# Methodology for community surveys, 1979-1984

A standard methodology was used for all the community surveys used in this thesis. Once a field area was selected, a base map for the area showing all roads and inhabited houses was constructed, with the best available topographic map as a base. Houses were plotted from the most recent air photograph coverage, or for later surveys the State RAPID database (Rural Areas Property Identification Directory). Field checking and checking with the local Council staff was carried out prior to survey to eliminate ruins and, as far as possible, empty houses. A rural base map covered the whole area, and separate larger scale base maps were produced for each town or clustered settlement in the area. The total number of occupied dwellings was obtained for the rural area and each clustered settlement.

The sample fraction was chosen between 1:4 and 1:7, depending on the population size, time available and number of interviewers. In the townships each house was given an identification number, and a simple random sample of the required number of households was drawn according to the sample fraction, with reserves also randomly drawn.

The sampling method for the rural areas was devised to give each identified dwelling an equal chance of selection, yet to give a representative spatial scatter of responses for mapping purposes. Vertical, regularly spaced lines were ruled and labelled A-n on the rural basemap. Identified dwellings were then given a sequential ID number, counting down Column A, then up Column B, down C and so on. The columns were then divided into segments each containing an equal number of dwellings in accordance with the sample fraction. For example, for a sample fraction of 1:6, the map in effect was divided into a mosaic of small rectangles each containing six dwellings. In each rectangle one house was randomly selected. The survey was advertised beforehand in the relevant local newspapers and in some cases by letter. Local Councils were advised and in many cases co-operated with the survey planning. All interviews were conducted by personal visit at the selected household, interviewers being equipped with identification from the University. Interviews were not tape recorded. In cases where no contact was made after three visits, a reserve household was approached. Reserves were always the nearest house by road to the first choice dwelling. In most cases the bulk of the interviews were carried out over one week, with a follow up by a small group two to three weeks later to try to fill in gaps in the sample. Response rates were very good, almost always better than 75% first choices in the rural sample and in many cases higher. Rates were lower in the towns, partly from refusals but also because of the greater incidence of two-income commuting households which were hard to catch during working hours. Data from the questionnaires were coded and transferred to a computer for analysis.

An example of the questionnaire used is attached. The questions relating to spatial identification of social areas were kept standard, but other items on the questionnaire varied from year to year in accordance with the specific aims in that year.



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## CENTRAL ADELAIDE HILLS DISTRICTS COMMUNITY SURVEY, 1982

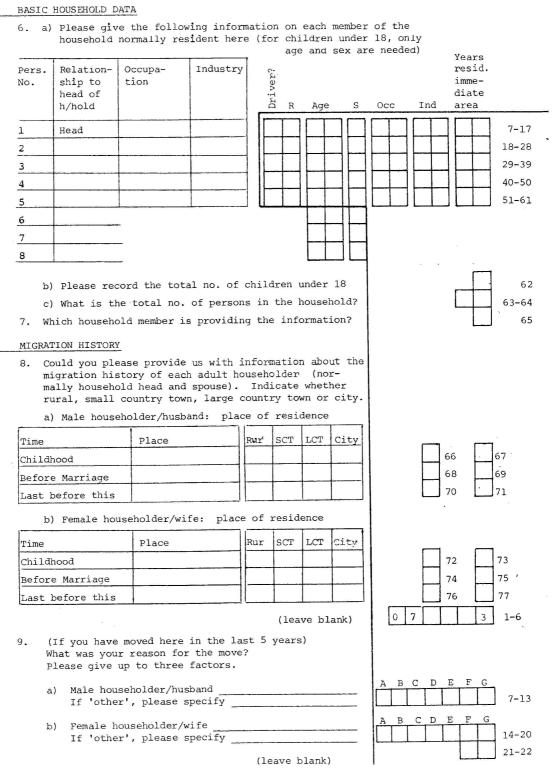
I	INTERVIEW DETAILS	(leave blank)	0 7 1 1-6
	Date /6/1982	Choice (1, 2 or 3)	
	(If not 1st choice) reason 1st rejected	ed:	8
	Interviewer (name)		9-10
ſ	HOUSEHOLD LOCATION		
	1. a) Postcode		11-14
	b) Urban or rural?	(urban 1, rural 2)	15
	c) (If urban) Town		16-18
	d) (If rural) Map co-ordinates	E	19-22
		N	23-26
	2. What is the road distance to Adel	aide? Miles	27-29
		or Km	30-33
	3. What is your normal driving time	to Adelaide? (mins.)	34-36
III	NATURE AND SIZE OF PROPERTY		×
	4. a) Is this house your normal place than half the time)?	e of residence (more Yes/No/Don't know	37
	b) What type of property is this? (e.g. house block only, hobby		38.
	<ol> <li>a) Please indicate the size of prohouse stands, in acres or hect</li> </ol>		х 
	* INTERVIEWER: See footnote.	Acres	39-43
		Ha.	44-48
		Code	. 49-50
	b) How many acres/hectares of thi	s do you own (or	
	are purchasing)?	Acres	51-55
		На.	56-60
		(leave blank)	0 7 2 1-6
á	For second house on farm properties, tr and give size of whole property, if int operator or a partner in the farm busin Otherwise treat as ordinary residential		

