



# **Enhancement and Enrichment of Digital Content by User Communities:**

## **The Australian Newspapers Experience**

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Innovative Ideas Forum:  
The value and significance of social networking for cultural institutions  
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# Australian Newspapers DIGITISATION PROGRAM

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### Improvement of Digital Content by Users

On 25 July 2008 the [Australian Newspapers Beta](#) service was launched to the public. A strong community of users has developed. Users have corrected over 2 million lines of electronic text in over 100,000 articles. Over 46,000 tags have been added to articles and many comments about information in articles added. This is fantastic community activity which is improving the content for everyone.

### 1.8 million pages scanned

1.8 million pages have been scanned from microfilm. A list of the titles and date ranges scanned is available from the [Selected Newspapers page](#).

### Articles full text searchable

## About the program

The National Library of Australia, in collaboration the Australian State and Territory libraries, has commenced a program to digitise out of copyright newspapers.

We are creating a free online service that will enable full-text searching of newspaper articles. This will include newspapers published in each state and territory from the 1800s to the mid-1950s, when copyright applies. The first Australian newspaper, published in Sydney in 1803, is included in the Program.

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## Frequently asked questions

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# Objectives

- 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

# National Program and Content

- Initial focus on major titles from each state and territory
- 'Regional' titles being contributed by libraries 2009 onwards
- 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.

# Behind the scenes...

## 1. Software development

- Newspapers Content Management System
- Quality Assurance modules
- Search and Delivery System

## 2. Infrastructure – storage

- 63 TB

## 3. Digitisation (outsourced)

- Scanning of microfilm
- OCR of articles
- Additional processes (categorising, zoning, re-keying)

