

## Trove - <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

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### What is Trove?

Trove was created and is maintained by the National Library of Australia. Their website tells you what Trove is all about -

*Trove helps you find resources about Australia and by Australians. We do this by collecting information from many organisations around the world. This information about resources, also known as metadata, is processed for easy searching through the Trove website. Trove mostly collects information about resources, rather than the resources themselves. This descriptive information is what we call metadata. This metadata looks a lot like the entries in a library catalogue or museum collection database. But what's different about Trove is that it brings metadata together from lots of different catalogues and databases. Yes, we're an aggregator – we pull stuff together to make it easier for you to find.*

*If you want to use a particular resource, you'll probably need to follow the link from Trove to the website of the organisation that provides the metadata. Some resources will be online as text or images, but not all. If it's in a library, Trove will help you track down a copy. Wherever possible we'll point you to more information, but we can't guarantee that you'll be able to get your hands on it – unfortunately not everything's online!*

*Trove is mostly an aggregation of metadata. But just to complicate matters, we also host a growing collection of complete digital resources – not just the metadata, but the actual stuff itself. You're probably already familiar with the Trove newspaper zone. It contains millions of newspaper articles -- both images of the articles and the text extracted from them. This content is hosted by Trove itself. In coming years, Trove will deliver more and more digital content – not just newspapers, but also books, journals, manuscripts and more.*

### What can you find in Trove?

The resources are grouped into eleven content zones

1. Digitised newspapers - 1803 onwards
2. Journals, articles and data sets
3. Books
4. Pictures, photos, objects
5. Music, sound, video
6. Maps - includes State Library of Victoria maps but not Parish and Township plans held at PROV in Series 16171.
7. Diaries, letters, archives
8. Archived websites - 1996 onwards
9. People and organisations
10. Lists
11. Government Gazettes - currently just the New South Wales Government Gazette 1832-1900, Government Gazette of the State of NSW 1901-2000 and the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette 1901 - 1957. The Victorian Government Gazette 1836-1997 can be found here <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au/>

## Searching – multiple ways

1. Just type in the key words - get your results and then filter by zone and then re-filter by available facets/options.
2. Select your Content Zone and they type in key words and filter results if required.
3. Use Advanced Search option.

Trove uses Boolean Operators - 'AND', 'OR' and 'NOT' (the minus sign has the same function as 'NOT' ) Use brackets to enclose search clauses.

Example 1 - "South Australia" AND (elections OR politics) NOT (Adelaide OR Kingston)

Example 2 - "moreton bay" –Brisbane

- As with Google you use quotation marks when searching for a phrase.
- You can use an \* as a wildcard (you must have three letters before the wildcard)
- You can specify how close together the keywords should appear by using the tilde~ symbol and a number. For example: "pioneer australia"~2 will match items with 'pioneer' and 'australia' within two words of each other. These types of searches are particularly useful for finding things like names.



## How you can interact with Trove

- Create lists - Trove users can compile lists of items, such as newspaper articles, on particular themes. The lists are searchable by Google.
- Text correction
- Tagging
- Add photos via Flickr
- Add comments or use the Trove forum.

Most of the Interactions are connected with the Digitised Newspapers. Once you have selected an article, the set of icons on the left are displayed.

Top to bottom – the icons are

- Details of article
- Text Correction (the Capital A)
- Tags, Lists and Comments (the picture of Earth)
- Tags (luggage tag)
- Lists
- Comments (speech bubble)
- Categories
- Download - as JPEG, PDF or Text. It can then be saved.
- Buy (shopping trolley)
- Share - to Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr and Reddit
- Print
- Display settings
- Toggle layout (if you want to view the page with the text at the bottom not on the left)