

# KOORDA



**DRIVE IN, STAY AWHILE**

Population: 431  
Area: 2,662km<sup>2</sup>

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# ABOUT KOORDA

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Approximately 240km and 3 hours' drive north-east of Perth situated along the popular 'Wheatbelt Way' self-drive trail, Koorda's main industries include wheat, coarse grain and sheep farming. During springtime experience remarkable wildflower displays, with some species unique to the area. Koorda was famously referred to as 'Corn Dolly Country,' attracting sightseers wanting to learn more about the ancient tradition of creating 'dollies' from stalks and husks of wheat. In 2019 Koorda saw a re-branding to adopt the catch phrase "Drive In, Stay Awhile."

The town offers great facilities for visitors to enjoy, from its wonderful Wheatbelt scenery, local attractions, museums and Drive In theatre, to sporting recreational services such as a 24/7 gym, golf course, tennis courts, lawn bowls, children's playgrounds, skate park and much, much more. There are numerous scenic areas to stop at, most with public BBQ and toilet facilities. Redcliffe, Mollerin Rock, Newcarlbeon, Koorda Native Flora Reserve and Badgerin Rock are popular spots to enjoy the surroundings and perhaps spot some of the local inhabitants.

In October 1836 the Surveyor General, John Septimus Roe, led an expedition to the east of the Avon Valley, in a search for pastoral land. One of his camps was located a few miles north of the present town of Koorda. By the 1860s a few pastoral homesteads were set up at favoured places. Generally, a settler would be granted a free homestead block of 160 acres plus a conditional purchase block to make a total of 1,000 acres (445.5 hectares). The majority of early Koorda residents took up land on this basis, which required them to reside on their properties, install fences and make other improvements. The railway north and east from Wyalkatchem was gazetted in 1917 to serve the farmers settling in the area; a siding named Koorda, being at a central point, automatically became the district's name. In the same year a large dam was sunk in Koorda to meet the water requirements of the area.

In 1917 when the Koorda townsite sprang up around the railway worker's camp, it saw the establishment of a general store, post office, blacksmith, greengrocer and hotel to accommodate seasonal workers, mainly baggers of wheat. The settlers built themselves a Hall, (now the Pioneer Memorial Hall), extending it in 1924. The Koorda Road Board, inaugurated in 1928, used the extension for their office until their own building was completed in Railway Street, which now serves as the CWA Community Centre. 1958 saw the opening of the new Koorda Memorial Hall and the extension of the Comprehensive Water Scheme to Koorda. In 1962 the Bowling Club was opened, and the following six years saw the Swimming Pool brought into use, the Drive-In theatre opened, the State Energy Commission taking over the supply of electricity to the town, and the Silver Chain Nursing Post was established. Subsequently the new Police Station and Courthouse were built as the centre for Police and R.T.A. administration. During 1975 the new Shire Administration building was erected and officially opened on 19th March 1976. 1978 saw the Golden Jubilee of Local Government in Koorda, and this is commemorated by the Memorial Stone in the Lions Park (now Community Garden).

# KOORDA TOWN MAP



## Koorda Town Map

### Accommodation

- 1 Yalambee Self Contained Units
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### Emergency

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- 16 Medical Centre Weds only
- 17 Fire Station 000
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### Motoring

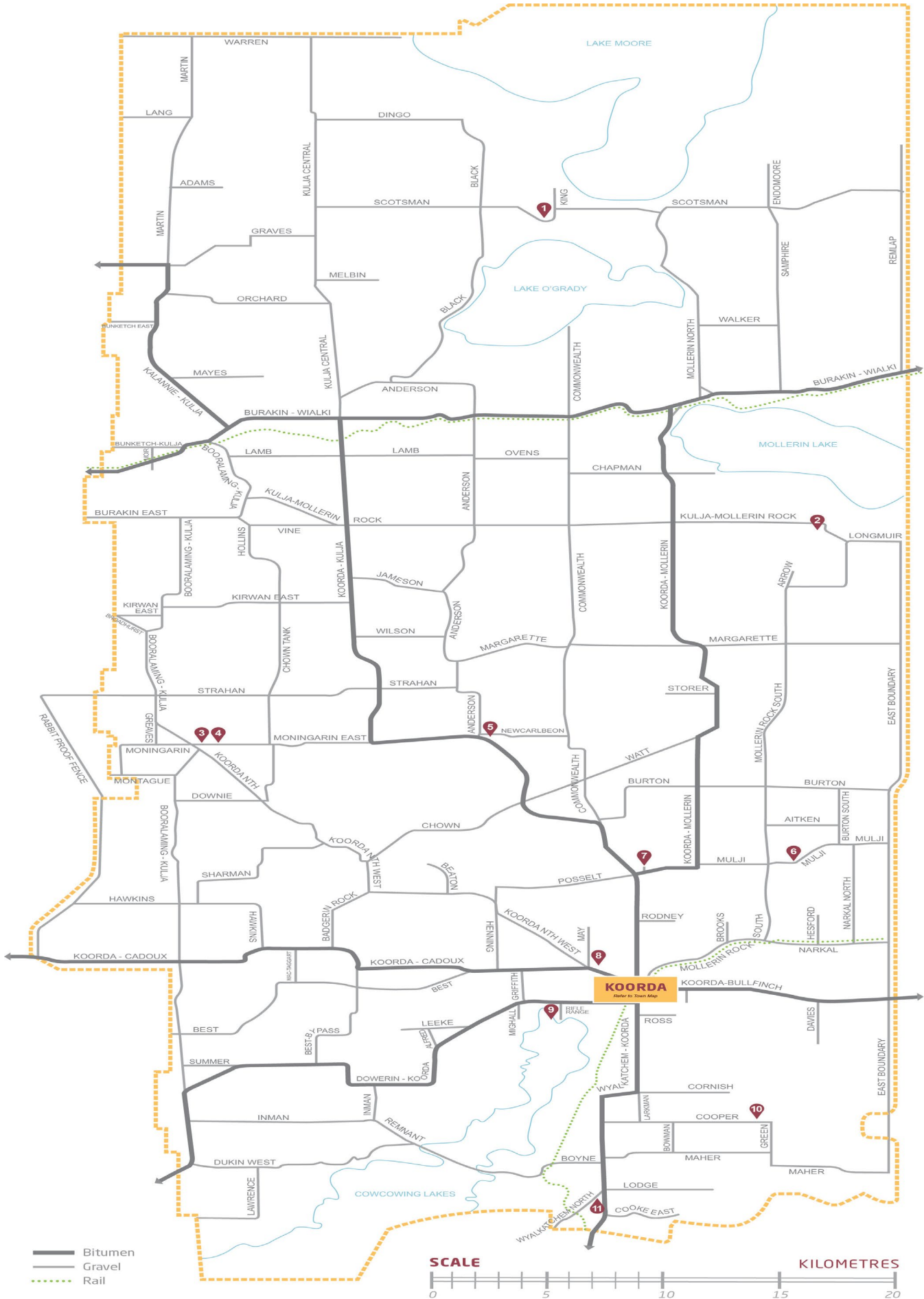
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# KOORDA SHIRE MAP