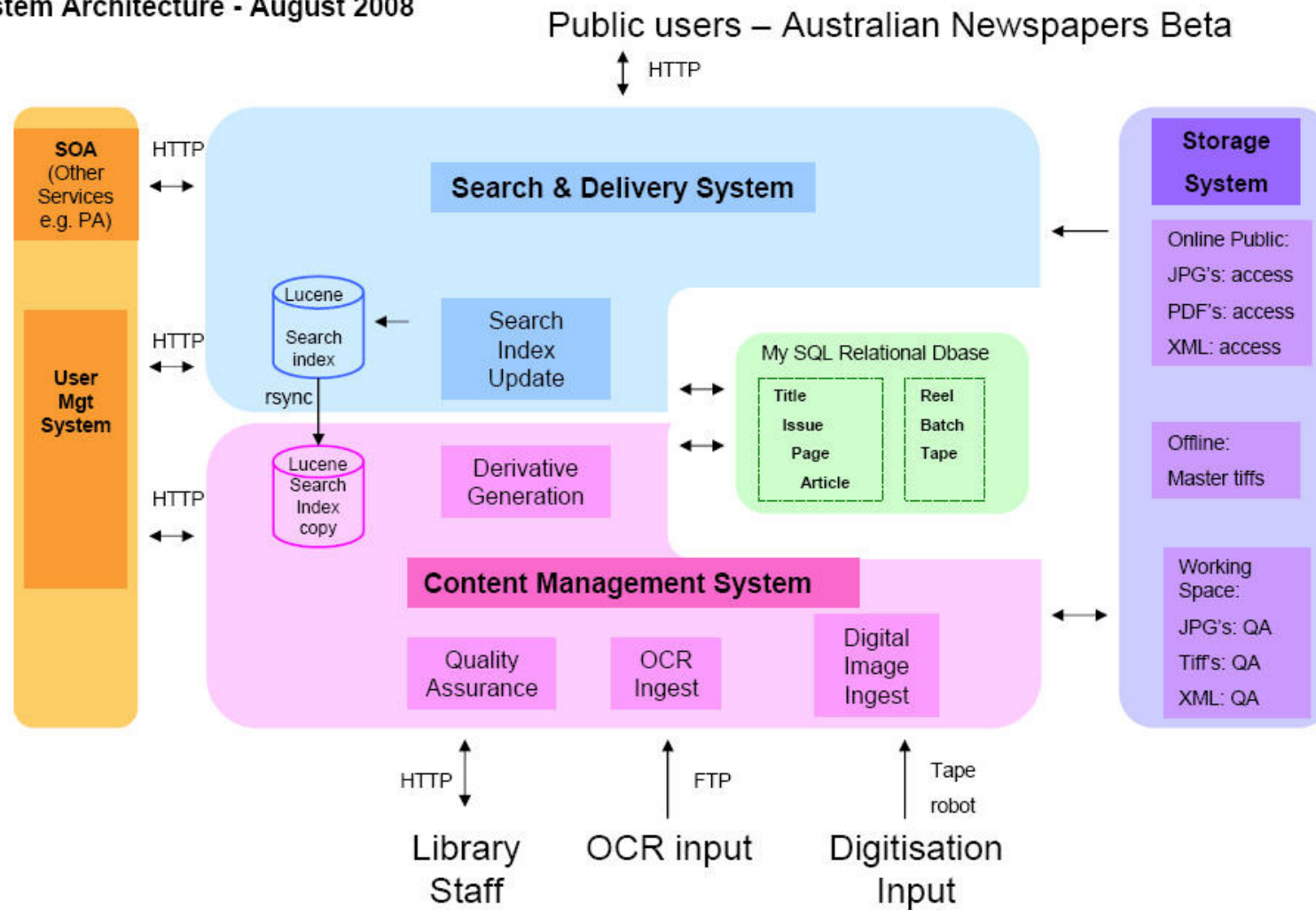
## 4. Quality assurance of data

- Before acceptance/delivery



# The technical bit

Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program  
System Architecture - August 2008



# Development cycle

## Search and Delivery System

- 2007- Prototype (to state and territory libraries for feedback)
- 2008 – Beta (to public for feedback)
- 2009 – Version 1 official launch (planned)



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### by State

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VIC

### by Date

1803

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
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## ON THIS DAY

ARGUS (MELBOURNE, VIC.), WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 1931

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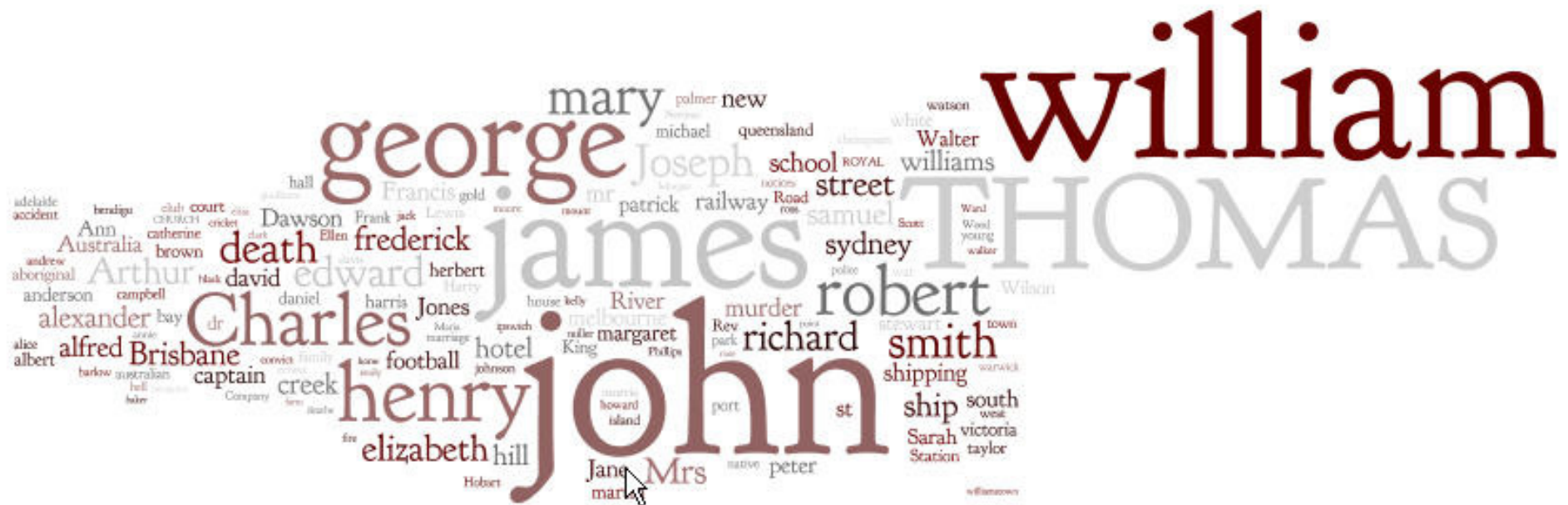
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# Search words Dec 2008






# Search phrases Dec 2008





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 **New site for old Australian newspapers**

31-07-08, 16:16

## Mary from Italy

Member



Join Date: Sep 2006  
Location: Northern Italy  
Posts: 4,250

### **New site for old Australian newspapers**

This Australian newspaper site, which has just been posted on GR, looks very promising indeed:

[NLA Australian Newspapers beta](#)

The OCR program doesn't produce very good transcriptions, but the original images can be viewed.

