



Australian Newspapers online: A resource for educators

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Objectives of the program

- Increase access to Australian newspapers
- Build a national service that will provide free online access from the first Australian newspaper published in 1803 through to the end of 1954
- Key Features of the service
 - Online access
 - Freely available
 - Full text searchable

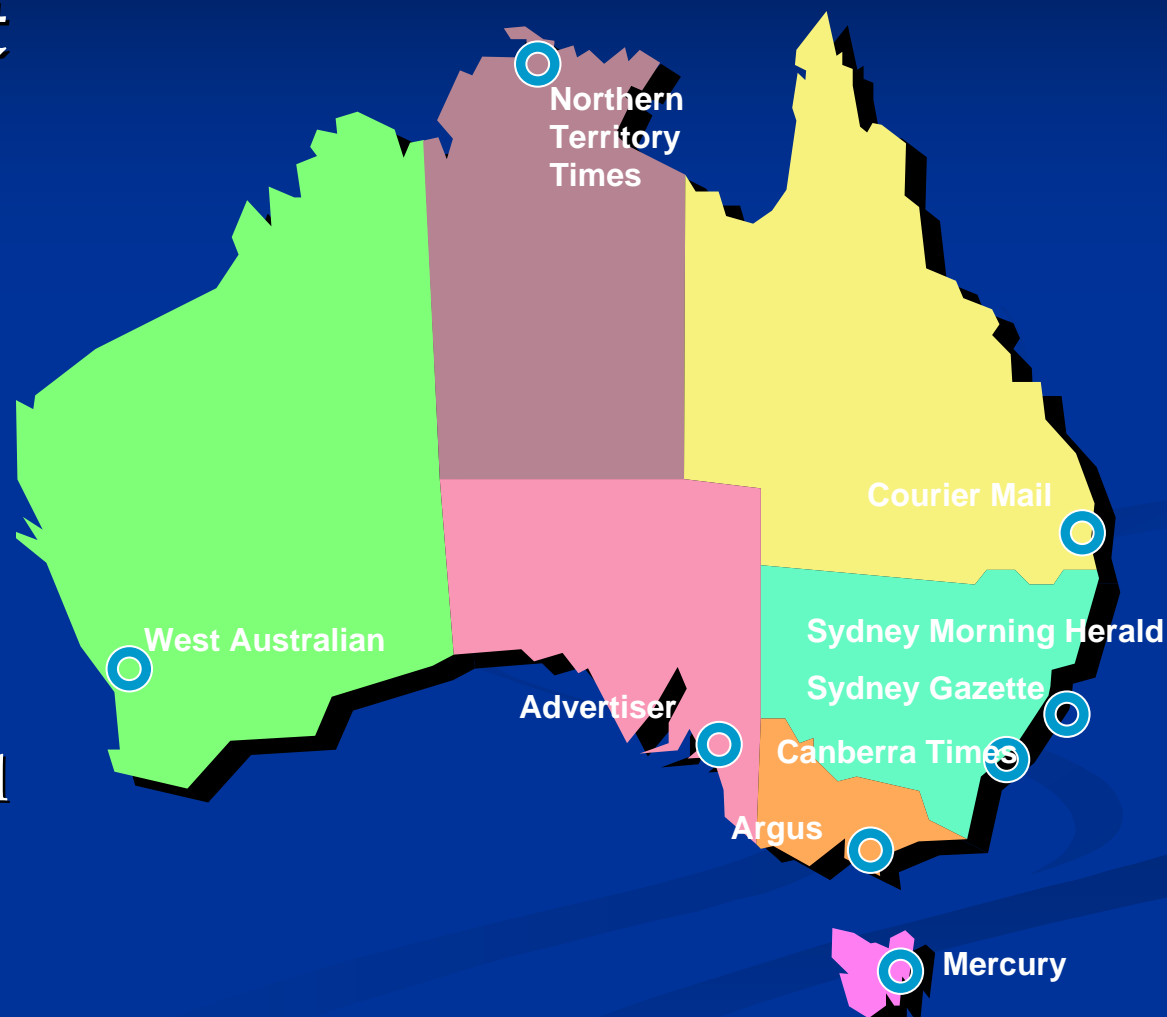


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DIGITISATION PROGRAM

National Content

- Initial focus on major titles from each state and territory
- Anticipate that 'regional' titles may be contributed later
- Coverage: published between 1803 – 1954 (out of copyright)





Overview

- Project started 2 years ago
- Digitise from microfilm (outsourced)
- 1.8 million pages scanned so far
- Australian Newspapers beta released July 2008
- 360,000 pages (3.5 million articles) in beta
- Will make 4 million pages (40 million articles) available to public by 2011.



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LATE EDITION
CITY FORECAST: Freshening N. wind; becoming cloudy to overcast. Fine during the day; showers at night, with squally W. change early Tuesday.

