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PENOLA COONAWARRA south australia

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Penola & Coonawarra combine cultural heritage with historic charm, yet also remain highly progressive thanks to an eclectic mix of cafes, galleries and boutique-style shops.

Artists, winemakers, and other creative types affectionately call this region home, but Penola is perhaps best known for its former residents. Particularly Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who is Australia’s first Saint and co-founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph with Father Julian Tenison Woods. Also gaining endless inspiration were Poets: John Shaw Neilson, Adam Lindsay Gordon and Will Ogilvie.

Coonawarra can be found several minutes down the road, this world famous wine region pays homage to another forebear, Scottish pastoralist John Riddoch. Taking its name from the Aboriginal word “honeysuckle”, Coonawarra’s famous strip of rich, red terra rossa soil sitting atop deep limestone beds has given rise to many of the nations finest drops, with a worldwide reputation for unique flavour and quality. Cabernet Sauvignon has become the region’s flagship drop, and Coonawarra has won more Jimmy Watson trophies for Australia’s best one-year-old red wine than any other wine region.

Samples can be savoured at the cellar doors - all within around 10 minutes’ drive of one another. Each contains its own captivating stories, stunning architecture, and irresistible flavours.

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**Australia’s First Saint**

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

**Born**
15th January 1842
Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne

**Parents**
FATHER - Alexander MacKillop
MOTHER - Flora MacDonald

**Came to Penola**
Mary became the Governess to her Aunt & Uncle’s, (Margaret & Alexander Cameron), children on a station near Penola. She stayed at the Cameron house for about a year.

**Relevance to Penola**
Mary established the Sisters of Saint Joseph, along with Father Julian Tenison Woods. This was to be the first religious order found by an Australian. She set up a school in Penola for the children of poor families, with the help of her sisters and Father Julian Tenison Woods.

**Resided at**
She was working up until the day she died, so never really had a particular place that she called home.

**Died**
8th August 1909

**Buried**
Memorial Chapel in the Mother House in Mount Street, Sydney

**Beatification**
Sydney, Pope John II
19th January 1995

**Canonisation**
Rome, Pope Benedict XVI
17th October 2010

“Penola, where it all began”
The John Riddoch Centre houses: the Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre which offers a wide range of brochures, maps, gifts, souvenirs, free WiFi; the award-winning John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Art Gallery; the Local History Collection and Display that provides visitors with an opportunity to discover the fascinating economic, agricultural and social history of the area and the Local History Research Room, an ideal starting point to discover the history of the district and its pioneers and local Council Offices.

From the Centre commence the Walk With History, a self-guided 1.5 hour walk (with talking app) which includes National Trust and State Heritage buildings and cottages, Petticoat Lane, the Mary MacKillop Penola Centre where you can follow this remarkable woman’s journey to becoming Australia’s first Saint, The Woods MacKillop School House built in 1867 and now beautifully restored to its original state and the Mary MacKillop Park where she first started teaching in a stable.

Yallum Park, a Victorian Style Mansion and John Riddoch’s home, is said to be one of the best preserved homes in the Southern Hemisphere. Hosting various Open Garden Days and available for Weddings. Tours are by appointment only. Contact 08 8737 2855 or 0418 854 505 for more information.

Coonawarra, is home to Australia’s best Cabernet Sauvignon. Boasting over 20 Cellar Doors set amongst beautiful gardens, housed in ancient cellars, bringing the famous Terra Rossa soil to life, there is a unique experience just waiting for you. Try Making Your Own Blend of Wine, Relax with a Picnic or Cheese Platter, Feed the Ducks, Explore an Exhibition, Take in a Live Show or Experience the Coonawarra Wineries Walking Trail.

Tour, Festival, Bike Hire and Cycle Trail Information, Cellar Door & Wineries Walking Trail Maps, Accommodation, Childrens Activities and Food Options are all available at the Penola-Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre, 27 Arthur Street. Open 9-5 daily, 10-4 weekends/public holidays.

Relax and enjoy the Parks and Walking Trails of Penola – Coonawarra, The Perfect Place to Pause.

