

YOU GET OUT WHAT YOU PUT IN

Get involved with the Australian Newspaper Digitisation Program

Have you ever thought about contributing to the Australian Newspaper Digitisation Program (ANDP), but don't know how? David Ong has the answers.



Over the past four years, the ANDP has made available more than five Million historic Australian newspaper pages through Trove (trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper). The titles selected include a range of metropolitan and regional newspapers from across Australia and all content is indexed and is fully searchable. To date, the bulk of content has been selected in consultation with Australian state and territory libraries, though there is a growing corpus of content that has been identified and contributed to the program by other institutions, including public libraries, historical societies and other groups. This is where you come in.

If you have a title you'd like included in the ANDP and can identify funding, you're well placed to have your newspapers included in the broad data corpus that's available via the Trove *Digitised Newspapers and more...* zone. To fit into the streamlined workflows used by ANDP, newspaper titles need to be available on microfilm (we digitise from film to keep the costs low), have issues published before December 31, 1954 (copyright cut-off date), and be Australian. If you're in a position to negotiate for copyright access post - 1955 with the publisher, we'd also be happy to discuss inclusion of this content.

The basic process is that once we agree on a title and confirm costs, the ANDP team will arrange for the loan of the master microfilm from the holding institution and have it scanned by a third party contractor. The images are then quality assured (QA) by our ANDP team before being sent off to an optical character recognition (OCR) contractor for article categorisation and zoning as well as the manual and automated OCR that makes the newspaper content searchable. This content is again QA-ed before being made available in Trove.

Current costs for digitisation are approximately \$2 per page to manage the end-to-end processes – loan and courier of the microfilm, scanning and OCR, QA and the final delivery of pages to the public. We strongly encourage you to contact your state or territory library to discuss your proposal, or you can contact the ANDP team for more information by email at andp@nla.gov.au

So why not discover the incredible resources available at the Trove- *newspapers and more* site (trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper) and take the opportunity to contribute more valuable titles to this unique resource.

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Want to know more? Check here:

Guidelines for libraries contributing content to the Australian Newspapers service: www.nla.gov.au/anplan/documents/ANScontributorguidelines2010final_000.pdf

Benefits to contribution of content: www.nla.gov.au/anplan/documents/Benefits_of_ANDP_Model_for_ContributorsNov2010.pdf

State and territory library ANDP contributor representatives:
www.nla.gov.au/ndp/get_involved/

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