



# Getting started with Trove: The virtual library at your fingertips

## An Introduction

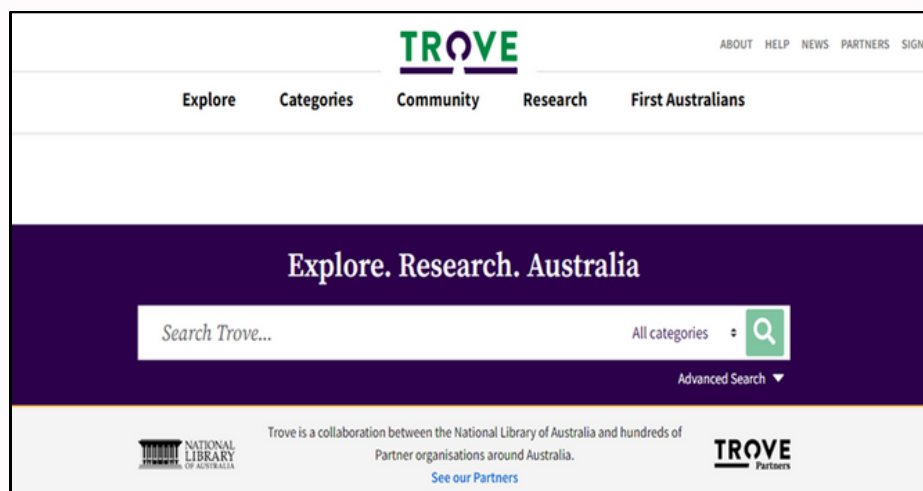
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# 1. Introduction



## 1.1 What is Trove?

*Trove's vision is that all Australians engage with cultural collections without barriers and over generations for a strong connection with Australia's cultural history.*[\[1\]](#)

The National Library of Australia (NLA) manages and maintains Trove, which was launched in December 2009.[\[2\]](#) Trove makes a vast and ever-expanding collection of Australian resources available to the public at no cost through a single point of entry. It is an invaluable tool for everyone, connecting them to digital images and information about the collections provided by hundreds of Trove Partners across Australia. Partners include libraries, museums, galleries, the media, government and community organisations.[\[3\]](#)

## 1.2 What's on Trove

Trove provides:

- access to material that has been digitised that is freely available.
- links to material from partner organisation websites, which may be freely available.
- descriptions of material that is not freely available online or has not yet been digitised, along with the location of the partner organisation that cares for it.
- contributions from the Trove community.[\[4\]](#)

## 1.3 Trove's categories

Trove has developed nine categories to help users access its vast collection. There is an additional category called Lists for users. These categories can help users limit searches to specific areas of interest – events, people, places, organisations, newspapers and photographs – and avoid being overwhelmed by unrelated material.

Trove's categories are:

- Newspapers and gazettes.
- Magazines and newsletters.
- Images, maps and artefacts.
- Research and reports.
- Books and libraries.
- Diaries, letters and archives.
- Music, audio and video.
- People and organisations
- Websites.
- Lists.[\[5\]](#)

## 2. Describing Trove's Categories

### 2.1 Newspapers and gazettes

The category provides access to the digital copies of the millions of pages from Australian newspapers and government gazettes.

Newspapers published in Australia in languages other than English are included. For a list of these languages, go to: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/magazines-and-newsletters-category> and scroll down the page.

The screenshot shows the Trove search results page for the query "politics". The search bar at the top left contains the text "politics" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, there is a tab for "Title: The Canberra Times (AC...)" and a search icon. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "NEWSPAPERS & GAZETTES" and shows 170,876 total results, sorted by "Year (latest first)". It lists three results: "IMAGES: A CANBERRA KIND OF YEAR What made the front page in 1995... drunks, the Proms, politics", "IMAGES: YOUR CITY IN 1995 What made the front page in 1995... death, drugs, and sport", and "Italy's political hangover". The right column is titled "REFINE YOUR RESULTS" and includes filters for Type (Newspaper (171k)), Place (ACT (171k)), Title (The Canberra Times (AC... (171k))), Category (Article (157k), Advertising (9k), Editorial (5k), Detailed Lists, Results, Guides (5k), Letters (1k), Puzzles (321), Commerce And Business (268)), and Date range (1990-1999 (39k), 1980-1989 (45k), 1970-1979 (35k), 1960-1969 (24k)).

#### 2.1.1 Tips on searching the Newspapers and gazettes category

Select the Newspapers and gazettes category for access to digitised newspapers and gazettes. Information about the location and other details relating to the newspapers and gazettes that have not been digitised is provided in Trove's Books and libraries category.

Most newspapers in this category were published before 1955 as they are generally understood to be out of copyright. One exception is the *Canberra Times*, which covers 1926–1995. This was part of an individual agreement with the publisher.<sup>[6]</sup>

The *Australian Women's Weekly* is in the Newspapers and gazettes category because when it was digitised, the only way for Trove to ingest digitised publications was through the newspapers pipeline. Systems for managing magazines, journals, books, images, and other digitised content came later.<sup>[7]</sup>

## 2.1.2 Gazettes

Gazettes are official publications for the purpose of notifying the public of government business. Commonwealth, State and Territory publish official gazettes.[8]

The following gazettes have been digitised and are available on Trove:

- The New South Wales Government Gazette (1832–1900)
- The Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (1901–1968)
- New South Wales Police Gazette and Weekly Record of Crime (1860–1930)
- The Commonwealth of Australia Gazette (1901–)

For more information on the digital copies of newspapers and gazettes in this category: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/newspapers-and-gazettes-category>

## 2.2 Magazines and newsletters

The Magazines and newsletters category consists of digitised pages of Australian magazines, literary and special interest journals, and born-digital publications (publications created in a digital format). Smaller organisations' publications, such as school yearbooks or newsletters from special events, may be found in this category.[9]

### 2.2.1 Tips on searching the Magazines and newsletters category

Not all the material in this category has been digitised and can be viewed online. Information about the location and other details relating to the Magazines and newsletters that have not been digitised is provided in Trove's Books and libraries category.