Penola War Memorial Park, Church Street. BBQ facilities, Playground, Skate Park, Public Toilets and Swimming Pool (in season).

Mary MacKillop Park, corner of Bowden and Queen Streets. Site of the stable where Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop first began teaching in 1866 “Where it all Began” (Automated talk on site).

The Coonawarra Park, Memorial Drive, Coonawarra. Commemorates the beginnings of the Fruit Colony with Plaques, Sculptures a Petanque Piste, BBQ facilities, tables and seating.


Greenrise Recreation Reserve, Riddoch Highway, Penola. Located 1km south of Penola, the Reserve comprises a 14.5hs ‘dry’ lake surrounded by picturesque Red Gums, an ideal spot for a picnic or BBQ.

Also on site is the Greenrise Arboretum Trail, which has 6000 trees, 1200 metres of pathways and showcases 110 species of trees. It links up to the Adam Lindsay Gordon walk which takes you around the dry lake, past the Penola Cemetery and back to the RV Site which is available for a 2 night stay for any fully self-contained vehicle.

Penola Conservation Park & Nature Trail, Clay Wells Road, Penola. 10kms West of Penola on the Robe Road you will find the park. Perfect to explore in spring, but available all year round, a signposted 2.5km, 1 hour trail, guides visitors to bird hides, over the swamp on a boardwalk and through several different plant associations. Pack a picnic and enjoy the serenity.

Take a leisurely Walk with History, a self-guided walk (with talking app), approx. 1.5hr, which provides an opportunity to view architecture, historical sites, parks and gardens and find out about the notable inhabitants of the past. It winds its way through the heritage precincts, streets and laneways of Penola. There is simply no better way to explore the rich historical and cultural tapestry of the town.

Try Cycling, collect a Cycle Trails Brochure from the Visitor Centre along with details of bike hire. Most trails go off-road at some points and are not suitable for road bikes. Heritage Ride is all bitumen.
Penola and Coonawarra offer a vast array of ‘get active’ choices from golf to swimming, cycling, walking, tennis and petanque, developing personal health services along with a suite of excellent medical and allied health services.

Penola Golf Course Par 72, 5,884m (mens), 5,232m (ladies). 18 hole golf course located 10 kms south of Penola. Visitors welcome. Phone 08 8737 2484

McCorquindale Park sporting complex, centrally located is the ideal sporting venue and a must for the tennis, cricket and netball enthusiast and during winter Australian rules.

Penola Swimming Pool located adjacent the Penola War Memorial Park. Open all Summer through to Easter. Penola Amateur Swim Club 0411 241 891.

Penola Skatepark adjacent the swimming pool and playground is the place for youth. Bring your skateboard and test your skills. Enjoy!

Penola Playground has an array of modern play equipment, with shade, shelters, barbecues and seating all in a safe environment. A place for the family to relax and spend time.

Take advantage of Penola’s developing personal health service industry:

Health and Allied Health Services
Penola Medical Centre 18 Church Street 08 8737 2218
Penola Community Health 18 Church Street 08 8737 2311
McArthur Physiotherapy 18 Church Street 08 8737 0791
Penola Physiotherapy Clinic 23A Queen St 08 8737 2455
Your Podiatrist 18 Church Street 08 8762 0601
Gear Up Fitness 15749 Riddoch Highway 0417 138 043

For your pet:
Penola Veterinary Centre 42 Church Street 08 8737 2252
After Hours 0428 834 706

Penola and Coonawarra are home to many well-known festivals and events, getting bigger and better each year. For more information phone the Penola/Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre on 1300 045 373 or 08 8737 2855

JAN Coonawarra Vignerons Cup
APR Penola Cup - Easter Sunday
Coonawarra After Dark
MAY Millicent Cup
JUL Cellar Dwellers whole month of July
AUG Coonawarra Wine Tasting Road Show travels around Australia
Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day
OCT Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations whole month of October
Penola Agricultural Show
Kalangadoo Cup
DEC Christmas Street Party

Numerous Gallery Exhibitions, Activities & Openings throughout the Year. Visit wattlerange.sa.gov.au for more information or become our friend on Facebook.