# INFORMATION CENTRES

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## **Shire of Koorda (Town Map #5)**

Address: 10 Haig Street

PO BOX 20, Koorda, WA 6475

Phone: 08 9684 1219

Open: 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Website: [www.koorda.wa.gov.au](http://www.koorda.wa.gov.au)

Email: [shire@koorda.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@koorda.wa.gov.au)



Shire of Koorda

The Shire of Koorda provides the district with a wide variety of services and amenities. The Shire is an agent for the Department of Transport and can look after all your licensing needs. The local Library is housed in the administration office too. For the full list of services please call the Shire Office or visit the website.

## **Koorda Community Resource Centre (Town Map #6)**

Address: 41-42 Railway Street

PO BOX 187, Koorda, WA 6475

Phone: 08 9684 1081

Open: 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

Website: [www.koorda.crc.net.au](http://www.koorda.crc.net.au)

Email: [manager@koordacrc.net.au](mailto:manager@koordacrc.net.au)



Koorda Community Resource Centre

## **24/7 ATM Machine located at the rear of the building (Town Map #22)**

The Koorda CRC was originally established in 1999, then known as the Koorda Telecentre to provide a range of services and support to the Community and welcome tourists and visitors to the district. To this day the Koorda CRC offers a variety of utilities to our community ranging from computer and internet access, Centrelink access, photocopying and printing services, office hire, video conferencing, tourist information and brochures, and much more.

The Koorda CRC is in charge of the collation and printing of the local "Narkal Notes." The Narkal Notes newsletter was first published in 1975. Volunteers from the community pulled together to create this newsletter to keep the Shire of Koorda up to date with the latest news. Since 2005, the Koorda Community Resource Centre has created and published the Narkal Notes, and distributed to the Community weekly on a Tuesday, except for a 2 week break over the Christmas and New Year period. The local newsletter keeps the district up to date with the latest town and news notices, town events, sporting results, advertising for surrounding towns, jokes, church notices and lots more. For more information, call the CRC or email: [narkals@koordacrc.net.au](mailto:narkals@koordacrc.net.au)

# KOORDA DRIVE IN (Town Map #7)

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## History of the Koorda Drive In

The Koorda Drive In opened in October 1965 after the Shire of Koorda took out a loan of £2,500 to build it. The Drive In was first leased out to Paddy Baker and run by two locals. Baker would send up films from Perth and once they were screened in Koorda on the Friday and Saturday night, they would get sent to Trayning to screen them on the Sunday night. The venue which held 110 cars, filled several times. Three main overflow nights; one screening of The Sound of Music and twice on the Gone with the Wind screening. In 1983 after TV became popular, the Drive In became less popular and the venue was closed.

In 1987 it re-opened and screenings were held once a month at first and then less regularly in the 90s. Up until the upgrade in 2015, numbers dwindled, however with the ability to show new release movies, the Drive In regained its popularity as a unique family outing.

At the peak of the Drive-In industry, there were over 80 in WA. Today, Koorda is one of a couple still operating in WA. In March 2015 an upgrade of the projection system was completed with the new digital equipment offering a clearer picture and the ability to screen new releases. The original Simplex projectors (manufactured/built in 1929) are still operational, and one is now on display in the Kiosk. In 2016 the kiosk was given a “retro” renovation to mimic the original design of the classic Drive In.

The Koorda Drive In is truly a unique and memorable experience for all.