## wulliam

Member



Join Date: Sep 2006  
Location: Gateshead, NE  
England  
Posts: 131

This looks excellent - thanks for the link...now I need to wait for them to scan more papers in!

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Kind regards,  
William

Now concentrating my research on my Norfolk root  
*Wells, Larner, Rix, Hawes, Meachen/Machin, Beales, Bush, Bullard/Bulw*  
*Mostly from the Dereham/Yaxham/Hingham/Beeston-next-Mi*

See my 'User' page on the wiki to learn a little more about the various lin  
<http://www.genealogistsxgr.co.uk/wik...p/User:Wull>



**samesizedfeet**

Moderator



**Uncle John**

Member



Join Date: Sep 2006  
Location: Bedfordshire  
Posts: 1,567

oooooooooh - it lets you update the text if the text recognition software has got it wrong

**Zoe** in London

**Cio che Dio vuole, io voglio ~ What God wills, I will**

I found a 1917 article about the ships built for the Melbourne gold rush. The OCR was not very good though. I OK.

Uncle John

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**Harrys mum**

Member



Join Date: Sep 2006  
Location: Brisbane, Australia  
Posts: 1,949

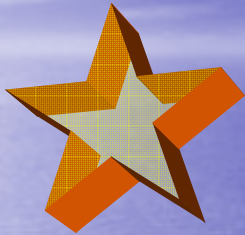
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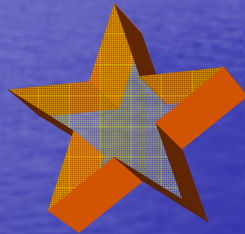
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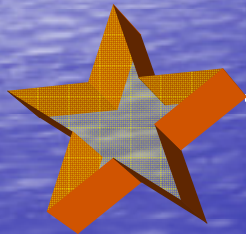
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Comments (annotations)



Text correction

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However, if you do login:

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- you can view just your tags and notes
- you can choose to make some tags and notes "private", that is, visible only to yourself
- you don't need to respond to a [captcha challenge](#) when adding tags or notes.
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Mr. and Mrs. T. Cain, accompanied by their two sons were passengers for south by the "Empire". Mr. Cain has been in the service of the Railway Department here for fourteen years, as District Maintenance Foreman. Prior to his departure the men of the maintenance service met in the Superintendent's office to make a presenta-

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**SHIP FOUNDERED.**  
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**APPOINTMENT.**  
April 16.  
MR. THOMAS GERT is appointed Police

  
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AT an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the Pimpama Sugar Company's estate, held on Friday last at the company's offices, the Hon. M. C. O'Connell in the chair, ...

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REPEATED Complaints having been made of the great losses sustained by the Settlers at Hawkesbury, from the vexatious conduct of the Boatmen by whom they send their Grain to Sydney, the following Regulations are to be observed.

Every person sending grain from the Hawkesbury to Sydney in an open boat, or a boat that is not trust-worthy, the Magistrates are directed to take no notice thereof.

If, on proof it appears that the Master of a Boat receives more grain than the vessel ought to take with safety, the Master shall make good any quantity he may throw overboard, or otherwise damage, lose the freight of that part, and, on conviction before two Magistrates, forfeit 5l. to the Orphan Fund.

If it shall appear to the Magistrates that grain coming round to Sydney has been

read to the Guard Hulk.

By Command of His Excellency W. N. CHAPMAN  
Government House, Feb. 21, 1803.

THE Receiving Granaries at Parramatta and Hawkesbury, being filled with Wheat which is spoiling, no more can be taken at those places until further Orders, in payment for Government Debts, and Whalers Investments lodged in the Stores.

Wheat will continue to be received in the Stores at Sydney, until further Orders.

Wheat will be issued to the Civil, Military, &c. until further Orders; except detachments and labouring people at Campbell Hill, Seven-Hills, and other Out Posts, who will receive Flour, as they have not the convenience of Mills.

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BATTEN (nee Howlett).—On the 7th March, at private hospital, Maffra, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Batten - a son (Keith Charles).

BIGGS.—On the 6th April, at "Wagga" Badgimble, the wife of Oswald G. Biggs - a daughter.

BIGGS.—On the 28th January, 1915, at Lismore, New South Wales, to Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Bignell - a son.

BLOOMFIELD-BROWN.—On the 8th April, at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, the wife of Harold Bloomfield Brown - a daughter.

BOYD.—On the 2nd April, at Nurse Howling's private hospital, E. Malvern, the wife of Thomas J. Boyd - a son.

BUTLER.—On the 28th March, at "Bethesda" Private Hospital, Richmond, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Busna, Victoria - a daughter.

