Perspectives on National Library of Australia developments

How well do services meet the needs of Wikimedian’s?

Rose Holley and Kent Fitch

User generated content

Historic Australian Newspapers, 1803 to 1954

AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS beta

http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au

1 year since public release

5 million lines of text enhanced/corrected in 216,000 articles

105,000 Tags added

3400 Comments added

(5000 registered users, 480,000 anon users)
PETROL PRICE INQUIRY.

Before he left yesterday for Ballarat to attend the Australian Natives Association celebrations, the Minister for Trade and Customs (Mr. Fenton) said that he hoped soon to be able to make a statement of the results of the departmental inquiry into the price of petrol. Following upon complaints in the House of Representatives, the Federal Ministry some months ago instituted an inquiry by officers of the Customs department into this question.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848-1954) (about)   Tuesday 20 January 1931
### View all corrections on an article

**General Orders.**

The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser Saturday 5 March 1803, page 1

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‘Crowd sourcing’ ?? volunteers now

Flickr: LucLeqay
Advantages of interactions

- Very active community involvement (Many Hands Make Light Work)
- Quality of resource improved (data enhancement – more accurate searching on text)
- Value added to data (comments)
- Data discoverable in different ways (tags)
Concerns of GLAM - disproved

- Vandalism or disinterest
  - Giving users high level of responsibility and trust = loyalty and hard work
  - Original image with text always shows

- Data corrupted
  - Adequate measures to ensure that data kept in layers, kept separate, can be restored back, but integrated together for public view
  - Data is enhanced and value added.

- Loss of control/power
  - Volunteers want guidance/co-ordination
  - Gate keepers should open as well as close doors!
Assumptions addressed

1. Users will want to find stuff via Google/ Wikipedia not come direct to your website
2. Users will want to link to useful items
3. Users will want to know if they can re-purpose items
4. Orgs/users may want the search api and source code
5. Pro-actively need to ‘push out’ to users into their spaces
Helping users find stuff

- Enable the site to be indexed to article level by Google and it to be clear where you are if you arrive at article level from Google
- Arrange a web harvesting site with Google
- Add ‘external links’ to the site on relevant Wikipedia pages
- Integrate relevant information dynamically from Wikipedia into the site
Incoming traffic sources

August 2008 at release
Google 15%
Direct 37%

July 2009 1 yr on
Google 55%
Direct 21%
Helping users link to and re-use stuff

✅ Have a persistent identifier (pi) at article, page, and newspaper title level and use the words ‘cite this’. This is a stable link that will never change.

❌ Have a clear copyright, rights ownership and re-use statement on the site or at image level (Caution/fear about doing this…)
Pushing it out there

- RSS feeds to alert users to new content (not yet)
- Talking to users in their forum spaces
- Responding to blogs by commenting
- Have an open communication channel (not yet)
- Facebook fan page
What’s yours is mine - sharing

✓ Search api

✓ Open source code for delivery system
pi’s
‘About page’ showing Wikipedia pull in
Wikipedia page showing link to ANDP
Google results page showing ANDP
The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848-1954)

FIND AN ISSUE

by Year

by Date

1848

NEWSPAPER INFORMATION


From Wikipedia:

The Argus was a morning daily newspaper in Melbourne established in 1848 and closed in 1957. Widely known as a conservative newspaper for most of its history, it adopted a left leaning approach from 1949 when it was acquired by the London based Daily Mirror newspaper group. The main competitor over the life of the newspaper was David Syme's more liberal-minded The Age newspaper.

See the full Wikipedia entry

Title: The Argus
Publisher: Melbourne: Argus Office, 1848-[1957]
Description: Frequent
Notes: Includes Ferguson no. 4244.
Description based on: Vol. 2, no. 365 (Saturday, Apr. 27, 1850)
Also available on microfilm: Milsom's Point, N.S.W.: W. & F. Pascoe.
ISSN registration

Began with Vol. 1, no. 1 (Sept. 15, 1848)

Former Title: Melbourne argus 1833-9700
Melbourne daily news

Place: Australia Victoria Melbourne

WHERE CAN I FIND COPIES?

