

## 5. COMMUNITY PROFILES

### 5.1 ALICE SPRINGS

<b>Size of community</b>	26,799 (ABS, 2001 Census)
<b>Employment profile</b>	Main industries are Retail Trade, Health and Community Services, Govt. Administration and Defence and Education.
<b>Local industry</b>	A variety of work opportunities exist within Alice Springs with a number of apprenticeships, full-time and part-time positions available across a number of fields such as wholesale and retail trade, recreational and personal services, agriculture, mining, construction, transport, public administration and defence. Alice Springs boasts one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country at 3.5%.
<b>Proportion of Indigenous people in the community</b>	16%
<b>Existence of an Aboriginal Community within the vicinity of the town</b>	Alice Springs and the East MacDonnell Ranges are the traditional lands of the Arrrente people.
<b>Number of schools</b>	There are 13 primary schools, two high schools and two preschools.
<b>History of Schools' participation in Croc Festival™</b>	2004 marked the second Croc Festival™ in Alice Springs.
<b>Other community festival and events</b>	Local tennis competition, regatta on Todd River, Alice Springs Masters Games, Festival of the Desert, rodeos, National Dance Week, International Short Film Festival, Imparja Cup, Rock Alice Concert and Dinner, Heritage Week, Top Half Folk Festival, Alice Springs Show Day, The Camel Cup, Schweppes OpenTennis Cup, Alice Springs Cup Carnival. Alice Springs also has a variety of meetings, activities and social clubs held weekly such as dance lessons, crafts and theatrical performances.
<b>Higher Education opportunities in the community</b>	Charles Darwin University has both VET and undergraduate degree programs, as well as the local TAFE.
<b>Community infrastructure</b>	Public pool, skate park, youth centre, senior citizens centre, a Cultural Centre, ballet school and dance company, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs Convention Centre, Alice Springs racecourse, a range of sporting teams and associations.
<b>Distance from regional centre</b>	Alice Springs is located 1316 km from Adelaide and 1305 km from Darwin.
<b>Local media infrastructure</b>	CAAMA radio, Alice Springs commercial broadcasters Pty Ltd, Imparja Television, Radio 8CCC FM.

## 5.2 MOREE

<b>Size of community</b>	17,200 within the Moree Plains region with over 10,000 within the Moree township. (ABS, 2001 Census)
<b>Employment profile</b>	Main industries include Retail Trade, Health and Community Services, Property and Business, Manufacturing and Agriculture (particularly cotton).
<b>Local industry</b>	Job opportunities and apprenticeships primarily exist in the Agricultural (particularly cotton) industry, such as labourers and farmhands. These opportunities are often seasonal. Apprenticeships are available in a number of trades such as Automotive, Hospitality, Plumbing, Electrical, Building and Construction. There are also some traineeships available in Retail and Hospitality. An important partnership also exists between the Aboriginal Employment Strategy and the cotton industry.
<b>Proportion of Indigenous people in the community</b>	17%
<b>Existence of an Aboriginal Community within the vicinity of the town</b>	The Indigenous population is approximately 2,807 people, or 17% of the Shire. The majority of the Aboriginal people live in Moree, with other substantial populations in Mungindi and Boggabilla. The Aboriginal villages are at Mehi Crescent and Stanley Village in Moree, and at Toomelah 10 kilometres outside of Boggabilla. The Kamilaroi people are the traditional land-owners of Moree and the surrounding areas.
<b>Number of schools</b>	Eleven State primary schools, two state high schools and three church schools.
<b>History of Schools' participation in Croc Festival™</b>	Moree and Moree East Public schools and both high schools have participated since 1999 – the first year of the Croc Festival™. All other schools had participated since 2001.
<b>Other community festival and events</b>	NAIDOC week, Golden Grain Festival, Murri Idol, Moree Show, Heritage Festival, Multicultural Festival, Youth Week, Seniors Week, Moree on a Plate. A – Day (Aboriginal Day) and on this day Moree East hosts a mini-croc with CDEP, Police SES and other organisations giving workshops to students.
<b>Higher Education opportunities in the community</b>	TAFE NSW – New England Institute located in Moree that offers full-time and part-time programs in cotton production, agriculture, small business, arts and transport and building.
<b>Community infrastructure</b>	Local pool, PCYC, Moree Plains Gallery, RSL club, sporting ovals and a range of competitive sporting clubs such as netball, cricket and football.
<b>Distance from regional centre</b>	Moree is 647km north-west of Sydney and 444km south west of Brisbane.
<b>Local media infrastructure</b>	Local newspaper – Moree Champion, ABC radio and local radio station 2VM.

