

Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program



ANDP - Timeline

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Jan 2003-2005	Project Scoping by the National Library of Australia.
Jun 2005	Guidelines for selection of newspaper titles provided to State and Territory Libraries by the National Library of Australia, initial newspaper selection took place.
Aug 2005	Project Plan and funding application submitted to the Australian Research Council (ARC) for a National Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program. Supported by Universities, State and Territory Libraries and the National Library for 2006-2008 (\$3 million)
Oct 2005	RFT for OCR Contractor.
Dec 2005	ARC Funding application unsuccessful.
Nov 2006	Minister approved the National Library of Australia to lead a National Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program 2007-2010.
March 2007	Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program officially commenced.
Nov 2007	The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation became the first sponsor providing \$1 million for the Sydney Morning Herald.
Dec 2007	Prototype search service released to State and Territory Libraries.
July 2008	Beta search service released to the public.