

## 4 Australian cities

In each of Australia's six states, there is a large city which is near a river and near the sea. Sixty per cent of all Australians live in these six cities – and many others live near to them. In fact, most people live only a few kilometres from the sea.

Sydney is the oldest and biggest city, with 3.7 million people. It is a busy, modern city and its high-rise buildings are the centre for much of Australian business. It is also an international city where you can eat

*Sydney*



food from all over the world, or just visit some of the thirty wonderful beaches!

When they think of Sydney, many people think of the Sydney Opera House. The roof of this beautiful building looks like sails on Sydney Harbour. It was opened in 1973 for music, theatre and dance. Near the Opera House is one of the longest bridges in the world – the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Melbourne, the second biggest city, was the capital of Australia from 1901 to 1927. It has wide streets, some lovely old buildings, and large parks. Melbourne's theatres and pubs are famous. It is also an important place for sport.

*A Brisbane stilt house*

