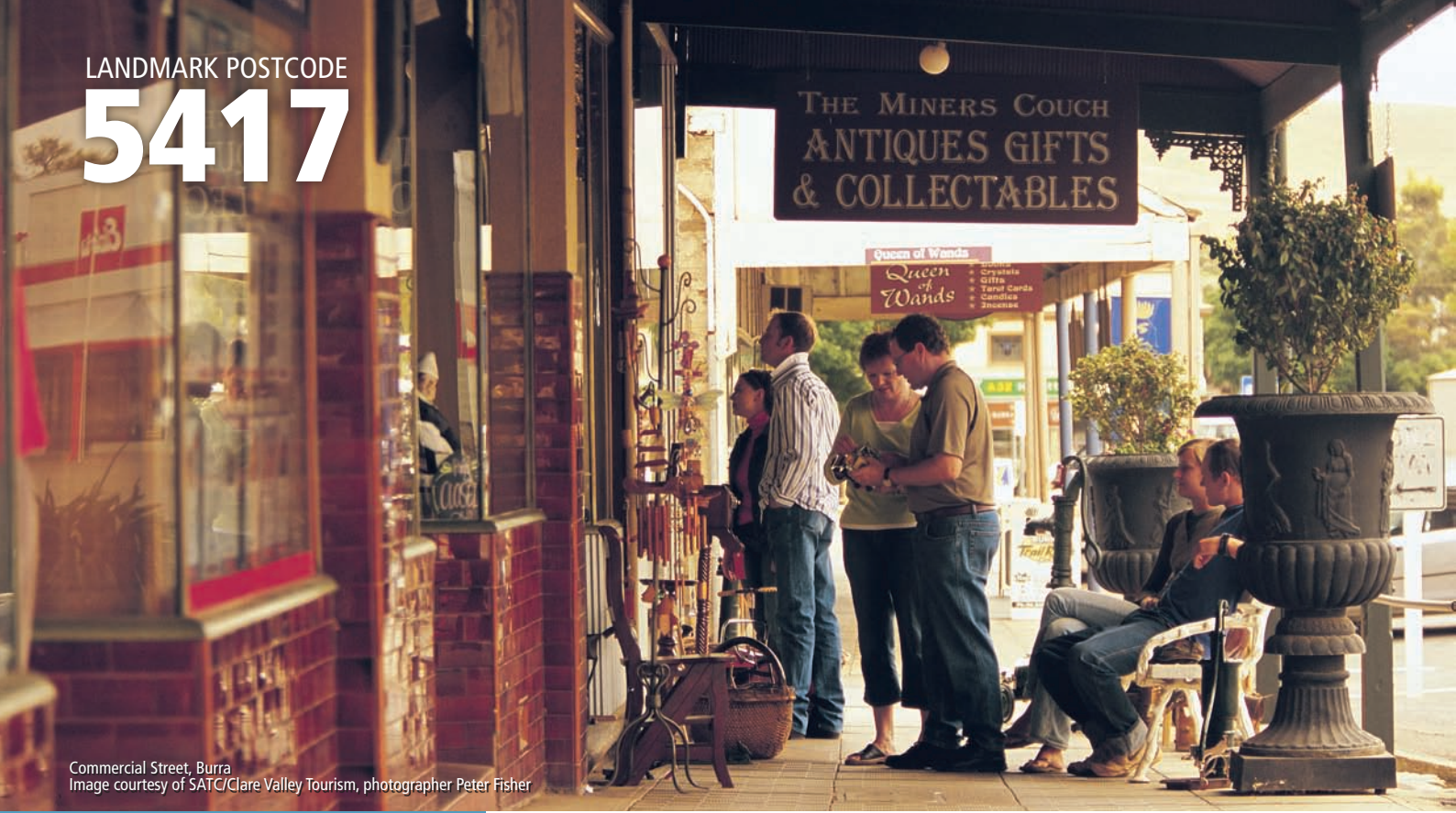


LANDMARK POSTCODE

5417



Commercial Street, Burra
Image courtesy of SATC/Clare Valley Tourism, photographer Peter Fisher

LOCATION: Burra
2 hours north of Adelaide

POPULATION: 1,200

INDUSTRIES: Agriculture, tourism

CLIMATE: Seasonal
Summer 13.4C – 29.7C
Winter 3.1C – 13.2C
Avg annual rainfall 632.4mm

A chance discovery of copper ore by a shepherd near Burra Creek in 1845 proved to be a remarkable stroke of good fortune. The mining boom that followed was history making. The so-called Monster Mine was the largest in Australia and among the biggest copper mines in the world at that time.

The riches that flowed made Burra Australia's largest inland settlement and boosted the struggling economy of South Australia. This newfound prosperity prompted an influx of migrants into the colony, including hundreds of Cornish mining families. The copper boom lasted thirty years. By the time the mine closed in 1877 Burra had become a thriving service town for the agricultural and pastoral industries developing across South Australia's mid-north.

These days wool is the mainstay of a farming sector that includes grazing and broad acre cropping. The region is an important centre for Australian Merino breeding and is home to several major studs.

Tourism is also big business. As Australia's

premier historic mining town, Burra is a living museum with an extraordinary collection of Cornish mining and domestic architecture from the nineteenth century. It is on the National Estate Register and is a State Heritage Area.

Landmark's Will Nolan says Burra's heritage is a huge part of its appeal. "We are pretty lucky. Our buildings have been well preserved and really tell the history of the town during the last century and a half."

Despite being loaded with charm and character, heritage buildings aren't out of the reach of the average buyer. Bluestone homes can be bought for as little as \$150,000 and that's attractive to families and retirees.

"We have all the basic services, including a hospital and school, and the major retail centre of Clare is only thirty five minutes away. It's only an hour's drive to the coast and less than that to the Murray River."

Mining resumed in Burra in 1970 and closed again in 1981 but the chance of finding further buried riches keeps prospectors searching.

Several exploration companies are looking for copper and gold. In the meantime, copper ore from other sources is still processed locally.

Burra is emerging as the centre of the state's wind energy industry. Five farms with a total of 220 towers are being built across the region, creating a wave of construction jobs and providing a welcome income stream for landowners.

"That's particularly useful for farmers in marginal areas to the north. The money will help them through the dry years." Will says demand

for rural land is solid because it is the best offering of good country within easy drive of Adelaide.

"City-based investors wanting to diversify into farming often look here first. We recently had a buyer from Western Australia take up 350,000 acres because that amount of land was hard to get in the west.

"It's good open country with good soil and rainfall that's usually reliable. We're also close to ports and grain handling facilities so that keeps costs down."

"We really have the best of lifestyle and industry here."

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PROPERTY GUIDE:

Residential: 3 BR stone houses from \$150,000 to \$200,000

Lifestyle: 166 acres with solid home close to town \$430,000

Larger acreage: Better broadacre country \$1,500 – \$2,000 per acre
Inside grazing country from \$250 to \$500 per acre
Eastern pasture country \$30 – \$45 per acre