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PENOLA COONAWARRA

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about penola and Coonwarra

Penola and Coonawarra offer a mix of cultural heritage, historic charm, renowned vineyards and wines along with quaint cafes, galleries and boutique-style shops.

Artists, winemakers and other creative types affectionately call this region home. Penola is also well known for its former residents' Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Australia's first Saint and co-founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph), Father Julian Tenison Woods and Scottish pastoralist John Riddoch. Poets John Shaw Neilson, Adam Lindsay Gordon and Will Ogilvie also gained endless inspiration in the region.

Taking its name from the Aboriginal word 'honeysuckle', Coonawarra's famous strip of rich, red terra rossa soil sits atop deep limestone beds. Many of the nation's finest wines are grown here, with a worldwide reputation for unique flavour and quality. Cabernet Sauvignon has become the region's flagship drop with Coonawarra winning more Jimmy Watson trophies for 'Australia's best one-year-old red wine' than any other wine region.

Cellar door venues offer an array of experiences including wine tastings, take away wine purchases, grazing platters, restaurants, outdoor areas, wine history displays and more. See the local Coonawarra Wine Region map for further details.

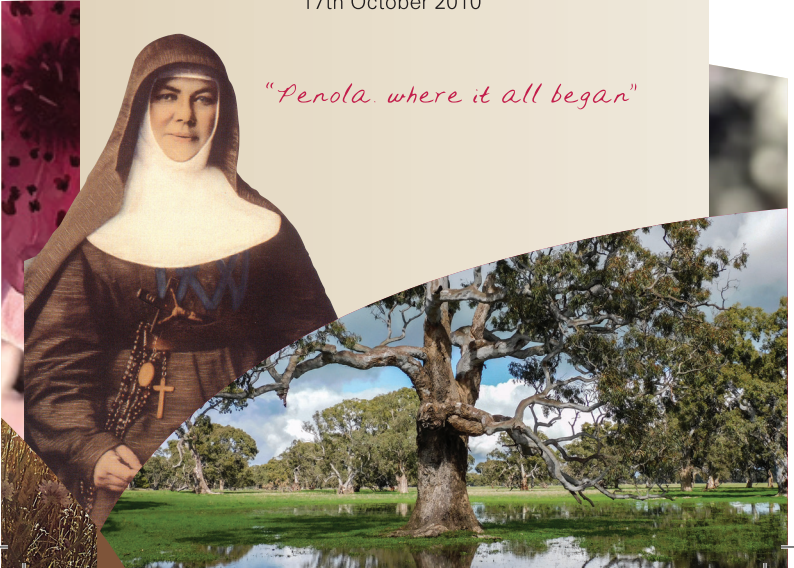


Australia's First Saint

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 and uncles (Margaret and 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 founded 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. 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"



things to do and see



Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre offers a wide selection of tourism information, souvenirs, local produce and gifts. Friendly, knowledgeable staff can assist you to make the most of your time in the region with advice on local wineries, events and attractions.

Visitors can immerse in the extensive local history collection from Penola and Coonawarra districts on display in the **John Riddoch History Room**, and view award winning artworks in the John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive **Art Gallery** on site at 27 Arthur Street, Penola.

A self-guided '**Walk with History**' around Penola (with talking App) takes in 45 points of interest including National Trust and Heritage buildings and cottages – 1.5 hours.

Yallum Park, former home of John Riddoch is said to be one of the best preserved Victorian mansions in the southern hemisphere. Tours of the home and garden are by appointment only. Phone 0418 854 505.

St Marys **Garden** features drystone walls, paths and artworks, set amongst hundreds of roses, flowers, shrubs and trees. St Marys winery, 563 V&A Lane, Penola. Open 10am-4pm daily. Phone 08 8736 6070.

Boasting over 20 **cellar doors**, set amongst beautiful gardens and vineyards, Coonawarra is home to some of Australia's best cabernet sauvignon. 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 Walking Trail (app available).

Maps and extensive information is available at the Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre, 27 Arthur Street Penola. Open 9-5 Mon-Fri, 10-4 Sat-Sun and public holidays.





parks, walking and cycle trails

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, Basketball, 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, playground.

Father Woods Park, Riddoch Highway, Glenroy. Located 21kms north of Penola, carved sculptures depicting the life of Father Julian Tenison-Woods and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

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


Greenrise Arboretum Trail has 6200 trees, 1200m of wheelchair accessible paths and showcases 110 selections. It links up to the Adam Lindsay Gordon walk around the dry lake, past the Penola South Cemetery and back to the RV Site. Free camping for a 2 night stay with any Fully Self Contained Vehicle permitted.

Penola Conservation Park & Nature Trail, Clay Wells Road, Penola (10kms West of Penola). One hour trail guides visitors through several different plant associations.

Take a leisurely Walk with History. A self-guided walk (with talking App), approx. 1.5hr, which provides an opportunity to view historical sites.