The Drive In generally has monthly screenings. For more details visit the facebook page or call the Koorda Community Resource Centre or Shire of Koorda for latest screening details.

Koorda saw a re-branding in 2019 and welcomed the catch phrase “Drive In, Stay Awhile” that incorporates our iconic Drive In and showcases our town as a great place to live, work and travel in.





# HISTORY OF THE CORN DOLLY

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## History of the Corn Dolly

In the past Koorda was commonly referred to as the “Corn Dolly Country.” Read on below to discover the history of the ancient tradition and to view photos of the Corn Dolly handicrafts.

The Corn Dolly making is an ancient craft going back thousands of years, when it was thought that a spirit lived in the cornfields. To preserve this spirit at harvest time, and ensure the success of next year's harvest, a corn dolly was made for the spirit to rest in. Nowadays, the Corn Dolly is a decorative symbol of peace and prosperity in the home throughout the year and made from husks of wheat.

The art of the Corn Dolly making was first brought to Koorda by Mr Frank Lodge in 1911, from his home county of Durham in England. Mr Lodge would keep some wheat stalks from his harvest to plait into “Countryman's Favours” and freely gave them away to people he met, especially new arrivals to town, on his regular Friday shopping trip. He would also give them to the ladies when the local dances were held in the Town Hall. The Shire of Koorda adopted the Corn Dolly “The Simple Countryman's Favour” as the Shire emblem in 1974 at the suggestion of Councillor Colin Cooke.

Today Corn Dollies no longer have the ritual significance they once enjoyed, but with modern ideas and techniques, they have evolved into a creative and decorative art form.

Corn Dolly work of some form is seen all over the world in cereal growing areas, American plaiters call their work ‘*wheat weaving*,’ Swiss plaiters are renowned for their ‘*split straw work*.’ England is the centre for the annual ‘*Corn Dolly*’ workshops and Harvest Maidens can be found in Indonesia where they use rice straw. The women in Belarus in Russia plait beautifully designed items of clothing for decorative purposes.





# LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

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## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



### **Redcliffe (pictured above – Shire Map #9)**

Located 5km west of Koorda off the Koorda-Dowerin road, Redcliffe is a hidden gem found at the end of Rifle Range road. At the northern most point of the Cowcowing lake system, Redcliffe offers a picturesque contrast from the white salt lakes panes to the red granite outcrops that form the “Red Cliffe.”

The Rifle range is also located here, so please exercise caution if the area is being used for rifle practise.

Located: (-30.844197, 117.445170)

### **Mollerin Rock (Shire Map #2)**

Located 44km north of Koorda town site on the Kulja-Mollerin Rock Road, it has picnic and camping facilities including picnic tables and a toilet. Backing onto the old Mollerin Golf Course, there is plenty of room to pull in with a caravan and plenty of shady trees to pitch a tent under. During late winter and spring, this nature reserve has a picturesque display of wildflowers and beautiful panoramic views from the top of the rock.

Located: (-30.538319, 117.566074)

### **Newcarlbeon Tank & Reserve (Shire Map #5)**

Located 21km north of Koorda off Anderson Road on the Newcarlbeon Road, the area has an enjoyable picnic area, camping facilities and a toilet. Winter and spring are the best months to view the abundant array of wildflowers for those with a keen eye. To the east of the campsite, after a small bush walk, you will find the Newcarlbeon tank.

Located: (-30.666560, 117.418207)

### **Native Flora Reserve (Shire Map #6)**

Located 15km north-east of Koorda on the Mulji Road, this reserve has a large collection of varieties of flora shrubs native to the Koorda area. Keep a look out for the "Koorda Rose" and the resident wildlife flying around the native shrub land.

BBQ and picnic facilities are on site, as well as walk trails and a toilet.  
Located: (-30.742032, 117.548997)

#### **Badgerin Rock "Outback Tennis" Campsite (Shire Map #4)**

Located 34km north-west from town on the Moningarín East Road. Facilities include an undercover area and tennis courts.

Located: (-30.671318, 117.290086)

#### **Moningarín Tank & Gnamma Holes (Shire Map #3)**

Located 34km north-west from town on the Moningarín East Road.

Tank Located: (-30.672302, 117.287066)

#### **Mt Collier Dam (Shire Map #1)**

Located 67km north from town on Scotsman Road, Mt Collier Dam is a lovely picnic destination for the whole family to enjoy. Constructed in 1930 Mt Collier dam has the capacity to hold 170,000 gallons (265,000L). All the rock catchments, soaks, dams and tanks are hugely important and significant sites firstly in the wandering lives of the first possessors of this land, then as a source of water for the explorers, pastoralists and sandalwood pullers and then for the settlers themselves.

The settlement of the Wheatbelt is a story of men and women going out to a land almost without water, hoping to gain prosperity and independence. It was a huge experiment in which the settlers risked finding water and storing it somehow, carting it labouriously over long distances and existing with the absolute minimum to keep themselves and their animals alive. The 'granites' with their gnamma holes and soaks and then the building of the dams, tanks and catchment walls has enormous importance and relevance for the farmers who have gone on to prosper and succeed.

