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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A PROFILE OF THE CENTRAL COAST IN 2001

	Wyong LGA	Gosford LGA	Central Coast	NSW
Land Area	827km ²	1,028km ²	1,855km ²	
Population				
Census Count, 2001.	130,854	154,654	285,508	6,371,745
Estimated Resident Population (ERP):				
June 30 2001.	135,598	160,760	296,258	6,609,304
June 30 2002.	138,085	162,031	300,116	6,634,110
June 30 2003.	140,288	162,533	302,821	6,686,644
Rank of LGA in NSW in terms of ERP.	15	9		
Population Growth (ERP):				
Absolute Change, 1991 to 2001 (persons).	30,467	25,979	56,446	710,573
Percentage Change, 1991 to 2001.	29.0%	19.2%	23.5%	12.0%
Average Annual Growth Rate, 1991 to 2001.	2.6%	1.8%	2.1%	1.1%
Absolute Change, 1996 to 2001 (persons).	15,313	10,540	25,853	404,576
Percentage Change, 1996 to 2001.	12.7%	7.0%	9.6%	6.5%
Average Annual Growth Rate, 1996 to 2001.	2.4%	1.2%	1.8%	1.1%
Average Annual Growth Rate, 2001 to 2002.	2.0%	0.9%	1.3%	0.3%
Average Annual Growth Rate, 2002 to 2003.	1.6%	0.3%	0.9%	0.8%
Projected Population, 2026.	207,000	177,000	384,000	
Demography, 2001 (Number and Percentage of Total Population)				
Children Aged 0 to 4 years.	9,419 7.2%	10,072 6.5%	19,491 6.8%	6.7%
Children Aged 5 to 11 years.	14,485 11.1%	16,121 10.5%	30,606 10.8%	9.9%
Young People Aged 12 to 18 years.	12,706 9.7%	15,045 9.8%	27,751 9.8%	9.8%
Young People Aged 19 to 25 years.	9,182 7%	11,004 7.1%	20,186 7.1%	9.1%
Older People Aged 55 years and over.	35,525 27.1%	41,439 26.9%	76,964 27%	22.5%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.	2,565 2.0%	2,183 1.4%	4,748 1.6%	1.9%
Australian Born.	82.3%	80.2%	81.2%	70.5%
Non-English Speaking Country Born.	4.1%	4.9%	4.5%	16.1%

	Wyong LGA	Gosford LGA	Central Coast	NSW
Household Composition, 2001				
Number of Households.	50,824	59,868	110,692	2,343,677
Average Household Occupancy Rate (Persons in Occupied Private Dwellings).	2.53	2.52	2.52	2.62
Family Households.	35,919 72.1%	42,047 71.9%	77,966 72.0%	73.1%
Lone Person Households.	12,575 28.2%	14,748 25.2%	27,323 25.2%	23.1%
Group Households.	1,337 2.7%	1,663 2.8%	3,003 2.8%	3.8%
Family Type (Number and Percentage of Total Families, 2001)				
Couple Family with Children.	15,121 42.1%	18,625 44.3%	33,746 43.3%	47.8%
Couple Family without Children.	13,712 38.2%	16,040 38.1%	29,752 38.2%	34.9%
One Parent Family.	6,643 18.5%	6,863 16.3%	13,506 17.3%	15.5%
Health				
Births, 2002.	1,680	1,877	3,557	
Average Fertility Rate, 2000 to 2002.	2.02	1.90	N/A	1.79
Life Expectancy - Male	N/A	N/A	76 yrs	76.4 yrs
- Female			81.5 yrs	81.9 yrs
Housing				
Dwelling Types (% of Total Occupied Dwellings, 2001):				
Separate House.	82.3%	76.3%	79%	64.1%
Semi-Detached Terrace/Town House.	8.3%	11.9%	10.2%	4.4%
Flat, Unit, Apartment.	5.7%	8.1%	6.9%	16.3%
Dwelling Tenure (% of Total Occupied Dwellings, 2001):				
Fully Owned.	43.1%	42.8%	42.9%	41.1%
Being Purchased.	26.2%	26.7%	26.5%	23.3%
Rented - Private.	20.3%	19.1%	23.2%	22.3%
Rented - Department of Housing.	3.3%	3.4%	3.3%	4.9%

	Wyong LGA	Gosford LGA	Central Coast	NSW
Education (Population Aged 15 years and over, 2001)				
Participation in TAFE.	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
Participation in University or Other Tertiary.	1.9%	2.9%	2.5%	4.6%
Bachelor Degree or Higher.	5.2%	9.6%	7.6%	13.5%
Advanced Diploma and Diploma Certificate.	4.5%	6.5%	5.6%	6.2%
Certificate.	19.8%	19.6%	19.7%	16.4%
No Formal Qualifications.	57.9%	51.2%	54.3%	51.5%
% of 15 to 24 year olds Participating in TAFE.	10.6%	10.6%	10.6%	10.2%
% of 15 to 24 year olds Participating in University.	5.5%	8.6%	7.2%	15.0%
% of Population who Use a Computer at Home.	36.7%	42.9%	40.0%	41.2%
% of Population who Use the Internet.	31.6%	39.3%	35.8%	41.3%
Labour Force (Population Aged 15 years and over)				
Participation Rate (Dec 2003).	N/A	N/A	57.1%	63.0%
Unemployment Rate (Sept 2003).	10.2%	6.5%	5.2%	5.9%
15 to 24 years Unemployment Rate (2001 Census).	17.4%	13.8%	15.4%	13.3%
Occupation (Employed Persons Aged 15 years and over)				
Managers, Administrators, Professionals.	17.9%	25.0%	22.0%	28.5%
Tradespersons and Related Workers.	15.9%	13.5%	14.5%	11.9%
Labourers and Related Workers.	10.4%	7.5%	8.7%	8.0%
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Services.	9.8%	6.9%	8.2%	7.9%
Industry (Employed Persons Aged 15 years and over)				
Manufacturing.	12.7%	9.9%	11.1%	11.5%
Construction.	10.7%	9.1%	9.8%	6.9%
Retail Trade.	18.5%	16.2%	17.2%	14.2%
Property and Business.	8.9%	11.2%	10.2%	12.2%
Health and Community Services.	10.0%	12.1%	11.2%	9.4%

	Wyong LGA	Gosford LGA	Central Coast	NSW
Income				
Median Individual Weekly Income Bracket.	\$300-399	\$300-399	N/A	\$300-399
Median Weekly Individual Income.	\$306	\$363	N/A	\$386
Individuals Earning < \$400 per week.	55.7%	49.7%	52.4%	47%
Individuals Earning > \$1,500 per week.	1.6%	3.1%	2.5%	4.7%
Median Weekly Family Income Bracket.	\$700-799	\$800-899	N/A	\$800-899
Households Earning < \$20,748 per annum.	27.8%	22.7%	25%	20.8%
Households Earning > \$104,000 per annum.	4%	7%	5.6%	10.2%
Travel				
Employed People Residing on Central Coast.				
Work within the Region.	31,386	38,707	70,093	
Work Outside the Region.	15,261	23,936	39,197	
Crime				
Rate per 100,000 population (2002) for Selected Criminal Incidents:				
Malicious Damage to Property.			1,746.0	1,424.3
Assault.			1,083.7	1,081.7
Break and Enter Dwelling.			1,046.4	1,068.4
Steal from Motor Vehicle.			902.2	1,169.7
Index of Relative Socio-Economic Advantage/Disadvantage, 2001	938	1,009	N/A	1,015

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