CAMPBELL.—On the 3rd April, at 12 Denmark Hill road, Upper Hawthorn, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Campbell - twin son and daughter. 8 A. papers please copy.

CARTER.—On the 9th March, at Nurse Blair's private hospital, corner Gordon and Davis streets, Elsternwick, the wife of L. G. Carter, of Barington street, Elsternwick - a son.

CHESMAN.—On the 28th February, at Nurse Blair's private hospital, corner Gordon and Davis streets, Elsternwick, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Chesman, Glenblyth road, Elsternwick - a son.

CLARK.—On the 22nd March, at Nurse Blair's private hospital, corner Gordon and Davis streets, Elsternwick, the wife of R. Clark, Garden street, Elsternwick - a daughter.

CLERHAN.—On the 1st April, at "Glenaire," McKens street, St. Kilda, the wife of R. P. Clerhan - a son (William).

COY.—On the 21st February, at Swan Hill, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Coy - a daughter.

CURRY.—On the 14th April, at Nurse Howlett's private hospital, Manningtree road, Hawthorn, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curry, Glenferrie - a daughter.

ELLEN.—On the 8th April, at 881 Canning street, South Carlton, to Lieutenant J. H. P. and Mrs. Ellen - a son (Peter). Both well.

FRANK.—On the 2nd April, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Everett, of "Moorong," 28-Clarke street, Newtown - a son (David Keith).

## MARRIAGES.

REID-GRAY.—On the 5th April, 1915, at All Saints' Church of England, East St. Kilda, by the Rev. J. W. Ashton, M.A., John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Reid, of Kyneton, to Olive Marion, eldest daughter of the late Joseph Gray, of Kyneton, and Mrs. Gray, of 31 Raglan street, East St. Kilda.

RICHARDSON-JOHNSTON.—On the 11th March, at Bronte, Malvern, Elliot Harold, third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Richardson, of Lowlands, W.A., to Frances Rebecca, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnston. At home Wednesday, April 14, afternoon and evening, Melrose, Glenferrie road, Kew.

ROUSE-RICHARDS.—On the 3rd March, 1915, at Toorak Presbyterian Church, Melbourne, by the Rev. John Mackenzie, Roy Hale, third son of Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Rouse, of North Sydney, to Eva Gladys, eldest surviving daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Richards, of Hinton, Canterbury road, Toorak. Present address, "Brund," Walker street, North Sydney.

SIM-PILOWMAN.—On the 2nd February, at Scots Church, Collins street, by the Rev. Wm. Holland, B.D., John Percy, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sim, of "Hawthornia," Volan, to Grace, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. Pilowman, of East Malvern.

SUMMERS-ROCH.—[Silver Wedding.]—On the 10th April, 1900, at St. John's Church, Newbridge, by the late Right Rev. Dr. Geo. Lord Bishop of Melbourne, assisted by the Rev. J. B. Sharp and the late Rev. N. Jones, M.A., George Eli Summers to Emma Lucy Roch. Present address, "Mangunium," Gipps street, East Melbourne.

TAIT-HOWLETT.—On the 9th March, 1915, at the residence of the bride, Hillview, Metung, by the Rev. — Carroll, Joseph, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tait, Mount Cole, Victoria, to Frances May, eldest daughter of Mrs. Howlett and the late John Howlett, Hillview, Metung.

WIDDOP-HASTIE.—On the 8th March, at the Presbyterian Church, Clifton Hill, Perry C. E., fourth son of the late Henry Widdop, J.P., Talbot, to Elizabeth Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hastie, Clifton Hill.

## DEATHS.

BOLGER.—On the 22nd March, at Banyenong, Donald, Michael, aged 92 years.

Rest in peace.

BRADLEY.—On the 9th April, at his residence, Hallway Crossing, Tinning street, Brunswick, James, eldest son of J. B. and the late James Bradley, of Clifton Hill, brother of John, William, Thomas, and Joseph, and the late Robert and Agnes, and Mrs. A. R. Griffith and Mrs. Frank Melton, aged 55 years, late Victorian



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<a href="#">LIBERTY OF THE SUBJECT.</a> Courier (Hobart, Tas.) Tuesday 1 July 1856, page 3 News	3 <a href="#">Show all</a>	<a href="#">Stephen.J.Arnold</a> 2009-01-20 20:38:53.0	Annie Vitelli, nee Day, married her singing teacher Giovanni Whittle Vitelli in Melbourne, 1855-07-04. After the death of Giovanni Vitelli 1859-04-20, Annie married Charles Thatcher (the colonial minstrel) 1861-02-08. They, with their two daughters returned to England in 1870.