Located: (-30.340068, 117.440356)



# INDOOR COLLECTIONS

## **Koorda Museum (Town Map #11) (pictured below)**

The Koorda Museum is well worth a visit. The Museum houses local artefacts and collections of historical papers of the district's history. The building was a former hospital and contains special exhibits of hospital equipment. It was also used as a school hostel and then the police station for a time. Displays are set out as the following rooms: hospital room, map and history room, parlour, kitchen crockery display, laundry display, farm workshop with old farm machinery, and police lockup no.4.

**Open:** By appointment only, call Elizabeth Forbes (Perth) 9384 6302, Margaret & Colin Strahan 9684 4024 or Colleen Scally 9684 1393. Entry fee \$5 per person, children 16 & under are free.



## **Koorda Motor & Military Museum (Town Map #8)**

The Koorda Motor & Military Museum houses an array of military collections and vintage cars to browse through. It features a variety of original classic and muscle cars, memorabilia, and models. It also has large military displays from the Boer War to Afghanistan.

**Open:** By appointment, call Tony or Sue on 0429 080 258 or 0448 801 413

## **Koorda Wheatbelt Cottage Industries (Town Map #9)**

The Ladies version of the "Men's Shed," WCI is the home for all things handmade. Spectacular handy work is displayed throughout, from quilts, to crocheted handtowels, to beautifully quirky handmade gifts. If you need a small present, or in the need for a new couch blanket or just want to admire the handy work of the locals, there are many beautiful items on display. Call in for a coffee or tea and a look around.

**Open:** Tuesday 9.30am - 1.30pm (approx), some weekends & special events.

## **Koorda Art Gallery (Town Map #10)**

The art gallery houses local artists work; from paintings to prints to sculptures, the art gallery is worth viewing. Whether you're in the market for some new art, or just keen to have a look at the display, there are many beautiful pieces displayed in a rustic setting.

**Open:** Sundays 11.00am – 2.00pm & special events. April to October

# LOCAL BUSINESSES

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## **Shire of Koorda (Town Map #5)**

Agent for Department of Transport, catering for all your vehicle and drivers licensing needs. The Shire Office has an array of tourist brochures for Koorda and surrounds, including The Wheatbelt Way which is a great self-drive trail that takes you through the fascinating Northern Wheatbelt.

The Shire also hosts the local Library and offers many services including private works, building/facility hire, Yalambee self-contained units, Koorda Caravan Park bookings, and the Koorda Swimming Pool.

**Open:** Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 4.00pm

Phone: 08 9684 1219

Email: [shire@koorda.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@koorda.wa.gov.au)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/shireofkoorda/>

Website: [www.koorda.wa.gov.au](http://www.koorda.wa.gov.au)

Address: 10 Haig Street

PO BOX 20, Koorda WA 6475

## **Koorda Community Resource Centre (Town Map #6)**

The Koorda CRC provides a range of services and support to the Community and welcomes tourists and visitors to the district.

To this day, the Koorda CRC offers a variety of utilities to our community ranging from computer and internet access, Centrelink access, photocopying and printing services, office hire, video conferencing, tourist information and brochures, and much more. The CRC produces the town's independent local paper, the Narkal Notes, which is printed weekly for 50 weeks of the year (2 weeks break over Christmas and New Year). Post and email subscriptions are available by contacting the CRC, alternatively you can pick up a copy from Koorda IGA.

**Open:** Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm

Phone: 08 9684 1081

Email: [manager@koordacrc.net.au](mailto:manager@koordacrc.net.au)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/koordacrc/>

Website: [www.koorda.crc.net.au](http://www.koorda.crc.net.au)

Address: 41-43 Railway Street

PO BOX 187, Koorda WA 6475



### **Koorda Ag Parts, Tyre Service & Fabrication (Town Map #20)**

Koorda Ag Parts is your go-to business for an enormous range of services and repairs available to Koorda and surrounding areas. They offer spreader hire, point rebuilding, auger repairs, general welding and fabrication, patios and sheds, parts, mulch, fencing and tyre services.

**Open:** Weekdays, 8.00am – 5.00pm

Contact: Josh Smith

Phone: 08 9684 1252 or 0429 934 785

Email: [koordaagparts@yahoo.com.au](mailto:koordaagparts@yahoo.com.au)

Address: 21 Allenby Street

### **Koorda Agri Stock & Outback Hardware (Town Map #21)**

Koorda Agri Stock & Outback Hardware is an independent rural retail outlet servicing the local community. Stocking fertilizer, pet food, work boots, clothes and much more.

**Open:** Weekdays, 8.00am – 5.00pm

Contact: Derek Henning

Phone: 08 9684 1863 or 0413 003 043

Email: [office@agri-stock.com.au](mailto:office@agri-stock.com.au)

Address: 32 Allenby Street

Koorda WA 6475

### **Koorda Elders (Town Map #28)**

Supplier of fertiliser, gas, bulk pet food. Local courier receival point.

**Open:** Weekdays, 8.00am – 5.00pm

Phone: 08 9684 1004

Address: 15 Railway Street

### **Koorda Garden Centre (Town Map #8)**

The Koorda Garden is situated within the Koorda Motor and Military Museum and hosts a large variety of plants, garden supplies and garden enhancers.

