



Where is Kojonup?

Kojonup is located in the South West of Western Australia, and is the gateway to the South West and the Great Southern Region. Located on the Albany Highway, Kojonup is approximately 264 kilometres south of Perth, and 154km north of Albany.

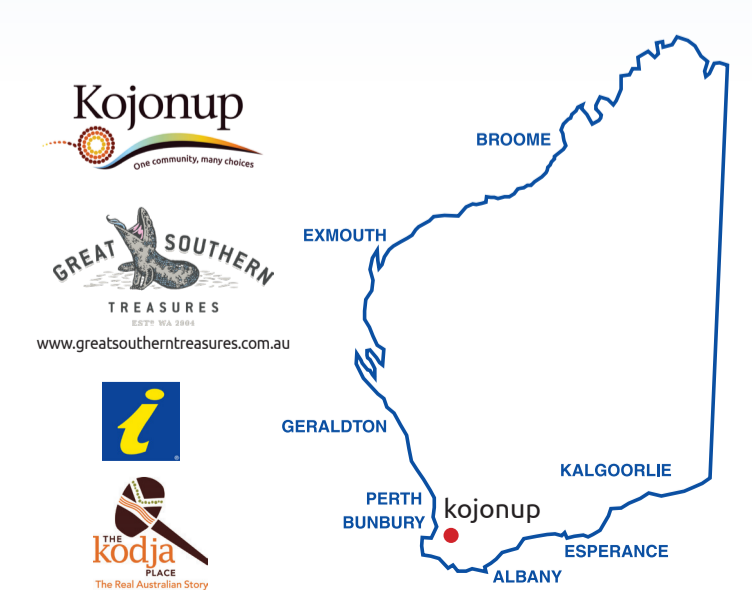
Kojonup's population is no more than 2,000 people but this town is a thriving rural centre well equipped with services and facilities. The town is steeped in history and has loads of country charm. Kojonup is nestled in a rich pastoral district of farmland and native bushland filled with beautiful wildflowers in spring and home to many species of marsupials and birds.

A wide variety of accommodation awaits the weary traveller on route to and from Australia's South West. From charming bed and breakfasts, a comfortable motel, a country pub and a caravan park, there is something to suit all tastes and budgets.

We invite you to stay, explore and experience Kojonup's culture, history and heritage.

Kojonup Visitor Centre
Located at Kodja Place, 143 Albany Highway
Open 9:00am-4:00pm Seven Days a week
Closed Christmas Day

Telephone: (08) 9831 0500
Email: kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com
Website: www.kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com
www.kodjaplace.com



Accommodation

For bookings and enquires please email kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com or call **(08) 9831 0500** during our opening hours.

Motel - Bed and Breakfast

- Kojonup Bed & Breakfast Clover House**
Ph: 9831 1119 47. Former Clover mill transformed into inviting accommodation. Newstead Road.
- Jacaranda Heights**
B & B Ph: 9831 1200
Private well-appointed accommodation surrounded by gardens and farmland. 14 Stock Road.
- Harris Bed and Breakfast**
Ph: 9831 1475 Twin Share complete with Ensuite Bathroom and Colour Television. 13 Elverd Street.

Food & Beverages

- Black Cockatoo Café**
Ph: 9831 1606
Open 7 days at the Kodja Place, 143 Albany Hwy.
- Glenlossie Stonemasons Distillery**
Ph: 9831 0999
Restaurant available for functions. 21293 Albany Hwy.
- 124 Restaurant & Deli**
Ph: 9831 0193
Open 7 days, Café, Bakery and Restaurant 124 Albany Hwy.
- Kojonup Country Kitchen**
Ph: 9831 1338
Open Monday – Friday, 88 Albany Highway.
- Kojonup Bakery**
Ph: 9831 0142, Open 7 Days, 106 Albany Highway.
- Royal Hotel**
Ph: 9831 1028, 81 Albany Highway.

