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 Osgood.

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 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.

**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 1996

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

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"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 taking 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. Tours are by appointment only. Contact 08 8737 2865 or 0418 854 505 for more information.

St Marys Garden Drystone walls, paths and artworks complement a kaleidoscope of colour created by 100’s of roses, flowers shrubs and trees. 563 V & A Lane, Penola. Open daily 10am – 4pm or by appointment for weddings, clubs and tours 08) 8736 6070

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 (App available).

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, 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.


Greenise 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 Greenise 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.
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**events**

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
- **MAR** Kalangadoo Fair
- **APR** Penola Cup - Easter Sunday
- **Coonawarra After Dark**
- **MAY** Living the Dream, Raidis Estate
- **MAY** Millicent Cup
- **JUL** Penola/Coonawarra Arts Festival
- **JUL** Farmers Market
- **JUL** Cellar Dwellers whole month of July
- **AUG** Sips in the Sticks
- **AUG** Coonawarra Wine Tasting Road Show
- **AUG** travels around Australia
- **AUG** Mary MacKillop's Feast Day
- **OCT** Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations
- **OCT** whole month of October
- **OCT** Penola Agricultural Show
- **OCT** Kalangadoo Cup
- **DEC** Christmas Street Party

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

**galleries**

- **Dagney Strand's Art House Gallery and Blacksmith Workshop** 0421 710 902
- **Gallery 54** 54 Church Street 08 8737 2808
- **John Riddoch Centre**
- **John Shaw Nelson 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*
**accommodation**

**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. Kalangadoo Hotel  
   Hotel - Railway Terrace, Kalangadoo  
   08 8739 3214
5. Prince of Wales Hotel Motel 58 Church St  
   08 8737 2402
6. Royal Oak Hotel Penola 31 Church St  
   08 8737 2322

**Backpackers / Budget**

7. Eagles Nest Backpackers 55 Portland St  
   0409 793 216
8. Whiska's Woolshed Glen Yallum Rd  
   0418 854 505

**Caravan Park / Camping**

9. Bellweather Glenroy Shearing Shed  
   14183 Riddoch Hwy, Coonawarra  
   0447 334 545
10. Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park  
    242 Comaum School Road, Comaum  
    0455 146 647
    CMCA Motorhome Park  
    Book Online at cmca.net.au
11. Greenrise Freecamp Fully SC Vehicles Only. 2 nights max.
12. Penola Caravan Park South Toe  
     08 8737 2381

**Self Contained Accommodation**

13. A Coonawarra Experience  
    19 Arthur Street, Penola  
    0405 733 477
14. A Must@Coonawarra 126 Church Street  
    08 8737 3444
15. Camwald Coonawarra Cottage B&B and Studio  
    170 Rocky Castle Road, Coonawarra  
    0429 029 058
16. Cameron's Cottage 1 Davis Crescent  
    08 8737 3444
17. Cobb & Co. Cottages (3) 2 Portland Street  
    08 8737 2526
18. Coonawarra Cottages Mary Street  
    (Bankhouse, Pickens Hut & Skinners Cottage)  
    0411 249 304
19. Coonawarra's Pyrus Cottage  
    9 Helen St, Coonawarra  
    0409 363 390
20. Davidson Cottage 13 Peticoat Lane  
    0488 646 446
21. Girraween House 10 Holan St, Coonawarra  
    08 8736 3220
22. Georgei's Cottage 1 Riddoch Street  
    0427 100 767
23. Hollick House 11 Racecourse Rd, Penola  
    08 8737 2318
24. Honeysuckle Rise Vineyard Accommodation (2)  
    11 Mawoupe Rd, Coonawarra  
    1800 653 311
25. Jessies Cottage 55 Clarke Street  
    08 8737 2630
26. Merlot & Verdelho Residences (2)  
    14 Arthur Street  
    0413 512 559
27. Murray's Country Cottages (2)  
    441 Mulligan's Road, Mawoupe  
    08 8736 3321
28. Penola Parkview Accommodation  
    59 Church St  
    0428 866 700
29. Punter's Vineyard Retreat  
    V&H Lane, Coonawarra  
    0408 816 312
30. Ruby's Cottage 39 Clarke St, Penola  
    0419 373 450
31. Sarah's Cottage 24 Julian Street West  
    0400 646 699
32. Sotto il Noce 92 Church Street  
    0496 035 584
33. The White House 29 Riddoch Street  
    0417 831 596
34. The Vines 60 Portland Street  
    0400 373 130
35. Traveller's Rest 21 Queen Street  
    0427 273 697
36. Winemakers House Blok Estate  
    0419 099 392
37. Yalumba 'The Menzies' Retreat  
    15516 Riddoch Highway, Coonawarra  
    08 8737 3603
Numerous gallery exhibitions, lectures, and workshops are held throughout the year. Be sure to check the Cutting Edge contemporary arts calendar and the schedule of events for more information on upcoming exhibitions and performances.