**Open:** By appointment, call Tony or Sue on 0429 080 258 or 0448 801 413

Email: [yunderuppanelpaint@hotmail.com](mailto:yunderuppanelpaint@hotmail.com)

Address: 38 Allenby Street

### **Koorda Hotel (Town Map #3)**

Established in 1925, the Koorda Hotel offers warm hospitality, great atmosphere and a delicious country pub meal. Accommodation available, dine in or take away meals available on full menu and don't forget the icy cold refreshments. Pool table, juke box, outdoor beer garden and dining room available on premises.

**Open:** Tuesday - Saturday, 5.00pm to closing

**Kitchen:** Tuesday - Saturday, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

**Bottlemart:** Tuesday – Saturday from 2.00pm

Phone: 08 9684 1226

Address: 29 Railway Street

### **Koorda IGA, Café & Newsagency (Town Map #30)**

Open 7 days a week the Koorda IGA offers a variety of fresh fruit and veg, breakfast, lunches, coffee and all your shopping needs. Lotterywest outlet, newspaper delivered daily and magazines available for purchase.

**Open:** Weekdays, 7.30am – 6.00pm

Saturday, 8.00am – 2.00pm

Sunday, 8.00am – 12.00noon

Phone: 08 9684 1322

Email: [igakoorda@gmail.com](mailto:igakoorda@gmail.com)

Address: 26 Allenby Street

### **Koorda Meat Supply (Town Map #23)**

Phone orders welcome or go in store and view the vast arrangement of decedent meat available for purchase. Great quality and great value.

**Open:** Currently Closed

Address: 34 Allenby Street

### **Koorda Post Office (Town Map #36)**

Not only does the Koorda Post Office offer your traditional post office services, it also houses a great range of giftware, toys and gift cards. Call in for a visit and a machine-made coffee.

**Open:** Weekdays, 9.00am – 5.00pm. (Closed for lunch 12.30pm – 1.30pm)

Phone: 08 9684 1224

Address: 25 Railway Street

#### **Koorda Short Term Stay (Town Map #4)**

Koorda Short Term Stay is located on the edge of town and hosts some beautiful antique machinery and knick-knacks and is just the right distance from the main centre of town for ease of transport and peace and quiet. Offering a fully self-contained Chalet, rooms with ensuites and a share kitchen or rooms with an ensuite and kitchenette, Koorda Short Term stay offers daily continental breakfast.

Contact: Carly Smith

Phone: 0438 959 223

Email: [koordashorttermstay@yahoo.com](mailto:koordashorttermstay@yahoo.com)

Address: 2 Rae Street

#### **Koorda Sports Club (Town Map #41)**

Hosting the synthetic bowling green and 18-hole golf course, the Koorda Sports Club is a great place to have an icy cold refreshment after some recreational activities or on a hot day.

**Open:** April to August Wednesday - Friday 5.00pm to close

Saturday 12noon to 2pm

Sunday 12.00pm to close

September to March Wednesday – Saturday 5.00pm to close

Sunday 12noon to 2pm, then 5pm to close

Phone: 08 9684 1204

Address: 49 Greenham Street

#### **5 Rivers Plumbing & Gas (Town Map #34)**

Rheem & Elgas distributor. Call Steve for all your plumbing and gas needs. GF 6486. PL 7520. Backflow Lic. #2396

Contact: Steve Trenfield

Phone: 0439 827 058

Email: [plumber\\_5rivers@y7mail.com](mailto:plumber_5rivers@y7mail.com)

Address: 37-39 Railway Street

#### **B & K Auto Electric Services**

Servicing all vehicles, Ag & Heavy machinery. Air conditioning repairs and all your auto electrical requirements. MRB7253.

Contact: Brad Harrap

Phone: 0428 844 800

Email: [bkautoelectrics@gmail.com](mailto:bkautoelectrics@gmail.com)

#### **BTR Haulage**

Bulk Cartage and Spreading provider, servicing all areas.

Contact: Brent Robinson

Phone: 0447 806 192

### **Dukin Short Term Stay (Shire Map #10))**

Located at 667 Cooper Road, Dukin Short Term Stay offers a peaceful, quiet, and tranquil place to stay with fantastic hill-top views, and amazing, clear, dark-night skies for stargazing. The property is environmentally friendly and allergy-free. Dukin Short Term Stay has fully self-contained private accommodation and offers a complimentary continental breakfast that includes organic produce from the property: free-range eggs, in-season fresh fruit, and honey.

Contact: Madeline Hayles

Phone: 9682 1005

### **Great Southern Fuel Service (Town Map #19)**

Diesel and ULP available 24/7 using EFTPOS/Credit/ BP Cards. Cash can be paid during office opening hours.

**Office Open:** Monday to Friday, 8.00am – 4.00pm.

Phone: 08 9684 1286

Email: [GSFSaccount@gsfs.com.au](mailto:GSFSaccount@gsfs.com.au)

Address: 1 Railway Street

### **Tek Ag (Town Map #43)**

Tek Ag provide Precision Agronomics to the Eastern Central Wheatbelt of WA along with covering the technical aspects of broad-acre farming from spatial data interpretation to Variable Rate prescriptions. Tek Ag also creates and maintains Controlled Traffic Farming projects along with providing independent agronomic advice.

Contact: Tyrone Henning

Email: [ty@tekag.com](mailto:ty@tekag.com)

Phone: 0429 843 025

Address: 21 Railway Street

### **Wheatbelt Signs**

For all your business/personal signage or stickers, Wheatbelt signs can also decorate shop front windows with free-hand lettering.

