Unit 4 — Australia Now — Teacher copy

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1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Reading — *Brisbane Postcards*

Australia is more urban than its myth. About 86 % of Australians live in cities. Multiculturalism is real and complicated — Brisbane is home to large Vietnamese and Lebanese communities, and First Nations languages are taught in some primary schools. The bushfire season has lengthened over the past two decades. Sunscreen is not a luxury; it is a habit closer to brushing teeth.

Vocabulary — Australian English

BrE / AmE → AusE often: arvo (afternoon), brekkie (breakfast), barbie (BBQ), servo (petrol station), bushie (bush dweller), maccas (McDonald's), ute (pickup truck), arvo tea (afternoon snack).

Common terms: *fair dinkum* (genuine), *no worries* (it's fine), *mate* (friend, but watch tone).

2. Practise

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1. Match AusE → standard: arvo, brekkie, barbie, servo → ?
2. T or F from the reading: 86 % live in cities, Vietnamese community in Brisbane, sunscreen optional.

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3. Write 4 sentences about contemporary Australia using 2 AusE words and 2 facts from the text.

3. Your turn

Region portrait, 150 words. Write about contemporary Australia going past stereotypes. Use 1 AusE word + 2 specific facts.

Sample

Australia is much more urban than its myth. About 86 % of Australians live in cities, and Brisbane — where my cousin lives — is home to large Vietnamese and Lebanese communities, plus a growing First Nations language presence in some primary schools. The bushfire season has lengthened over

the past two decades. Sunscreen is not a holiday luxury but a daily habit, closer to brushing teeth than to skincare. People still call afternoon arvo and breakfast *brekkie* — those words are real, not tourist-brochure inventions. What surprised me most, when I read my cousin's postcards, was that the heat is described as a relative — annoying, present, sometimes funny, never going away.

4. Further reading / listening

- ABC Australia — short news articles.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics — accessible factsheets.

5. Teacher answer key

G. 1. afternoon / breakfast / BBQ / petrol station.

2. T, T, F (sunscreen is a habit, not optional).

M. 3. Open.