Libraries Australia lists libraries which hold copies of The Argus:

1. Print and/or microform copy

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The newspaper was originally owned by William Kerr, a journalist who had worked with the Sydney Gazette before moving to Melbourne in 1839 to work on John Pascoe Fawkner's Fort Phillip Patriot. The first edition was published on 2 June 1846.

The paper was known for its scurrilous abuse and sarcasm and by 1853 Kerr lost ownership through a series of libel suits and was published under the name of Edward Wilson. The paper was also to become a stablemate to the weekly The Australasian which was to become The Australasian Post in 1946.

During the Depression in 1933 it launched the Melbourne Evening Star in competition with The Herald newspaper of The Herald and Weekly Times Ltd, but was forced to close the venture in 1936.

In 1943 the paper was acquired by the Daily Mirror. The paper had interests in radio and in 1956, the new medium of television broadcasting, being part of the consortium General Television Victoria (GTV), and the GTV-9 television station. In 1957 the paper was sold to the Herald and Weekly Times group, under the management of Chief Executive Keith Murdoch, who utilised the printing presses, but closed the Argus and sold off the broadcasting interests. The last edition was on 19 January 1967.

November 15, 1952 The Melbourne Argus became the first newspaper in the world to publish colour photographs in a daily paper.

The Argus Building

The Argus building, constructed in 1906 on the corner of La Trobe and Elizabeth streets, is classified by the National Trust and is on the Victorian Heritage Register of Heritage Victoria. In 1991, an innovative office building was built next door and named The Argus Centre, an award winning building by Nonda Katsalidis. In 2004 La Trobe University bought the site of the old Argus building with the intention to redevelop and house legal and business schools in the building, as well as a ground floor shopping precinct.

See also

- List of newspapers in Australia
- Frederick William Haddon - Argus sub-editor in 1863, editor 1857–1898
- Edward Wilson (journalist)
- Howard Willoughby
- Original Argus system, system for determining the Premiers of the Victorian Football League's competition in 1901

External links

- Digitised historic Argus issues from the National Library of Australia
- The Argus: Special War Edition - 1 May 1915
The Sydney Gazette was the first newspaper in Australia. Governor King authorised the publication of what was initially called The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser in 1803. Subsequently the first edition was published 5 March. The paper was issued weekly, the content was mostly government-issued official notices dealing with the import of spirits and General Orders regulating boats' cargoes. The heavily censored paper's masthead carried the *imprimatur Published by Authority*. In 1823 the paper became bi-weekly, and by 1831 the 'Sydney Gazette' was available three times a week.

The Gazette first took the form of a single sheet folded to four pages of foolscap size, each page typeset in three columns. It was printed with use of a small wooden printing press brought out aboard one of the First Fleet ships. The introductory address, by Howe was published on the first page in the third column. It read:

**ADDRESS**

Innumerable as the Obstacles were which threatened to oppose our Undertaking, yet we are happy to affirm that they were not insurmountable, however difficult the task before us. The utility of a PAPER in the COLONY, as it must open a source of solid information, will we hope, be universally felt and acknowledged. We have courted the assistance of the INGENIOUS and INTELLIGENT — We open no channel to Political Discussion, or Personal Animadversion — Information is our only purpose; that accomplished, we shall consider that we have done our duty, in an exertion to merit the Approbation of the PUBLIC, and to secure a liberal Patronage to the SYDNEY GAZETTE.

There were 300 subscribers at sixpence a copy in the first years of publication.

The paper's original publisher, printer and printer was George Howe, who had been transported to Sydney for shoplifting in 1809. After Howe's death in 1821, the Gazette was published by his son Robert until he drowned in a boating accident in Sydney Harbour in 1825. Publication of the printing house was passed onto his apprentice Horatio Wills.

The paper ceased publication on 20 October 1842.

**References**

1. *#* Law and Justice in Australia. The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales State Library
2. *#* Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser, dated 5 March 1803.