Contact: John Pauley

Email: [wheatbeltsigns@activ8.net.au](mailto:wheatbeltsigns@activ8.net.au)

Phone: 9684 8017

\* If your business is not listed, please email [shire@koorda.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@koorda.wa.gov.au) with a short bio and contact details for it to be added.



# CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

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## **Koorda Basketball Club (Town Map #38)**

The club is strong with Juniors and the Senior's play with mixed teams. The season runs from October-December with Wednesday night games.

## **Koorda Bowling Club (Town Map #41)**

The Bowling season runs from October through to April and the Koorda Bowling Club comprises of both Ladies and Mens teams. Men's pennants are on a Saturday at 2.00pm and competitions are on Sundays. Ladies pennants play on a Wednesday, starting at 9.30am. Mixed practise is run on a Thursday and all are welcome.

## **Koorda Cougars Cricket Club (Town Map #38)**

The Cougars play generally on a Saturday, with some Sunday games throughout the season in the Wyalkatchem Cricket Association. The season runs from October to March and training is held on Thursday.

## **Koorda Darts Club**

With the season running from May to September, mixed team darts is held every Wednesday at 7.30pm, at the Sports Club.

## **Koorda Football Club (Town Map #38)**

The Koorda Kangas play on Saturdays in the Central Wheatbelt Winter Sports Association (versing Beacon, Bencubbin, Kalannie, and Mukinbudin). The season runs from April through to September. Junior football commences at 1.00pm with the Seniors starting at 2.30pm. Juniors train on Thursday, and Seniors train Tuesday & Thursday.

## **Koorda Golf Club (Town Map #41)**

Sunday is the Social Club Day, starting at 12.00noon. The season runs from April through to September. The club also holds various tournaments throughout the season.

## **Koorda Hockey Club (Town Map #38)**

The Koorda Hockey Club plays on a Saturday in the Central Wheatbelt Winter Sports Association (versing Beacon, Bencubbin, Kalannie and Mukinbudin). The season runs from April through to September. The Hockey club trains on Thursday and Saturday Hockey games start at 1.30pm.

## **Koorda Men's Shed (Town Map #33)**

The Men's Shed is located at the Koorda Recreation Ground. The group meet every Saturday from 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

**Koorda Netball Club (Town Map #38)**

The Koorda Netball Club plays on a Saturday in the Central Wheatbelt Winter Sports Association (versing Beacon, Bencubbin, Mukinbudin, and Kalannie). The season runs from April through to September. The Junior and Senior teams train on Thursdays. Seniors play their Saturday games at 11.45am and the Juniors commence at 1.30pm.

**Koorda Pistol Club (Shire Map #7)**

The Pistol Club is located 10km north of Koorda at 189 Koorda-Mollerin Road. Sessions take place every Sunday starting at 10.00am all year round.

**Koorda Tennis Club (Town Map #38)**

Being part of the Central Wheatbelt Pennant Tennis Association, Pennant games are played on a Friday night and the season runs from October through to March. Social tennis is on every Sunday from 4.00pm with a BBQ and refreshments to conclude.



# MEDICAL SERVICES

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## **Koorda Health & Medical Centre (Town Map #16)**

Tuesday: 8.30am – 3.30pm (Nursing Post)

Wednesday: 8.30am – 3.30pm (Nursing Post, GP Clinic and Child Health Clinic)

Note: Child Health Clinic every fortnight, appointment required

Wednesday GP Clinic: Appointments required, call 9684 1742 on Wednesdays and 9681 1140 all other week days

## **Hospital**

The Hospital is situated in Wyalkatchem which is approximately 50km south of Koorda. Contact the hospital on 9692 1222 for more information on their services.

## **Wheatbelt Agcare, Counselling Service**

A free, mobile Family Counselling Service for Individuals, Couples and Families experiencing a challenge or issues in their lives requiring assistance to cope, improve their wellbeing and identifying options available to them. For enquiries call 9046 5091 or email:

[wheatbeltagcare@wn.cm.au](mailto:wheatbeltagcare@wn.cm.au)

Koorda appointment contact: Di Morgan

Family Counsellor (Dip/. MAIPC, MACA)

Mobile: 0488 964 255 (**Text** for appointments)

## **Ambulance**

St John Ambulance Centre is in Allenby Street and has one ambulance on stand-by. This station is manned by a volunteer team which provides a valuable service to the whole community.

**ALWAYS DIAL 000 when there is an emergency**, the public defibrillator acts as an immediate measure to use whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

## **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Locations**

Koorda Recreation Ground – External Gym Wall: **24 hour access**

Koorda Sports Club: **24 hour access**

Koorda IGA: **Mon-Fri, 7.30am – 6pm, Sat, 8am – 2pm and Sun, 8am – 12noon**

Koorda Nursing Post: **Tuesday and Wednesday, 8.30am - 3.30pm**

Koorda Swimming Pool: **Seasonally from November to March, 1pm – 7pm**

Koorda Recreation Ground – Kitchen: **Available when functions/sports are held**

Koorda Community Bus: **Available when bus in use**

# LOCAL EVENTS

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## Koorda Drive In

The Koorda Drive In runs monthly, generally between February and November. For more details visit the Facebook page or call the Koorda Community Resource Centre or Shire of Koorda for latest screening details.

