



Other Places of Historical Interest

Kojonup Cemetery: Opposite Elverd Cottage: Oldest graves 1860's.

Gravesite Histories:

Research and memories of family and community resulted in a record of over 90% of those whose resting place is the Kojonup, Muradup or Boscabel cemetery. Files available to read: Kojonup Library, The Kodja Place and the Historical Society. Listing of names only: kojonuphistoricalsociety.com.au/

Tourist Railway: Make a booking to travel for an hour on the 'Spirit of Kojonup' along a restored railway track and visit the historic railway display.

Kojonup Town Walk: Travel the Historic Town Walk - discovering the history of Kojonup - second oldest inland town in WA.

Brigadier Arnold Potts statue and Kokoda Trail memorial: Apex Park.

The Kodja Place and Rose Maze Garden:

The Storyplace and Kodj Gallery are prize winning displays depicting our rural story - incorporating the voices of both Noongar and Wadjela - 'One Story, Many Voices.' *'This should be a major stop for anyone who is after history and culture.'* Google review

Muradup War Memorial: Recently restored, this is believed to be one of the oldest World War memorials in Australia - built in 1916. Learn of the sacrifice of the small community of Muradup. Located 19 km from Kojonup on Blackwood Road.

Wool Wagon - Albany Highway: Commemorating the place of the wool industry in the district, the big wool wagon is 1.5 times the size of the one featured in the Kojonup Horse Power display.



The Historical Precinct is the area surrounding the Kojonup Spring, Spring Street and north along Soldier Road, Kojonup.

Information:

To make an appointment to open the Historical Buildings or for a guided tour contact **Kojonup Visitors Centre (Kodja Place) 08 9831 0500** or www.kojonupvisitors.com

- Individual, group and school tours can be arranged.
- Exterior displays accessible at all times
- Barracks and Elverd Cottage limited wheelchair access
- Kojonup Horse Power display - full wheelchair access

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Kojonup

Western Australia

Historical Precinct





Military Barracks

Military Barracks - Barracks Place - off Spring Street

The name Kojonup refers to the 'Kodja' or stone axe made by Indigenous Australians from local granite. The Kanaeng/Noongar people lived and farmed the area for thousands of years.

The first official 'Wadjela' (non-indigenous) exploration was by surveyor Alfred Hillman assigned to mark a track from Albany to Perth in 1837. Unable to find water, Hillman was guided to the permanent water of the 'Spring' by the local Kanaeng/Noongar people in February 1837. Hillman recommended to Governor Stirling 'this would be a good place for a station'. The Spring was duly marked as the centre of the future settlement.

In September 1837 Lieutenant Armstrong and his men set up the first military outpost and erected a wooden shelter. By 1845 this outpost had grown and the stone-built **Military Barracks** was built. One of the oldest buildings in Western Australia, the Barracks also served as a school, post office and a home and has been Kojonup's Museum since 1972.

Viewing by appointment

The Kojonup Spring

Used by the local indigenous people and later the early settlers as a watering place, this area is a significant historical site. The bridge, reservoir and a park were built in the 1980's.



The Kojonup Spring



Elverd Cottage

Elverd Cottage - Pensioner Road - opposite Cemetery.

Enrolled Pensioner guards, accompanied by their families, escorted convicts transported to WA from Britain in the 1850's.

Some guards were granted 15 pounds (\$30) and a 10 acre (4.05 ha) farm block in Kojonup to establish their homes and develop their land for agriculture. On one such block, Elverd Cottage was built in 1854.

It remains a rare example of a Pensioner Guard Cottage still standing in WA. The cottage garden, designed by long-term resident Charlie Elverd, is most picturesque in spring.

Viewing by appointment

Old Post Office - Spring Street

Kojonup's mail was first distributed from the Barracks and then the Post and Telegraph House - opposite the Police station (1878). The Spring Street Post Office was built in 1897 and later became the home for the Pensioner Road School headmaster. The present Post Office on Albany Highway was built in 1913.

The 'Old Post Office' is now the headquarters of the Kojonup Historical Society where archives are stored, research is carried out, historical photos are displayed and meetings are held first Monday of each month.



The Old Post office



Horse Power

Kojonup Horse Power - next to Elverd Cottage-Soldier Rd

This comprehensive display of horse drawn vehicles and farm implements explains the pivotal role horses played in the development of farms, the town and in the community life of the Kojonup District.

From early single ploughs, cropping, harvesting, chaff and hay making implements, horse drawn wool wagons to carts and buggies - each had a purpose clearly explained in this display. Also displayed are motors and tractors that replaced the horse and 'Horses at Play' bringing together the horse-related sports that are a vital part of the Kojonup Community.

Completed in 2018, sections can be seen from the exterior.

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Harness Display

Housed within the blue shed in a smaller shed, the unique smell of tanned saddles in the Horse Harness display will make you linger longer to study the role of each piece of gear required to harness a working horse. The display, largely from the donated collection of Mr Pederick, was completed in 2016, and can only be accessed when the Kojonup Horse Power complex is opened.



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