

QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS

"C" Series

(March Qtr. 1954)

1. Individual Towns

FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 & 5 ROOMS) CLOTHING

AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE

"C" SERIES FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1954

(Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

1. Individual Towns

Town	1939			1953			1954	Six Months ended March Qtr 1954	Year ended March Qtr 1954
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.		
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>									
Sydney	932	933	2338	2360	2388	2385	2391	2388	2381
Newcastle	898	897	2266	2283	2306	2323	2327	2325	2310
Broken Hill	959	943	2385	2397	2426	2434	2432	2433	2422
Goulburn	915	914	2260	2292	2328	2328	2318	2323	2317
Bathurst	880	881	2317	2354	2382	2401	2393	2397	2383
FIVE TOWNS (a)	929	930	2332	2354	2382	2381	2386	2384	2376
<u>VICTORIA</u>									
Melbourne	921	918	2250	2279	2301	2310	2301	2306	2298
Ballarat	872	875	2217	2251	2283	2310	2288	2299	2283
Bendigo	870	868	2220	2257	2276	2289	2278	2284	2275
Geelong	909	909	2217	2256	2290	2290	2278	2284	2279
Warrnambool	914	918	2286	2320	2335	2352	2356	2354	2341
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	915	2247	2277	2300	2309	2299	2304	2296
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>									
Brisbane	866	866	2105	2115	2143	2176	2187	2182	2155
Toowoomba	855	853	2126	2149	2172	2193	2204	2199	2180
Rockhampton	864	861	2139	2146	2177	2202	2221	2212	2187
Townsville	915	912	2215	2228	2251	2277	2304	2291	2265
Bundaberg	845	843	2104	2109	2121	2137	2158	2148	2131
FIVE TOWNS (a)	867	867	2116	2127	2154	2184	2197	2191	2166
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>									
Adelaide	908	903	2210	2238	2264	2272	2260	2266	2259
Kadina, etc.	808	812	2121	2141	2190	2196	2193	2195	2180
Port Pirie	894	897	2178	2192	2230	2238	2236	2237	2224
Mount Gambier	875	866	2187	2200	2250	2268	2266	2267	2246
Peterborough	895	896	2164	2186	2213	2231	2230	2231	2215
FIVE TOWNS (a)	904	899	2206	2232	2259	2268	2257	2263	2254
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>									
Perth, etc.	904	904	2247	2290	2328	2314	2348	2331	2320
Kalgoorlie, etc.	1067	1069	2343	2358	2369	2374	2407	2391	2377
Northam	918	919	2279	2310	2336	2336	2360	2348	2336
Bunbury	937	939	2275	2298	2338	2344	2376	2360	2339
Geraldton	966	966	2385	2415	2433	2449	2473	2461	2443
FIVE TOWNS (a)	918	918	2258	2298	2334	2323	2356	2340	2328
<u>TASMANIA</u>									
Hobart	907	905	2317	2351	2444	2485	2437	2461	2429
Launceston	888	886	2270	2311	2409	2445	2386	2416	2388
Burnie	877	878	2228	2275	2352	2380	2349	2365	2339
Devonport	861	860	2194	2240	2332	2372	2332	2352	2319
Queenstown	905	902	2213	2261	2363	2396	2343	2370	2341
FIVE TOWNS (a)	897	896	2290	2327	2422	2460	2409	2435	2405
<u>THIRTY TOWNS (a)</u>									
	915	914	2264	2269	2318	2325	2325	2325	2314
<u>SIX CAPITALS (a)</u>									
	917	916	2268	2293	2321	2327	2327	2327	2317
<u>SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGES ABOVE)</u>									
Warwick (Q'ld.)	830	834	2114	2130	2147	2168	2180	2174	2156
Port Augusta (S.A.)	880	881	2171	2194	2220	2232	2222	2227	2217
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	-	-	2229	2239	2316	2313	2306	2310	2294
Canberra (A.C.T.)	958	951	2279	2308	2345	2378	2346	2362	2344

(a) Weighted Average. (b) First computed September Quarter, 1946.

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2. COMBINATIONS OF TOWNS ETC.

