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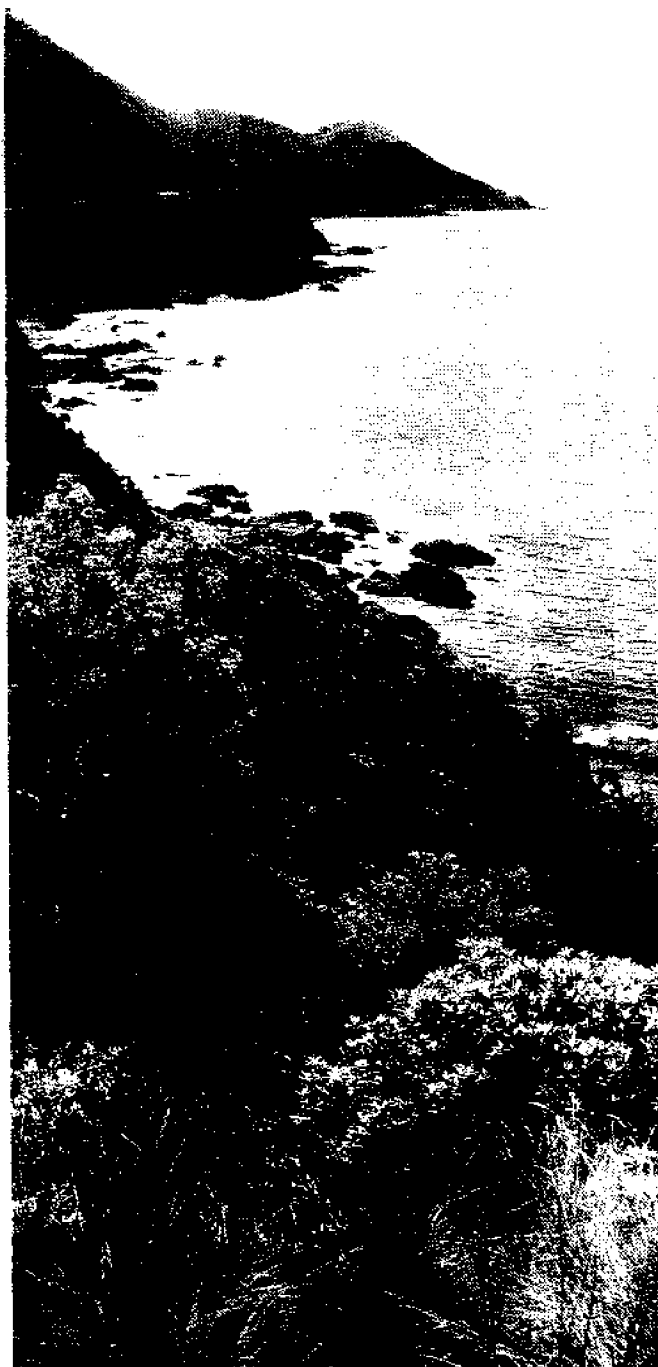
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VICTORIA AT A GLANCE

Of the six States and two Territories which comprise the Commonwealth of Australia, Victoria has the second largest population although it ranks only sixth in area. The State is bordered in the south by 1,200 kilometres of ocean coastline; the southern-most point is at Wilsons Promontory in latitude 39°08'S. The eastern-most point is at Cape Howe in longitude 149°58'E. The western boundary is the 140°58'E meridian; in the north the State is bounded principally by the Murray River. Eastern Standard Time in Victoria is 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

VICTORIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

| | | Percentage of Australian <u>Period</u> <u>total</u> |
|--|---------------|---|
| Area | | 2.96 |
| Demography - | | |
| Estimated resident population | 30 June 1993 | 25.3 |
| Births | " | 24.6 |
| Deaths (including infant deaths) | " | 25.7 |
| Marriages | " | 24.2 |
| Divorces | " | 22.9 |
| Labour Force - | | |
| Employed persons | February 1995 | 24.9 |
| Unemployed persons | " | 26.3 |
| Agriculture - | | |
| Area of establishments at | | |
| 31 March (a) | " | 2.8 |
| Wheat for grain - production | " | 12.3 |
| Potatoes | " | 27.2 |
| Meat - red | " | 21.1 |
| Wool | " | 16.5 |
| Manufacturing Turnover | 1992-93 | 32.1 |
| Turnover of retail establishments | | |
| (at average 1989-90 constant prices) | 1993-94 | 23.0 |
| Exports (b) | " | 19.0 |
| Imports | " | 32.2 |