Some users add further information about the content and people mentioned in article



# Comments 2.

Article	Latest Version	Latest Author Created	Content
<a href="#">ANATOMY OF AUSTRALIAN FAUNA.</a> Argus (Melbourne, Vic.) Wednesday 6 December 1922, page 17 News ILLUSTRATED	1	<a href="#">bluefily</a> 2009-03-17 13:45:24.0	Bottom of page torn - not able to read all text.
<a href="#">HORSEMAN INJURED.</a> Argus (Melbourne, Vic.) Friday 5 May 1922, page 12 News	1	<a href="#">bluefily</a> 2009-03-17 11:41:58.0	No room to transcribe this one.
<a href="#">ECO[?] CONFEE[?] AUST[?]</a> The Canberra Times Wednesday 16 September 1953, page 2 News	1	<a href="#">bluefily</a> 2009-03-16 14:52:35.0	Half this article is missing, vertically. Not able to transcribe so it makes any sense.
<a href="#">Fun and Fancy</a> The Little Pig's Story. Argus (Melbourne, Vic.) Saturday 20 February 1932, page 10 News ILLUSTRATED	1	<a href="#">bluefily</a> 2009-03-12 15:43:11.0	Transcript does not seem to be in order.

Some users add notes on the physical state of the image or difficulties they are having with text correction.

