# Statues

#### 1. Murray River Goanna

Tree hugging goannas live in redgum forests along the Murray River, growing to more than two metres long.

#### 2. William Nkuppa Sampson

William, an Aboriginal stockman who grew up on the Edward River near Moulamein, was involved in the classing and breeding of the Peppin Merino bloodline.

# 3. Roy "The Professor" Higgins

(1938 - 2014: Aged 75 years)

Born in Koondrook at Nurse Rosen's, Roy had 2,312 wins as a jockey including 2 Melbourne Cup wins. Roy's phenomenal career earned him international acclaim, becoming a respected media personality and supporter of many charities.

#### 4. The Wedge-tailed Eagle

The Wedge-tailed Eagle is the largest raptor in Australia and is the most common of all the world's large eagles. It has long, fairly broad wings, fully feathered legs, and an unmistakable wedge-shaped tail.

5. Arthur Molin (1907 - 1993: Aged 86 years) Arthur migrated to Australia from England in 1912. He moved to Koondrook in 1935 before taking over the Koondrook Petrol Station in 1936 and adding a mechanical business.

#### 6. Nurse Elizabeth Rosen

(1882 - 1943: Aged 61 years) Nurse Rosen established the "Carnarvon" Private Hospital in Koondrook where she attended to many patients and delivered more than 1000 babies.

**7. Australian Pelican** (Pelecanus conspicillatus) The Australian Pelican is found throughout Australia in freshwater, estuarine and marine wetlands and waterways. The pelican is common to this local area.

8. Alexander Arbuthnot (1850 - 1914: Aged 64 years) Mr Alexander Arbuthnot was the founder of the Arbuthnot Sawmill in the late 1800s. The Arbuthnot Sawmill continues to operate on the original sawmill site in Koondrook.

**9. John Powell** (1938 - 1990: Aged 52 years) John Powell tragically died in a tree felling accident in the

Koondrook State Forest. John was a man of many great qualities who loved his family, life, sport and a good yarn.

## **10. Paddle Steamer Captain**

Paddle steamer captains worked long hours and had an enormous knowledge of the Murray River. For many years Barham and Koondrook were important trading stops.

#### **11. Murray Cod** (Maccullochella peeli)

The Murray Cod is renowned as one of Australia's largest freshwater fish. Murray Cod can be found in many rivers and creeks in the Gannawarra region.

#### 12. Laughing Kookaburra

The Kookaburra is found throughout eastern Australia. Its chuckling voice is a familiar sound around the redgum forests.

**13. Sir John Gorton** (1911 - 2002: Aged 90 years) Sir John Gorton completed university in Oxford but instead of pursuing a career in journalism, he returned to Kangaroo Lake with wife, Bettina and took over his father's orchard. On January 10, 1968 he became the 19th Prime Minister of Australia in unusual circumstances.

14. Sidney Carl Percival Reid (1889 - 1962: Aged 72 years) Born in Grafton, NSW, Sidney served as the Managing Director of Arbuthnot Sawmills for 44 years from 1917 and oversaw the conversion of the mill from steam to electricity. Sidney was a

generous man and tireless community worker.

#### 15. Eastern Grey Kangaroo

Eastern Grey Kangaroos are found in the eastern parts of Australia and in Tasmania. They are commonly seen on Gunbower Island and in redgum forests and grazing areas.

# **16. Stuart Appleby**

(Australian professional golfer)

Stuart Appleby was born in Cohuna in 1971. He resided on a dairy farm where he used to hit golf balls from paddock to paddock as part of his practice regime.

**17. Herbert Keck** (1858 - 1937: Aged 79 years) Herbert Keck purchased land from the owners of Barham Station in 1911, becoming the first citrus grower in the area.

**18. Sir John Monash** (1865 - 1931: Aged 66 years) Sir John Monash was the chief engineer of the Barham/ Koondrook Bridge. The bridge was officially opened in 1904.

#### **19. Pioneer Woman**

Pioneering women raised families, cleared land, built fences, tended stock, sowed crops and faced many of the dangers of living on the land alone.

## 20. Robert McConnell

Robert, one of the first councillors on the newly formed Wakool Council in 1906, oversaw the introduction of electricity, water and sewerage services into the Barham area. Recreational facilities were enhanced by his donation of land.

# **Koondrook Barham Redgum Statue**









The Koondrook Barham Redgum Statue River Walk is an initiative of the local redgum industry and commenced in 2002 with the carving of Alexander "Sandy" Arbuthnot. The walk continued as a work in progress and has now reached 20 redgum statues carved by renowned artists Kevin Guilders and Angela Polglaze. The statues, carved by chainsaw, highlight local identities and wildlife significant to the region.