The Koorda Drive In also offers special/private screenings for visiting groups and clubs to the region, please contact the Koorda Community Resource Centre to book your private screening today.



## Koorda Ag Show

In September each year the Koorda Agricultural Society hold the local district show. The Koorda Community Show is a great day out for all ages.

The show includes all the fun of the fair; entertainment throughout the day, displays of all kinds, trade displays, machinery, Koorda Shears, car and motorcycle competition, equestrian events, bouncy castles, food vans, art, craft, Corn Dolly displays, fireworks, live music and much, much more.

Gates open to the public from 8.00am

For more information visit their website <https://www.koordashow.com/>





# PUBLIC SERVICES

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## **Waste & Recycling Disposal**

Refuse is collected once a week via a contract service provided through the Shire. Pick up is every Monday. Recyclables are collected every second week, on a Tuesday. For pick up weeks contact the Shire Office or check the calendar on the back of the Narkal Notes.

## **Water**

Water in the district is supplied from Mundaring via the comprehensive Water Scheme controlled by the Water Authority of WA.

Faults and water leaks can be reported by contacting 13 13 75.

## **Sewerage**

There is a deep sewerage service available in most of the Koorda townsite which is owned and operated by the Shire of Koorda.

Contact the Shire office on 9684 1219 for more information.

## **Electricity**

Electricity is supplied by Western Power from their grid. Koorda has a local depot which is situated off the Koorda-Wyalkatchem Road, 2km south of town. The power is supplied at 440/240volt AC 50 cycles.

Phone 13 13 51 for more information or to report faults and outages.

## **Gas**

Bottled gas is available through local suppliers. Bulk supplies are available from Perth via tankers for industries requiring large quantities.

## **Digital TV Re-Transmission**

The Shire rebroadcast digital TV throughout the Koorda townsite.

## **Phone Coverage**

The Telstra and Optus networks are available in town and the surrounding areas due to a mobile phone tower located in town and on the Koorda-Bencubbin Road. 3G and 4G services are available.

## **Internet**

Crisp Wireless: Faster internet has been made possible through a Federal grant to the local governments of the North Eastern Wheatbelt Regions of Councils (NEWROC). It's not the NBN and it's not satellite. It's point-to-point Fixed Wireless internet. It's a far superior service with up to 50 megabits per second upload and download. The CRISP Wireless plans are competitive, and their support team is in Australia. Register at [www.crispwireless.com.au](http://www.crispwireless.com.au) and follow the three easy steps to connect. Alternatively, broadband satellite plans are available from various suppliers.

# THE WHEATBELT WAY

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## History

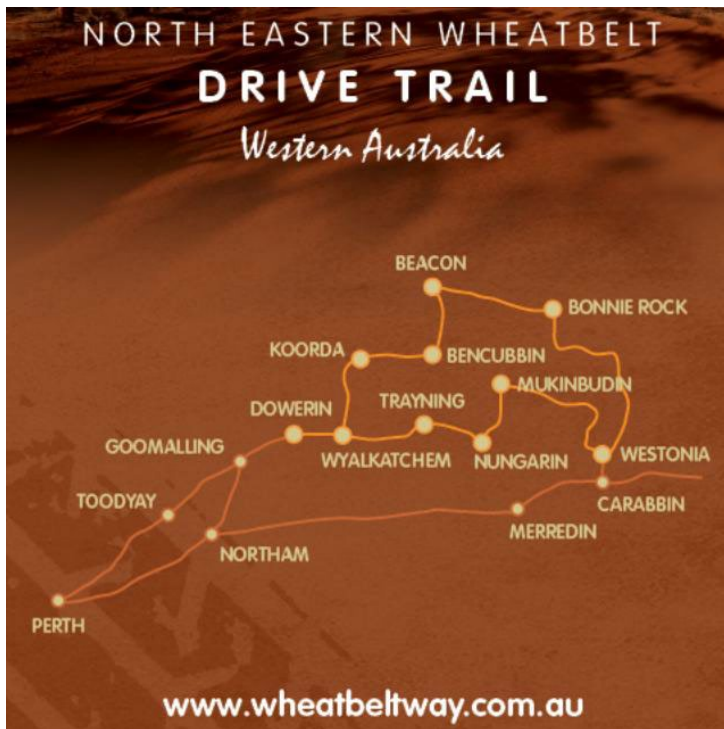
It all started with Koorda! Flashing back to the “Koorda History,” in October 1836 the Surveyor General, John Septimus Roe, led an expedition to the east of the Avon Valley, in a search for pastoral land. One of his camps was located a few miles north of the present town of Koorda. Water was found only in the rock and gnamma holes and the soaks at granite hills. Roe contacted few natives and gave few aboriginal names. Hardy settlers of the Avon Valley started sending flocks and herds out to make use of grasses and water found beside the lakes and the granite out-crops, and a nomadic pastoral industry developed. Seekers of sandalwood made more tracks, and by the 1860's a few pastoral homesteads were set up at favoured places.