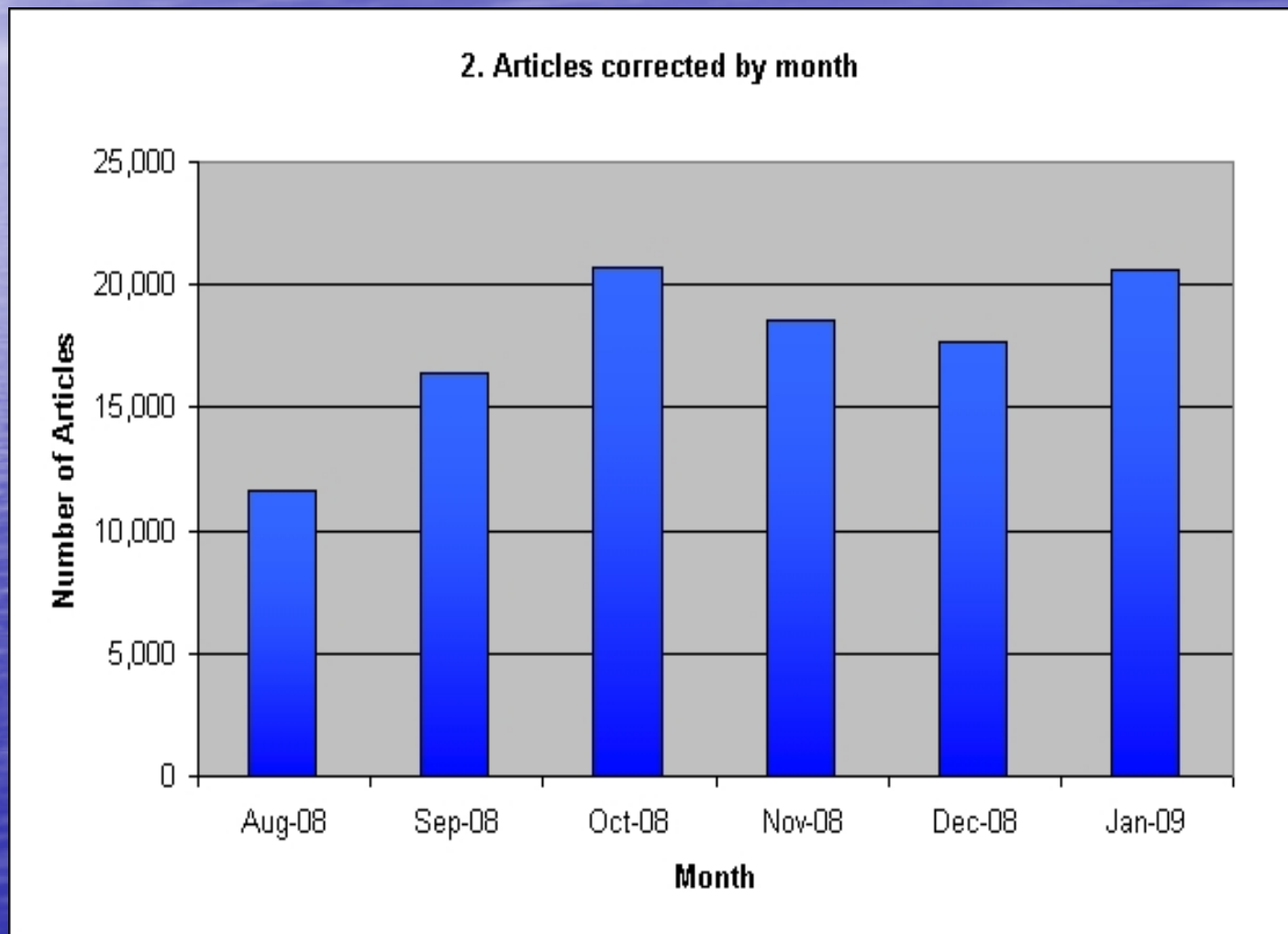
# Sample of user activity Nov 08

Time	User	Activity
12:23	user 1	Corrects text in the article but doesn't know how to insert the pound symbol
12:24	user 1	Creates a comment on the same article saying that he doesn't know how to enter the pound symbol.
19:13	user 2	Enters the pound symbol in the article.
23:09	user 3	Spots an error in the correction by user 1, and fixes it.

- Users seem to observe accidental mis-corrections of others within a short space of time and correct them.
- No vandalism of text has been observed to date
- Correctors help each other



# Text correction activity



# Top text correctors

- Over 6 month period Aug 08 – Jan 09
- Total of 2 million lines and 100,000 articles

Ranked out of 1285	ID	Lines corrected	Articles corrected
1	Jhempenstall	101,481	2594
2	Cmdevine	90,823	1585
3	Fwalker13	80,437	642
4	Mrbh	79,248	1439
5	Maurielyn	72,129	1192



