

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights:  
coverage in Trove's digitised collections


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When I first proposed this presentation I was sure there would be a multiplicity of digitised content in Trove to share with you. An event of such importance must have left its mark in the documents of the day. As I'm sure you're far more aware than I am, interrogating primary sources is a good deal more complex. Today I will still share what I've found with you, but more importantly I'll give you a taste of what's in Trove to encourage you to interrogate these documents yourselves. I'll also share some tips for finding the digitised content in Trove

First up, is there anyone in the room who has never heard of Trove?

- just used newspapers?
- used a range of digitised content?



## What is Trove?

First, I'm going to tell you a little bit about what Trove is. Like the TARDIS, it's bigger on the inside and most people just know their small part of it, either the digitised newspapers, the place you find pictures or a service to locate library holdings.



- Trove is an aggregator of metadata from Australian collecting and research institutions, including the research repositories of all Australian universities, the majority of libraries and a growing number of museums and galleries, from small organisations like the Bega Pioneers Museum to the National Museum of Australia.
- Trove hosts digitised content: from published works such as newspapers, government gazettes and journals, through to pictures
- It's a platform for users to research and build their own tools. You may have heard of Dr Katherine Bode's work on serialised fiction. She did this research using Trove's application programming interface.
- It's also a growing community of passionate users, including list makers and text correctors.




Today I'll focus on the digitised material that lives in Trove and is thus only a couple of clicks away from your search. I will also digress into some of the other content in Trove that might provide interesting avenues for your research.

Now for the good stuff. What's in Trove? Well there are newspapers. Many, many newspapers.

## Digitised newspapers and gazettes



- 1,450 titles
- Over 220 million articles online
- 1803-2011 – most pre-1955
- Read, download and print
- Text-searchable

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We currently have over 220 million newspaper articles online, from nearly 1450 different titles. Digitised newspapers are the most popular collection.

We regularly add new titles so there's always something new to discover.

Two titles we've digitised recently are Sydney's *Daily Telegraph*, and Melbourne's *The Herald* – tens of thousands of pages of both of these papers are in Trove now, with more available over the coming months.

And we're not just adding metropolitan titles – new regional titles recently online include *The Evening Echo* from Ballarat, Vic, *The Western Weekly News* from Port Lincoln, SA and *The Mount Barker and Denmark Record* from Albany, WA.

The screenshot shows the Trove search interface. At the top, the Trove logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Home', 'About', 'Help', etc., are on the right. A search bar contains the text '(Universal Declaration of Human Rights)'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Search limited to' and 'Date range'. The main content area is titled 'Digitised newspapers and more' and shows a list of search results. The results are sorted by 'Relevance'. The first result is from the 'New South Wales' newspaper, dated 24 October 1948, with the text: 'ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE & EQUAL, IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS.' The second result is from the 'Sydney Morning Herald', dated 21 March 1949, with the text: 'THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.' The third result is from the 'The Age', dated 11 December 1948, with the text: 'DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPROVED'.

How do the digitised newspapers cover the Declaration?

To find out I searched for the words universal declaration of human rights. I used parentheses to tell Trove to look for all of those words, in any order. I then limited the search to the 1940s. This search yielded 3,983 results.

Limiting still further to 1948, I reduced my results list to 294. As you can see, filtering your search in this manner would allow you to examine newspaper coverage year by year. You could also examine coverage by state and by paper using the same method.



# Chinese Wives Petition

## Collapses After Channel Swim

LONDON, Sunday, 11.11.71—  
English professor, Premier de  
Walle, killed as a result of  
having been and returned  
and about 20, probably  
including the Chinese wife  
after about 20 hours in the  
water.  
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## Dr. Evatt

SYDNEY, Sunday—Australian wives  
of Chinese who have been threatened with  
deportation have drawn up a petition to be  
submitted to the Human Rights Committee  
of the United Nations  
through its Pres



## Evatt's 'Human Rights' Hypocrisy Exposed

By declaring in Parliament that the appeal of  
Australian wives of Chinese deportees to himself as  
UNO President has "no relationship" to the UNO  
Declaration of Human Rights, Dr. Evatt has shown  
once again the hypocrisy of his pose as a progressive.

Investigations in the digitised newspapers also allow us to tell the story of the challenges associated with living up to the ideals of the Declaration of human rights. For instance, there were concerns about the hypocrisy of promoting Declaration while Australia deporting migrants and mistreating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.



A short digression from the digitised content in Trove. Given the importance of Dr Herbert Vere Evatt in the creation of the declaration I thought introducing you to the people and organisations zone would be useful.

