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Case study

Title: Always worth a detour: Visiting the Australian country town
Personal Author: Akehurst, Christopher
Source: Quadrant, Vol. 60, No. 1/2, Jan/Feb 2016: 112-118

Abstract: The conversion of main country highways into freeways means that it is now possible to drive long distances through populated rural areas and not see a town or township. Country towns of historic and economic importance are bypassed and reduced to exit signs. This is a pity, because country towns are as much a part of the countryside as the plains and paddocks around them. If you don’t see them you only get half an idea of what the country as a whole looks like.