For more information on the digitised magazines and newsletters in this category: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/magazines-and-newsletters-category>

## 2.3 Images, maps and artefacts

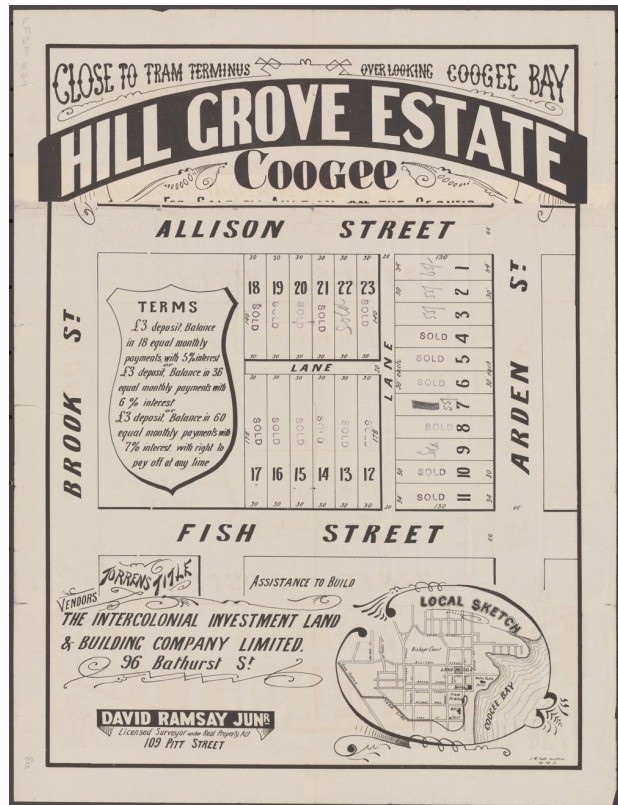
This category includes a range of visual, artistic and cartographic collections. There are photographs, prints, drawings, watercolours, cartoons, miniatures, paintings, architectural plans, sculptures, printed ephemera and maps.<sup>[10]</sup>

### 2.3.1 Tips on searching the Images, maps and artefacts category

Not all the material discoverable in this category has been digitised and can be viewed online. There are links to the digital images if they are available either on Trove or one of Trove's Partner's websites. If the digital image is not available online, there may be a link to the organisation which has the item in its collection. Conditions may apply.

For more information on the Images, maps and artefacts category:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/images-maps-and-artefacts-category>



**Images, Maps & Artefacts**

"Dame Mary Gilmore"

Format: **Artefact** Access: **Online** Clear all

Advanced search

**IMAGES, MAPS & ARTEFACTS** 11 total results Sort by: Relevance

**REFINE YOUR RESULTS**

- Type:  Images and artefacts (11)
- Format:  Artefact (11)  Art work (1)
- Place:  Australia (2)  National (2)
- Access:  Online (11)  Free access (11)
- Rights:  Free with conditions (1)  CC BY-SA (1)
- Date Range:  1990-1999 (1)  1980-1989 (1)  1970-1979 (1)  1960-1969 (2)  1950-1959 (2)  1920-1929 (1)  1870-1879 (1) Show more
- Language

**Artefact - 1956**  
[Pottery dish presented to Dame Mary Gilmore on her 91st birthday] / Byram Mansell  
At National Library

**Art work, Artefact - 1922**  
File 06: Henry Lawson material owned by Dame Mary Gilmore, ca. 1887-1922  
At State Library of NSW

**Artefact - 1962**  
File 05: Material from New Australia, Paraguay and Fiji, owned by Dame Mary Gilmore, ca. 1898-1962  
At State Library of NSW

**Artefact**  
Mary Gilmore's L.C. Smith & Bros. typewriter  
At National Museum

**Artefact**  
Army Occupation of Oatley Park  
At Monument Australia

**Artefact**  
Letter to Mary Gilmore from Frances Webb  
At Albury LibraryMuseum

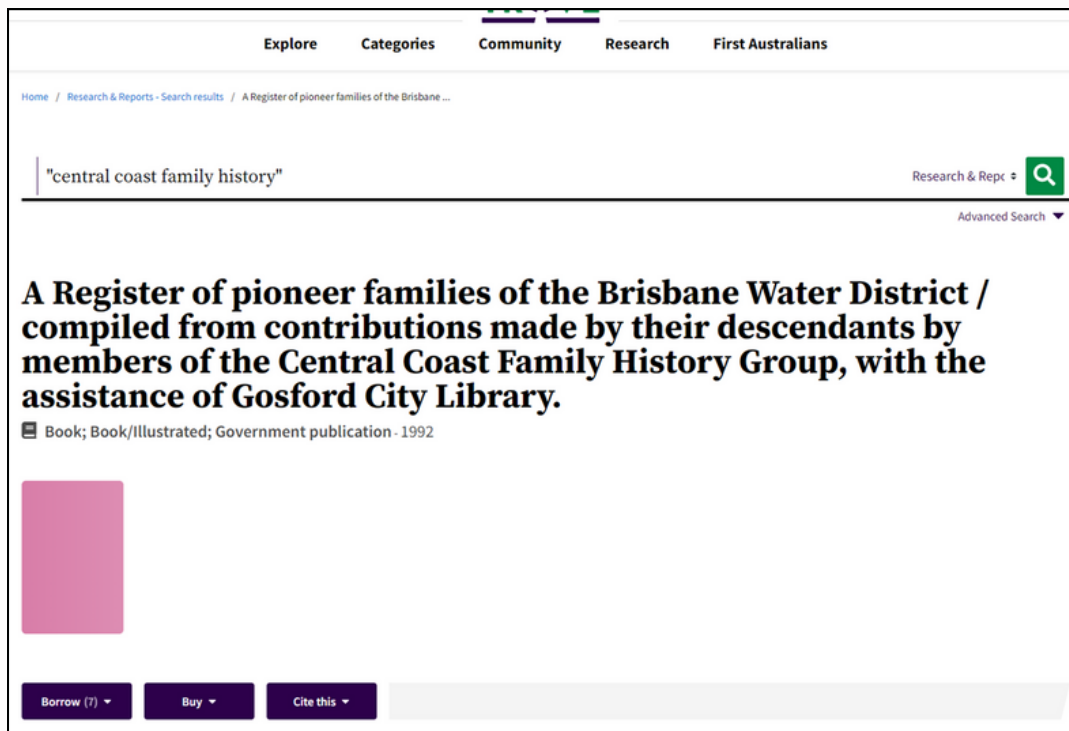
**Artefact**  
Table  
At Albury LibraryMuseum

**Artefact**  
Chair  
At Albury LibraryMuseum

**Artefact - 1954**  
Australian Literature Society medal for book of poems, 1954 / manufactured by Dunkling's The Jewellers Pty Ltd  
At National Library

**Artefact - 10 editions: 1966-1993**  
Australian Ten Dollar banknote

## 2.4 Research and reports



The Research and reports category comprises a wide range of publications from the academic and research community. It also includes research-based publications undertaken outside this sector, for example by historical societies and family history groups.

### Description:

- Datasets (from research publications).
- Periodicals (includes journals, magazines and newspapers from research communities).
- Articles (includes abstracts, book chapters, conference papers, full-text journal or magazine articles, reports, reviews and working papers).
- Theses.
- Conference proceedings.
- Government publications.[\[11\]](#)

### 2.4.1 Tips on searching the Research and reports category

There are digital copies of some material in the research and reports category, but not all the material that is discoverable in this category has been digitised and can be viewed online. Where the item is not available online, there is generally a link to the institution or organisation that holds the item.

