



Chamber Profile

Chamber: **Australian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce**

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The Chamber was officially launched in June 1993 at the Croatian Club Adelaide amidst plans for extending network of contacts and stimulating trade between South Australia and Croatia. The Chamber has since expanded to assist its local members with seminars and training along with liaising with South Australian and Croatian Government Departments.

The Croatian Community South Australia is some 10,000 strong with members active at a number of organisations including:

The Croatian Club Adelaide est. June 1961, Located in Brompton
The Croatian Soccer Club Est. 1952, Located in Pooraka
The Croatian Sports Centre Est. 1998, State Sports Park, Pooraka
Croatian Catholic Centre Est. 1956
Croatian Sporting Club Pt. Lincoln Est. 1984
Croatian Whyalla West Soccer Club Est 1960
Australian-Croatian Community Club Mount Gambier Est 1959
Croatian Club Riverland Est 1966
Croatian Club Coober Pedy Est. 1990

Croatian Communities economic contribution to South Australia:

Exports from South Australia to Croatia:

Statistics show that exports directly to Croatia are minimal (Approx AUD\$1Mil). The majority of Australian goods sold in Croatia would enter via European Distributors and therefore not be registered. The Croatian Government is however promoting Croatia as a point of entry for Eastern European Markets via the Port of Rejika.

Whilst exports from South Australia may be low, South Australian owned business are however operating in Croatia and “exporting” our Intellectual Property. For the 2002 year South Australian owned businesses in the Tuna, Retail & Tourism industries of Croatia will turnover approx AUD\$ 60 Million and employ over 500 people.

Australian-Croatian owned South Australian Business:

Members of the community can be found in all professions & trades however the greatest contributions have been made in the South Australian Fishing Industry, Construction Industry & Ship Building.

Fishing Industry:

Members of the Croatian Community in South Australia control over 70% of the States Tuna industry and 60% of its prawn industry. In both cases our members have pioneered the Industries in South Australia.

Economic Indicators

	2001 \$	Employment
South Australian Tuna Industry (90% Export)	263,000,000	362 Direct 223 Indirect
South Australian Prawn Industry (50% Export)	53,000,000	252 Direct 409 Indirect
Total	316,000,000	1,246

Construction:

Although difficult to quantify the Community’s contribution to the Construction Industry in South Australia has been Substantial. A sample taken from the Community Business Directory shows the following however this by no means includes all members:

Economic Indicators

	2001 \$	Employment
Construction & Construction Materials	50,000,000	290 Direct

Ship Building:

Croatian immigrants can be credited for pioneering the North Arm Ship Building Precinct. The companies located on Moore House Rd. account for the majority commercial ship building in the State (Submarine Corp excluded!). Croatian-Australians would control 75% of the market. The community’s substantial contribution in this Industry goes hand in hand with its involvement with the Fishing Industry.

Economic Indicators

	2001 \$	Employment
Ship Building (15% export)	20,000,000	300 Direct

	2001 \$	Employment
Total of Industry Sectors:	386,000,000	1,836

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