

Wyalkatchem-Koorda District Hospital Phone (08) 9692 1222

MEALS

# **HEALTH SERVICES**

Basic self contained air-conditioned units Booking: Shire Office: Phone (08) 9684 1219

CARAVAN PARK

As well as being water catchments, these offer shelter to the wildlife of the district, of which the most plentiful are Kangaroos, Rabbits and Foxes.

Travellers on minor roads, or the patient bush walker, may see Echidna, Field Mice and other

less common animals.

Bird life is prolific and varied - thirty to forty dif-ferent species being readily observable, of which the most common are the pink and grey Galah, many kinds of Parrots, Magpies, Mudlark and Finches, Ground Lark and Water Fowl in winter.

There are a number of nature reserves within e Koorda Shire.



readily be found dur-s, most particularly

ing their flowering periods, between July and October.

Probably anoth-if fifty to sixty spec ng their flowering

many town gardens.

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**KOORDA HOTEL** 



Koorda's Museum takes its theme from the building's origin as a Hospital in the years before World War II and an interesting display of old hospital and surgical equipment is featured in one of the former

Community and family artifacts are also on display



The district is centred around the broad acre farming industry. The first settlers took up land in the district in 1907 and the township declared in 1911.

use of grasses and water found beside the lakes and granite outcrops and 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.

In the early years, hardy settlers of the Avon Valley started sending flocks and herds out to make

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.

Community Profile

There is also a large display of early farming machinery which is displayed in the shed and leanto at the rear of the museum.

The wildflower park has a large collection of varieties of flora native to the Koorda area including the "Koorda Rose".

The art of corn dolly making was brought to Koorda by Mr Frank Lodge who in 1911 made a simple countryman's favour which was adopted as the Shire Emblem in 1974.

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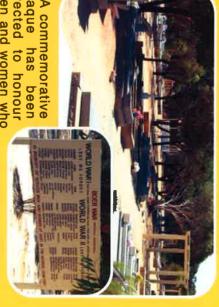
xamples of corn dollies can be seen at the CWA

The artillery on display is a Skoda Howitzer gun ed in desert warfare during WWI, hence its colour.

Corn Dollies are an ancient craft practised in many cereal growing areas worldwide and traditional designs were named after the area in which they were first made i.e. Suffolk Horseshoe, Welsh Border Fan, Mexican Zapotec, Arabic Cage.

The wildflower park is 14 km north of the town on Mulji Road and is a must for anybody with a keen interest in native flora





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In the northern parts of the Shire, Emus are found, Mallee Fowl, Wild Turkey, Cockatiels and other comparitively rare species may be seen by the careful observer making this area of interest to ornithological group camps.

GA - Take away meals Hotel - Evening meals

**YALAMBEE UNITS** 

The Caravan Park is located in a natural bush setting. Facilities include 16 powered bays, campers kitchen, disabled ablutions and laundry. Enquiries: Shire Office: Phone (08) 9684 1219



The Koorda Hotel provides comfortable hotel style accommodation.

Opened in 1925, built by James MacCallum-Smith, the owner of the Sunday Times in that era.

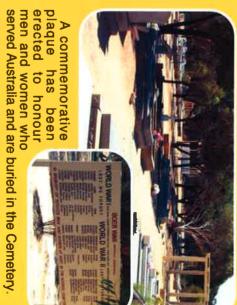
The small red arwinia

Probably the most luxurious displays are the Everlastings, for their brief period and the various types of pink and yellow Verticordia, with especially brilliant Dampiera species being found Wattles, Bottlebrush and various types of Cassia line many roads in the spring time. in the area.

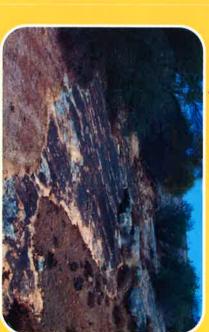
Colourful flowering shrubs and wildflowers are a blaze of glory for many months of the year.

Cemetery

Take time to visit the serene atmosphere of the cemetery 1.5km west of town on the Cadoux - Koorda Rd.



and are buried in the Cemetery



All of these reserves are interesting areas for children to explore and look for the gnamma holes.

During late winter and spring these Nature Reserves have a picturesque display of wildflowers providing a beautiful panoramic view from the top of the rock and an enjoyable area for a picnic.

Children enjoy exploring the rocks looking for gnamma holes.

Noorajin, Kalurin, Mt Collier, Samphire, Yowerda and Nugget Water Hole are water catchment areas and are also worth a visit.

