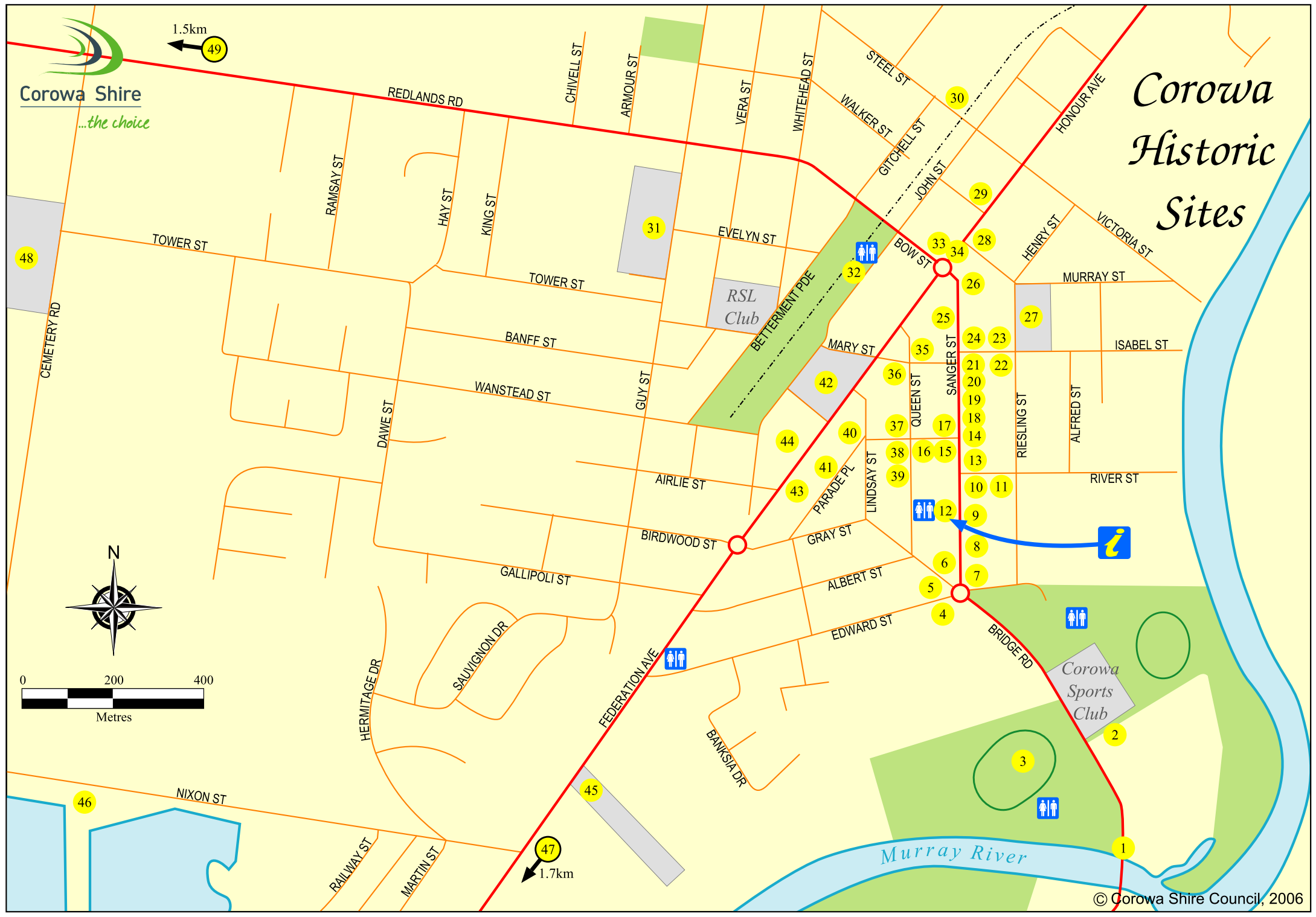


# Corowa Historic Sites



## Legend

- 1. JOHN FOORD BRIDGE** - Named after early pioneer. Bridge completed in 1892, replaced the original privately owned wooden toll bridge of 1862.
- 2. WATER FOUNTAIN** - Donated to town by Mayor A.A. Piggin in 1907 on opening of town water supply.
- 3. JOHN FOORD OVAL** - Named after John Foord, early pioneer. Corowa's first football team played a game in 1877.
- 4. TWO STOREY FLATS** - Terminus Hotel built here in 1877. A further storey was added later. (Privately owned).
- 5. CHURCH OF CHRIST** - Christian Tabernacle. First service 31/12/1892. (Privately owned).
- 6. GLOBE HOTEL** - Originally known as the Bridge Inn on this site since c1860. This hotel was the venue for the evening Banquet on Monday 31st July 1893, for delegates and politicians attending the Federation Conference.
- 7. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES** - Bank of NSW from 1875-1938 (Privately owned).
- 8. SOLICITOR'S OFFICE** - Built in 1884 for the Bank of Australasia.
- 9. COROWA HOTEL** - Built c1881. Second Corowa Hotel by this name.
- 10. SOLICITOR'S OFFICE** - Built in 1881 for P.H. Carne.
- 11. C.W.A. REST ROOMS AND HALL** - Corowa Branch of CWA formed in 1928. Through special donations and fundraising the rest rooms/hall was built in 1929.
- 12. MEMORIAL HALL** - Facade 1914 Site of original School of Arts.
- 13. ROYAL HOTEL** - First licensed to William Fox Martin in 1869. Coach exchange for Crawford & Co., a Beechworth company.
- 14. FREE PRESS OFFICE** - Built in 1911. The first edition of the Free Press appeared on October 8th 1875.
- 15. NATIONAL BANK** - Site of blacksmith and wheelwright. This building was erected for the Commercial Bank in 1901.
- 16. COURT HOUSE HOTEL** - Built in 1891. (Privately owned).
- 17. STAR HOTEL** - Known as Star Inn until 1881. Feature of the hotel is underground shops.
- 18. AUSTRALIA POST** - Opened in 1881 as Postal and Telegraph Office. Renovated preserving original facade.
- 19. BANK CHAMBERS** - Built in 1936 for the Rural Bank.
- 20. RESOURCE CENTRE AND LIBRARY** - Built in 1912 for the Commercial Banking Company.
- 21. HOTEL AUSTRALIA** - Opened in 1893 as the Australian Hotel. First commercial business to have water supply 'laid on'.