Combination of Towns and States	1939		1953				1954	Six Months Ended March Qtr. 1954	Year Ended March Qtr. 1954
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.		
<b>1. CAPITAL CITIES</b>									
1. S.M.B.A.P.H. (6)	917	916	2268	2293	2321	2327	2327	2327	2317
2. S.M.B.A.-H.	918	917	2270	2294	2321	2328	2326	2327	2317
3. S.M.B.-H.	920	919	2277	2300	2328	2334	2334	2334	2324
4. S.M.-A.P.H.	923	922	2285	2312	2347	2343	2342	2343	2334
5. S.M.-A.P.-	923	922	2285	2312	2338	2340	2340	2340	2333
6. S.M.-A.-H.	924	923	2289	2314	2341	2345	2342	2344	2336
7. S.M.-A.-	925	923	2288	2313	2339	2342	2340	2341	2334
8. S.M.-	927	926	2299	2324	2349	2352	2351	2352	2344
9. S.-B.-	919	920	2292	2312	2340	2344	2351	2348	2337
10. -M.B.A.P.H.	908	905	2222	2249	2277	2288	2286	2287	2275
11. -M.-A.P.H.	916	913	2244	2275	2303	2310	2304	2307	2298
12. -M.-A.-H.	917	914	2244	2273	2299	2309	2298	2304	2295
13. -M.-A.-	918	914	2240	2269	2292	2301	2291	2296	2288
14. -A.-H.	908	903	2227	2256	2293	2306	2289	2298	2286
15. S.M.B.-	920	919	2276	2299	2325	2331	2331	2331	2322
<b>2. COUNTRY TOWNS</b>									
1. New South Wales (4)	909	905	2289	2308	2334	2348	2349	2349	2335
2. Victoria (4)	887	888	2223	2260	2288	2301	2288	2295	2284
3. Queensland (4)	873	871	2152	2165	2190	2213	2232	2223	2200
4. S. Australia (4)	861	862	2158	2175	2218	2228	2226	2227	2212
5. W. Australia (4)	1009	1010	2329	2350	2369	2375	2405	2390	2375
6. Tasmania (4)	886	884	2254	2296	2392	2428	2374	2401	2373
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (24)	898	896	2237	2261	2295	2312	2309	2311	2294
8. N.V.-S.W.T. (20)	904	903	2258	2285	2320	2336	2328	2332	2317
9. N.V.Q.S.- (16)	890	889	2227	2250	2278	2293	2294	2294	2279
10. N.V.-S.-T. (16)	894	893	2251	2279	2316	2332	2321	2327	2312
11. N.V.-W.T. (16)	908	906	2266	2295	2330	2345	2337	2341	2327
12. N.V.-S.- (12)	896	894	2250	2276	2305	2318	2313	2316	2303
13. Broken Hill- Goulburn-Bathurst	931	922	2336	2359	2389	2397	2392	2395	2384
<b>3. WHOLE STATES</b>									
1. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (30)	915	914	2264	2289	2318	2325	2325	2325	2314
2. N.V.Q.S.-T.	914	913	2264	2289	2317	2325	2323	2324	2314
3. N.V.-S.W.T.	920	919	2282	2309	2338	2342	2340	2341	2332
4. N.V.-S.W.-	921	920	2282	2308	2335	2338	2338	2338	2330
5. N.V.-S.-T.	920	920	2284	2310	2338	2344	2339	2342	2333
6. N.V.-S.-	921	920	2284	2309	2335	2339	2337	2338	2330
7. N.V.-S.W.T.	922	922	2291	2318	2348	2351	2350	2351	2342
8. N.V.-	924	923	2294	2320	2346	2349	2347	2348	2341
9. -V.-S.W.T.	913	911	2243	2274	2304	2312	2305	2309	2299
10. -V.-S.W.-	915	912	2240	2271	2297	2303	2299	2301	2293
11. -V.-S.-T.	913	910	2241	2270	2299	2310	2297	2304	2294
12. -V.-S.-	914	911	2237	2266	2290	2299	2289	2294	2286
13. -V.-S.-T.	915	913	2251	2281	2311	2322	2309	2316	2306

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