**Events**

- **Dec.**
  - Christmas Street Fairs
  - Philadelphia Craft Show
  - Communion Center Calendar

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  - Philadelphia Art Fair
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- **Apr.**
  - Philadelphia Art Fair

- **Jan.**
  - Communion Center Calendar

For more information please contact the Communion Center Information Centre.

Friends and Communion are housed in many well-known buildings throughout the city. The Communion Centre is located at 56 E. 19th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103. Tel: 215-382-7300. Fax: 215-382-7301.
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wine

1. Bailnaves of Coonawarra 08 8737 2346
2. Banks Thargo Wines 0408 826 124
3. Bellwether Wines 0447 334 545
4. Blok Estate Coonawarra 08 8737 2734
5. Bowen Estate 08 8737 2229
6. Brands Laira Coonawarra 08 8736 3260
7. Bundaalong Coonawarra 08 8205 3311
8. DiGiorgio Family Wines 08 8736 3222
9. Flints of Coonawarra 0413 484 078
10. Grey-Smith Wines 0429 499 355
11. Highbank Vineyards 1800 653 311
12. Hoggies Estate Wines 0418 854 102
13. Hollick Estates 08 8737 2318
14. IUS Wines 1300 487 946
15. Jack Estate 08 8738 3130
16. Jim Brand Wines 0488 771 046
17. Katnook Estate 08 8737 0300
19. Koonara Wines 08 8737 3222
20. Leconfield Wines 08 8737 2326
21. Lindemans Coonawarra 1300 893 946
22. Majella Wines 08 8736 3055
23. Ottelia 08 8736 3170
24. Parker Coonawarra Estate 08 8737 3525
25. Patrick of Coonawarra 08 8737 3687
26. Penley Estate 08 8736 3211
27. Petaluma 08 8339 9300
28. Raids Estate 08 8737 2966
29. Redman Wines 08 8736 3331
30. Rymill Coonawarra 08 8736 5001
31. St Hugo Wines 08 8621 3018
32. St Mary’s Wines 08 8736 6070
33. Whistle Post Wines 0404 191 919
34. Wood Block Wines 0417 878 933
35. Wynns Coonawarra Estate 08 8736 2225
36. Yalumba Menzies Estate 08 8651 3200
37. Zema Estate 08 8736 3219
38. Smoothbeard Meadery 0408 708 093
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
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
*Sits available in Hotels, Caltex Service Station and RSA Fresh

Tourism Services
BBP Travel & Cruise  08 8725 7888
caitlin@bandtravel.com.au
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 2055
Penola Fantasy Theme Park and Rose’s Tearoom
Riddoch Street, Penola  08 8737 2247

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

day tripping

Kalangadoo 27km Kalangadoo Farmers Market Every Saturday, 10am-1pm taste the freshest produce around.
(Ph 08 8739 3134) www.facebook.com/kdofarmersmarket.
Walk with History Brochure, pick up at Penola Visitor Centre.
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 season) 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 4WD driving at Canunda National Park.
Beachport 85kms Safe swimming beaches, great fishing, walking trails and 4WD driving 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 4WD driving.
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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Millicent SA 5280
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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
are located in Beachport and Millicent

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