Caravan & Camping

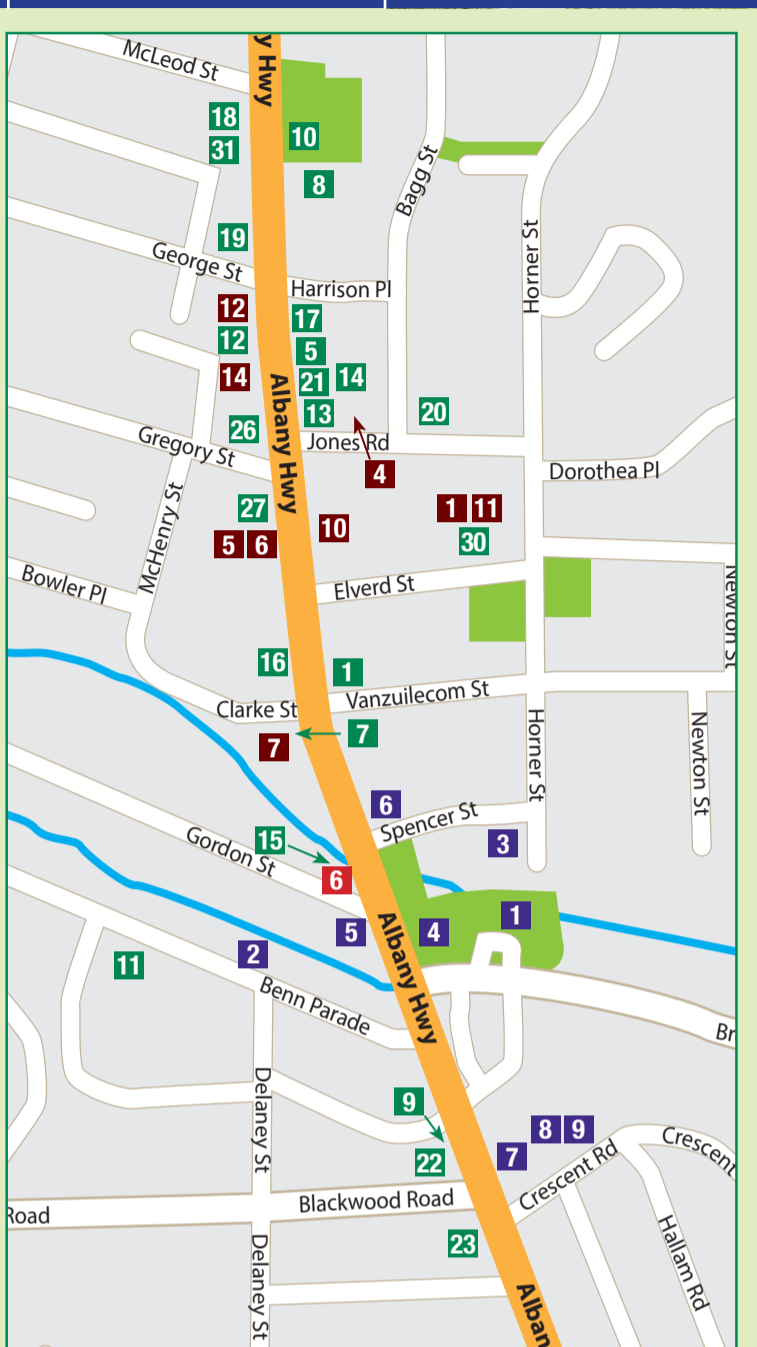
- Cornwall House**
Ph: 9831 0214, 72 Albany Highway.
- Kojonup Caravan Park**
Ph: 9831 1027 75
Cabins, powered & unpowered sites. Newstead Road.
- RV Rest Stop** (fees apply) & Dump Point
Enquiries at the Visitor Centre 9831 0500
- Lakeside Camping**
Ph: 9863 1040 64
Just on the edge of the Kojonup boundary

