

Contributing to the *Australian Newspapers* Service

The *Australian Newspapers* service, developed by the National Library of Australia, provides free online access to digitised Australian newspapers.

All libraries, historical societies and other organisations are invited to contribute newspaper content.

Why contribute?

- With 40 million articles from over 100 newspaper titles representing every Australian state and territory scheduled to be in the service by June 2011, *Australian Newspapers* will provide online access to an unprecedented quantity and range of Australia's newspaper heritage.
- Access to content is through [Trove](http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper) (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>), the national resource discovery service. By searching in Trove, users can also easily find related information in a range of other formats such as books, pictures, maps and sound recordings.
- All of the digitised newspapers are fully text-searchable and ways to refine results are supported. Content can be searched and is delivered in the context of other Australian newspaper titles.
- The digitised newspapers are made accessible in a way that enables users to enrich and enhance the data through subject tagging, text correction and annotations.
- The newspapers are digitised in a standard format which supports long-term preservation and ongoing access.

The scope, quality, quantity and searchability of newspaper content and the innovative delivery and infrastructure supporting permanent access makes Australian Newspapers a much valued resource of national importance.

Australian Newspapers is part of a national cooperative framework for collecting, preserving and providing access to all Australian newspapers through the [Australian Newspaper Plan](http://www.nla.gov.au/anplan/) (ANPlan) (<http://www.nla.gov.au/anplan/>).

Our preferred model

The National Library recommends that you contribute content by providing funding to the National Library to manage the digitisation, Optical Character Recognition (OCR) processing and presentation of content in a national framework.

- This allows you to benefit from volume discounts and established processes and relationships which we have with scanning and OCR contractors.

- You can also make use of the established information technology infrastructure and specialist knowledge of the technical requirements to support digitisation activities which we have developed at the National Library.

The National Library will acknowledge the funding source of contributed content on the *Australian Newspapers* service.

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