

# VISIT *Koondrook*

Koondrook is a historic Murray River village where paddlesteamers and river transport were a hive of activity in the early 1900s. Today Koondrook is a growing town supported by a strong tourism sector from the Gunbower Island and Murray River.

## MUST DO'S:

- Visit the **Koondrook Waterfront** incorporating the award-winning wharf, meticulously restored Goods Shed, historic Arbuthnot Sawmills, all abilities playground and landscaped walking path linking to Koondrook Retreat and the red gum footbridge.
- The internationally recognised **Koondrook Wharf** was constructed in 2016 in recognition of the old wharf that once serviced the paddlesteamer trade. Leading to the wharf's entrance lays an old tram turntable, which has been resurfaced with red gum, slate and basalt artworks by renowned Aboriginal artists Glenn Romanis and Esther Kirby and tells the story of the original Aboriginal inhabitants.
- Wander across the red gum footbridge along the **Goanna Walking Track**; a 3.2km walking loop through the Gunbower Forest via **Condidorio's Bridge**.
- Enjoy a gourmet breakfast or lunch at the **Long Paddock Food Store**.
- Relax in the outdoor beer garden, or dine in the distinctive indoor bar and lounge, decorated with local memorabilia and taxidermy at **Mate's Royal Hotel**.
- Indulge in a day spa treatment at **Skin Essence**.
- Book a unique glamping and nature experience at **Koondrook Retreat**. Enjoy unspoiled views of the creek and forest from your luxury self-contained safari tent.
- Nestled on the final bend of the Gunbower Creek before it re-enters the Murray River sits **Murray Waters Motor Inn and Apartments** and **Koondrook Caravan Park**, offering accommodation with riverfront views close to the centre of town.
- Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Gunbower Creek on board the **Wetlander**.
- Echoing across the quiet town for more than 130 years are the working blades of **Arbuthnot Sawmills**. Stroll along the walking track that passes through the work yard or make a booking to view milling operations from an elevated platform.
- Walk across the historic **Barham-Koondrook Bridge**, one of the oldest lift span bridges on the Murray River, built in 1904.
- Follow the history of the timber industry on the **Koondrook Barham Redgum Statue River Walk** along the Murray River, and discover magnificent red gum sculptures, carved by chainsaw, depicting local identities and native wildlife.
- Find the **Eagle Tree** along the **Koondrook Red Gum Forest Walk**. The heritage listed River Red Gum sits more than 50 metres into the forest canopy and was named due to a Sea Eagle's nest built high in the crown.
- Cool down at the **Koondrook Swimming Pool** over summer.