The Sydney Morning Herald.
No. 53,602 Registered at the General Post Office, Sydney, New South Wales, as a newspaper. Published daily except on Sundays and public holidays. ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION 12 PAGES SYDNEY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1945 Price 2d

BUNNERONG STRIKE—PAGE 5

FORMAL SURRENDER SIGNED IN TOKYO BAY

ONLY 37-MINUTE CEREMONY HISTORIC SCENE ON BATTLESHIP

From Our War Correspondents, Jack Percival and William Marien

U.S.S. MISSOURI, Tokyo Bay, Sept. 2.—Formal surrender of the Japanese Empire was signed on board this 45,000-ton American battleship at 9.5 o'clock (10.5 Sydney time) this morning.

The ceremony was austere and simple and the Japanese envoys were on board for only 37 minutes.



Our War Correspondents, J. Percival and W. Marien

U.S.S. MISSOURI, Sept. 2.—An overcast sky gave Tokyo Bay a dirty appearance as the delegates came aboard this mighty battleship this morning to sign the documents that were to bring peace to a war-torn world.

The Missouri lay between the battleships Iowa and South Dakota. Many planes were in the air but they remained at a distance during the brief ceremony so that their roar would not drown the speeches which were being relayed by amplifier to all parts of the ship.

Thousands of spectators were perched everywhere on the Missouri, like gulls on a bank.

General MacArthur led the Australian delegation on board first, at 8.30 a.m. He was followed five minutes later by the French delegation, General MacArthur, Admiral Halsey, and Lieutenant-General Gifford.

General MacArthur wore khaki tropical dress, his Philippine field-marshal's cap much more worn and less glittering than when he arrived at Spencer Street, Brisbane, Melbourne, on March 17, 1942.

Behind him on Admiral Halsey's promenade deck the Allied signatories lined up in a square brought more than 18 years of single files. The first was Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, then second of Gen.issimo, then seven Russian, seven Australian, and one Canadian.

Three of the Japanese delegates were on board.



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Frequently asked questions

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1. [Colonial Times](#)
2. [Colonial Times and Tasmanian...](#)
3. [Hobart Town Daily Mercury](#)
4. [Hobart Town Gazette](#)
5. [Northern Territory Times](#)

Show all titles

by State

NT
WA
SA
TAS



QLD
NSW
ACT
VIC

by Date

1804

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

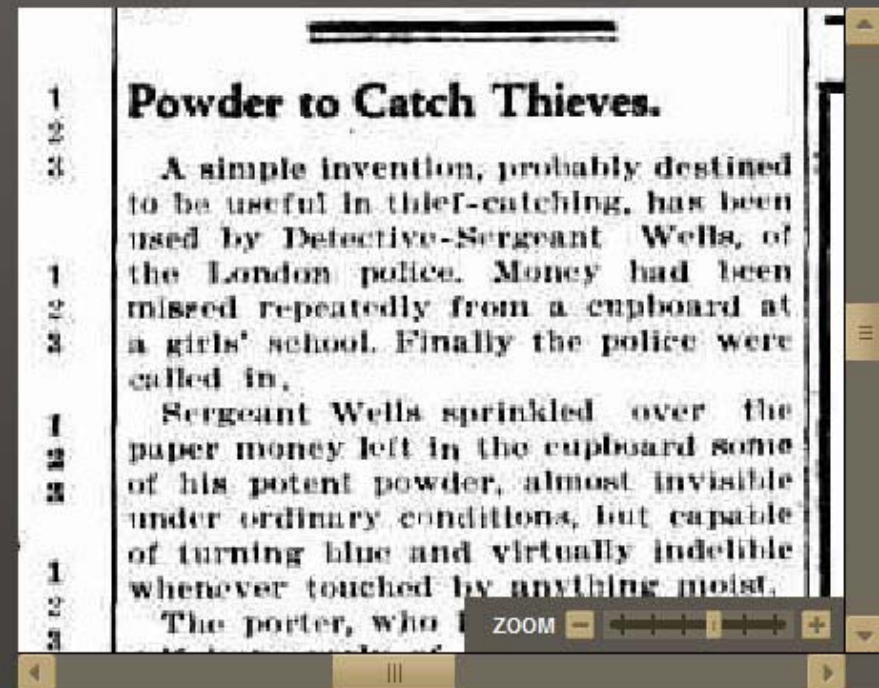
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ON THIS DAY

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, JUNE 3RD 1901

Navigation tips for the example newspaper page below:

- ♦ **Scroll** with the scrollbars or your scrollwheel.
- ♦ **Pan** by clicking and dragging the image.
- ♦ **Zoom** with the zoom controls in the bottom right.



USER LOGIN

username

password

Login

TOP TEXT-CORRECTORS

1. dcho@nla.gov.au (20)
2. rholley@nla.gov.au (19)
3. kfitch@nla.gov.au (8)
4. cpilgrim@nla.gov.au (8)
5. alexi@oxideinteractive.com.au (7)

RECENT NOTES

- [How times have changed!](#)
created 26/5/08 12:08pm by dng@nla.gov.au
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RECENT TAGS

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How to use

- Search by keyword = results list, pick articles
 - Browse by title
 - Browse by date
 - Browse by state
- } = view by page,
then select article

REFINE SEARCH

by Title

[The Mercury](#) (16)
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[The Argus](#) (76)
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[1910-1919](#) (16)
[1920-1929](#) (5)
[1930-1939](#) (8)
[1940-1949](#) (76)

SEARCH RESULTS

Results **1 - 10** of **137** for **angus mcdonald**

Did you mean to search the title [The Canberra Times](#)?