Walk/Run/Cycle. The newly opened Coonawarra Rail Trail is suitable for all ages. The trail starts in the township of Penola and follows the dis-used railway line north for 19km. Along the way you can visit cellar doors, have a picnic and visit the iconic Coonawarra Siding. Links to the Coonawarra Wineries Walking Trail.

Coonawarra Wineries Walking Trail Explore the township of Coonawarra on foot. Available as a downloadable App which showcases 6 Cellar Doors, the History of Coonawarra, Art, Iconic Landmarks and of course, Wine. Cellar doors, Restaurant and the Local Store have you covered for lunch or picnic options. Bookings are appreciated.



health & wellbeing

Penola and Coonawarra offer a vast array of 'get active' choices from golf to swimming, cycling, walking, tennis and petanque. Medical and allied health services are also in town.

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 is a centrally located sporting venue for the tennis, cricket, football, netball and basketball enthusiast. CMCA Park

Penola Swimming Pool located adjacent the Penola War Memorial Park. Open all Summer through to Easter.
Penola Amateur Swim Club 0412 099 392 or
penolaswimclub@gmail.com

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

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

Health and Allied Health Services

Penola Medical Centre, 18 Church St 08 8737 2218

Penola Community Health, 18 Church St 08 8737 2311

McArthur Physiotherapy, 18 Church St 08 8737 0791

Your Podiatrist, 18 Church St 08 8762 0601

SE Dental Naracoorte (Wednesdays),
18 Church St 08 8762 1449

For your pet:

Penola Veterinary Centre, 42 Church St 08 8737 2252
After Hours 0428 834 706



*Brochures are available at the Penola
Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre
Call in and say hi!*



events

Penola and Coonawarra are home to many well-known festivals and events. Visit www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/tourism/all-events/events

- JAN** Coonawarra Vignerons Cup
Penola and Districts Community Rodeo (bi-annually)
- MAR** Kalangadoo Fair
Penola Coonawarra Acoustic Music Gathering
Grapes of Mirth
- APR** Penola Cup - Easter Sunday
Coonawarra After Dark
- MAY** Penola/Coonawarra Arts Festival
Farmers Market
- JUL** Cellar Dwellers whole month of July
- AUG** Coonawarra Wine Tasting Road Show
travels to capital cities
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 and openings are scheduled throughout the year. Visit wattlerange.sa.gov.au for more information or follow us on our socials.



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galleries

Dagny Strand's Art House Gallery
and Blacksmith Workshop

0421 710 902

Gallery 54

54 Church St

08 8737 2808

John Riddoch Centre

John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Art Gallery

27 Arthur St

08 8737 2855

Le Max Gallery 28 Young St

0408 373 007

Old Vine Studio 3 Jessie St

0419 994 361

by appointment

Numerous Cellar Doors also have art on display throughout the year

accommodation ●

Hotels / Motels

- 1. Alexander Cameron Suites & Townsend Cottage**
23 Church St, Penola 1800 217 011
- 2. Coonawarra Motor Lodge**
116 Church St, Penola 08 8737 2364
- 3. Coonawarra Place**
15014 Riddoch Hwy, Coonawarra 0476 646 406
- 4. Kalangadoo Hotel**
Hotel - Railway Tce, Kalangadoo 08 8739 3214
- 5. Prince of Wales Hotel Motel**
58 Church St, Penola 08 8737 2402
- 6. Royal Oak Hotel Penola**
31 Church St, Penola 08 8737 2322

Backpackers / Budget

- 7. Eagles Nest Backpackers**
55 Portland St, Penola 0424 363 280

Caravan Park / Camping

- 8. Bellwether Glenroy Shearing Shed**
14183 Riddoch Hwy, Coonawarra 0447 334 545
- 9. Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park**
242 Comaum School Rd, Comaum 0455 146 647
- 10. CMCA Motorhome Park** 02 4978 8788
Book Online at cmca.net.au
- 11. Greenrise Freecamp** *Fully SC Vehicles Only. 2night max.*
- 12. Penola Coonawarra Caravan Park G'Day Parks**
South Tce, Penola 08 8737 2381

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| Coonawarra Discovery | 0419 373 450 |
| Coonawarra Experiences | 1800 861 190 |
| My Coonawarra Wine Tours | 0481 831 446 |
| Penola Coonawarra Bus & Tour Service (Don) | 0428 847 921 |
| (Chris) | 0429 810 054 |