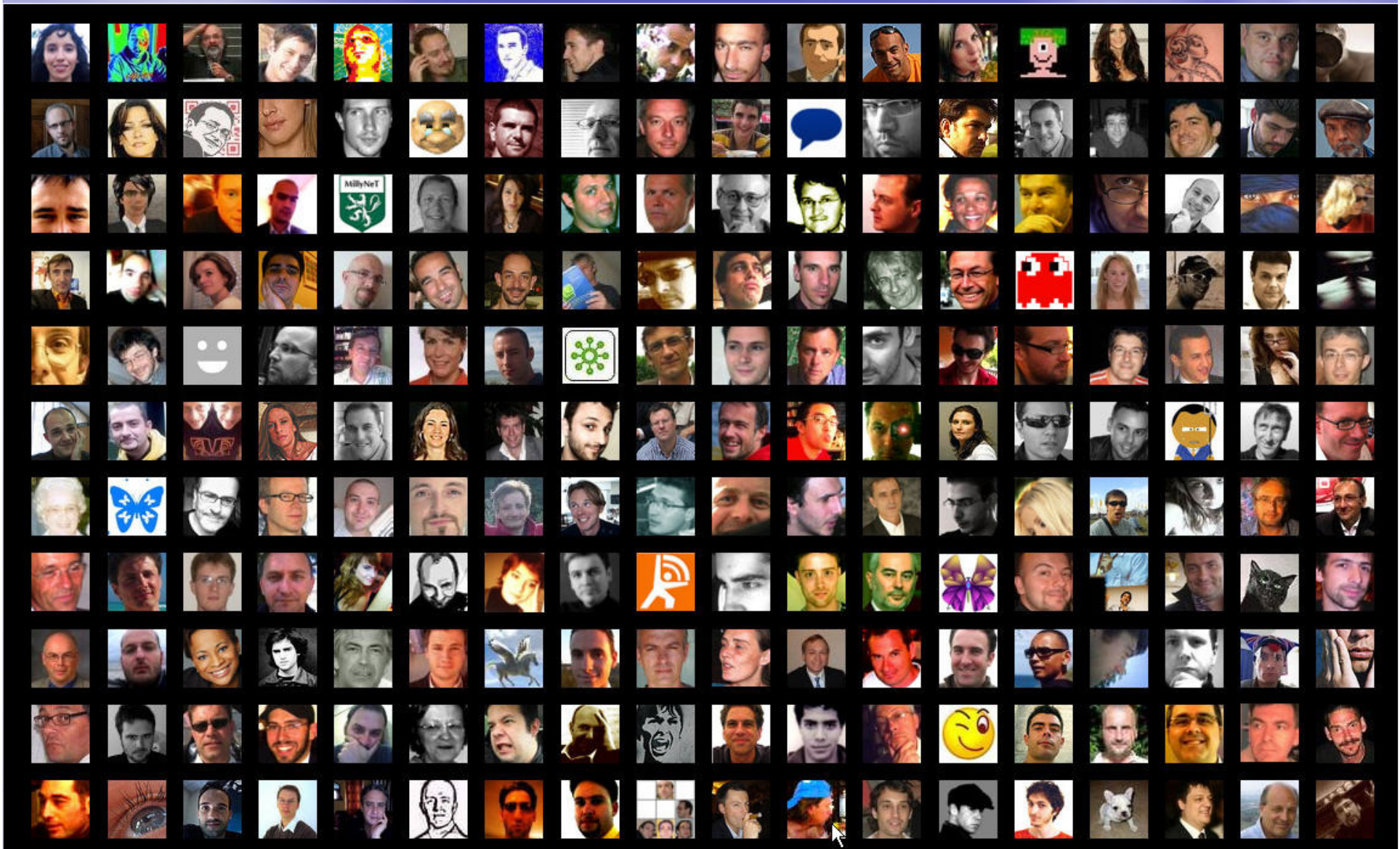
# Big picture rankings

## AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS DIGITISATION PROGRAM TEXT-CORRECTORS HALL OF FAME

Automatically extracting text from scans of old newspapers is extremely challenging. Although this project is using the best available Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software, the condition of the images it has to process combined with the frequently small fonts used means that many errors of interpretation are made.

2009	January	<a href="#">jhempenstall</a>	30559 lines	<a href="#">mrbh</a>	8001 lines
		<a href="#">cmdevine</a>	18468 lines	<a href="#">jdickson2</a>	7491 lines
		<a href="#">dvickers</a>	16720 lines	<a href="#">rhockey</a>	7154 lines
		<a href="#">leesal</a>	13806 lines	<a href="#">chaddock</a>	6970 lines
		<a href="#">fwalker13</a>	13354 lines	<a href="#">AuFCL</a>	6434 lines
		<a href="#">poshtotty</a>	12754 lines	<a href="#">bluefilly</a>	6185 lines
		<a href="#">Stephen.J.Arnold</a>	12181 lines	<a href="#">Gay-Reed</a>	5969 lines
		<a href="#">John.F.Hall</a>	11563 lines	<a href="#">Loco</a>	5962 lines
		<a href="#">JamesGibney</a>	10035 lines	<a href="#">elizabeth.burling</a>	5907 lines
		<a href="#">Rebecca</a>	9261 lines	<a href="#">RonnieLand</a>	5443 lines
		<a href="#">pwillett</a>	8777 lines	<a href="#">maurielyn</a>	5156 lines

# *"Who are the text correctors?"*





# Why correct text?

- 1. Australian history** - Helping to provide accurate record (sometimes linked to local history research)
- 2. Family Names** - Doing family history and help others with names as they go by correcting
- 3. Useful cause** and want to help Australian community/Library/themselves

# Motivating factors

- **Pleasure**
- **Short and long term goals**
- **Concentrating on outcomes**
- **Trust and Respect given**
- **The challenge**

<http://www.pickthebrain.com/blog/21-proven-motivation-tactics/>





# Maintaining motivation

- **Detailed instructions** - If you want a specific result, give us specific instructions. We will work better when we know exactly what's expected.
- **Team Spirit** - Create an online environment of camaraderie. We'll work more effectively when we feel like part of team or virtual community. We don't want to let others down.
- **Recognize achievement** - Make a point to recognize achievements one-on-one and also in group settings. We like to think we are being noticed and are making a difference. Show us how we fit into the big picture.
- **Raising the bar** — The more we do the more you should expect us to do. We'll do a lot more if you give us a lot more content. That would be our highest motivational factor.

# Profiles of top correctors

**Julie** (Age 38 stay at home mum)

**Why she does it:**

*"I enjoy the correction - it's a great way to learn more about past history and things of interest whilst doing a 'service to the community' by correcting text for the benefit of others".*

**Why keep doing it:**

*"The knowledge that you are doing something that will benefit future people that wish to access articles on their family history"*

**Will you carry on indefinitely?**

*"Yes"*

**Is it addictive?**

*"Yes. A must do mission"*

**What would keep you motivated?**

*"More papers added"*

**Interests:**

Family history, local history, murder



### **Catherine (Age 42 Director of e-commerce company, USA)**

#### **Why she does it:**

*"I enjoy typing, want to do something useful and find the content fascinating"*

#### **Why keep doing it:**

*"To benefit others. The content and historical perspective is fascinating"*

#### **Will you carry on indefinitely?**

*"Yes"*

#### **Is it addictive?**

*"No, but I enjoy it"*

#### **What would keep you motivated?**

*"Being given ideas on topics to explore and correct"*

**Interests:** Doing something to help other people (not researching own family history)

### **Lyn and Maurie (Retired couple)**

#### **Why they do it:**

*"We are sick of doing housework"*

#### **Why keep doing it:**

*"Because it's addictive. It helps us and other people"*

#### **Will you carry on indefinitely?**

*"Yes"*

#### **Is it addictive?**

*"Yes, hard not to correct errors when you see them"*

#### **What would keep you motivated?**

*"Working on specific projects/topics that need help"*

**Interests:** Family history, local history, shipping.

### **Mick (recently retired young)**

**Why he does it:**

*"I have recently retired from IT and thought that I could be of some assistance to the project. It benefits me and other people. It helps with family research"*

