

# MARYSVILLE TRIANGLE Heritage Walking Trail

## Kooringa

*The Premier Guest House in this beautiful Mountain Resort.*

*“A Lovely Home in an Old-World Garden.”*

*Every modern comfort and convenience.*

*Electric light. Splendid hot water service.*

*Unequaled cuisine. Sewerage.*

*Tennis. Swimming Pool. Golf. Dancing. Trout fishing. Croquet Lawn. All Games and Sports.*

*Lock-up Garages. Library of 1800 volumes.*

*A special care is made of convalescents and children and guests on a diet.*

*Tree-shaded grounds. Glorious views. Beautiful walks and drives in all directions.*

*Centre for Winter Sports at Lake Mountain.*

*Skiers specially catered for.*

*Advertisement, c. 1930s*



*Under the rose arch at Kooringa, c. 1920s*

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**KOORINGA WHILE IT WAS OWNED BY OLIVE AND GWEN PITMAN, RELATIVES OF THE FAMOUS SIR ISAAC PITMAN WHO INVENTED SHORTHAND.**



*Kooringa, c. 1940*

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During the 1920s, tourists arrived in droves in Marysville as motor cars and buses cut travelling time to the town. Soon Kooringa had been converted into a guest house, complete with ‘modern’ facilities. The Pitman family, who also owned the Log Cabin souvenir shop, ran Kooringa during the 1920s, but sold the business to Wilbur Anderson and his wife by February 1930. The Andersons then managed Kooringa for over 10 years.



*Kooringa, c. 1940-60*

Rose Collection, State Library of Victoria

Kooringa was one of the guesthouses in Marysville that provided lodgings for children evacuated from the Melbourne Church of England Girls Grammar School during the Second World War. Three hundred and twenty girls stayed in Marysville and attended the local school from 1942 until 1944 while the Royal Australian Air Force commandeered the school's South Yarra grounds.

*Kooringa was built by the Cuzens brothers as a private home for the Webb family in the early 20th century. The family were active local builders, responsible for a number of other buildings in the town including the Cumberland guesthouse and Christ Church.*

**KOORINGA WHILE IT WAS STILL A PRIVATE HOME.**



*Kooringa, c. 1913-20*

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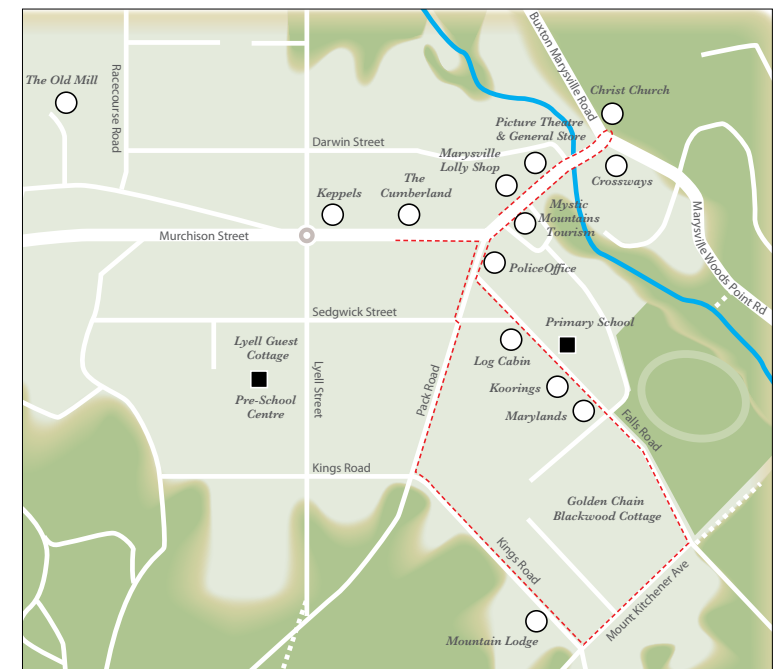
*Kooringa, c. 1925* State Library of Victoria



*Kooringa, c. 1940s*

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Malcolm Reed purchased Kooringa and Mary-Lyn, one of the Mary Chain guesthouses, in 1980 and later joined the two buildings by a passageway. Kooringa's new owners renovated the building extensively in XX, transforming the guesthouse into a successful family resort and conference centre.



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