For more information on the Research and reports category:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/research-and-reports-category>

## 2.5 Books and libraries

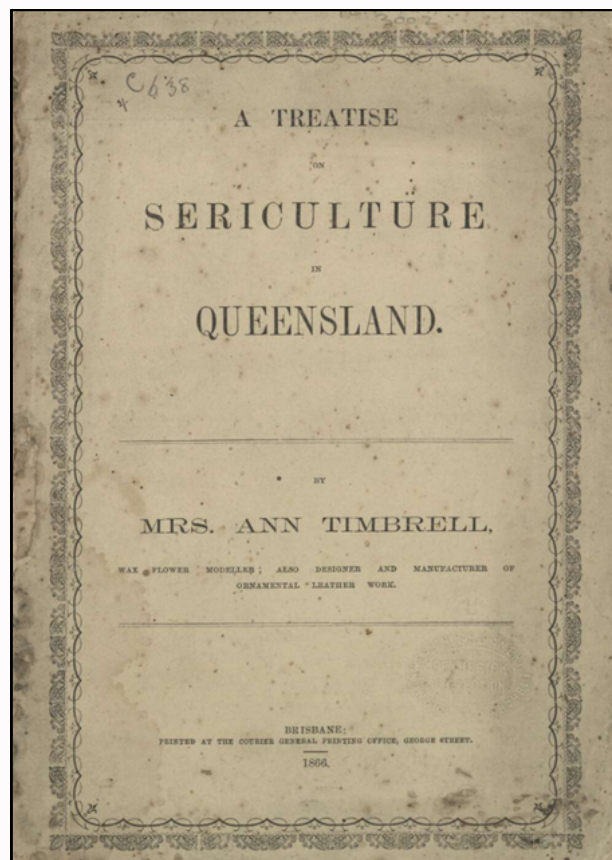
The screenshot shows a search results page for "sericulture" on the Trove website. The search is filtered to "Place: Australia". The results are sorted by "Relevance" and show 29 total results. The first result is "Sericulture for Australia / by S. Nisbet and C. Dole for the Silk Culture Society of New South Wales", a book from 1920-1929 by Nisbet, S. The second result is "A treatise on sericulture in Queensland / by Ann Timbrell", a book with 2 editions from 1866 by Timbrell, Ann. The third result is "The silkworm and its food : an essay towards the introduction of sericulture into the Australian colonies, with special reference to the raising of cocoons for exportation / by A. Martelli", a book with 2 editions from 1863 by Martelli, A. (Alessandro), 1819-1898. On the right side, there are filters for "REFINE YOUR RESULTS" including Format (Book, Illustrated, Government publication, Article, Report), Place (Australia, National, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia), Access (Online, Access conditions apply, Free access, Not available online), and Rights (Free, RS NKC).

The Books and libraries category provides access to digitised and electronic books. It also provides information on the location of material such as books, government publications, periodicals, articles and theses held in library collections across Australia, including material that has not been digitised. [12]

### 2.5.1 Tips on searching the Books and libraries category

Books and other material that have not been digitised but are held in one of the libraries across Australia may be available for interlibrary loan through local or university libraries.

For more information on the Books and libraries category:  
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/books-and-libraries-category>





## 2.6 Diaries, letters and archives


This category includes unpublished materials from archival and other collections such as organisational records, personal papers and manuscripts.

Description:

- Unpublished material – includes the digital copies of the Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) microfilms, personal letters, diaries, handwritten notes, personal photographs, scrapbooks, draft manuscripts and the records of organisations
- Published material – includes files of press clippings, ephemera collections such as menus, programs and advertising material
- Government publications – includes published reports and reviews. [13]

### Papers of Deane family,

Unpublished - 1847-1960



Locate (1) Buy Cite this

Deane family. Report culturally sensitive content

At National Library Copyright Undetermined

Summary  
Mathilde Elizabeth: Correspondence on family matters and with various Australian libraries concerning research undertaken; copies

## Diaries, Letters & Archives

"deane" 

Access: Online X Date Range: 1820-1929 X Clear all Advanced search

**DIARIES, LETTERS & ARCHIVES** 69 total results Sort by: Relevance

**REFINE YOUR RESULTS**

**Format**

Unpublished (59)

Published (10)

Government publication (2)

**Place**

Australia (18)

National (9)

New South Wales (3)

South Australia (3)

Victoria (4)

Western Australia (2)

International (7)

Show more

**Access**

Online (69)

Access conditions apply (9)

Free access (60)

**Rights**

Free (8)

CC BY (6)

RS NKC (2)

Restricted (2)

RS CNE (2)

Free with conditions (1)

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 **M.E. Deane. Index to despatches relating to the colony of Victoria 1851-1860.** (typescript, 365pp.), 1925, (File), (from Index to despatches relating to the colony of Victoria 1851-1860 prepared by Mathilde E Deane (as filmed by AJCP))

Unpublished - 1925 Deane, Mathilde E

... the Governor's despatches for 1851-1855 and they did include the enclosures. Deane therefore worked ... M.E. Deane. Index to despatches relating to the colony of Victoria 1851-1860. (typescript, 365pp ... Mathilde E Deane (as filmed by AJCP)) ...

At AJCP

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 **Deane & Deane - TC. [Correspondence on damage to wall at rear of 173 William Street caused by**

Unpublished - 1908-2004

... Deane & Deane - TC. [Correspondence on damage to wall at rear of 173 William Street caused by ... Deane & Deane - TC. [Correspondence on damage to wall at rear of 173 William Street caused by ...

At CityofSydney Archive

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 **George F. Deane (Blackmoor), 31 October 1922, (File [58]), (from Papers of Sir Francis Newdegate (as filmed by the AJCP))**

Unpublished - 1922 Newdegate, Francis, Sir

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At AJCP

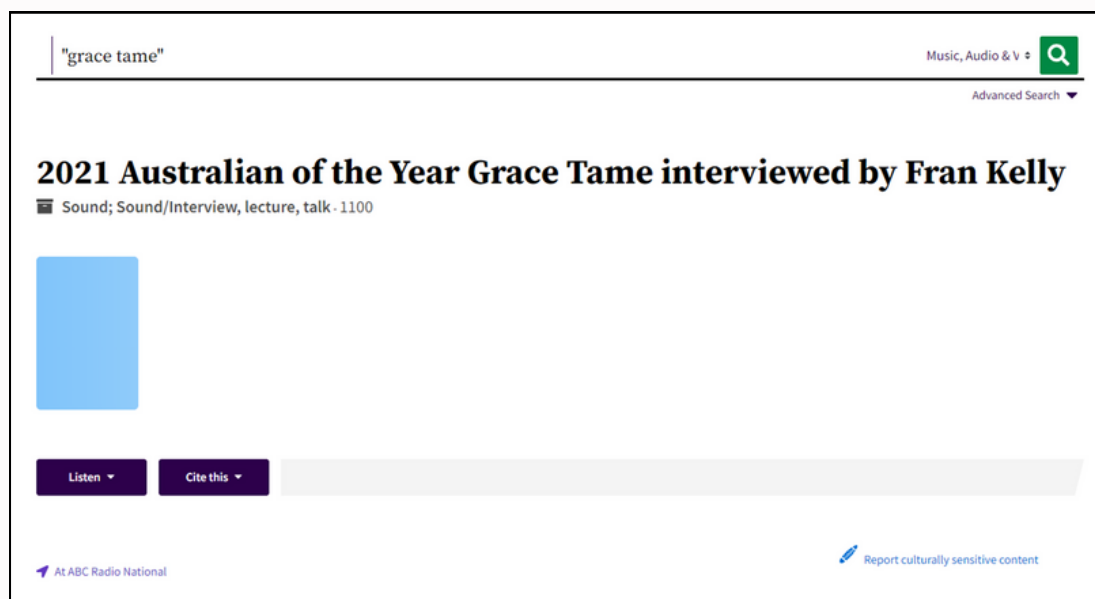
### 2.6.1 Tips on searching the Diaries, letters and archives category

While some of the material in this category has been digitised, many collection items can only be accessed in hard copy. Conditions may apply to uncopied material. Researchers are advised to check with the organisation or institution that holds the material.

