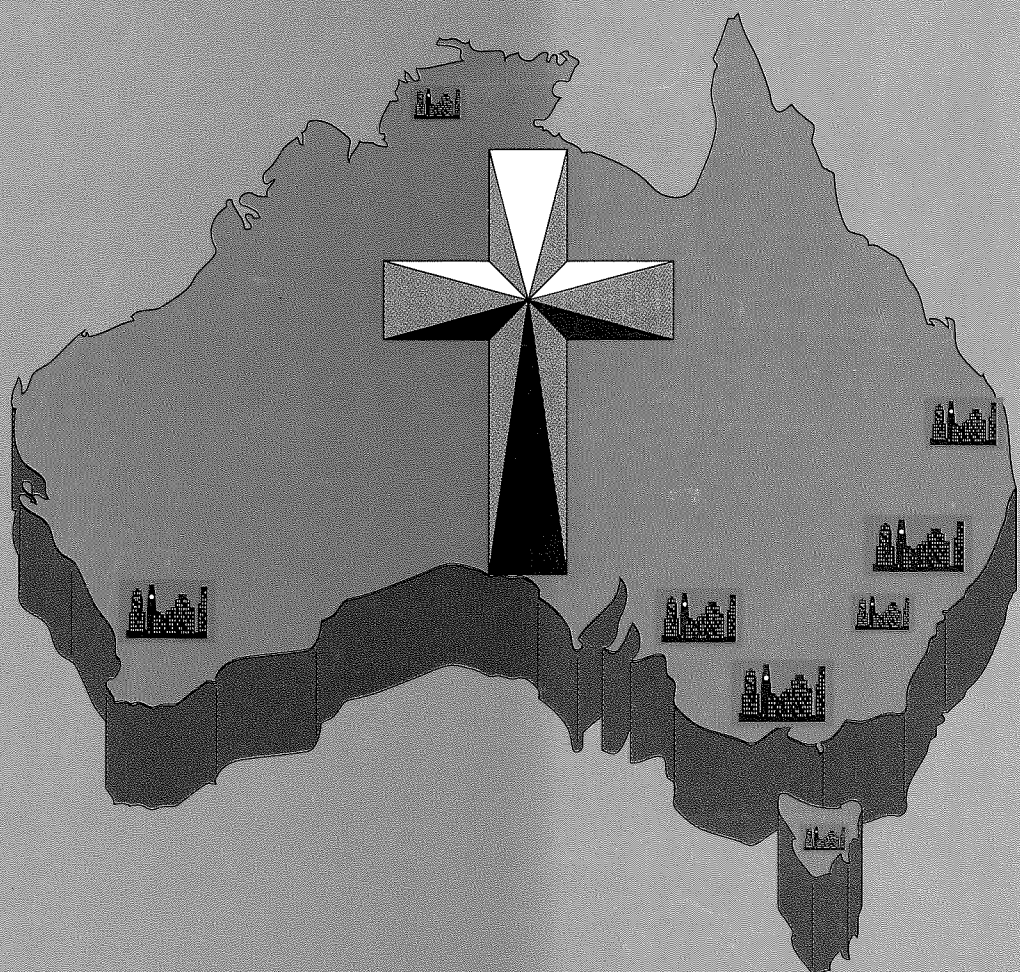


# Australian Life and the Christian Faith



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### Abbreviations Used in this Publication

ABS - Australian Bureau of Statistics

### Data Used in this Publication

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World Values Survey 1995: data provided by Alan Black, Centre for Social Research, Edith Cowan University, Perth. Study was funded by Australian Research Council. Sample size: 2048.

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This book brings together a vast amount of information about Australian people, their characteristics, their attitudes and values, and how religious faith fits into their lives.

The book is divided into three parts and includes a range of facts and figures on the following topics:

1. **People** - population, where people live and where they have come from, birth, education, marriage and divorce, work and leisure, time use and money expenditure, health, crime and death.
2. **Attitudes** - what people value personally and in the society, attitudes to a range of moral, social and political issues.
3. **Religious faith** - finding peace and closeness to God, interest in spirituality, beliefs, religious practices and the clergy.

The facts have been gathered from a range of sources: the Australian Census, surveys by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, church surveys and population sample surveys. Some of the material in this book is the result of recent analyses not previously published.

The book aims to provide a full picture of Australian life - and the many ways in which religion relates to it and changes it.



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