**Why keep doing it:**

*"I am interested in family history and early Australian history and newspapers are an excellent source of information"*

**Will you carry on indefinitely?** "Not sure"

**Is it addictive?** "No"

**What would keep you motivated?**

*"More papers added"*

**Interests:** Family history, early Australian history, local history.

### **Fay**

**Why she does it:**

*"I need something to do in my spare time. It benefits me and others"*

**Why keep doing it:**

*"I enjoy the challenge and I enjoy doing it"*

**Will you carry on indefinitely?** "Yes"

**Is it addictive?** "Yes, a challenge and I enjoy it"

**What would keep you motivated?** "Not sure?"

**Interests:** Family history research, helping others.



# Understanding genealogists

## 104 Genealogy Things- Done, To Do, Not Going There

I thought I'd like to participate in the genealogy meme that Becky and friends put together. Challenging, and fun!

The list is annotated in the following manner:

Things I have already done or found: bold face type

Things I would like to do or find: italicize

Things I haven't done or found and don't care to: plain type

Calendar

January 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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<http://blog.epcrowe.com/2009/01/07/104-genealogy-things-done-to-do-not-going-there>

### Things they do:

- Learn new technology quickly to access relevant resources
- Perform random acts of genealogical kindness (e.g. marking up names for others)
- Regularly do indexing for Family Search Indexing or other genealogy projects to help others.
- Do lots of social networking
- Look for convict ancestors and long lost cousins in Australia

# Opinions of users

'OCR text correction is great! I think I just found my new hobby!'

'It's looking like it will be very cool and the text fixing and tagging is quite addictive.'

'An interesting way of using interested readers "labour"! I really like it.'

'A wonderful tool - the amount of user control is very surprising but refreshing.'

'I applaud the capability for readers to correct the text.'

[http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp/project\\_details/documents/ANDP\\_TextCorrectionComments.pdf](http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp/project_details/documents/ANDP_TextCorrectionComments.pdf)

[http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp/project\\_details/documents/ANDP\\_PositiveFeedbackBetaDec2008.pdf](http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp/project_details/documents/ANDP_PositiveFeedbackBetaDec2008.pdf)



# Requests from users

- Improve text correction feature
- Advanced searching of layers of enhancements
- Communication mechanism
- User profiles
- More stats and where they are in big picture
- Alerting to new content
- Guidelines for enhancement activities

# Lessons learnt

- Engaging with users just as important as improving data quality (in opinion of users)
- Giving users high level of trust results in commitment and loyalty
- 'Correction' implies deletion vs 'Enhancement' implies adding layers safely
- Big social impact



# The 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.....

# Future potential of text enhancement

- Could have hundreds of thousands of volunteers if publicised
- Could apply to other full text collections
- Could develop a global system





# Australian Newspapers

## DIGITISATION PROGRAM

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### Latest news

#### Improvement of Digital Content by Users

On 25 July 2008 the [Australian Newspapers Beta](#) service was launched to the public. A strong community of users has developed. Users have corrected over 2 million lines of electronic text in over 100,000 articles. Over 46,000 tags have been added to articles and many comments about information in articles added. This is fantastic community activity which is improving the content for everyone.

#### 1.8 million pages scanned

1.8 million pages have been scanned from microfilm. A list of the titles and date ranges scanned is available from the [Selected Newspapers page](#).

Articles full text searchable

### About the program

The National Library of Australia, in collaboration the Australian State and Territory libraries, has commenced a program to digitise out of copyright newspapers.

We are creating a free online service that will enable full-text searching of newspaper articles. This will include newspapers published in each state and territory from the 1800s to the mid-1950s, when copyright applies. The first Australian newspaper, published in Sydney in 1803, is included in the Program.

[Frequently asked questions.](#)

### Frequently asked questions

[How much storage is needed?](#)

[Which newspaper titles are included?](#)

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### Related links

[The Australian Newspaper Plan - ANPlan](#)

[Digital Collections](#) at the National Library of Australia



Website: <http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp>