

Living In Different Parts Of Australia 2

- ❑ Read the information, then complete the After Reading column on page 26.

Each town in Australia has its own set of unique circumstances. For this reason the advantages and disadvantages vary greatly from town to town and region to region. Some rural towns are dependent on one main industry and the success of that industry directly affects the facilities and infrastructure found there. Rural communities in Western Australia and Queensland are often based on the mining industry. Other rural communities in New South Wales and the central coast act as 'satellite' towns. Their main function is to provide a community for people who work in the city but don't wish to live in an urban environment.



Tamworth, located on the Peel River in New South Wales, was established in 1832. It is representative of many rural towns in Australia. In comparison to urban cities there can often be: more low income earners, higher unemployment, more married

couples, a stronger family focus, a higher level of home ownership, fewer immigrants, younger school leavers and either fewer young adults or a higher rate of youth unemployment. Tamworth's population is usually about 45,000. Tamworth does have

CASE STUDY: TAMWORTH

the unique feature of being the 'country music centre' of Australia and hosts an annual country music festival which brings a huge amount of people to the town for a limited period of time.



Roxby Downs is a rural town which was established in 1988. It is located in South Australia, 550 kilometres north of Adelaide and 250 kilometres north of Port Augusta. It has approximately 4,500 people living there.

Roxby Downs is quite a unique town in the history of Australia as it was specifically set up in a joint venture between the South

Australian State Government and a mining company. Roxby Downs is sometimes referred to as 'the most modern town in the outback'. The mining company provided the town's infrastructure, housing, lighting, electricity and water. The Australian State Government provided the town's recreation facilities, educational facilities, policing and town administration.

CASE STUDY: ROXBY DOWNS

Roxby Downs has a variety of shopping and cultural facilities as well as educational, health and sporting facilities. Roxby Down's water is provided by the Great Artesian Basin which is one of the largest underground water reservoirs in Australia. The majority of residents are high income earners working in the mining industry. Roxby Downs is not necessarily a typical example of what life in a rural town is like.



Halls Creek is located in Western Australia in the Kimberley region. It is a remote location approximately 2,850 kilometres from Perth. The closest town is 365 kilometres away. Approximately 1,200 people live in Halls Creek.

The town has a hotel, a motel,

a caravan park and two roadhouses. It is also the base for several tours to the Bungle Bungles and to Wolfe Creek Crater. The town provides basic services for remote cattle stations in the region. Living conditions are basic, as they are in many other remote towns in Australia.

CASE STUDY: HALLS CREEK

The area is home to the indigenous Jaru and Kija peoples, and is home to some Tjurabalan peoples from the desert to the south of the town, which together represent more than 60% of the town's population.

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☐ Read the information on page 27, then complete the tasks.

- A. Study each case study on page 27. List the key points for each in the journal boxes below. In the final 'My Synthesis' box write how you would feel about living in each place and which one you would choose to live in.

SYNTHESIS JOURNAL		
Name: _____ Topic: _____ Date: _____		
CASE STUDY 1	CASE STUDY 2	CASE STUDY 3
Location / Population:	Location / Population:	Location / Population:
Services Available:	Services Available:	Services Available:
Quality of Life:	Quality of Life:	Quality of Life:
My Synthesis:		

B. Challenge

Research the town of Roxby Downs further and find out why the town has been such a continued success. Do you think this success will last into the future? Write your response on the back of this sheet or in your workbook.