Apart from the extension of pastoral holdings into the district in the 1880's, no further development occurred until the premiership of Sir John Forrest in the 1890's, when several Acts of Parliament were passed that were designed to facilitate the populating of vast regions of the inland plateau with “bold peasantry.” Generally, a settler would be granted a free homestead block of 160 acres plus a conditional purchase block to make a total of 1,000 acres (445.5 hectares). The majority of early residents took up land on this basis, which required them to reside on their properties, install fences and make other improvements.

The regions pioneers were thus part of the sweeping development of wheat farming across agriculturally marginal areas of the State. The early isolation and lack of skills, capital and equipment encouraged people to turn to neighbours for assistance, a characteristic which has led to a strong sense of community across the Wheatbelt Way. Clearing and ploughing, often facing an uphill battle against climate and discomfort, the pioneers in the early years of this century established the foundations of what was to become a flourishing wheat and sheep producing region.





The Wheatbelt Way consists of the Shires of Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Westonia, Nungarin and Trayning. Altogether, it has an area of 2,602,524 hectares and a population of around 4,500 people. The Wheatbelt encompasses a range of environments and communities and as a result has a range of industries operating in the region.

The area has a seasonal Mediterranean climate with cool wet winters and hot dry summers. Average annual rainfall varies between 280mm and 360mm with approximately two-thirds falling between May to September. Average monthly

maximum temperature ranges from 16 degrees Celsius in winter to 36 degrees Celsius in summer.

The region is highly suited to dryland agriculture and is the source of nearly two thirds of Western Australian wheat production, half of its wool production, and a majority of the states lamb and mutton production. In contrast, the eastern fringe of the Wheatbelt Way is more arid, and the mining of minerals – mainly gold also takes place here.

## About

The Wheatbelt Way self-drive trail will lead travellers on an adventurous interpreted journey to the 9 regional communities of Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Koorda, Bencubbin, Beacon, Westonia, Mukinbudin, Nungarin and Trayning. It also highlights 24 unique sites ranging from natural attractions to sites of historical importance. There will be many opportunities to stay and experience the best the Northern Wheatbelt has to offer.

Travel to Dowerin 2hrs east of Perth or turn off the Great Eastern Highway at Carrabin and get started on your Wheatbelt Way adventure – it can be as long or as short as you like.

During the spring ask where to find the Koorda “rose”, visit the Nungarin Military Museum and historic Mangowine Homestead, or take in the magnificent views from the top of Elachbutting Rock. The Wheatbelt Way has something for everyone!



Breathe the fresh air as you explore the history and natural beauty of the Wheatbelt Way. Picture yourself surrounded by a vast timeless land of bright skies and wide horizons, rich sights and the sound of nature, warm sunny days, and cool evening breezes. Let us introduce you to the unique charm of the Wheatbelt Way, where you can experience good old-fashioned hospitality while exploring at your leisure. See you there!



## **When to do the trail**

Summer in the Wheatbelt Way is long hot and dry, with winters being mild and cool. The summer average daily maximum temperature is around 34 degrees, with a daily minimum of 17 degrees Celsius. In Winter this becomes the daily maximum with an average minimum of 5 degrees. The average annual rainfall is around 300 millimetres usually falling between March and November, with occasional thunderstorms in Summer. Whatever the season, temperatures can drop below 10 degrees Celsius (50 degrees Fahrenheit), so it is suggested to bring some warm clothing. Average annual rainfall is less than 300 millimetres. Warm clothes will be required in the winter months (June – August) as the temperature can sometimes drop below zero degrees. Don't let the weather put you off travelling to the area, however, as the Wheatbelt remains a charming and beautiful part of the world all year round.

## **What to bring**

The towns along the Wheatbelt Way all have a good standard of accommodation, amenities, and services. Both unleaded petrol and diesel are readily available. Likewise, a good range of food will be available in most towns along the trail, however a more limited selection is available in the smaller towns.

## **Getting to the Wheatbelt Way**

The Wheatbelt Way Drive Trail is designed as a self-drive adventure and can be undertaken comfortably in a conventional two-wheel drive vehicle. You can plan your trip and personalise your trip to or through the Wheatbelt Way to start and finish in many locations, we do have a suggested 4-day itinerary from Perth which can be found [here](#).

The trail is along both bitumen and gravel roads of which are generally in good condition. On all gravel or dirt roads, regardless of their condition, it is essential to travel at a speed that allows you to safely respond to any situation. Although a number of towns along the Wheatbelt Way have mechanical repairs, conducting a thorough check of your vehicle is imperative. In particular, paying special attention to the tyres of your car or caravan, and making sure all mechanicals are in good working order, will go a long way to ensuring your trip is incident free. It is also essential to remember that the Wheatbelt Way, despite being only a few hours out of Perth, is still a rural area. This means exercising caution on the roads and making sure your lights work and are on during country driving. If you have one, a portable first aid kit will give you extra piece of mind.



## Getting Around the Wheatbelt Way

To complement the trail map, the entire Trail route has been sign-posted with directional road signs. These signs are trail signs strategically placed at intersections and turning points. In addition, there are signs indicating the location of each trail site (stopping point), of which there are also one or more information panels. To help plan your trip and get around the Wheatbelt Way even easier we recommend you download the Wheatbelt Way App (from the App Store or Google Play) which has maps and GPS built in it so you know exactly where you are all the time. This will give you the finer detail on what to look out for along the way and its navigation made easy!