### 5.3 PORT AUGUSTA

<b>Size of community</b>	13,475 (ABS, 2001 Census)
<b>Employment profile</b>	The four largest industry employers include Retail Trade, Health and Community Services, Education and Construction.
<b>Local industry</b>	Apprenticeships are available in retail trade and government services. There are many job opportunities in a variety of industries such as Building and Construction, Office Administration, Hospitality and Sales.
<b>Proportion of Indigenous people in the community</b>	15%
<b>Existence of an Aboriginal Community within the vicinity of the town</b>	Davenport Aboriginal Community – located on the outskirts of Port Augusta, where approximately 300 people live. Port Augusta and the surrounding area is traditionally a meeting place for a number of Aboriginal communities such as the Nukunu and the Banggarla people.
<b>Number of schools</b>	Port Augusta has five kindergartens, seven primary schools, one Government high school with two campuses, Seaview Campus 8-9 and Stirling 10-12, one special school and one private school, offering education from K-12.
<b>History of Schools' participation in Croc Festival™</b>	Augusta Park Primary School, Port Augusta Special School and Willsden Primary School have all participated since 2000. Flinders View Primary School, Port Augusta West Primary School and Carlton Primary School have participated since 2001. Port Augusta Secondary School has participated since 2002.
<b>Other community festival and events</b>	The Eremophila Festival 2004. Promotion of Arid Land Plants in home gardens as a means to save endangered species, and to promote the saving of water. The Outback Surf Boat Carnival, Racing Cup Carnival, 3-on-3 basketball competitions and Show Day.
<b>Higher Education opportunities in the community</b>	Spencer Institute of TAFE and the Adult Community Education Centre have a number of courses throughout the year.
<b>Community infrastructure</b>	Port Augusta has a variety of community service clubs, sporting clubs and associations. There are approximately 120 community groups representing the following categories; sports, service clubs, event management networks, cultural groups, recreation, welfare, religion, galleries and information centres, including the Wadlata Outback centre, the Social Vision Unit, and the Davenport community centre.
<b>Distance from regional centre</b>	The city of Port Augusta sits at the head of the Spencer Gulf and is close to the Flinders Ranges. Port Augusta is located 311kms north of Adelaide at the junction of the Eyre and Stuart Highways.
<b>Local media infrastructure</b>	The local radio station 5AU covers the Spencer Gulf region. Umeewarra Media has designated a radio spot for the City of Port Augusta to inform the community on the projects that are currently being undertaken in the community.

## 5.4 WEIPA

<b>Size of community</b>	3,900 (including 1,200 people living in Napranum Aboriginal community). (ABS, 2001 Census)
<b>Employment profile</b>	The main industry is bauxite mining operated by Comalco. Other industries include fishing, light engineering, tourism and hospitality.
<b>Local industry</b>	Traineeships and work opportunities offered by Comalco in areas like mine operations (earthmoving, truck driving) and office and administration. There is also contracting work available in building and construction. There are traineeships offered in hospitality.
<b>Proportion of Indigenous people in the community</b>	Including Napranum Aboriginal community, roughly a third of the population of Weipa are Indigenous.
<b>Existence of an Aboriginal Community within the vicinity of the town</b>	Napranum Aboriginal community (Approx. 1,200 people based 5km out of Weipa). Weipa and the surrounding area is the home to a number of Aboriginal communities such as the Awngthim, Anguthimri, Luthigh, Mbeiwum and Yinwum people.
<b>Number of schools</b>	One primary school and one high school – the Western Cape College.
<b>History of Schools' participation in Croc Festival™</b>	Both the primary and high school (Western Cape College) have participated in the Croc Festival™ since 1998.
<b>Other community festival and events</b>	Fishing competitions, 3-on-3 basketball competitions, Show Day.
<b>Higher Education opportunities in the community</b>	TAFE campus at Weipa and external students at University and a limited number of courses are provided through Weipa Multi-purpose Facility and Weipa Community Care.
<b>Community infrastructure</b>	Rugby League, Basketball, Tennis, Netball and Volleyball teams. Golf Course/Lawn and Indoor Bowls, Squash Centre, Swimming Pool, Community centre, Girl Guides and Scouts, Library services, Dance Academy, Western Cape Cultural Centre, Golf club, Adventure Dirt Bike Club, Skate Park, Bowls, Gymnastic Club, Pistol club and sportfishing.
<b>Distance from regional centre</b>	Weipa is located 1000kms north west of Cairns and approximately 3000kms north west of Brisbane in Far North Queensland.
<b>Local media infrastructure</b>	ABC Radio 4WP and Radio 4AM are transmitted from Cairns. The Weipa bulletin is Weipa's only newspaper.

## 5.5 THURSDAY ISLAND

<b>Size of community</b>	4,000 (ABS, 2001 Census)
<b>Employment profile</b>	Main industries are tourism, Government services, light engineering and fishing.
<b>Local industry</b>	A number of traineeships are offered annually through QLD Health in Pharmacy, Dentistry and Administration. Administration traineeships are also offered annually through TRSA. A number of local businesses offer occasional apprenticeships in plumbing and construction.
<b>Proportion of Indigenous people in the community</b>	51%
<b>Existence of an Aboriginal Community within the vicinity of the town</b>	Thursday Island is the traditional land of the Muralag people.
<b>Number of schools</b>	Thursday Island has pre-schools, a state and a Catholic primary school and a state high school.
<b>History of Schools' participation in Croc Festival™</b>	All of the schools have participated in the Festival since 2000. Students have also travelled to the Festival in Weipa to perform. The Festival itself is held at the high school.
<b>Other community festival and events</b>	The Torres Strait Cultural Festival occurs every second year so as not to coincide with the Croc Festival™, Island of Origin Football Cup and Torres Strait Cup, Music Festival, and Mabo Day Celebration.
<b>Higher Education opportunities in the community</b>	James Cook University is expanding its education program on Thursday Island. There is also a TAFE campus.
<b>Community infrastructure</b>	Various sporting facilities are on the Island such as tennis, pistol shooting, football, aerobics, basketball, netball, boating, fishing, hash house harriers, bowls and canoeing. The town also has a swimming pool, a Cultural Centre, and Green Hill Fort.
<b>Distance from regional centre</b>	Thursday Island is situated approximately 39 kilometres off the top of Cape York. Thursday Island is 800 kilometres north of Cairns and 3040 kilometres north of Brisbane.
<b>Local media infrastructure</b>	ABC radio – Far North Queensland.