



Mt Collier Dam (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: (-30.340286, 117.440621)

Mollerin Rock (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)

Moningarin Tank & Gnamma Holes (3)

Located 34km north-west from town on the Moningarin East Road, Tank Located: (-30.672302, 117.287066)

Gnamma Hole Located: (-30.672302, 117.287066)

Badgerin Rock Tennis Club (4)

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

Located: (-30.671318, 117.290086)

Newcarlbeon Tank & Reserve (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 (6)

Located 15km north-east of Koorda on the Muji 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. Picnic facilities are on site, as well as walk trails and a toilet.

Located: (-30.742032, 117.548997)

Koorda Pistol Club (7)

Located 2.5km east of town on the Cadoux-Koorda road. A commemorative plaque has been erected to honour men and women who served Australia and are buried in the Cemetery.

Located: (-30.812094, 117.460726)

Koorda Cemetery (8)

Located 5km east 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 lake panes to the red granite outcrops that form the "Red Cliff". 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)

Redcliffe (9)

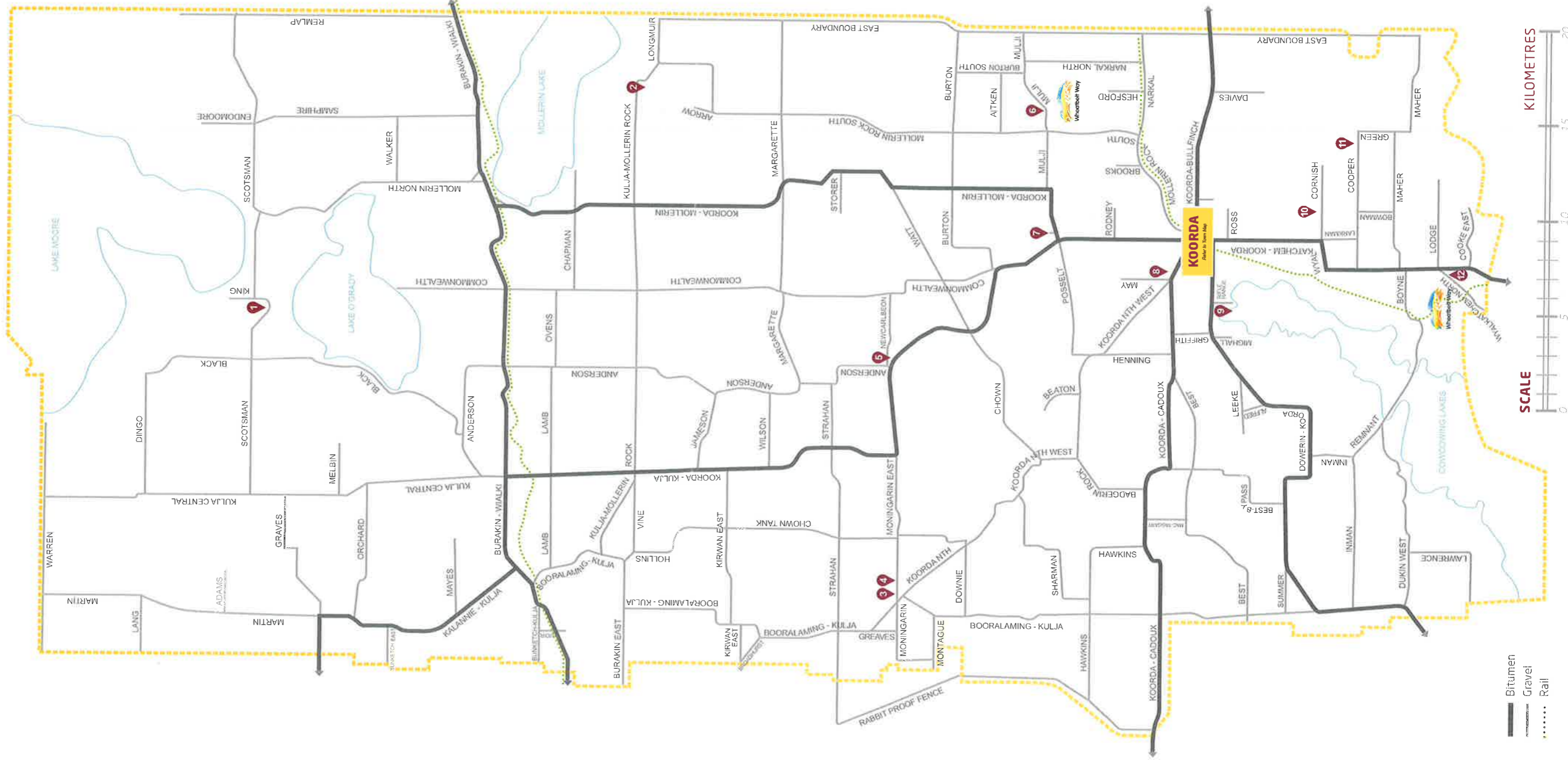
Located 17km south of Koorda, the Cowcowing Cemetery was gazetted in 1912 and a number of early settlers of the district are buried there.