Dagny Strand’s Art House Gallery and Blacksmith Workshop 0421 710 902
Gallery 54
54 Church Street 08 8737 2808
John Riddoch Centre
John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Art Gallery 27 Arthur Street 08 8737 2855
Le Max Gallery 28 Young Street 0408 373 007
Old Vine Studio 3 Jessie Street 0419 994 361

Numerous Cellar Doors also have art on display throughout the year
### Hotels / Motels

1. **Alexander Cameron Suites & Townsend Cottage**  
   23 Church Street  
   1800 217 011

2. **Coonawarra Motor Lodge 114 Church St**  
   08 8737 2364

3. **Coonawarra Units**  
   15014 Riddoch Highway, Coonawarra
   0476 646 406

4. **Royal Oak Hotel Penola 31 Church St**  
   08 8737 2322

5. **Kalangadoo Hotel**  
   Hotel - Railway Terrace, Kalangadoo  
   08 8739 3214

6. **Prince of Wales Hotel Motel 58 Church St**  
   08 8737 2402

### Backpackers / Budget

7. **Eagles Nest Backpackers 55 Portland St**  
   08 8737 3035

8. **Whiska’s Woolshed Glen Yallum Rd**  
   0418 854 505

### Caravan Park / Camping

9. **Bellwether Glenroy Shearing Shed**  
   14183 Riddoch Hwy, Coonawarra  
   0417 080 945

10. **Penola Caravan Park South Tce**  
    08 8737 2381

11. **Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park**  
    242 Comaum School Road, Comaum  
    0455 146 647

12. **Greenrise Freecamp**  
    Fully SC Vehicles Only. 2night max.

### Self Contained Accommodation

13. **A Coonawarra Experience**  
    19 Arthur Street, Penola  
    0405 733 477

14. **Camawald Coonawarra Cottage B&B and Studio**  
    170 Rocky Castle Road, Coonawarra  
    08 8736 3323

15. **Cameron’s Cottage 1 Davis Crescent**  
    0419 373 450

16. **Cobb & Co. Cottages (3) 2 Portland Street**  
    08 8737 2526

17. **Coonawarra Cottages Mary Street**  
    (Bankhouse, Pickers Hut & Skinners Cottage)  
    0411 249 304

18. **Coonawarra’s Pyrus Cottage**  
    9 Helen St, Coonawarra  
    0409 363 390

19. **Davidson Cottage 13 Petticoat Lane**  
    0488 646 446

20. **Girraween House 10 Helen St, Coonawarra**  
    08 8736 3220

21. **Georgie’s Cottage 1 Riddoch Street**  
    0427 100 767

22. **Honeysuckle Rise Vineyard Accomodation (2)**  
    11 Maaoupe Rd, Coonawarra  
    1800 653 311

23. **Jessies Cottage 15 Clarke Street**  
    08 8737 2630

24. **Merlot & Verdelho Residences (2)**  
    14 Arthur Street  
    0413 512 559

25. **Murray’s Country Cottages (2)**  
    441 Mulligan’s Road, Maaoupe  
    08 8736 3321

26. **A Must@Coonawarra 126 Church Street**  
    08 8737 3444

27. **Penola Parkview Accommodation 59 Church St**  
    0404 092 611

28. **Punter’s Vineyard Retreat**  
    V&A Lane, Coonawarra  
    0408 816 312

29. **Sarah’s Cottage 24 Julian Street West**  
    0400 646 699

30. **Shurdingtons Cottage 7 Portland Street**  
    0427 028 652

31. **Sotto il Noce 92 Church Street**  
    0419 373 450

32. **The White House 29 Riddoch Street**  
    0417 831 596

33. **The Gums 18 Gordon Street**  
    0419 373 450

34. **The Vines 60 Portland Street**  
    0400 373 130

35. **Traveller’s Rest 21 Queen Street**  
    0427 273 697

36. **Winella Homestay Robe Road**  
    0417 812 670

37. **Winemakers House Blok Estate**  
    0419 099 392

38. **Yalumba “The Menzies” Retreat**  
    15516 Riddoch Highway, Coonawarra  
    0419 373 450