Services

- EMERGENCIES** FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE 000
- Police Station** 9831 2555 - 125 Albany Highway
 - Kojonup District Hospital** 9831 2222 - Spring Street
 - Dentist** 9831 1029 - 2 Stock Road
 - St Luke's Family Practice** 9831 0622 - Katanning Road
 - Pascoes Accounting & Advisory** 9831 2000
- 123 Albany Highway
 - Kojonup Physiotherapist** 0438 137 851 - 2/103 Albany Highway
 - Kojonup Veterinary Hospital** 9831 1666 - 128 Albany Highway
 - Shire of Kojonup** 9831 2400 - 93-95 Albany Highway
 - United** 1300 383 587 - Fuel, Open 24 Hrs 138 Albany Highway
 - Library** 9831 2412 - 93-95 Albany Highway
 - Swimming Pool** (Nov-Mar) 9831 1374 - Benn Parade
 - Kojonup Post Office** 9831 1080 - 104 Albany Highway
 - Community Resource Centre** 9831 0256 - 109 Albany Highway
 - 105 Fitness** Open 24 Hrs, 7 days a week, 105 Albany Highway
 - Kojonup Tyrepower** 9831 1280 - 130 Albany Highway
 - Shear Class Hair Studio** 9831 1400 Hair, beauty and more 122 Albany Highway
 - Curly Wig Salon** 9831 1261 - 101 Albany Highway
 - Kojonup Auto Electrics** 9831 1266 - 86 Albany Highway
 - Harris's Garage & Exhaust Centre** 9831 1122
98 Albany Highway
 - Nutrien Ag** 9831 0014 - 113 Albany Highway
 - Farmgate Advisory** 0429 423 976 - 105a Albany Highway
 - Matthews Transport** 9831 1021 - 1 Blackwood Road
 - Elders** 9831 1088 - 146 Albany Highway
 - CBH Group** 9831 1732 - Lot 29 Pensioner Road
 - Kojonup Bus Service** 9831 1166
Bilston Street Cnr Bilston & Pensioner Road
 - NAB** 13 22 65 - 110 Albany Highway
 - Bankwest** 12 17 19 - 112 Albany Highway
 - Kojonup Wreckers** Bilston Street
 - CGS Engineering** 9831 1426 - 29/31 Bilston Street
 - Tesla Destination** 98311144 - 113 Albany Highway
 - Farmanco Management Consultants** 9831 1742
- Unit 2/88 Albany Highway

Things to see and do

- Apex Park** Broomehill Road
- Kojonup Tourist Railway** Benn Parade
- RSL Hall and War Memorial** Spencer Street
- Brigadier Potts Statue & Memorial**
- Wool Wagon** Cnr Gordon Street and Albany Highway
- Kojonup Men's Shed** 135 Albany Highway
- Kodja Place**
- Rose Maze**
- Stories of the 3 Women**
- Military Barracks**
- Elverd Cottage**
- Old Post Office**
- Kojonup Horse Power**
- Harness Display**
- The Spring**
- Sharpening Rock and Kodj Tree**
- Muradup War Memorial**
- Myrtle Benn Flora & Fauna Sanctuary**
- Farrar Reserve and The Old Railway Dam**



Retail

- Cellarbrations**, Kojonup Liquor
Open Monday – Saturday, in the Kojonup Retail Centre 9831 0253 Jones Road
- Hi-way Sales & Service** 9831 1045
Fuel, Auto-accessories, open Monday-Saturday 154 Albany Highway
- Shell Roadhouse** 9831 1160
Fuel, open 7 days a week. 47 Albany Highway
- Horse & Hobby Craft Shop**
Open Monday - Saturday, 107B Albany Highway
- Kojonup IGA Supermarket**, Open 7 Days 9831 1002 - 116 Albany Highway
- Kojonup Pharmacy** Prescriptions medicine, gifts and more 9831 1035 - 111 Albany Highway
- Nightingales Nest and Nursery** Plants, gifts & antiques open 7 days. 9831 1490 132 Albany Highway
- Kojonup BMC Embroidery**
0417 981 455
Lot 32 Blackwood Road
- Renew Op Shop**
Jones Road
- Kojonup Shoe & Sports** 9831 1419
115B Albany Highway
- Kojonup Retail Centre** Home Timber & Hardware, Leading Appliances, Newsagent. 9831 1144 - 113 Albany Highway
- Gallery Aura** 9831 0480
100 Albany Highway
- Southern Dirt** 9831 0291 - 129 Albany Highway
- Woodenavacloo** Wooden Toys & Crafts - 0467 554 916



Welcome to Kojonup

Just 3 hours south of Perth nestled in the rural heartland of the Great Southern region you will discover a thriving country town that offers visitors the opportunity to experience Australia's rural way of life that is also steeped in history. Explore this bustling rural town that still bears the trademarks of an early country settlement with its historic buildings and friendly atmosphere. Discover the proud heritage and links to the traditional custodians of the region, the Noongar Aboriginal people, with a visit to the award winning Kodja Place Museum. Here you can experience stories of the local Aboriginal people and uncover a contemporary snapshot of Kojonup that explores the origins and cultures of this dynamic community.

