The Water Tower - Port Augusta ③

PORT AUGUSTA

Originally named Curdnutta, the Aboriginal name meaning "place of drifting sand", Port Augusta is part of the Nukunu Barngarla country. Earliest records of Aboriginal people here date back to 40,000 years ago.

Founded by European settlers in 1852, Port Augusta was primarily a port, vital to the surrounding properties and also to the Flinders Ranges and beyond. Locally farmed wheat and wool were loaded onto ships and delivered around the world. Ships returned with tea and sugar, which were carted through the Pichi Richi Pass, sent to the Western Plain, east through Horrocks Pass, or on to the arid North & West.

Early 1860s, the port had its own troopers' barracks and brewery, and by the end of the 1860s, the town had a reliable water supply, through a pipeline from Woodundunga Springs in the Flinders Ranges; a completed Town Hall; and the first consignment of Camels had arrived from India.

Tunnel of Time at Visitor Information Centre ③

In 1872 the Overland Telegraph Line linking South Australia with the rest of the world, via Port Darwin, was opened. The first power station was opened in 1954, supplied with coal from Leigh Creek. Playford B and the Northern Power Stations were closed in 2012 and 2016, respectively.

It is now a regional hub, and a major tourism, shopping, government and commercial centre, offering a large range of pubs, restaurants, accommodation and tourism attractions. Known as "the crossroads of Australia", because roads to Sydney, Perth, Adelaide and Darwin all pass through the town, along with The Ghan and the Indian Pacific railways.

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