**Contributors**

**Evatt, H. V. (Herbert Vere) (1894-1965)**

**Also known as:** Evatt, Herbert Vere (1894-1965); Evatt, H. V. (1894-1965); Evatt, Herbert Vere (1894-1965)

**Field of activity:** Politician, Judge

**Database Accounts:** <http://trove.gov.au/nli:trove:00000204>

**NLI Federation Identifier:** <http://trove.gov.au/nli:trove:021903>

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**Biographies**

- Australian Dictionary of Biography

Herbert Vere (Jack) Evatt (1894-1965), politician and judge, was born on 31 April 1894 at East Melbourne, New South Wales. He is eight sons of John Gidmore Evatt, a politician from India, and the Sydney born.

[View the full record at Australian Dictionary of Biography](#)

**Resources for H. V. Evatt**

[Resources about \(42\)](#) [Resources about \(42\)](#)

[Resources by H. V. Evatt \(142\)](#)

All items - quarterly politics - Canberra, ACT - 1947 - 1951

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The People and organisations zone is not one you see at the top of your search results. You need to scroll down the page to find it, but it's worth your time. In these records you'll find information by and about people and organisations collected into one place, submitted by a variety of organisations.

**[Click]**, in the top left you'll see which organisations have shared information with Trove.

**[CLICK]**, in the middle you'll see all the variations of their name, their dates if known, their field of activity, and links you can use to cite them.

**[CLICK]**, Below the name information you'll find any biographies submitted to Trove. These will link you back to the website of the organisation that submitted the biography.

**[CLICK]** The rest of the screen includes resources by and about

the person or organisation. If the organisation that has shared their record with Trove provides one, you'll also see a tab called 'selected resources' which will be a curated list of resources about that person.

As I hope you can see, if your research starts with the people and organisations that shape our history this could be useful information to mine.

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**Related people and organisations**

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You will also find records for the organisations related to the united nations and human rights.



I'm now going to introduce you to our digitised journals. As I alluded to at the beginning, finding information about the declaration was harder than I anticipated. I suspect this both because the corpus for this content is still comparatively small and searching this content is not as straightforward as searching newspapers.

## Digitised journals



- 254 titles Over 750,000 articles online
- 1768-2017 – most 1880-1990
- Read, download and print
- Text-searchable



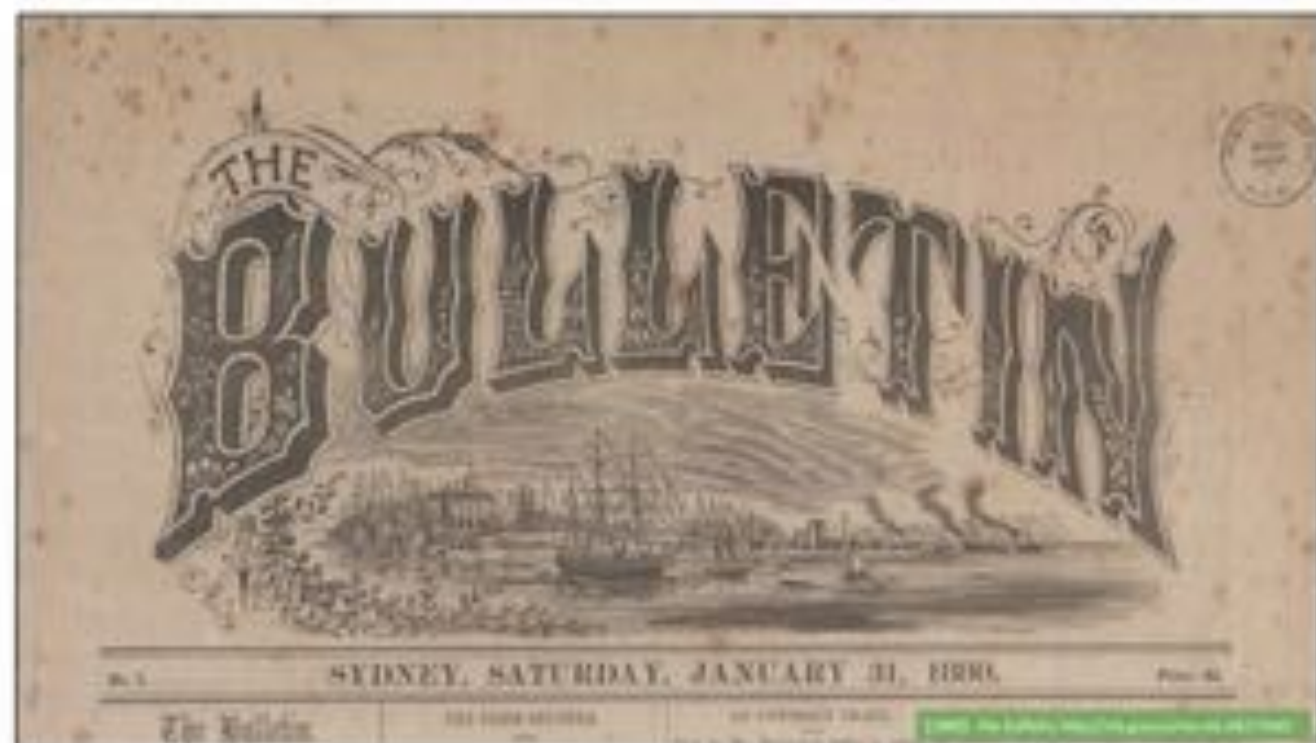
This only really started as a digitization service two years ago, and so far there are 254 different titles. These are all titles from Australia and the Pacific, so like the digitised newspapers, this is really useful for researchers interested in Australia and the region.