- 22. FIRE STATION** - First Volunteer Fire Brigade formed in 1878. Present Fire Station was not built until 1926.
- 23. BABY HEALTH CENTRE** - Opened 1939, with support from CWA and other local organisations.
- 24. AMBULANCE STATION** - Opened in 1940 after operating from a private home for some years.
- 25. REX THEATRE** - Opened as Movie Theatre in 1936 and closed in 1964.
- 26. ODDFELLOWS HALL** - Built in 1886 extended 1890. Venue for the evening Public Meetings for the 1893 Federation Conference. Renovated in 2001.
- 27. TAFE COLLEGE** - Located in the original Corowa Public School opened in 1878.
- 28. SITE OF RIVERINA HARVESTER COMPANY** - 1893-1924 manufactured harvesters, ploughs and water-carts.
- 29. NEWMARKET HOTEL** - Built in 1888.
- 30. COROWA FLOUR MILL** - Mill in Steel Street built in 1921 after Netherby Flour Mill in Albury Road burned down. New mill closed down in 1970 after failure in overseas market.
- 31. COROWA PUBLIC HOSPITAL** - Opened in 1893. Part of original hospital used for Administration.
- 32. COROWA RAILWAY STATION** - Culcairn to Corowa railway line opened October 3, 1892.
- 33. COROWA COUNCIL CHAMBERS** - Built in 1967 on site of original Council Chambers built in 1910.
- 34. SOLDIERS MEMORIAL** - Memorial with clock tower unveiled in 1922.
- 35. FEDERATION MUSEUM** - Built as a hall for the Border Brass Band in 1915.
- 36. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL** - Built in 1895, used as a church until 1934 when St. Andrew's was built.
- 37. UNITING CHURCH** - Originally Wesleyan (Methodist) church built on this site 1884. Present building built 1967.
- 38. COROWA COURT HOUSE** - Opened 1888 (middle section), side additions completed in 1890, also police barracks. The official proceedings of the Federation Conference held Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August 1893 were held in this Court House.
- 39. POLICE STATION** - At rear of Court House.
- 40. ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** - 1921. Original church built on this site 1875.
- 41. ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL** - Built 1893 as church school.
- 42. ST. MARY'S CONVENT** - Built in 1929. Now part of St. Mary's school.

- 43. ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** - Built 1883/1911. Original Church built on this site circa 1860's.
- 44. ST. JOHN'S HALL** - Church of England Hall built in 1929.
- 45. PIONEER CEMETERY** - Oldest headstone 1859 - Andrew Hume nephew of Hamilton Hume, explorer.
- 46. COROWA PONDS BIRD SANCTUARY** - Some 100 species wetland birds, including rare freckled duck visit these ponds.
- 47. RACECOURSE AND SHOWGROUNDS** - Original old Grand Stand. First race meeting in 1875.
- 48. CATHOLIC CEMETERY** - Oldest headstone 1883.
- 49. COROWA AERODROME** - Originally used during War years. Now home of National Parachute School, Gliding Championships and light aircraft.

## The Corowa-Wahgunyah Story

Once a bustling river port, Corowa-Wahgunyah has a colourful agricultural and gold mining history as well as being the catalyst which led to the Federation of Australia.

Due to the enterprise and diligence of John Foord, Corowa and Wahgunyah owe their existence. Together with John Crisp, he took up land on the southern side of the river - "The Wahgunyah Run", and became storekeeper, bridge builder, flour miller, transporter and town planner.

Late in 1852, gold was discovered in the Beechworth district causing a great influx to the population. This provided a close market for fat stock from Corowa and established Wahgunyah for river boats supplying goods to the gold fields.

Customs Duties, imposed when the Colony of Victoria was proclaimed in 1851, were the motivating force for the 1893 Federation conference held in Corowa.

Nestled on the banks of the mighty Murray River, these towns offer every type of watersport.

Corowa is a mecca for sporting enthusiasts with a picturesque 27 hole championship golf course situated on the Murray. There are also lawn tennis courts and Bowling Greens. Three sporting and licensed clubs provide gaming machines and superb live entertainment.

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