Kojonup is nestled in a rich pastoral district of farmland and native bushland filled with beautiful wildflowers in spring and home to many species of marsupials and birds. Absorb the peaceful beauty of the undulating hills with granite outcrops and scenic valley pools fed by the many streams that run through the region. Situated between the picturesque wineries of the world-class Frankland River Wine region to the west and the magnificent Stirling Ranges to the south east, Kojonup offer a variety of activities and experiences to keep you entertained.

September to October is the ideal time to visit to see the natural displays of wildflowers in Kojonup's reserves. With the well-kept accessible reserves in the area it is known for being orchid hot-spot. At this time Kojonup and surrounding towns celebrate the Hidden Treasures of the Great Southern Bloom Festival, with multiple events from bushwalks to long table lunches held throughout the region.

The annual Kojonup Agricultural Show, held on the 3rd Saturday every year. Running for over 100 years is steeped in traditional and offers visitors an insight into country life with craft displays, shearing competitions and equestrian events.

Kojonup boasts one of Western Australia's most outstanding regional gold courses, and visitors are welcome to tee off anytime with a donation into the honesty box located at the club. Wandecia is a fantastic venue for polocrosse, and each year in February the Wandecia Picnic Races is a favourite on the Kojonup calendar for locals and visitors. For thrill seekers, trail ride through the bush or water ski at Lake Towerinning in the neighbouring Shire of West Arthur or enjoy a picnic or barbeque at one of the many locations available in Kojonup.



Kodja Place Precinct 143 Albany Highway I E6

The multi award winning, The Kodja Place pronounced the Noongar way "Koitch" stands as an example of what can be achieved when cultures work in harmony with a single goal, telling the story of the lives of people of the Kojonup region. Told in a vital, vivid, human and sometimes confronting manner the story addresses the influences; cultural, economic and geographic, that helped shape the Kojonup of today.

The architecturally designed, purpose built, rammed earth building, house a multifaceted display of artefacts, stories, interactive displays, exhibits, pictures and entertaining hands-on devices.

The effort of hundreds of local volunteers is evident in the design and construction of the Kodja Place. It demonstrates the significance of Noongar and Wadjela (non-aboriginal) cultures in the district, and exists as a graphic illustration of the evolution of a multitude of similar communities across Australia. The impact of government policies and other cultures on the local Aboriginal way of life is acknowledged while at the same time a forceful demonstration of the reconciliation process is clearly presented. It provides a focal point for local cross-cultural harmony, and its existence, its activities and its success provide a source of community pride, a community meeting place and a pivotal expression of the cultural makeup of Kojonup. It shows visitors this expression in an entertaining, colourful and fascinating manner, and invites you to share in the spirit of the people who have made it possible - the people of Kojonup.

The Rose Maze 143 Albany Highway Map I E7

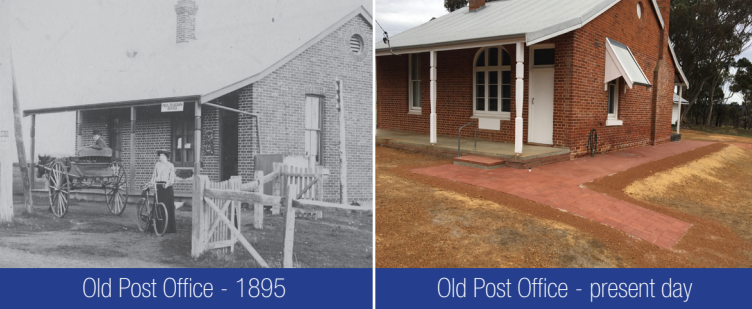
Adjacent to the Kodja Place is the spectacular Australian Rose Maze. A complex path of more than 100 species of heat loving roses for a maze of complex paths. The beautiful roses are bred especially Australian conditions and many are rare heritage species.

Embark on a journey though The Rose Maze with its series of plaques, mosaics and striking pergolas that weaves together the stories of three women: Yoondi a Noongar woman, Elizabeth, an Englishwoman, and an Italian woman Maria. Through the letters a journey and person-al dialogues these women impart a powerful personal message of the isolation, loneliness, trials and hardship of rural life.