(a) Excludes establishments with an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) of less than \$5,000. (b) State of origin.

LABOUR FORCE (February)

| | | 1994 | 1995 |
|----------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Employed persons - | | | |
| Males | '000 | 1,106.0 | 1,166.5 |
| Females | " | 820.4 | 849.6 |
| Unemployed persons - | | | |
| Males | '000 | 167.5 | 130.9 |
| Females | " | 120.9 | 102.1 |
| Unemployment rates - | | | |
| Males | per cent | 13.2 | 10.1 |
| Females | " | 12.8 | 10.7 |

Earnings (November quarter)

| | | 1993 | 1994 |
|---|----|--------|--------|
| Average weekly ordinary time earnings - | | | |
| Full-time adult males | \$ | 636.70 | 664.60 |
| Full-time adult females | " | 536.30 | 561.40 |
| Full-time adult employees | " | 600.50 | 627.20 |

STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE 1992-93 1993-94

| | | | |
|---|-----|--------|--------|
| Current outlays | \$m | 20,032 | 17,573 |
| Current expenditure | " | 15,644 | 13,162 |
| less Sales of goods and services | " | 2,488 | 2,125 |
| equals Final consumption expenditure | " | 13,156 | 11,037 |
| Interest payments | " | 3,929 | 3,630 |
| Subsidies paid to PTE's | " | 998 | 900 |
| Other transfer payments | " | 1,948 | 2,006 |
| Capital outlays | " | 2,377 | 1,094 |
| Expenditure on new fixed assets | " | 3,717 | 3,005 |
| plus Expenditure on secondhand assets (net) | " | -1,159 | -331 |
| equals Gross fixed capital expenditure | " | 2,558 | 2,674 |
| Expenditure on land and intangible assets (net) | " | 12 | -312 |
| Other capital outlays | " | -193 | -1,267 |
| Total outlays | " | 22,409 | 18,668 |
| Revenue | " | 19,902 | 19,477 |
| Taxes, fees, and fines | " | 9,452 | 8,936 |
| Net operating surplus of PTE's | " | 2,353 | 2,580 |
| Interest received | " | 419 | 304 |
| Other revenue | " | 7,678 | 7,657 |
| Financing transactions (a) | " | 2,507 | -809 |
| Increase in provisions | " | 932 | 814 |
| Advances received (net) | " | -574 | -299 |
| Borrowing (net) | " | 3,054 | -2,629 |
| Other financing transactions | " | -905 | 1,305 |
| Total deficit (a) | " | 1,575 | -1,622 |
| Net Financing requirement (a) | " | 2,149 | -1,324 |

(a) Financing is the difference between total outlays and revenue. The deficit/surplus comprises financing less increase in provisions. The net financing requirement comprises deficit/surplus less net advances received.

| DEMOGRAPHY | | 1993 | 1994 |
|---|------|-----------|---------|
| Estimated resident population at 30 June - | | | |
| Victoria - | '000 | r 4,464.2 | 4,476.1 |
| Males | " | r 2,211.6 | 2,216.5 |
| Females | " | r 2,252.6 | 2,259.6 |
| Melbourne Statistical Division | " | r 3,189.1 | 3,198.3 |
| Number of persons by age group at 30 June - | | | |
| Under 15 years | '000 | r 942.2 | 939.9 |
| 15-19 years | " | r 326.1 | 317.8 |
| 20-59 years | " | r 2,479.2 | 2,493.2 |
| 60-64 years | " | r 184.4 | 181.7 |
| 65 years and over | " | r 532.3 | 543.4 |
| Vital events registered - | | | |
| | | 1992 | 1993 |
| Births | No. | 65,766 | 64,049 |
| Deaths (including infant deaths) | " | 31,951 | 31,197 |
| Marriages | " | 28,429 | 27,418 |
| Divorces | " | 10,533 | 11,050 |