Located: (-30.961753, 117.464225)

Adrook Farm Stay (10)

Dukin Short Term Stay (11)

Cowcowing Cemetery (12)



Bitumen
Gravel
Rail

SCALE



Catch a movie under the canopy of stars at the Koorda Drive In or take a peaceful stroll around one of the many nature reserves Koorda has to offer. Colourful flowering shrubs and wildflowers are a blaze of glory many months of the year.

Take the road less travelled to the Shire of Koorda and enjoy the atmosphere of a small country town.



KOORDA DRIVE IN, STAY AWHILE



History of the Corn Dolly

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 it 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 country of Durham in England.

The Koorda Shire adopted the Corn Dolly "The Simple Countryman Favour" as the Shire emblem in 1974 at the suggestion of Councillor Colin Cooke.



Koorda Hotel

'A unique and memorable experience for all'

History of the 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 same with the Wind screening. In 1983 after TV became popular, the Drive In became less and the venue was closed.

In 1987 the 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 is a popular attraction and a great 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.

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- 34 Playground
- 35 Plumbing & Gas (5 Rivers)
- 36 Post Office
- 37 Primary School
- 38 Recreation Grounds
- 39 Shire Depot
- 40 Skate Park
- 41 Sports Club (Bowls & Golf)
- 42 Swimming Pool
- 43 Tek Ag
- 44 War Memorial

Shops & Facilities

- 21 Agri Stock & Hardware
- 22 ATM Machine
- 23 Butcher
- 24 CBH Office
- 25 Catholic Church
- 26 Community Garden
- 27 CWA
- 28 Elders
- 29 Emergency Services Building
- 30 IGA, Cafe & Newsagency
- 31 Koorda Kinetic Centre (Gym)
- 32 Memorial Hall
- 33 Men's Shed

Motoring

- 19 Fuel Depot (24hr Card Only)
- 20 Tyre Services, Ag Parts, Welding & Fabrication

Emergency

- 15 Police 000 or 131 444
- 16 Medical Centre Weds only
- 17 Fire Station 000
- 18 Ambulance Depot 000

Attractions

- 7 Koorda Drive In
- 8 Motor Military Museum & Garden Centre
- 9 Wheatbelt Cottage Industries
- 10 Art Gallery
- 11 Koorda Museum
- 12 Historical Guide/Brownie Hall
- 13 Historical Pioneer Hall
- 14 Machinery Display

Tourist Information

- 5 Shire Council, Library & Dept of Transport Agent
- 6 Community Resource Centre

Accommodation

- 1 Yalabee Self Contained Units
- 2 Koorda Caravan Park
- 3 Koorda Hotel
- 4 Koorda Short Term Stay
- 5 Adrook Farm Stay & Dukin Short Term Stay (Shire Map)

Koorda Town Map

About Koorda

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 is 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 adopted 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 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. Mollerin Rock, Newcarbeon, Koorda Native Flora Reserve and Badgerin Rock are popular spots to enjoy the surroundings and perhaps catch 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 Waukatchem 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 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 Store in the Lions Park (now Community Garden).