Centenary of Federation Wool Wagon

Corner Albany Highway & Gordon Street Map I D6

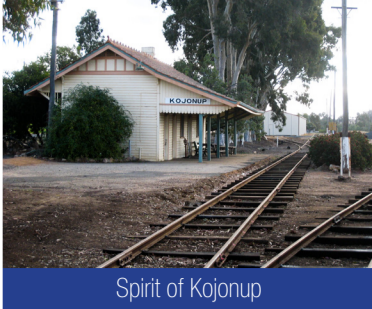
Officially opened on Australia Day in 2001 the 1.5 times replica wool wagon was a joint project between the Kojonup Rotary and Kojonup Lions Club. Built to celebrate the significance of the wool industry to Kojonup community, each bale is branded with the stencils of Kojonup sheep farms.



Old Post Office - 1895



Old Post Office - present day



Spirit of Kojonup



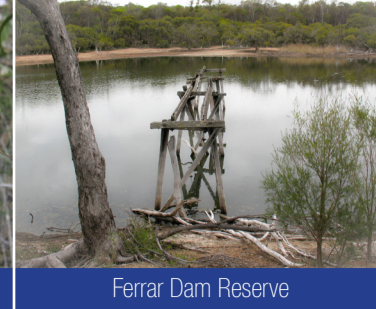
Old Railway Station



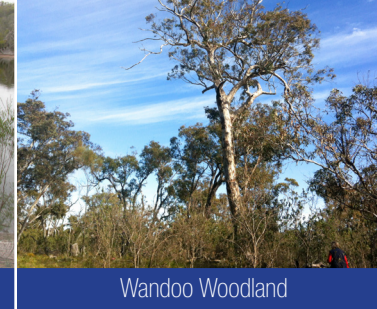
Native Orchid



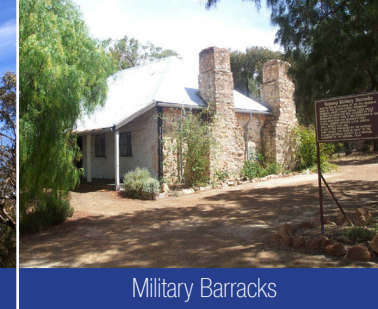
Myrtle Benn Reserve



Ferrar Dam Reserve



Wandoo Woodland



Military Barracks



Elverd Cottage



Memorial Hall



Brigadier Potts Memorial

History of Kojonup

The traditional custodians of the region, the Noongar Aboriginal people have for many thousands of years inhabited the area, enjoying a nomadic lifestyle, enhanced by the natural freshwater spring and the bountiful game. They drank from the local freshwater spring and hunted game with the traditional Noongar Kodj or stone axe. The towns name is from the Noongar language meaning 'place of the stone of the kodj'.

In 1837, British surveyors and soldiers arrived from nearby Albany and established a Military Outpost alongside the spring. Over the next century, Kojonup evolved into a contemporary farming community.

Today you can visit many of the historic places, including some of WA's oldest buildings that date from 1845. Those interested in the history of Kojonup can experience it via the Historial Walk Trail and can pick up a free trail booklet from the Visitor Centre.



Kojonup Tourist Railway & Old Railway Station

Benn Parade Map I E6

The weatherboard and red tiled railway station was built in 1907 when the Katanning to Kojonup line opened. In 1912 the line was continued to Boyup Brook linking the South-west line with the Great Southern line. The railway closed in 1982 after floods washed away part of the railway line.

In October 2012 the train station saw the official opening of the Kojonup Tourist Railway. Please contact the Kojonup Visitor Centre for opening times.

Apex Park Corner of Albany Highway & Broomehill Road

Map I E6

A much loved playground for both visitors and local families. The main area is fenced along the busy roads providing a safe space for young ones to burn off some energy. The park has toilets, and free barbecue facilities. Apex Park is also home to the Brigadier Potts Memorial, and the Kokoda Track Memorial Bridge, which allows access from Apex Park to the nearby RSL Hall and War Memorial.

Kojonup's Australia Day celebrations are held at Apex Park every year on the 26th January. For information on the annual Australia Day Breakfast please contact the Kojonup Lions Club, or the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

Nature Reserves, Wildflowers and Birdwatching

Bush Heritage Australia Kojonup Reserve

Mission Road Map 2 F2

Located north of Kojonup in the Cherry Tree Pool district, this reserve is the largest protected area of wandoo woodlands in the region. A place for nature lovers, bird watchers and wildflower enthusiasts. The reserve is home to some 80 species of native birds, including the rufous tree creeper, mistletoe bird and western yellow robin. The Kojonup Reserve and the nearby Birdwood reserve are an orchid hot-spot in the spring. Visitors are asked to clean boots before entering the reserve to prevent the spread of dieback disease. To get there from Kojonup, go north on Albany Highway, turn right at Cherry Tree Pool Road (partially unsealed) then turn left at Mission Road.