39. **Ruby’s Cottage 39 Clarke St, Penola**  
    0419 373 450

40. **Hollick House 11 Racecourse Rd, Penola**  
    08 8737 2318
Churches
Assembly of God  Young St
St Andrew’s Presbyterian  Corner Arthur & Portland St
St Mary’s Anglican  Corner Arthur & Queen St
St Josephs Catholic  Portland St
Olivet Lutheran  Corner of Robe Rd & McArthur St
Uniting Church  Corner of Queen St & Robe Rd

Library
Penola Community Library  08 8737 2838

Banks
ANZ Bank (ATM)  Church Street
Bank SA (ATM)  Church Street
Bendigo Bank + (ATM)  Church Street  08 8737 2400
Penola Post Office  Church Street
Offering bank services for most banks  08 8737 2570
*Eftpos available in Hotels, Caltex Service Station and IGA Fresh

Tourism Services
Coonawarra Discovery Accommodation & Tours
www.coonawarradiscovery.com.au  0419 373 450
Coonawarra Experiences
www.coonawarraexperiences.com.au  0405 733 477
Coonawarra Grape and Wine Incorporated  Church Street  08 8737 2392
Mary MacKillop Penola Centre
Corner of Portland Street & Petticoat Lane  08 8737 2092
Penola Coonawarra Tour
& Taxi Services  0429 810 054
or 0428 847 921
Penola Coonawarra
Visitor Information Centre  Arthur St  08 8737 2855

Bus Service
Premier Stateliner Bus Service  08 8415 5555
Mount Gambier – Adelaide via Penola
Adelaide – Mount Gambier via Beachport
Book your tickets by phone, online or at the
Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre

Service Station
Caltex Penola  Church St  08 8737 3973
Shell Penola  Church Street  08 8737 2314

Kalangadoo 27km Kalangadoo Farmers Market Every Saturday, 10am-1pm taste the freshest produce around. (Ph 08 8739 3134) www.facebook.com/kdoofarmersmarket.

Glencoe 40km Leake Brothers Woolshed Built in 1863. A blade shearing shed with cathedral like arched blackwood beams (Ph 08 8739 4320). Picturesque Lake Leake & Edward, walks, natural habitat, bird hides, camping.

Nangwarry Forestry & Logging Museum 18km Forestry is one of the largest industries in South Australia. Learn more about the history of this industry. Phone 0417 875 557. Open daily.

Millicent 50km The Millicent Visitor Information Centre & Award Winning Living History Museum should be your first stop (Ph 08 8733 0904). The Playground in the Domain & Millicent Swimming Lake (in seasons) is a must for families. Take the Woakwine Windfarm Tourist drive & view the Tantanoola Tiger. Visit the Tantanoola Cave or stop over at Mayura Station to taste the delicious Wagyu Beef – Bookings essential (Ph 08 8733 4333). Experience the natural habitat developed at Lake McIntyre, a reclaimed quarry or explore the walks and 4WDriving at Canunda National Park.

Beachport 85kms Safe swimming beaches, great fishing, walking trails and 4WDriving tracks. Stunning scenic Bowman Drive, the infamous Pool of Siloam (Salt Lake) and one of the longest Jetties in the State. Entry to Beachport Conservation Park. Something for all.

Southend 76km Charming coastal town, entry point to Canunda National Park, safe beaches, swimming, fishing, coastal walking trails and 4WDriving.

Robe 108km Historical seaside town. Long Beach, Little Dip Conservation Park, Beacon Hill Lookout, Obelisk.

Mount Gambier 50kms South from Penola, home of the famous Blue Lake, Umpherston Sinkhole and Cave Gardens.

Naracoorte 50km North from Penola. Sheeps Back Museum & Mini Jumbuk Factory and the World Heritage Listed Naracoorte Caves are only 40kms from Penola.
Our Accredited Visitor Information Centres
are located in Beachport and Millicent

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