There is rapid digitization of journals happening right now. The *Bulletin* is almost finished. The Commonwealth of Australia's *Parliamentary Papers* are being added. Journals is where you'll find national titles, but also more niche material, particularly from industry bodies and community groups.

Like The Rural Fire Service's *Bush Fire Bulletin* – which chronicles every major fire and the brigades who helped fight them from the 1950s up to 2017.

*Or Building* : the magazine for the architect, builder, property owner and merchant. It was particularly prolific in the post-war boom as cities like Sydney underwent rapid expansion. It chronicles new residential and commercial buildings and is filled with advertisements for people building their homes.





I can't think of too many more important journals through which you can explore Australia than the Bulletin.

*The Bulletin*, first published on 31 January 1880, was a magazine like no other. It was funny, serious, irreverent, yet often ground-breaking. It was seen variously as both too right-wing and too left-wing and under its masthead, gave birth to some of this nation's best young writers.

And it covered the news of the day.

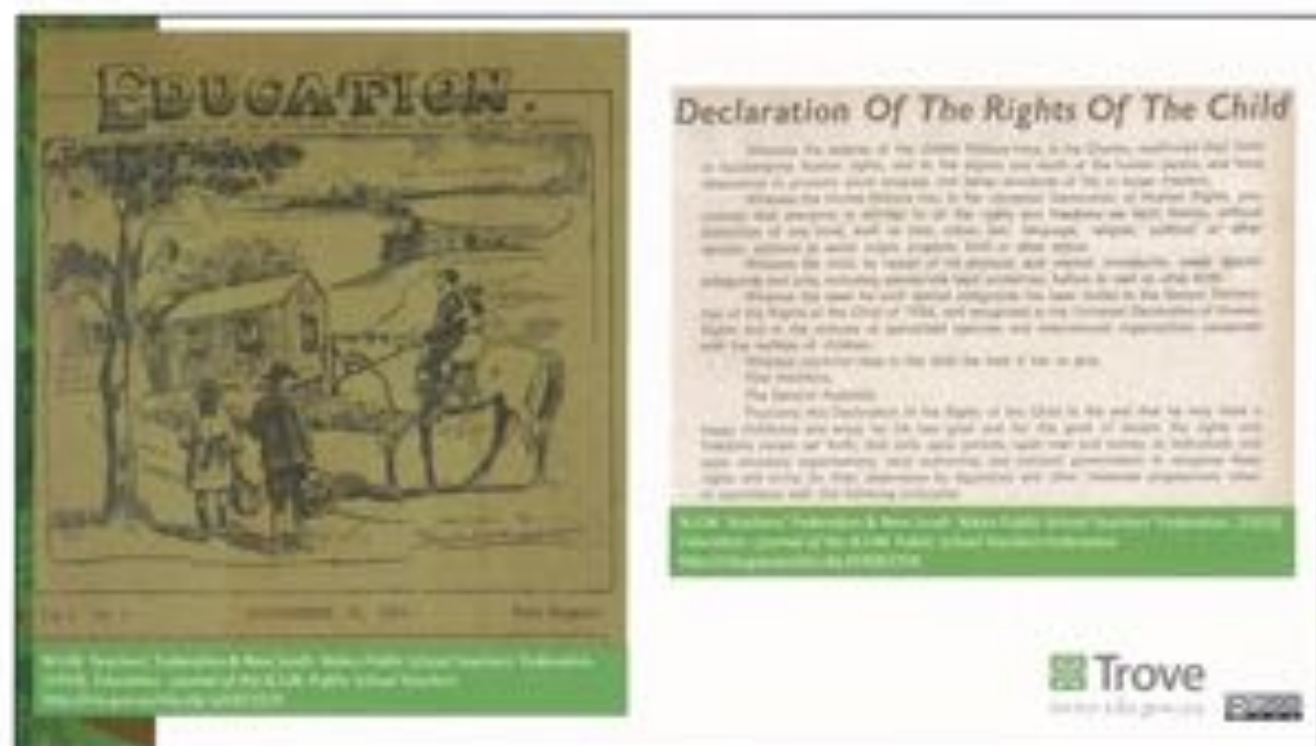


Pictured are three articles I found which discuss the declaration from The Bulletin. Eleanor Roosevelt was reported to have found that a "great deal of time was wasted over inessentials". I'm sure many of us who have served on a committee have spent more time than we care for laboring over correct wording. As the article says, 'English-speaking delegates suggested that in articles where the phrases 'all-people', 'every human being', 'every individual' or 'everyone' occurred it would be better in the interests of clarity and uniformity to use the one form "everyone'. The Cuban delegate objected in regard to one clause on the round that 'every human being' should be retained as it included unborn babies, whereas 'everyone' did not. The Russian delegate supported him, saying that "we must do no harm to expectant mothers'. It comes as no surprise to read that the proceedings ran into 10 million words.


Other articles point out the incongruity of countries supporting the declaration while being unable or unwilling to actually implement principles such as adequate standards of living and equal rights.



Another digitised journal in which I found traces of the declaration is the Newcastle and Maitland Catholic Sentinel. From 1931 until 1968 The Sentinel recorded the news of the Diocese of Maitland (as it was then known), reporting on the Catholic and secular communities, along with international news and editorial content. In their news review they note that the UNO has chosen to leave out all reference to God while drafting the declaration.



One of the larger digitisation projects we've undertaken is the digitisation of Education, the journal of the NSW public school teachers federation. First published in 1919, Trove now contains this journal digitised from its first edition through to 2017. As a union publication it was strongly interested in questions surrounding rights. The page of the journal this extract appears on has reproduced the Declaration on the rights of the child and has an article discussing what steps the organisation will take in promoting it.



How do you find it?

I've given you some examples of ways you can interrogate the newspapers earlier. I'm now going to talk a bit about finding things in the digitised journals. I'll be honest. It's harder than the newspapers thanks to some of Trove's idiosyncrasies. While we are working on improving that now, these tips will be helpful to you in the meantime.