1. [PIPER LEADS NEW YEAR REVELLERS](#)

The Argus Mon 1 January 1945, page 3. [News] (207 words)

... Mr **Angus McDonald**, a visitor from Adelaide. Refused permission to play the bag- pipes at the hotel...

2. [MACLEAN](#)

The Courier-Mail Thu 29 March 1934, page 23. [News] (63 words)

... MACLEAN At a public meeting called by the trustees, Messrs. P. **McDonald**, **Angus** j Cameron, and C. J. Green, to re-form the Maclean Pipe Band the following officers were elected:-President, Mr. M. ... treasurer, Mr. P. **McDonald**; I pipe major, Mr. J. McKInnon; drum | major, Mr. C. McKay....

3. [Family Notices](#)

The Courier-Mail Wed 22 November 1933, page 12. [Family Notices] (399 words)

... youngest son of the late Mrs. Mary Myers, to Marjorie Pay ton, youngest Daughter of Mrs. M. **McDonald** and the late **Angus** McDon- ald, of Indooroopilly, Queensland. SNELL-BODEN.-On November 13th, at...

4. [Display Advertising](#)

The Mercury Tue 8 August 1916, page 7. [Display Advertising] (675 words)

... "nilethe skin Yvas clear and healthy." (Signed) Mrs. **Angus McDonald**, Spring St., Young-, N. S. W.,...

5. [DESTITUTE BOARD.](#) Thu, AUGUST 9.

The South Australian... Sat 11 August 1860, page 3. [News] (942 words)

... for renewal of rations to Mrs. Malony, Mrs. Chapel, and **Angus McDonald**. Henson was allowed one and a...

6. [Display Advertising](#)

PAGE 1 ARTICLES

Display Advertising

[Display Advertising] (24 words)

JUDGE LUKIN WITHDRAWAL FROM COURT DEMAND BY LABOUR CONFERENCE.

At the, Victorin Labour conference, Mr. G. Crofts (Gas Workers' Union) moved that this conference regards the award of Judge Lukin, in the ...

[News] (236 words)

MOTH 'PLANE LANDS AT ACTON WARNED OFF BY SCOUTMASTER

For the first time in history, on Saturday, an airman, flying a Moth aeroplane, landed at the Acton Flats. He had been circling the city for some ...

[News] (229 words)

THE KING Absence From Duty MAY BE LONG TIME LONDON, Saturday.

The latest bulletin regarding the King's health, which justified the insistence on His Majesty's abstention from all except essential public duties, may ...

[News] (90 words)

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

Make use of the power of the pen. Write to-day. —Lord Dunsany.

Vol. 1, No. 473. Registered at the G.P.O. as a newspaper by post as a newspaper.

CANBERRA, MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1929.

The Canberra Times

TO SERVE THE NATIONAL CITY AND THROUGH IT THE NATION

JUDGE LUKIN

WITHDRAWAL FROM COURT

DEMAND BY LABOUR CONFERENCE

... (text continues) ...

WOMEN'S VOTE

In British Elections

CANDIDATES' PROBLEMS

... (text continues) ...

SOUTHERN CROSS LEAVES

ATTEMPT ON HINKLER'S RECORD

PETROL SUPPLIES RUN OUT

FORCED LANDING NEAR WYNDHAM

... (text continues) ...

WILKINS' PLAN

To Explore Arctic

WITH A SUBMARINE

... (text continues) ...

LINER'S PERIL

In Channel Fog

STRIKES ROCK ON FRENCH COAST

... (text continues) ...

PLAN DOUBTED BY EXPERTS

ROCK OF CHRISTIANITY

Easter Day Sermon

... (text continues) ...

SIR GEORGE KNIBBS

Death in Melbourne

FORMER COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN

... (text continues) ...

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Benefits for educators

- New online resource
- Extensive coverage of Australian history 1803 - 1954
- Coverage of wider world history (e.g. WW2)
- Full text searchable
- Free
- Easy to use



Benefits for students

- Can add value to resource by enhancing articles (tagging, comments, correcting text)
- Consolidating English skills and grammar by transcribing
- Improving English (ESL) by transcribing and reading
- Helps keyboarding skills
- Helps information seeking skills
- Everyone can find something of interest
- Primary research resource



Examples

1. Browse – oldest paper = Sydney Gazette, 1803
2. Browse – war paper = Argus, August 8th (Hiroshima)
3. Search - Titanic sinking (refine by decade 1912)
4. Search – Phar Lap (refine by News and Illustrated to find a picture)
5. Search – Olympics 1936
6. Search – “flying saucers” as a phrase
7. Search for family history – “George Blaxland” (can refine by ‘family notices’) or use your own name.
8. Tag an article you find
9. Add a comment about the content of an article
10. Correct some text in an article



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