For more information on the Diaries, letters and archives category:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/diaries-letters-and-archives-category>

## 2.7 Music, audio and video



Trove users can explore oral history, folklore and interview recordings, sheet music, and information on other audio and video media collections.

Descriptions used:

- Sounds (includes recordings of interviews, lectures, talks, music, and other sounds such as radio segments or field recordings)
- Printed music
- Audiobooks
- Videos (includes captioned films)
- Government publications with audio-visual material attached.[\[14\]](#)

### 2.7.1 Tips on searching the Music, audio and video category

While some of the material in this category is available online, other items are not available in digital format. Researchers are advised to check with the organisation or institution which holds the material. Conditions may apply.

For more information on the Music, audio and video category:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/music-audio-and-video-category>

## 2.8 People and organisations

**Gilmore, Mary Jean, (Dame) (1865-1962)**

Person First Australians

Cite this

### About

Contributed by Australian Women's Register

For her services to literature, Mary Gilmore was appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire on 1 February 1937. The major themes of her work covered nationalism, the spirit of pioneering, motherhood, women's rights, history, Aboriginal welfare, treatment of prisoners, health and pensions.

Dame Mary Gilmore is the female face of the Australian \$10 note. When she died, aged 97, Dame Mary was given a State funeral by both the Federal and New South Wales state governments. Her funeral was attended by all members of the New South Wales Cabinet. Dame Mary donated the Archibald winning portrait painted by William Dobell in 1957 to the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Due to the itinerant lifestyle of her parents, Donald and Mary Ann Cameron, Mary was educated at a number of country state schools. Aged 16 she became a pupil-teacher at the Superior Public School for Girls in Wagga Wagga, and was transferred to the Infants' Department in 1884. She taught at Beaconsfield Provisional School in 1886, followed by Illabo Public School, and in October 1887 was appointed temporary assistant at Silverton Public School near Broken Hill, New South Wales. In May 1889, Mary wrote to the Chief Inspector at the Department of Public Instruction requesting a move from Silverton back to Sydney on the grounds that her home was in Sydney and that the climate of the Barrier District was too severe for her constitution. She returned to Sydney in 1890 and taught at Neutral Bay, though her name and the dates of her residency are still proudly displayed on the Silverton Public School sign.

During the 1890s Mary became interested in social reform and supported the maritime and shearers' strikes. So as not to break the rules of

### PARTNERS

- AusStage
- Australian Dictionary of Biography
- Australian Women's Register
- Libraries Australia

Report culturally sensitive content

Much of the information about Australian people and organisations in this category has been contributed by Trove's partners. These include:

- National Library of Australia
- Australian Dictionary of Biography
- Australian Parliamentary Library
- The Australian Women's register
- Design & Art Australia Online
- Encyclopedia of Australian science

The following information has been brought together:

- Biographical information (includes dates and places of birth and death, occupation and life achievements)
- Links to records for associated people (such as relatives, collaborators and partners)
- Lists of items in Trove by or about that person or organisation (includes books, images, newspaper articles, maps, sheet music and oral histories).[\[15\]](#)

### 2.8.1 Tips on searching the People and organisations category

The information provided varies from a summary to a longer entry. In most cases, there may be links to the contributing partner's website where more details may be provided.

For more information on the People and organisations category:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/people-and-organisations-category>

## 2.9 Websites

This category allows researchers to go back in time to explore archived websites from over 8 billion records stored on the Australian Web Archive. This includes material 'relevant to the cultural, social, political, research and commercial life and activities of Australia and Australians'.[\[16\]](#)

The Australian Web Archive contains:

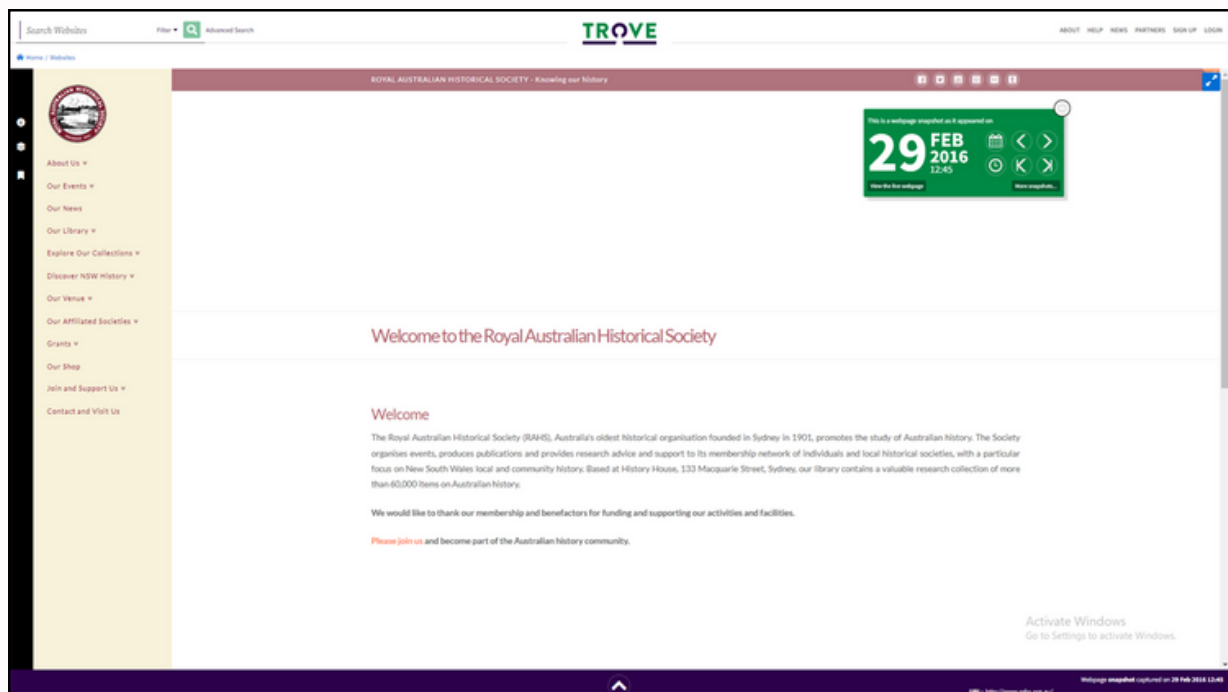
- Australian websites selected for the PANDORA Web Archive (one of the world's first web archiving initiatives).
- Australian Government websites (formerly accessible through the Australian Government Web Archive).
- Websites with addresses that end in .au (collected annually).[\[17\]](#)