Farrar Reserve and The Old Railway Dam

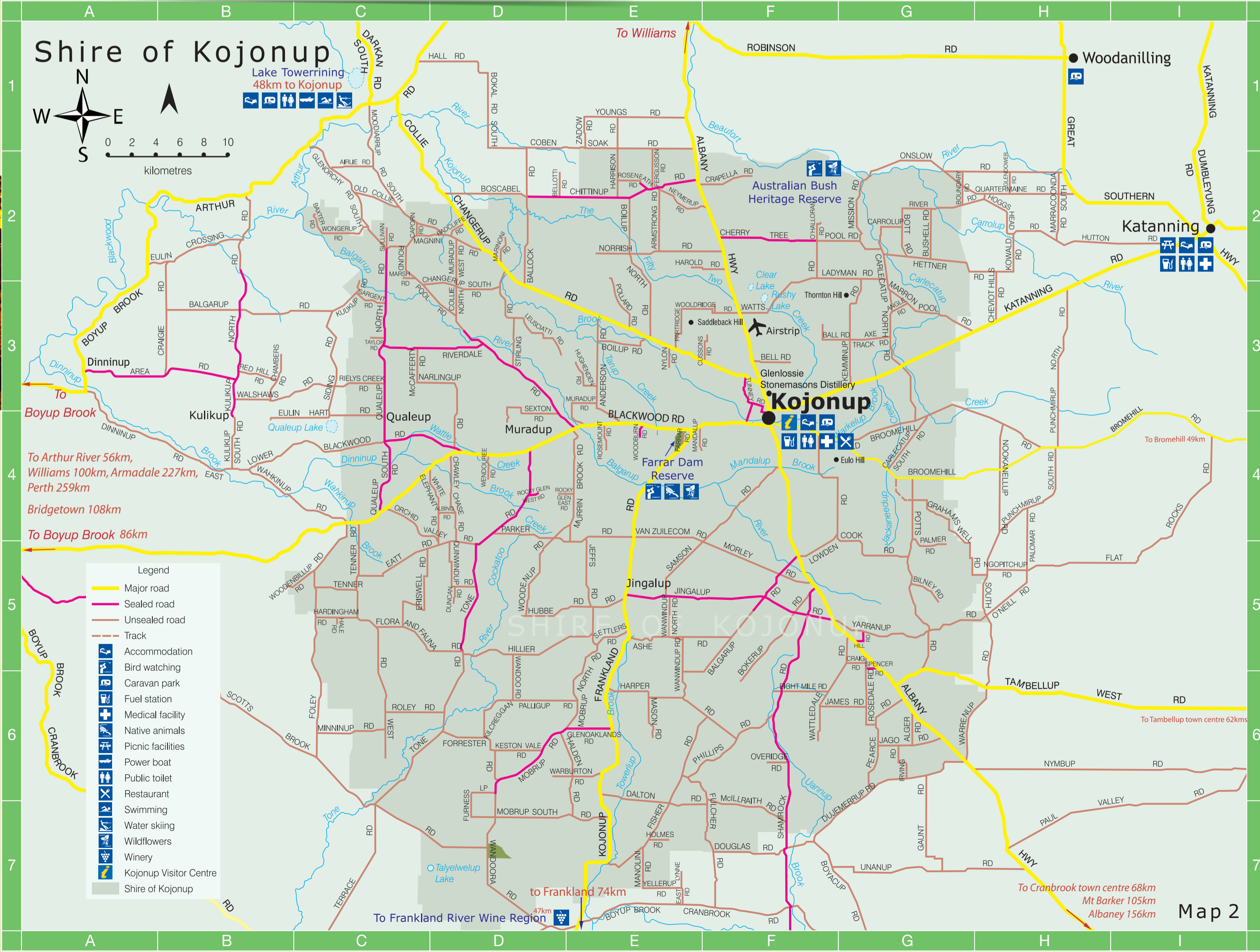
Blackwood Road Map 2 E4

The outcrops of granite throughout the reserve offer interesting collections of mosses, lichen and flowers. From September to October look out for Kojonup's floral emblem, the red leschenaultia. The gravel outcrops are home to displays of the blue leschenaultia, the white candle flowers of the Stackhousia, as well as numerous orchids.

