually dry with rain often arriving during the afternoon.
- Your clothes will not dry ... always humid overnight. Expect soggy trekking clothes each morning ! (but you warm up quickly)

CONDITIONS & TERRAIN

- Total distance walked approximately 110km.
- Total ascents and descents approximately 6000m.
- Highest altitude – 2243m.
- Be prepared for constant ascents and descents. Flat ground is a rarity.
- Conditions under foot change frequently.
 - mud, tree roots, river crossings.

DISTANCES & ELEVATION

Day	Walking Time	Distance	Up/Down
Day 1	3 hours	7.30km	Ascent – 478m
Kokoda - Deniki			Descent – 77m
Day 2	8 hours	11.10km	Ascent – 1022m
Deniki - Alola			Descent – 487m
Day 3	6.5 hours	11km	Ascent – 900m
Alola – Templetons Crossing			Descent – 508m
Day 4	7 hours	13.5km	Ascent – 768m
Templetons Crossing – Diggers Camp (incl Myola)			Descent – 649m
Day 5	6.5 hours	13.5km	Ascent – 817m
Diggers Camp – Brigade Hill			Descent – 1311m
Day 6	6 hours	12km	Ascent – 559m
Brigade Hill – Agulogo			Descent – 1243m
Day 7	7 hours	13.5km	Ascent – 862m
Agulogo – Ofi Creek			Descent – 936m
Day 8	7 hours	12km	Ascent – 1087m
Ofi Creek – Goodwater			Descent – 1046m
Day 9	2.5 hours	4km	Ascent – 348m
Goodwater – Owers' Corner			Descent - 217m

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SIGNIFICANT SITES



KOKODA PLATEAU – first major attack by the Japanese



ISURAVA MEMORIAL



BRIGADE HILL



MYOLA



OFI CREEK



IORIBAIWA



ACCOMODATION

- Lamana Hotel (secure compound)



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SECURITY & RISK MANAGEMENT



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This is the location of most of the tribal violence we see in the media.

You cannot get to the Kokoda Track area from these regions unless you fly or use a boat.

We do not see anything like these violent issues on the Track.

All the villagers we see are very welcoming.



SECURITY & RISK MANAGEMENT

- *Trek paramedic (St John Ambulance qualified).*
- *Full medical backpack.*
- 2 x Satellite phone (Inmarsat & Iridium).
- Villages have VHF radios.
- Experienced local porters with good knowledge of the Track and evacuation locations.
- Pre-trip medical screening.
- Physical preparation.
- Helicopter evacuation to Port Moresby if required.

“Failing to prepare is preparing to fail”

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- **Close working relationship with Koda Security & Training (Port Moresby)**
 - Run by ex-SAS operator & Federal Air Marshall, Jason Fisher.
 - Up to date intelligence on security situation in PNG.
- **Movement Protocols**
 - Collection from international airport by hotel bus.
 - Hotel securely protected with locked gates and restricted access.
 - Trekkers are advised to stay within hotel compound.
 - Any movement outside hotel in Port Moresby is in a bus.
 - Kokoda Track does not normally present any security or safety threat. All villagers are very happy to welcome trekkers.



FOOD



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- Breakfast – porridge, weetbix, local fruit, tea, coffee, milo.
- Lunch – Noodles, pasta with canned tuna/chicken.
- Dinner – Wide variety from “On Track Meals”.
- Extras – local biscuits, local fruit (banana, avocado, pineapple), snack pack (fruit and nut mix, energy bars, lollies, cup-a-soup)
- We can cater for vegetarians / gluten free.





PORTER SUPPORT



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- All our porters reside or have originated from the village of Kokoda and the surrounding district.
- Operations Manager – Honourable Henry Amuli Member of Parliament for the Sohe Electorate (Oro Province).
- Head Guide.
- Lead Guide.
- General Porters:
 - Carry food, tents, cooking equipment.
 - Set up tents and prepare camp sites.
 - Help with river crossings and slippery sections of the track.
- Cooks: Porters dedicated to cooking and food preparation.



WHAT MAKES KOKODA SUCH A POWERFUL JOURNEY FOR STUDENTS ?



- **Military and world history**

- Discussion surrounding world affairs, the lead up to WW2 and the why the campaign in Papua New Guinea was so important to the overall Japanese strategy.
- Focus on specific battles and their impact on the overall result.
- Analysis of individual soldiers and the military awards bestowed upon them.

- **Papua New Guinea history**

- Delve into the history of PNG and the evolution of the country into what it looks like today.
- Discussion of the current political process and draw upon the current experiences of our Operations Manager, Henry Amuli, who is the current minister for Trade and Commerce.

- **Cultural exchange**

- There is a constant exchange of ideas and knowledge between the students and our porters who all hail from remote, subsistence villages.
- We visit village schools and churches along the Track.

- **Teamwork**

- The growth and evolution of our group into a unified team becomes evident over the course of the journey.
- The arduous nature of some days requires the mutual support from all team members to achieve a successful outcome

- **Physical Challenge**

- The challenging terrain and weather along the Track requires our team to prepare in a professional and diligent manner.
- The conduct of organised training sessions will help ensure a safe and successful trek.

- **Mental Resilience**

- The unrelenting nature of the trekking tests the resilience of all trekkers.
- We learn what we are capable of during times of stress and examine strategies to help us cope.

- **Outdoor education**

- In company with our porter team, students will assist with campsite, tent and meal preparation.
- We learn how to prepare ourselves for survival in a mountainous, tropical environment.

- **Leadership**

- The nature of the trek requires individuals to step up and help other students who are struggling.
- There may be designated tasks throughout the journey which will empower students with leadership strategies and qualities.



LOCAL VILLAGERS









HISTORICAL ARTEFACTS







THE ELATION OF ACHIEVEMENT





KOKODA TRAIL

APUAN CARRIERS

KOTARI PEOPLE



Bomana War Cemetery





A journey to honour their memory

- 3824 Commonwealth soldiers
- 3306 Australian soldiers



Reflection

QUESTIONS ?