### 2.9.1 Tips on searching the Websites category

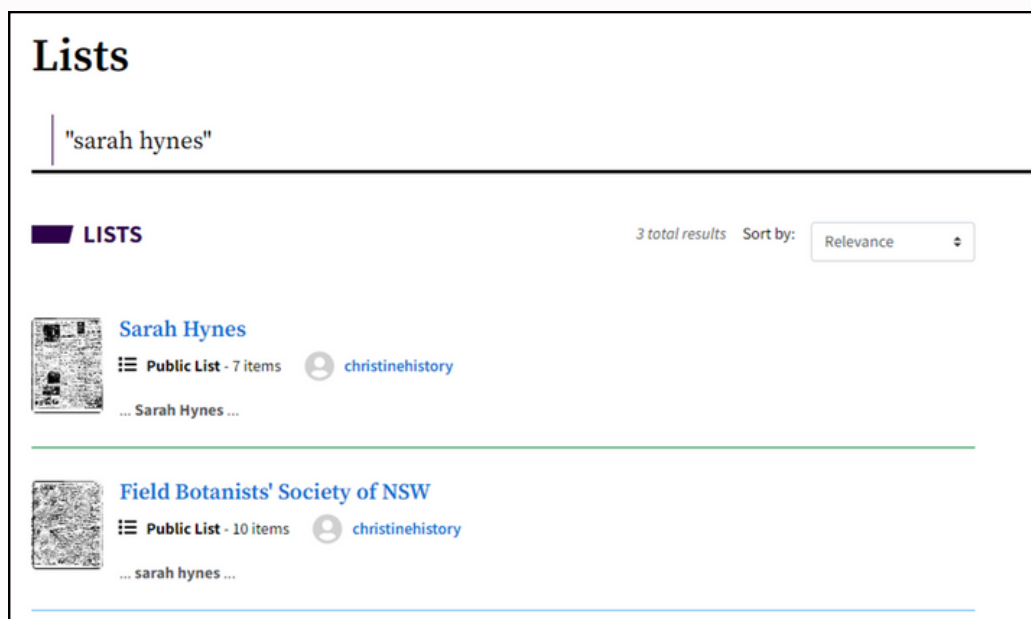
Material will continue to be added to the Australian Web Archive. Some archived web pages are restricted from public use for a variety of reasons. It may be because the organisation that published the web page has asked for it to be restricted.[\[18\]](#)

For more information on the Websites category:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/categories/websites-category>



## 2.10 About Lists and Trove accounts



Trove's List category enables users to collect item records, articles, and web pages related to their research and keep track of what they have located. Users can store and organise their lists to suit their requirements. Lists can be private, public, or collaborative.

A quick way to find out about creating your own list is to click 'Community' from the headings under the Trove icon on the homepage.

Here you will find a link to a helpful video and more information about:

- Private, public and collaborative lists
- Create a list (step-by-step)
  - With a Trove item
  - With a newspaper or gazette article
- Add to a list (step-by-step)
  - Trove work or item
  - Newspaper or gazette item
  - web page
- Trending lists (lists that have been recently added or updated [within the last hour] with the newest content, tags and notes)
- More about lists

Users need to open a Trove Account to set up or edit a Trove List. Once a Trove Account has been set up, users can 'collect item records, articles and web pages' and connect with researchers with similar lists.[\[19\]](#)

Trove accounts are free. With an account, users can also keep a record of their contributions to Trove. This can include correcting the text, adding tags and notes, and creating lists and collaborative lists (see <https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/your-trove-account>).

For more information about Lists: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/become-voluntrove/lists>

### 3. Ways that Trove's categories can assist researchers

Trove's categories play a significant role in organising historical content and make it easier to delve into specific aspects of Australia's history. Whether researchers are studying a specific time period, a particular region, or a particular aspect of Australian history, the categories on Trove can be an invaluable tool for research.

These are just some of the ways that Trove's categories can be of assistance:

#### **Historical Newspapers:**

Newspapers are categorised by location and date, allowing researchers to access firsthand accounts of historical events, societal changes, and cultural trends.

#### **Digitised Collections:**

Collections of photographs, diaries, manuscripts, and maps that have been digitised and organised into categories on Trove provide unique insights into Australia's history and offer a glimpse into the lives of people from the past.

#### **Cultural and Social History:**

Trove's categories cover various aspects of Australian culture and social life, including art, literature, music and sports. By exploring these categories, researchers can get a comprehensive understanding of the nation's heritage and how it has evolved over time.

#### **Government Publications:**

Government publications and records can be crucial for studying historical policies, legislation, and administrative changes that have shaped Australia's past.

#### **Indigenous History:**

For those interested in learning about the history and culture of Australia's Indigenous peoples, Trove's categories offer access to materials like oral histories, traditional stories, and academic research on Indigenous communities.

#### **Cross-referencing and Connections:**

Browsing through related categories can help researchers discover unexpected connections and contexts that might enhance their research or provide new insights into the period being studied.

#### **Historical Advertisements:**

Advertisements from the past provide valuable information about consumer culture, products, and services that prevailed at specific periods.

#### **Cultural Artefacts:**

Trove's collections include photographs, artworks, and other cultural artefacts that visually represent the past.

## 4. Searching Trove's categories

Researchers can choose which search option they prefer:

- **Search or basic search:** This is the default search option. Researchers can choose to search in one or all categories.
- **Advanced search:** Using this option researchers can search within a category, using extra filters to refine the search.[\[20\]](#)

### 4.1 Using a basic search



#### 4.1.1 Searching all Trove categories

Enter the keyword/s in the Search box at the top of the Trove homepage. As Trove searches exactly what is entered, ensure it is the correct spelling.

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#### Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander languages

Researchers can enter keyword/s in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander languages and non-English languages. They can also enter the name of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander language to get results that may contain the language.

#### Examples:

Enter *tjukinya* to find items with this keyword in Pitjantjatjara language.

Enter *Pitjantjatjara* to find items that may have Pitjantjatjara language content.

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Select the green magnifying glass button to begin the search.

Trove will search all categories and generate a list of up to three results containing the keyword/s in each available category. Scroll down the list of category results.

Select the 'See all ... results' button at the bottom right of the category section to see more results within a category.[\[21\]](#)

## 4.1.2 Searching within a Trove category

Enter the keyword or keywords in the Search box at the top of the Trove page. As Trove searches exactly what is entered, ensure it is the correct spelling.

