

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADVENTURE KOKODA AND KOKODA SPIRIT

The difference between Adventure Kokoda and Kokoda Spirit is integrity. The information on the Adventure Kokoda website is factual, original and properly sourced. Much of the information on the Kokoda Spirit website has been plagiarised from other websites and historical sources to create a false impression of authenticity.

Some of the factual differences are detailed in the following table:

ADVENTURE KOKODA	KOKODA SPIRIT
<p>PRINCIPAL: MAJOR CHARLIE LYNN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vietnam Veteran</li> <li>• Australian Regular Army – 21 years</li> <li>• Graduate: Army Command &amp; Staff College</li> <li>• Founding Chairman of Network Kokoda Foundation</li> <li>• Board Member of Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, Concord</li> <li>• National Patron of Australian Vietnam Veterans Reconstruction Group</li> <li>• Member of the RSL</li> <li>• Member of Legacy</li> </ul>	<p>PRINCIPAL: WAYNE WETHERALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previously worked in computer industry</li> <li>• No record of service in the Australian Regular or Reserve Forces or School Cadets</li> <li>• No record of volunteer work with ex-service communities</li> </ul>
<p>Adventure Kokoda engages ex-service personnel with professional qualifications and a detailed knowledge of the wartime history of the Kokoda campaign – see <a href="http://www.kokodatreks.com/kokodatreks/trekleaders.cfm">http://www.kokodatreks.com/kokodatreks/trekleaders.cfm</a></p>	<p>Wayne Wetherall is the chief guide for Kokoda Spirit – he has <u>no record</u> of service with the Australian Defence Force – either as a regular, a reservist or as a school cadet. Wetherall only ‘discovered’ Kokoda after an ill-fated white-water rafting expedition in PNG in 2004.</p>
<p>Adventure Kokoda pays all trekking fees to the PNG Kokoda Track Authority (KTA) in full and in advance</p>	<p>A trek audit by the PNG Kokoda Track Authority in 2008 revealed that Kokoda Spirit tried to avoid paying trek fees by smuggling an additional 378 trekkers in 32 separate trek groups across the trail without trek permits. <b>Local villagers have been cheated of up to \$50,000 in shared benefits as a result</b> – see: <a href="http://blog.kokodatreks.com/2011/04/08/kokoda-spirit-an-oxymoron/">http://blog.kokodatreks.com/2011/04/08/kokoda-spirit-an-oxymoron/</a></p> <p>A secret deal was later worked out between Kokoda Spirit and the Kokoda Track Authority so the exact amount denied to local villagers is unknown.</p>
<p>Charlie Lynn uses original or sourced material on his Adventure Kokoda website.</p> <p><b>Adventure Kokoda Website</b> (original copy at <a href="http://www.kokodatreks.com/kokodatreks/trakitinerary.cfm">http://www.kokodatreks.com/kokodatreks/trakitinerary.cfm</a>):</p> <p><i>‘Continue to Naduri Village - meet Ovoru Indiki, one of the few surviving ‘Fuzzy-Wuzzy angels’. Ovoru was in Port Moresby when the Japanese first bombed the city. He did not understand what was going on and he fled to the bush in fear. Over</i></p>	<p>Wayne Wetherall plagiarises copy from Charlie Lynn’s Adventure Kokoda website. For example:</p> <p><b>*Kokoda Spirit Website</b> (plagiarised copy at <a href="http://www.kokodaspirit.com/TrekOptions/Kokoda7Nights-369/">http://www.kokodaspirit.com/TrekOptions/Kokoda7Nights-369/</a>):</p> <p><i>‘Continue to Naduri Village - meet Ovoru Indiki, one of the few surviving ‘fuzzy-wuzzy angels’. Ovoru was in Port Moresby when the Japanese first bombed the city. He did not understand what was going on and he fled to the bush in fear. Over the next couple</i></p>

