



A TALE OF TWO CITIES

A HISTORY OF MODERN WARRNAMBOOL

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Most of what are now referred to as Australia's "regional centres" or "provincial cities" have been growing vigorously, in contrast to many of their neighbouring rural towns.

Gordon Forth's book describes how one regional centre, Warrnambool, experienced unprecedented population and economic growth following the demise of its once all important textile and clothing manufacturing sector.

Responding to recent developments in communications technology, transport and government policy—and to Australia's growing demand for an improved and expanded range of specialised services—regional centres have taken on many of the functions and characteristics of our capital cities.

Regional centres now provide specialised education and training, financial and legal, health and aged care and social welfare services—to areas far beyond the surrounding districts they previously served.

Based on Warrnambool's recent history and likely future, *A Tale of Two Cities* presents a convincing case that regional centres offer viable alternatives to our increasingly congested and unaffordable metropolitan cities as places for Australians to live and work.

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