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Select a category from the drop-down menu on the right-hand side of the Search box.

Select the green magnifying glass button to begin the search, which will generate a list of results containing the keyword in the selected category. [\[22\]](#)

## 4.1.3 Refining Trove's search results

The screenshot shows the Trove search results for the keyword "kangaroo" in the "Newspapers & Gazettes" category. The search box at the top contains "kangaroo" and a green magnifying glass icon. Below the search box, the results are displayed in a list format. Each result includes a thumbnail image of a newspaper page, the title of the article, the publication name, date, and page number, and a brief description of the article's content. A "Text corrected by 1 Volunrove" link is visible below each result. On the right side of the page, there is a "REFINE YOUR RESULTS" section with several filters: "Type" (Newspaper (2m), Gazette (18k)), "Place" (New South Wales (1m), Queensland (480k), Victoria (468k), South Australia (445k), Western Australia (203k), Tasmania (135k), ACT (70k)), "Title" (The Telegraph (Brisban... (140k), The Brisbane Courier (... (79k), The Argus (Melbourne, ... (58k), The Age (Melbourne, VI... (57k), Bendigo Advertiser (VI... (54k), The Sydney Morning Her... (53k), South Australian Revis... (49k)), and "Category" (Article (1m), Advertising (1m), Detailed Lists, Results, Guides (301k), Family Notices (29k)).

Researchers can refine the results depending on the size of the results from either a Basic or Advanced Search. This is done through the 'Refine Your Results' facility using the filters on the right-hand side of the page. The filters vary according to the category selected for the search. The filter is applied by selecting the checkbox next to it. To remove the filter, select the checkbox again. [\[23\]](#)



Filters available in the categories:

- **Type:** This will vary depending on the category that has been selected.
- **Format:** Format (for example Book, Video, Article).
- **Place:** Place of publication.
- **Title:** Title of publication.
- **Access:** Online availability, and whether it is freely accessible or whether access conditions apply.
- **Rights:** Rights statement, such as whether it is in or out of copyright or if there is a Creative Commons licence.
- **Category:** Trove has re-used the term 'category' in listing the filters. Here, it refers to the kind of content (e.g., articles, advertising, family notices).
- **Date Range:** Decade or year it was published.
- **Language:** Language of the work.
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Language:** Language using Austlang codes.[\[24\]](#)
- **Illustration Type:** (for newspapers, gazettes, magazines, newsletters) Type of illustration (e.g., photo, map, cartoon).
- **Word Count:** Number of words in the work.
- **Occupation** (for correspondence, collections, people and organisations): Occupation of the person
- **Scale:** Street level through to country level.[\[25\]](#)

For more information on refining research results, go to:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/searching/search>

#### 4.1.4 Sorting the relevance order of Trove results

By default, Trove sorts the search results in relevance order. This can be changed on the 'Sort by' box on the results page to 'Year (Earliest first) or 'Year (Latest first)'.

The screenshot shows the Trove search results page for the keyword 'kangaroo'. At the top, there are filter buttons for 'Type: Newspaper', 'Place: New South Wales', 'Category: Article', 'Date range: 1880-1889', 'Year: 1889', 'Month: April', and 'Word Count: 100 - 1000 Words'. The main results area is titled 'NEWSPAPERS & GAZETTES' and shows 85 total results. The results are sorted by 'Year (earliest first)'. The first result is 'Local and General News.' from the Northern Star (Lismore, NSW: 1876 - 1954) on Wednesday 3 April 1889 - Page 2. The second result is 'MARSUPIAL SKINS.' from The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) on Thursday 4 April 1889 - Page 9. The third result is 'THE BRUNGLE [?] CAMP. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.' from The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) on Thursday 4 April 1889 - Page 5. The fourth result is 'Science.' from The Corowa Free Press (NSW: 1875 - 1954) on Friday 5 April 1889 - Page 2. The fifth result is 'FREE-TRADE WRECKS. Alderson's Factory, Surry Hills. (TO THE EDITOR OF THE "AUSTRALIAN STAR.")' from The Australian Star (Sydney, NSW: 1887 - 1909) on Friday 5 April 1889 - Page 7. On the right side, there is a 'REFINE YOUR RESULTS' section with filters for Type (Newspaper (85)), Place (New South Wales (85)), Title (The Sydney Morning Her... (17), The Maitland Mercury a... (12), Evening News (Sydney, ... (7), Australian Town and Co... (6), Clarence and Richmond ... (6), Wagga Wagga Advertiser... (6), The Australian Star (S... (5)), Category (Article (85)), Date range (1880-1889 (85)), Year (1889 (85)), Month (April (85)), and Word Count (100 - 1000 Words (85)).

More information on basic searches: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/searching/search>

## 4.2 Advanced Search

If a basic search does not return satisfactory results, an advanced search may provide more options to help refine the results.

To select an 'Advanced Search', click on the arrow beside the words 'Advanced Search' underneath the green magnifying glass button on the Trove home page.

Select the category to be searched and the 'advanced search' search page will open. Add the search terms to the fields provided. As Trove searches exactly what is entered, ensure it is the correct spelling. Trove will generate filter options for the selected category, followed by a list of search results containing the keyword/s or phrase entered.

More information on advanced searches:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/searching/advanced-search> [26]

The screenshot shows the 'Newspapers & Gazettes' advanced search interface. It features several input fields for search criteria: 'All of these words' (containing '"kangaroo" AND "randwick"'), 'Any of these words', 'The phrase', and 'Without these words'. Below these are filter options for 'Type' (set to 'Newspaper'), 'Titles and places' (with a 'Type to search' field), 'Date range' (From: 1930-01-01, To: 1940-12-31), 'Article category' (set to 'Article'), 'Illustration type' (set to 'Any'), and 'Word count' (set to '100 - 1000 Words'). A 'Simple search' link and a 'clear' button are also visible.

The screenshot shows the search results page for 'Newspapers & Gazettes'. The search criteria are displayed at the top: 'Type: Newspaper X', 'Article category: Article X', 'All of these words: "kangaroo" AND "randwick" X', and 'Word count: 100 - 1000 Words X'. The results are sorted by 'Relevance' and show 2,006 total results. The first three results are:

- KANGAROO VALLEY**  
Article - The Shoalhaven News and South Coast Districts Advertiser (NSW : 1891 - 1937) | Saturday 2 May 1908 - Page 1  
... KANGAROO VALLEY A party of six Valleyites had a good day at Randwick on Cup day. They backed four ... 188 words
- SUBURBAN CHASE BOYS AND KANGAROO Capture at Randwick**  
Article - The Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954) | Sunday 21 January 1917 - Page 5  
... kangaroo-hunting parties in the bush, is being told in Randwick of the pursuit of a kangaroo over half that ... SUBURBAN CHASE BOYS AND KANGAROO Capture at Randwick The story of a chase, reminiscent of Sunday ... 301 words
- KANGAROO ISLAND**  
Article - The Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954) | Sunday 15 July 1928 - Page 2  
... South Australia, en route to the American River, Kangaroo Island. After a delightful trip along the ... KANGAROO ISLAND By "Pooh Ball" JNE summer morning X boarded a small coastal steamer at Glenelg ... 164 words

On the right side, there is a 'REFINE YOUR RESULTS' section with filters for 'Type' (Newspaper (2k)), 'Place' (New South Wales (1k), Queensland (186), Victoria (131), South Australia (65), Tasmania (46), Western Australia (46), ACT (18)), and 'Title' (Daily Mirror (Sydney, ... (237), The Sydney Morning Her... (152), The Sun (Sydney, NSW ... (119), The Daily Telegraph (S... (94), The Canberra Times (AC... (38), The Telegraph (Brisban... (36), Referee (Sydney NSW : (34)).