<p><i>the next couple of days Ovoru made his way back to his village - only moving at night because of fear. He told his people what had happened and they began to make arrangements to 'go bush'. Lieutenant Bert Kienzle of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit eventually came to the village and enlisted Ovoru and the other men in the village to help the Australians. Ovoru then spent the next three months carrying supplies forward to our troops and carrying our wounded back across the track. It is a great honour to meet the few remaining carriers such as Ovoru during the trek.'</i></p>	<p><i>of days Ovoru made his way back to his village - only moving at night because of fear. He told his people what had happened and they began to make arrangements to 'go bush'. Lieutenant Bert Kniezle of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit eventually came to the village and enlisted Ovoru and the other men in the village to help the Australians. Ovoru then spent the next three months carrying supplies forward to our troops and carrying our wounded back across the track. It is a great honour to meet the few remaining carriers such as Ovoru during the trek.</i></p> <p>*Note: This is a only a small sample of a large amount of copy plagiarised from the Adventure Kokoda website by Wayne Wetherall and used by Kokoda Spirit without authorisation or acknowledgement.</p>
<p>Charlie Lynn re-discovered the gravesite on Brigade Hill in 1992 and the original Isurava battlesite in 1996.</p>	<p>Wayne Wetherall did not 'discover' Kokoda until 12 years later</p>
<p>Charlie Lynn produced the first topographical map of the Kokoda Trail in 40 years – see <a href="http://blog.kokodatreks.com/2011/02/22/new-kokoda-trail-topographical-map/">http://blog.kokodatreks.com/2011/02/22/new-kokoda-trail-topographical-map/</a></p>	<p>Wayne Wetherall has never produced a topographical map</p>
<p>Charlie Lynn established the Network Kokoda Foundation – see <a href="http://www.networkkokoda.org.au">www.networkkokoda.org.au</a></p>	<p>Wayne Wetherall claims to have established a 'Spirit Foundation' on his Kokoda Spirit website at <a href="http://blog.kokodaspirit.com/2008_09_01_archive.html">http://blog.kokodaspirit.com/2008_09_01_archive.html</a> -</p> <p><b>According to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) website, Wayne Wetherall's 'Spirit Foundation' <u>does not exist</u> – it's a con!</b></p>
<p>Charlie Lynn developed a Strategic Plan for the development of the Kokoda Trail as a sustainable eco-trekking industry in 2006. See: <a href="http://blog.kokodatreks.com/2009/12/08/strategic-plan-for-kokoda/">http://blog.kokodatreks.com/2009/12/08/strategic-plan-for-kokoda/</a> and; <a href="http://www.kokodatreks.com/docs/StrategicPlanfortheKokodaTrailwithAttachments_000.pdf">http://www.kokodatreks.com/docs/StrategicPlanfortheKokodaTrailwithAttachments_000.pdf</a></p>	<p>No known record of any similar initiative to protect the integrity of a sustainable trekking industry along the Kokoda Trail has ever been published by Wayne Wetherall</p>
<p>Adventure Kokoda provides return airfares for all Adventure Kokoda Guides and Carriers between Kokoda and Port Moresby</p>	<p>Kokoda Spirit does <u>not</u> provide return airfares for their PNG guides and carriers as claimed on their website – large numbers had to walk back across the Owen Stanley Ranges from Kokoda at the end of their 2011 Anzac treks</p>
<p>Adventure Kokoda provides individual sleeping bags and mats for PNG Guides and Carriers</p>	<p>Kokoda Spirit does <u>not</u> provide individual sleeping bags and mats for their PNG Guides and Carriers</p>
<p>Adventure Kokoda provides for a food resupply by charter aircraft at half-way point</p>	<p>Kokoda Spirit does not provide for resupply by charter aircraft</p>

<p>across the Kokoda Trail to ensure PNG Carriers are not overloaded</p>	
<p>Charlie Lynn successfully lobbied the Australian Government to issue a medal to the PNG Wartime Carriers – the ‘fuzzy-wuzzy angels’ – see <a href="http://www.kokodatreks.com/docs/ProposalforMedalforPNGWartimeCarriers.pdf">http://www.kokodatreks.com/docs/ProposalforMedalforPNGWartimeCarriers.pdf</a></p>	<p>There is no known evidence of any lobbying from Wayne Wetherall in support of the initiative</p>
<p>Charlie Lynn successfully lobbied the PNG Government for the declaration of a Kokoda Day on 3 November each year to commemorate the raising of the Australian flag on the Kokoda Plateau – see <a href="http://www.kokodatreks.com/docs/ProposalforKokodaDayProclamation1March2008.pdf">http://www.kokodatreks.com/docs/ProposalforKokodaDayProclamation1March2008.pdf</a></p>	<p>There is no known evidence of any initiative from Wayne Wetherall to support the legacy of the PNG wartime carriers</p>
<p>Charlie Lynn published a paper supporting access for PNG people to Australia’s seasonal markets. See <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/Committee/eet_ctte/complete_d_inquiries/2004-07/contract_labour/submissions/sub018.pdf">http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/Committee/eet_ctte/complete_d_inquiries/2004-07/contract_labour/submissions/sub018.pdf</a></p>	<p>There is no known record of any similar initiative by Wayne Wetherall</p>