Self Contained Accommodation

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| 13. 2 Oakwood House
<i>207 Racecourse Rd, Penola</i> | 0408 828 312 |
| 14. A Coonawarra Experience
<i>19 Arthur St, Penola</i> | 1800 861 190 |
| 15. A Penola Coonawarra Villa
<i>60 Portland St, Penola</i> | 0451 979 220 |
| 16. A Must@Coonawarra
<i>126 Church St, Penola</i> | 08 8737 3444 |
| 17. Camawald Coonawarra Cottage B&B and Studio
<i>170 Rocky Castle Rd, Coonawarra</i> | 0448 029 055 |
| 18. Cameron's Cottage
<i>1 Davis Cres, Penola</i> | 08 8737 3444 |
| 19. Cobb & Co. Cottages (3)
<i>2 Portland St</i> | 08 8737 2526 |
| 20. Coonawarra Cottages <i>Mary St</i>
<i>(Bankhouse, Pickers Hut & Skinners Cottage)</i> | 0400 280 134 |
| 21. Coonawarra's Pyrus Cottage
<i>9 Helen St, Coonawarra</i> | 0409 363 390 |
| 22. Cloisters of Kalangadoo
<i>6 Church St, Kalangadoo</i> | 0432 766 758 |
| 23. Davidson Cottage
<i>13 Petticoat Lane</i> | 0400 646 699 |
| 24. Girraween House
<i>10 Helen St, Coonawarra</i> | 08 8736 3220 |
| 25. Georgie's Cottage
<i>1 Riddoch St, Penola</i> | 0427 055 473 |
| 26. Hollick House <i>11 Racecourse Rd, Penola</i> | 08 8737 2318 |
| 27. Merlot & Verdelho Residences (2)
<i>14 Arthur St, Penola</i> | 0438 339 729 |
| 28. Murray's Country Cottages (2)
<i>441 Mulligan's Rd, Maaoupe</i> | 08 8736 3321 |
| 29. Punter's Vineyard Retreat
<i>V&A Lane, Coonawarra</i> | 0408 816 312 |
| 30. Sarah's Cottage
<i>24 Julian St West, Penola</i> | 0412 196 132 |
| 31. The White House <i>29 Riddoch St, Penola</i> | 1300 884 221 |
| 32. Ulva Cottage <i>12 Bowden St, Penola</i> | 0408 834 217 |
| 33. Winemakers House <i>Blok Estate</i> | 0432 223 360 |
| 34. Yalumba 'The Menzies' Retreat
<i>15516 Riddoch Hwy, Coonawarra</i> | 08 8561 3200 |



services



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

ATM Precinct, *Church St, Penola*

Bendigo Bank + (ATM), *Church St, Penola* 08 8737 2400

Penola Post Office *Church Street*

Offering bank services for most banks 08 8737 2570

Tourism Services

Coonawarra Discovery Accommodation & Tours

www.coonawarradiscovery.com.au 0419 373 450

Coonawarra Experiences

www.coonawarraexperiences.com.au 1800 861 190

Coonawarra Grape and Wine Incorporated

Church St, Penola 08 8737 2392

Mary MacKillop Penola Centre

Corner of Portland Street & Petticoat Lane 08 8737 2092

My Coonawarra Wine Tours

0481 831 446

Penola Coonawarra Tour

0429 810 054

& Taxi Services

or 0428 847 921

Penola Coonawarra

Visitor Information Centre, *Arthur St, Penola* 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

Shell Penola, *Church St, Penola*

08 8737 2314



day tripping

Kalangadoo 27km Kalangadoo Farmers Market. Every Saturday, 10am-1pm taste the freshest produce around. (Ph 08 8739 3134) www.facebook.com/kdoofarmersmarket. Walk with History Brochure, pick up at Visitor Centres.

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

Nangwarry Forestry & Logging Museum 18km. Forestry is one of the largest industries in South Australia. Learn more about the history. 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 season) is a must for families. Take the **Woakwine Windfarm Tourist drive** & visit the town of Tantanoola. Free Camp available for self-contained vehicles. Visit the **Tantanoola Cave** or stop over at **Mayura Station** to taste the delicious Wagyu Beef – Bookings essential (Ph 08 8733 4333). Experience the immense birdlife, a board walk and BBQ spot at **Lake McIntyre**, or explore beach walks and 4WDiving at **Canunda National Park**.

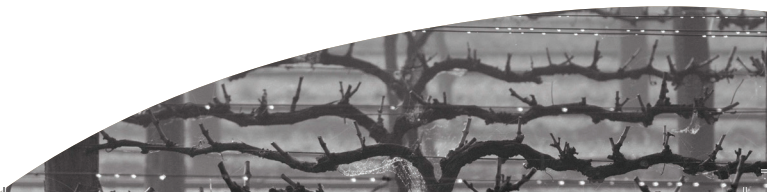
Beachport 85kms. Safe swimming beaches, great fishing, walking trails and 4WDiving tracks. Stunning scenic **Bowman Drive**, the infamous **Pool of Siloam** (Salt Lake) and the second longest Jetty in the State, Beachport Conservation Park and Lake George.

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

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.





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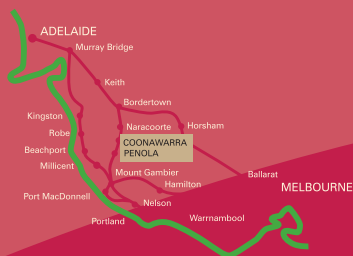
Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Weekends and Public Holidays

10.00am - 4.00pm

Closed Christmas Day



*Our other Accredited Visitor Information Centres
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