## 5. Searching for First Australian content



Researchers can locate content relating to First Australian peoples, cultures and languages using Trove's basic or advanced search. Information on cultural safety, First Australian content, and Trove's selected terminology is on the Cultural Safety for First Australians page.[\[27\]](#)

### Alternative spellings may affect the search

Searching old documents that mention Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language groups may be challenging. Different ways of spelling can cause problems for people researching language groups as material may have been filed under the spelling at the time rather than the modern common spelling accepted today. For example, Gamilaraay, a Pama–Nyungan language of the Wiradhuric subgroup found mostly in south-east Australia, has several alternative spellings used currently and historically, including Camileroi, Gamilaroi, Kamilaroi, Yuwaalaraay, Wallarai (Austlang).[\[28\]](#)

### Search for content in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages

In the Search box at the top of the Trove page, enter the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander language keyword/s to find items that may be in the language. The name of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander language can also be entered to get results that may contain the language.

Select the green magnifying glass button to begin the search. Trove will generate a list of results containing the keyword/s in each available category.

Scroll down the list of category results. Select the 'See all ... results' button at the bottom right of the category section to see more results within a category.

If there are search results in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages, the filter will appear in the 'Refine Your Results' menu on the right side of the screen.

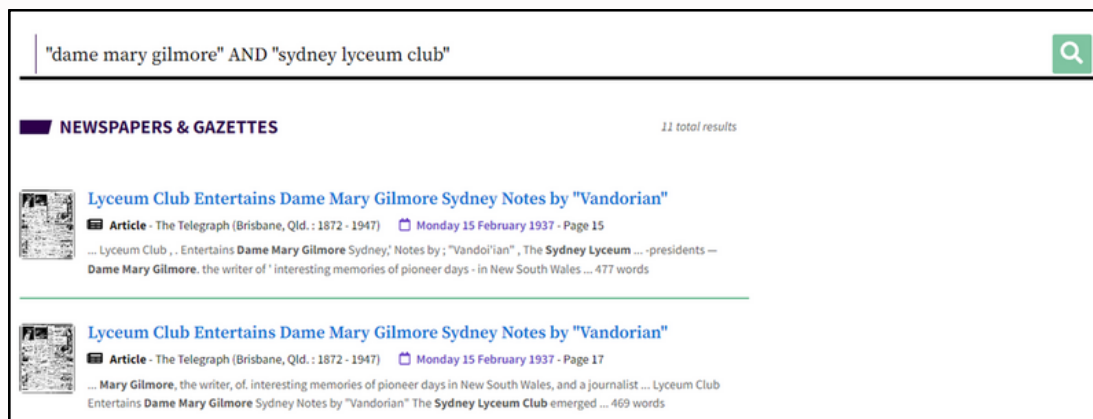
To see more languages, select the 'Show more' link (or the list can be minimised by selecting the 'Show less'). Choose one or more using the checkboxes. To remove all selections, uncheck the box/es or select 'Clear all' underneath the search field.[\[29\]](#)

For more information on searching for First Australian content:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/searching/first-australian-content/searching-language-groups>  
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/searching/searching-first-australian-content>

## 6. Using complex search commands

'Search commands are special words and symbols that help to refine search results'. A single search command can be used or a complex combination can be constructed. [30] This can be done using either a basic or an advanced search.



### Selected examples of search commands

#### 6.1. Quotation marks

Quotation marks will give results containing a specific phrase rather than separate words.

Examples:

- "Alfred Deakin"
- "South Australia"

#### 6.2. AND

The use of AND between words or a phrase will link the words or a phrase. You can also use a plus sign (+) instead of AND.

Example:

- "Alfred Deakin" AND "South Australia"

#### 6.3 OR

Use OR to get results that contain one or more of the words.

Example:

- cat OR dog

#### 6.4 NOT

Using NOT will exclude items from results that contain word(s). A minus sign (-) can be used instead of NOT.

Examples:

- cat NOT dog
- cat -dog

Both of these examples will give results that contain 'cat' but do not 'dog'.

## 6.5 Surnames beginning with 'Mc' and 'Mac'

There are often variations in the way names beginning with Mc and Mac are recorded. Sometimes surnames beginning with Mc or Mac are recorded as M'. Try a search without the 'c', or replace the 'c' with a space and search as a phrase.

Examples:

- mchugh
- mhugh
- "m hugh"

## 6.6 Brackets

Use brackets to group search terms together and combine search commands. Putting brackets around each set of search commands will improve the results.

Examples:

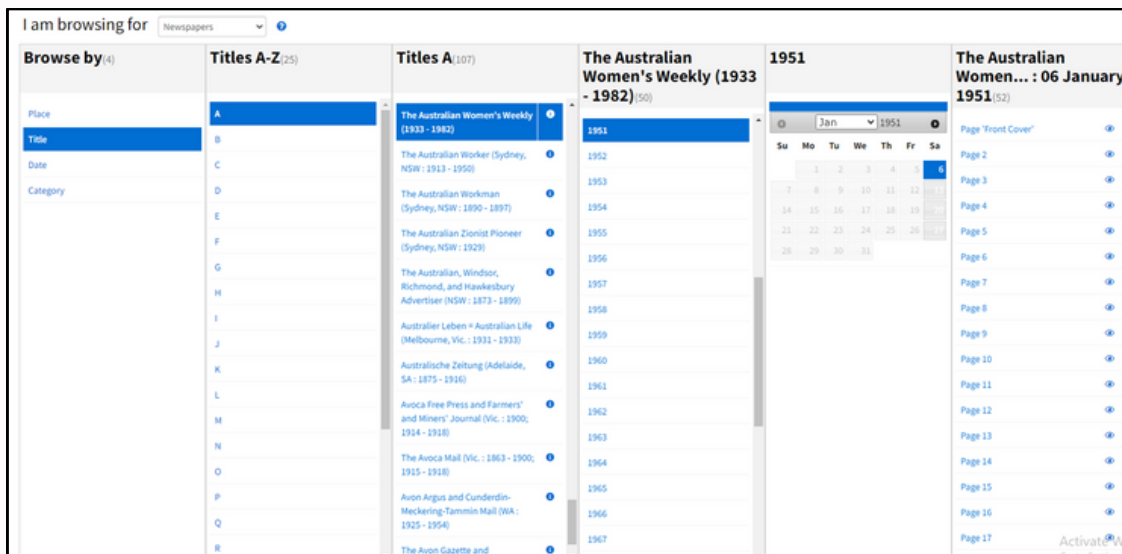
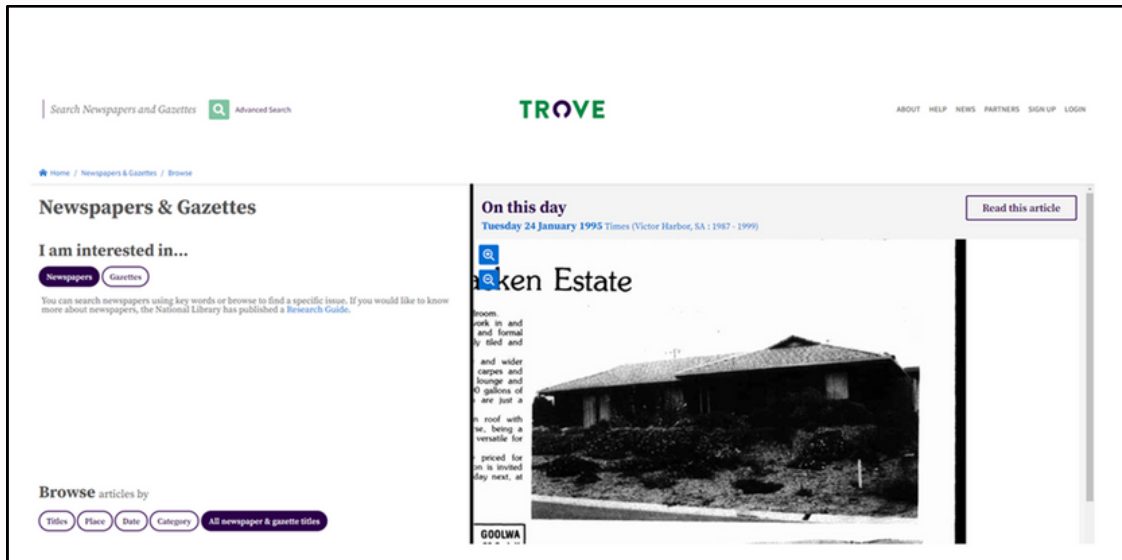
- "South Australia" AND (elections OR politics) NOT (Adelaide OR Kingston)
- (cats AND dogs) NOT rabbits
- (cats dogs) -rabbits [\[31\]](#)

For more information on using complex search commands:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/searching/constructing-complex-search-query>

# 7. Browsing newspapers and gazettes on Trove

As well as searching Trove’s digitised newspapers and gazettes using the Basic or Advanced Search, researchers can also use the ‘Browser’ to explore this category.



## Newspapers

Newspapers can be browsed by:

- **Title:** If the title of the publication is known, users browse for it alphabetically. Newspaper titles may change depending on the date on which they were published, so it may be necessary to browse for variations of the title.
- **Place:** Browsing by place will enable researchers to locate a specific newspaper based on where the publication was published.
- **Date:** Browse or filter your search using a specific date range. Trove organises date ranges by decade, year, month and day. For information on a particular event from multiple publications, filtering by date can assist in finding related articles.
- **Category:** Categories describe article types such as ‘Advertising’ or ‘Family notices’. These help refine the browse, search and filter functions in Trove’s Newspaper zone.

## Gazettes

Gazettes can be browsed by:











- **Place:** Browsing by place enables researchers to locate a specific gazette based on where the publication was available.
- **Title:** If the title of the publication is known, researchers can browse for it alphabetically. Gazette titles may change depending on the date on which they were published, so it may be necessary to browse for variations of the title.
- **Date:** Browse or filter your search using a specific date range. Trove organises date ranges by decade, year, month and day. Filtering by date can assist in finding articles on a particular event from multiple publications.
- **Issue:** Government Gazettes are assigned an issue number within each publication year. If the year and issue number are known, it can be browsed by issue.
- **Category:** Categories describe article types such as 'Notices' or 'Proclamations and Legislation'. They help refine the browse, search, and filter functions.
- **Index:** Each year Government Gazettes collate data for an annual index. When searching for specific notices, the gazette indexes can be browsed to find the year and issue in which a notification has been published.<sup>[32]</sup>

To browse Trove's newspapers and gazettes, go to: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>

More information on browsing newspapers and gazettes: <http://tinyurl.com/2s3kuzkv>

## 8. Navigating Trove

Trove has many features to help you navigate your way through your search results. There is guidance to help make best use of search results lists. In addition, there are links to information about using Trove's sidebars, viewers and players.

	When you open an item – newspaper article or gazette notice – it will be the original text of the article
	Get information about the item you are viewing, such as title, issue and other bibliographic details to use in a citation. You will also get the URL for the Article Identifier and the Page Identifier
	View or add a tag - a short descriptive term that you can easily associate with the article. Tags are useful in marking out names or events using common terminology.
	See which lists this article or page appears in, or add the article or page to a list. Note: to add to or view your private lists you must be logged in to Trove.
	View or add notes relating to the article that provides additional context. Notes can also be used to highlight issues with the text or suggestions for further research.
	View the original and additional categories for the article and add additional categories. Tip: These are the 'categories' used when you refine your results.
	Download digital copies in available formats (usually text using OCR), PDF or an image (usually JPG) -
	Order a copy of the image. You can order standard or higher resolution images. All copy orders are referred to the National Library of Australia's Copies Direct service. If an item is in copyright you may require permission from the copyright holder to obtain a copy.
	Print a copy of the page or article.
	Change the display location of the sidebar information pane from the left column to a row at the bottom of the screen.

- The sidebar is located on the left side of the page. It can be used to find information on what is being viewed and options to access it.
- The Trove viewer can help magnify or print digitised visual content.
- A Trove audio player can help play certain sections of an audio track, view transcripts or download audio.

There is more information on Trove's sidebars, viewers and players under these headings on the Navigating page:

- **Newspaper viewer:** Digitised newspapers and gazettes.
- **Journal viewer:** Digitised journals, such as magazines, newsletters, academic journals and research reports.
- **Image viewer:** Images and artefact photographs.
- **Map viewer:** Digitised maps.
- **Book viewer:** Digitised books.
- **Finding aids:** Browsing diaries, letters, archives and other unpublished materials.
- **Audio player:** Listening to oral history interviews and folklore recordings.
- **Web archive:** Navigating archived website.

These are explained on Trove's 'Navigating' page: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/navigating>



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## Further information

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- **Introduction to Trove Searching:** <https://trove.nla.gov.au/announcement/2022/04/26/introduction-trove-searching>
- **Help Searching:** <https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/searching>
- **Discover Trove:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5UEJV\\_wDr4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5UEJV_wDr4)
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