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Categories: Newspapers published in Sydney | Publications established in 1803 | Defunct newspapers of Australia | Newspaper stubs | Australia stubs
Sydney Gazette - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
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Related web pages
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Potential and Volunteer co-ord

- January 2006: 2,004 online volunteers
- January 2007: 23,000 online volunteers
- January 2009: 160,000 online volunteers

Potential digital volunteers: Australia
21 million residents and over half of the households have access to the internet
= 10 million people at least

Question: How can GLAM nurture, co-ordinate and manage digital volunteers?
User power and GLAM power = SUPER POWER!!

"Don't under estimate the power of people who join together.... they can accomplish amazing things,"

Barack Obama 19 Jan 2009 Speaking on community engagement and involvement and voluntary work

Rose says:

People want to work together to achieve amazing things – we as librarians have the power to give them both the data and tools to do this - they will do the rest......
Links and references

Australian Newspapers:

http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au

Report on user activity:


Facebook Fan page:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Australian-Newspapers-Beta/23312365748

Open source code for delivery system:

https://code.nla.gov.au
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Pre Enlightenment reality

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Post Enlightenment values
- Reason
- Liberty
- Democracy
Pre web, information was

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- Discovered by metadata hand-crafted by librarians
- Expensive and centralised
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Post web, information is

- Produced by anyone
- Discovered by full text and bottom-up linking effects
- Cheap and distributed
Changing role for libraries and librarians

- Technology has turned discovery on its head
- Content can be created by anyone
- Content can be described by anyone
Changing role for libraries and librarians

- Technology has turned discovery on its head
- Content can be created by anyone
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BUT

- Content still needs to be preserved
- Content still needs to be described
- Content still needs to be found
Are libraries needed anymore?
“Our vision for Kindle is every book ever printed in any language, all available in less than 60 seconds”

Jeff Bezos, Amazon

photo: ptufts Flickr
“Google's mission is to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful.”
Are libraries needed anymore?

- Long term preservation and access
- Not constrained by commercial pressures
- Universal access
- “Free for all”
Changing role for libraries and librarians

Technology enables libraries to evolve
A community of contributors

The plan takes account of significant changes in user expectations, technology, and the wider environment, including:

the expectation of some users that they will not be passive receivers of information, but rather contributors and participants in information services, and thus will be able to share ideas and information
"This example helps to illustrate how dramatically the digital environment may change the user/library dynamic."
NLA’s “Single Business” project

- A big, “plausible” search target
  - “Gravity” as Lorcan Dempsey puts it
- A simple and powerful way to search a vast collection of information from one search box
- To show context
- To embrace electronic resources and deliver immediate access wherever possible
- A platform for engagement and collaboration
NLA’s “Single Business” project

- Australian Union catalogue (NBD)
  - 1000 libraries, 47m holdings, 20m items described by metadata
- Picture Australia
  - 50 contributors (+ Flickr), 1.7m images
- Pandora
  - Full text - 3TB of curated web archives, 1996-
- Digitised Australian Newspapers
- Music Australia, ARO, People Australia
- OAISTER
  - 20m items, mostly articles
- Open Library
  - 1.2m full text books
- Hathi Trust
  - 0.4m full text books
- Commercial article databases - coming
NLA’s “Single Business” project

- Readers as collaborators
  - Tags
  - Comments
  - Corrections
  - Grouping
  - Guides/Lists/Trails

- Wikipedia as a collaborator
  - Tags (page names linked to ISBNs)
  - Bios of people and organisations
  - Descriptions of resources
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- The adventures of Huckleberry Finn / Mark Twain ; retold by Diane Mowat ; illustrated by Paul Fisher Johnson
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  [Book : 1885-2008]
NLA’s “Single Business” project

- “Common ground” we want to explore
  - A tagging commons or “tag consortium”
  - Exchanging PI’s: linking Wikipedia records to library resources and vica versa
  - Wikipedia “Book sources” using NLA “deep linking” to library holdings for 1000+ libraries
  - Exposing unique resources in Wikipedia
Freedom, Power

Freedom is actually a bigger game than power.
Power is about what you can control.
Freedom is about what you can unleash.

Harriet Ruben