| PRICES | | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|
| Consumer Price Index (Melbourne) - | | | |
| Food | 1989-90=100 | 106.3 | 107.9 |
| Clothing | " | 107.8 | 107.3 |
| Housing | " | 93.1 | 92.7 |
| Household equipment and operation | " | 108.3 | 110.0 |
| Transportation | " | 112.7 | 115.8 |
| Tobacco and alcohol | " | 122.7 | 132.1 |
| Health and personal care | " | 129.8 | 135.4 |
| Recreation and education | " | 110.8 | 113.6 |
| All groups | " | 108.9 | 111.1 |
| House Price Index (Melbourne) - | | | |
| Established houses | " | 93.1 | 95.2 |
| Project homes | " | 100.4 | 103.9 |
| Price Index of Materials Used in Building, | | | |
| All groups (Melbourne) - | | | |
| House building | 1985-86 = 100 | 141.1 | 149.6 |
| Other than house building | 1989-90 = 100 | 104.4 | 106.7 |
| Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries - | | | |
| Imported materials | 1984-85 = 100 | 130.6 | 131.7 |
| Home produced materials | " | 124.6 | 120.9 |
| Price Index of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry | | | |
| | 1988-89 = 100 | 114.3 | 115.5 |

| EDUCATION | | 1992 | 1993 |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Number of institutions - | | | |
| Schools (July) | No. | 2,700 | 2,617 |
| Tertiary institutions | " | 12 | n.y.a. |
| TAFE institutions (Dec)(a) | " | 392 | 423 |
| Students - | | | |
| Schools (July) | " | 787,622 | 777,597 |
| Tertiary institutions | " | 156,055 | n.y.a. |
| TAFE - | | | |
| Vocational and preparatory | " | 297,190 | 348,556 |
| Adult education | " | 221,994 | 202,424 |
| Teaching staff - | | | |
| Schools (July) | " | 56,741 | 53,778 |
| Tertiary institutions (b) | " | 20,071 | n.y.a. |
| TAFE (December) (b) | " | 14,629 | 4,991 |

| AGRICULTURE | | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|--|-------------|---------|---------|
| Value of agricultural commodities produced - | | | |
| Crops | \$m | r2,114 | 2,121 |
| Livestock slaughtering | " | r1,271 | 1,475 |
| Livestock products | " | r1,825 | 1,926 |
| Total | " | r5,210 | 5,523 |
| Area of establishments at | | | |
| 31 March (c) | '000 ha | 12,271 | 13,017 |
| Crops (c) - | | | |
| Wheat for grain - | | | |
| Area | " | 821 | 780 |
| Production | '000 tonnes | 2,015 | 2,022 |
| Other cereals for grain - | | | |
| Area | '000 ha | 817 | 872 |
| Production | '000 tonnes | 1,591 | 1,837 |
| Potatoes | '000 ha | 12 | 12 |
| Other Vegetables | " | 16 | 18 |
| Orchard trees | " | 24 | 23 |
| Grape vines (c) - | | | |
| Area | '000 ha | 20 | 21 |
| Production | '000 tonnes | 311 | 359 |
| Livestock at 31 March (c) - | | | |
| Milk cattle | '000 | 1,463 | 1,585 |
| Meat cattle | " | 2,226 | 2,604 |
| Sheep | " | 23,555 | 23,439 |
| Pigs | " | 425 | 460 |
| Livestock products - | | | |
| Meat including poultry | '000 tonnes | 700 | 723 |
| Milk (d) | m litres | 4,456 | 4,967 |
| Wool | '000 tonnes | 118 | 110 |

