
Mary MacKillop Penola Centre
GUIDED COACH TOUR

This tour of the Penola township and immediate environs, with historical and literary commentary along the way, covers places familiar to the many outstanding people who have lived here.

As well as Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods these include Alexander Cameron, founder of Penola, and other intrepid pioneering men and women; poets Adam Lindsay Gordon, Will Ogilvie, John Shaw Neilson and Peter Goldsworthy; John Riddoch, who founded Coonawarra; Australian inland explorer, Lawrence Wells and polar explorer John Rymill.

Our visitors appreciate the overview provided by the tour and we recommend its being taken before you view our exhibitions, although afterwards is fine if that better suits you.

Duration: 30 to 45 minutes, depending on time available.
Greenrise could be omitted.



Alexander Cameron

Cost: \$2.00 per person

An itinerary for a guided coach tour that starts and finishes at the Mary MacKillop Penola Centre.

Portland St Schoolhouse; St Joseph's Catholic Church and Shrine; Mary's Uncle Donald and Aunt Eliza McDonald's cottage

Riddoch St Cobb & Co; Tregenza Gallery; former Methodist Church

Greenrise Swamp Recreation area just out of town on crown land adjacent to Alexander and Margaret Cameron's station where Mary MacKillop was governess to her cousins. The Picnic Races were held there.

Church Street Post Office; Royal Oak Hotel; bronze statue of Alexander Cameron; National Bank; National Trust footpath plaques; art galleries; Westminster Abbey bronze bust of Woods' friend, Adam Lindsay Gordon, at Penola Poets' Corner

Bowden & Queen St Site of the Stable School, now Mary MacKillop Memorial Park

Mary's 1866 home, Winella cottage, was in nearby Clarke St

Arthur St West St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church; Anglican Hall

Arthur St East War Memorial Park; Mechanics' Institute and Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre (with its local history, hydrocarbon and Neilson Art Prize exhibitions); St Andrew's Presbyterian Church; former Foresters' Hall

Petticoat Lane Heritage precinct: Gammon Cottage; Wilson Cottage; site of a Neilson home; Davidson Cottage; Sharam Cottages; Schoolhouse

An extended itinerary, by arrangement, could include

Old Cemetery This and the new cemetery near Greenrise are of historical interest

Coonawarra Its geology was described by Woods in 1862

Limestone Ridge Father Woods Park, near the old red gum that bears his name

We have even visited

Naracoorte Caves Described by Woods scientifically and MacKillop anecdotally. World Heritage listed