The Old Railway Dam was sunk by horse and cart and the hard labour of early settlers in the early 1900's. The dam was used to provide fresh water to Steam engines travelling from Kojonup to Boyup Brook. The water was pumped from the Dam to the nearby siding. Get there via the Blackwood Road. Look out for the Farrar turn-off near the Frankland River Road.

Myrtle Benn Flora & Fauna Sanctuary Tunney Rd Map I A3

Mrs Myrtle Benn taught at the Boscabell School from 1931 until it closed in 1942, and then at the Kojonup School for another 30 years until her retirement. Her passion for nature, the environment and indigenous culture lead her to establish the Flora and Fauna sanctuary on the edge of town, with the help of her students. The reserve is still maintained today by the Shire of Kojonup, Friends of Myrtle Benn a team of local volunteers. It is enjoyed by locals, visitors and school children all year round, and is a hotspot for wildflowers and orchid species in the spring. Trail maps can be collected from the Kojonup Visitor Centre.



Historical Precint See inset

Historical Precint, The Spring - Spring Street Map I B5

The natural spring was used for thousands of years as a source of water by the local noongar people. In 1837 the Noongar people directed surveyor Alfred Hillman here when his party were in need of water. It is said that Hillman wrote the Noongar name for the site (Kojonup) in his field book. He then recommended to Governor Stirling that the 'Spring' was a good place for a military out-post. The first building of Kojonup (the original Military Barracks) was erected in the same year.

From the latter half of the twentieth century local groups stabilised the area and built a bridge, reservoir and a park. In 1999 the Shire of Kojonup and the Noongar community agreed to respect the spiritual cultural and historical significance of the area.

Military Barracks - Spring Street Map I C5

The original barracks was built from wood in the 1830's. The building standing today was built from stone in 1845 and is Kojonup's oldest building. Originally used as a military outpost to provide protection to travellers. Later it became a meeting place for early settlers, and is now the Kojonup Historical Society's museum, featuring a Military Room with material from the theatres of war Australians have been involved in.

Elverd Cottage, Machinery Shed and Horse & Harness Display Soldier Road Map I B5

Elverd Cottage is one of few Pensioner Guard cottages still standing in Western Australia. The original two room cottage was built in 1854 by Private William McDonnell. On his death the cottage was acquired by John Elverd and his wife. The Elverd family lived in the cottage from the 1880's until 1979 when the last resident Charlie Elverd died. The nephew bequeathed the cottage to the Kojonup Historical Society and is now restored as a cultural museum.

The Military Barracks, Elverd Cottage, the Machinery Shed and the Harness Display are open by appointment. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

Sharpening Rock and Kodj Tree Spring Street

Close to the spring is a large flat granite rock with signs of rubbing. It is believed this rock was used to sharpen stone axes (Kodj) and spear heads. The legend told by noongar elders is that young hunters would rub their axes here to have the power of the stone transferred to their axes.

A fallen tree is located on the grassed area between the spring and the barracks. Known as a 'kodj' tree for the distinct markings in the bark made by a 'kodj' axe.

Annual Events

JANUARY

Harvesting of grain crops
26th Australia Day Breakfast at Apex Park

JULY

NAIDOC Week

FEBRUARY

Wandecia Picnic Races

AUGUST

Canola starts to flower
Wildflowers start to bloom

MARCH

Wine grapes begin to be harvested

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Best time to see wildflowers in our parks and reserves
Kojonup Wildflower Festival
Hidden Treasures of the Great Southern Bloom Festival

APRIL

ANZAC Day Service (Kojonup and Muradup)
Kojonup RSL and War Memorial and Muradup War Memorial

OCTOBER

Kojonup Agriculture Show
(3rd Saturday in October)

JUNE

Historical Society
Foundation Day Activity

NOVEMBER

St Mary's Church Fete (1st Saturday of the month)
Christmas Twilight Markets

Call Kojonup Visitor Centre for more information: (08) 9831 0500

DECEMBER

Harvesting of grain crops
Christmas Carols at St Mary's Church
Please contact the Visitor Centre on (08) 9831 0500 to confirm dates and details of events listed.