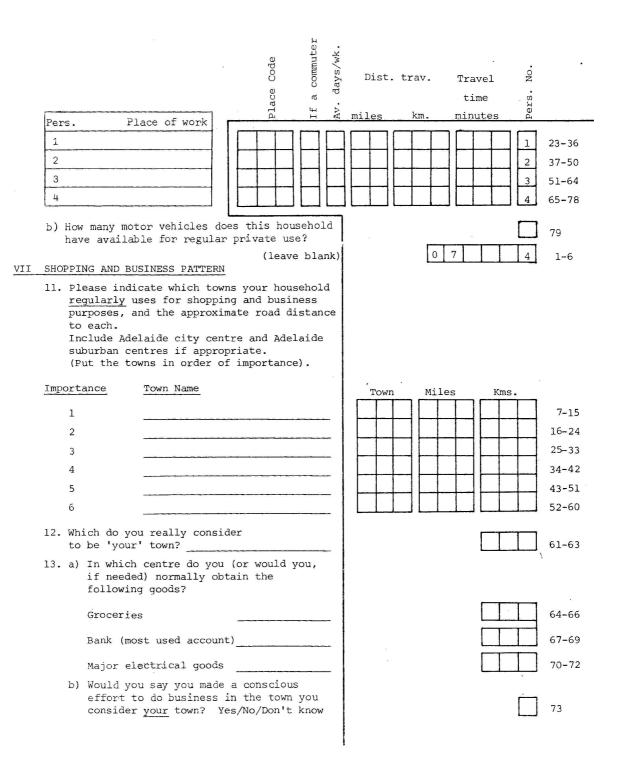
area actually used by interviewee household. Include share farmed or leased land in holding size. V

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## APPENDIX I.

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VIII	REL	ATION	TO ADMINISTRATIVE	AREAS		
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				Location		
		Pri	mary School			7-9
		Sec	/Area School			10-12
		Tel	ephone exchange			13-15
		Pos	t (mail del.)			16-18
	15.		they go to school?	chool age children) where do Primary Secondary	Prim.	Sec.
			(If your household ination? and where is your	attends church), which denom- church?	Den	Loc 25-28
IX	REL	ATION	TO COMMUNITY/NEIG	HBOURHOOD AREAS		
	Now	we w	ould like your hel	p in plotting the local ful to you, on the map.		
	INTI	ERVIE	WER: Omit questio Go to 20.	ns 16-19 for town households.		
	16.	(By proj	this we do not me perties, but a rat	name (official or unofficial)? an names of individual her wider area, including houses). YES/NO/DON'T KNOW		29
		Name	e			30-32
			<u></u>	(leave blank: n.hd. allocated)		33-35
	17.	Plea woul	ase indicate on the ld include in this	e map the area and houses you local area name.		
	18.			he names of the adjacent ER: Record on map.		
	19.	c		(area named in ocial facilities or organi- , C.W.A., Hotel, Tennis Club)?		
				YES/NO/DON'T KNOW		36
		b) I	Please list those n	now existing: (SHOW PROMPT CARD)		
		-				No
		-		No. listed		37
		c) I	Please name any for	rmer ones now defunct:		No
				No. named		38
2	Э	tend	to have contact wi	(area named in qu. 16) th one another (e.g. chatting, her, borrowing/lending tools)?		
			Yes, a lot/Ye	s, a little/ No /Don't know		39

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21.						······································	).16)have a	Card 5 (cont)
		Do people in distinct sen area? (					cal Don't know	40
	b)	Do you and y here?				-		
				Husba L) Wife	ind		Don't know Don't know	41
	c)	(If so) how		weak	moderate		T	
		i) husband	v. little (1)	(2)	(3)	strong (4)	v. strong (5)	43
		ii) wife						
22.	a)	Apart from		(area	named in	Q. 16) da	o you con-	44
		sider that, this area al	for some of so belong t	E their	social acti	vities, p	people in	
		a bit bigger	area?			Yes/No/I	Don't know	45
	b)	(If so) i) what con	mmunity is	that?				46
		ii) what pl	_	_				47-49
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		iii) do you belong	and your hu to this con	munity?				
				Husba Wife	na		Don't know Don't know	53
		iv) (If so)						
		husband	v. little (1)	weak (2)	moderate (3)	strong (4)	v. strong (5)	55
		wife						55
	c)	What do you	think it i	s. main	ly, that dra	ws	<u> </u>	
	0)	) What do you think it is, mainly, that draws (area named in Q.22bi)) together as a community?						
							. <u></u>	
23.	Whe	ere do you re	ally consid	ler vou	'come from'	2	a 10 m	
		Husband						57
								58
24.		Wife 58 (For people who do not consider they come from this locality) Where do you feel you belong to most?						
		Husband						59
Į		Wife						60

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PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

26. Which social organisations (sporting clubs, service clubs, C.W.A., C.F.S. etc.) do you belong to? Please give the name and location of up to three most important, to the two main household members. (Please include church, if appropriate).						
	a)	Person l: Total nu belonged to	umber of organis	ations(No.)	61	
		and frequency of at year?	tendance per mo	nth or per		
		Organisation	Location	Times per wk. mth.	Times Locn. per yr.	
	1				62-67	
	2				68-73	
	3				74-79	
			(lea	ave blank)	0 7 6 1-6	
	b)	Person 2: Total nu belonged to	mber of organisa	ations (No.)	7	
		and frequency of at year?	tendance per mon	ath or per		
		Organisation	Location	Times per wk. mth.	Times	
	1				Locn. per yr.	
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	3				14-19	
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28.	app	ase give the locatio ropriate) where you its with friends. (				
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	1				27-32	
	2		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·	33-38	
	3			· ······	39-44	
	4				45-50	