(a) Comprises all institutions offering TAFE courses. (b) Full-time teaching staff only. (c) Figures for 1992-93 exclude establishments with an EVAO of less than \$5,000. (d) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

| RETAIL TRADE | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Food retailing | 9,444.3 | 9,731.6 |
| Department stores | 2,507.3 | 2,468.5 |
| Clothing and soft goods retailing | 2,140.1 | 1,965.6 |
| Household goods retailing | 3,009.0 | 3,152.7 |
| Recreational goods retailing | 1,055.2 | 1,195.7 |
| Other retailing | 1,905.0 | 2,165.4 |
| Hospitality and services | 3,037.8 | 3,158.6 |
| Total | 23,098.7 | 23,838.1 |

| OVERSEAS TRADE | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Imports from - | | |
| USA | \$m 3,974 | 4,696 |
| Japan | " 3,315 | 3,779 |
| Germany | " 1,448 | 1,550 |
| UK | " 1,050 | 1,229 |
| Other | " 8,375 | 9,519 |
| Total Imports | " 18,162 | 20,773 |
| Exports to - | | |
| USA | " 934 | 914 |
| Japan | " 1,629 | 2,178 |
| New Zealand | " 951 | 1,093 |
| UK | " 334 | 338 |
| Other | " 7,189 | 7,752 |
| Total Exports | " 11,037 | 12,275 |

| MINERAL PRODUCTION | 1991-92 | 1992-93 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Coal and briquettes | '000 tonnes 51,425 | 48,428 |
| Petroleum products - | | |
| Crude oil, including condensates | megalitres 16,935 | 17,804 |
| Natural gas | giga litres 6,668 | 6,823 |
| Ethane | giga litres 161 | 171 |
| Liquefied petroleum gas | megalitres 2,568 | 2,741 |

| TOURIST ACCOMMODATION | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Motels and licensed hotels (with facilities) - | | |
| Establishments at 30 June | No. 1,051 | 1,018 |
| Guest rooms at 30 June | " 30,278 | 29,968 |
| Takings from accommodation | \$m 417.9 | 432.4 |

| MANUFACTURING | 1991-92 | 1992-93 |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Turnover - | | |
| Food, beverages, and tobacco | \$m 10,525 | 10,876 |
| Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather | " 4,561 | 4,231 |
| Wood and paper products | " 2,485 | 2,770 |
| Printing, publishing and recorded media | " 3,132 | 3,343 |
| Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products | " 9,512 | 9,588 |
| Non-metallic mineral products | " 1,715 | 2,004 |
| Metal products | " 7,368 | 7,003 |
| Machinery and equipment | " 11,722 | 12,821 |
| Other manufacturing | " 1,363 | 1,340 |
| Total manufacturing | " 52,384 | 53,977 |

| BUILDING COMPLETIONS | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|---|-------------|---------|
| New residential buildings - | | |
| Houses | No. 25,099 | 27,118 |
| | \$m 2,233.4 | 2,475.3 |
| Other residential buildings | No. 2,566 | 3,209 |
| | \$m 179.1 | 249.9 |
| Alterations and additions (of \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings | \$m 583.5 | 601.3 |
| Buildings other than residential | " 2,802.4 | 2,495.2 |

| TRANSPORT | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|---|--------------|---------|
| Motor vehicles on register at 30 June - | | |
| Cars and station wagons | '000 2,206.6 | 2,231.9 |
| Commercial vehicles | " 441.3 | 506.6 |
| Motor cycles | " 70.4 | 69.6 |
| Registrations of new motor vehicles - | | |
| Cars and station wagons | No. 106,213 | 113,249 |
| Commercial vehicles | " 17,677 | 19,203 |
| Motor cycles | " 4,528 | 4,400 |

| WELFARE SERVICES | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Age and disability pension payments | \$m 3,596.9 | 3,996.0 |
| Family allowance payments - | " 517.0 | 506.4 |
| Children covered | '000 918.7 | 833.9 |
| Unemployment benefit | \$m 1,951.1 | 2,039.3 |