The screenshot shows the Trove Advanced Search page. Step 1 points to the 'Advanced search' header. Step 2 points to the 'Library' section where 'Trove Digital Library' is entered and 'Find locations' is clicked. Step 3 points to the 'This library' checkbox, which is checked. Step 4 points to the green 'Search' button. The Trove logo and 'powered by the national library of Australia' are visible at the bottom right.

The first way I would suggest looking for digitised material in Trove starts in the advanced search form.

Here's how you use it:

Step 1 – add your keywords

Step 2 – scroll down until you see 'Library', type 'Trove Digital Library' and click on 'find locations'

Step 3 – tick the box 'Trove Digital Library'

Step 4 – Click the green search button

**Journals, articles and data sets**

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**Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine**  
 Author: [Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine](#)  
 (1914 - 1981)  
 This journal is the successor to the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* and the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*. It is a peer-reviewed journal of medicine and surgery. It is published by the Royal Society of Medicine.  
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**Trove**  
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Trove will search for digitised items about your keywords and will display them according to format type.



**List: Trove Digital Library - Digitised Journals** view

More than 200 journals have been digitised and are now searchable, viewable and downloadable within the Trove platform. These have been made possible thanks to partnerships with State Libraries, Universities, Public Libraries, Government Departments, Community Groups and individuals. The journals come from Australia, the Pacific, and Australian military units deployed overseas.

To become a digitisation partner and add titles to this list, see the Trove Digitisation Partner's section of Trove's Help.

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Trove Digital Library - Digitised J... **Search**

Available online  Full-text content  In my library

If you don't have time to search and you just want to see what digitised journals there are...how do you find them? Well, we've created a Trove list. This is updated weekly and includes all the digitised journals in Trove. The url you can see on the screen is persistent – if you link to this it will not change.

If you get back to your computer after this conference and haven't recorded the url, just search Trove's Lists zone for "Trove Digital Library - Digitised Journals"

Trove Digital Library - Digitised 2 **Search**

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### Lists

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Sort by Relevance **+** Sort

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**Rating** ★★★★

**Digitised newspaper search engines, archives, and news websites, on the left**  
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 A list of search engines for the digitised news items all over the world. Also includes links to media organisations, and distributors of media sites. [View](#)  
 Trove's Digitisation team is available to assist you with your Trove account. [View](#)

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The list you want will be the first result you see.

## Searching within a newspaper title



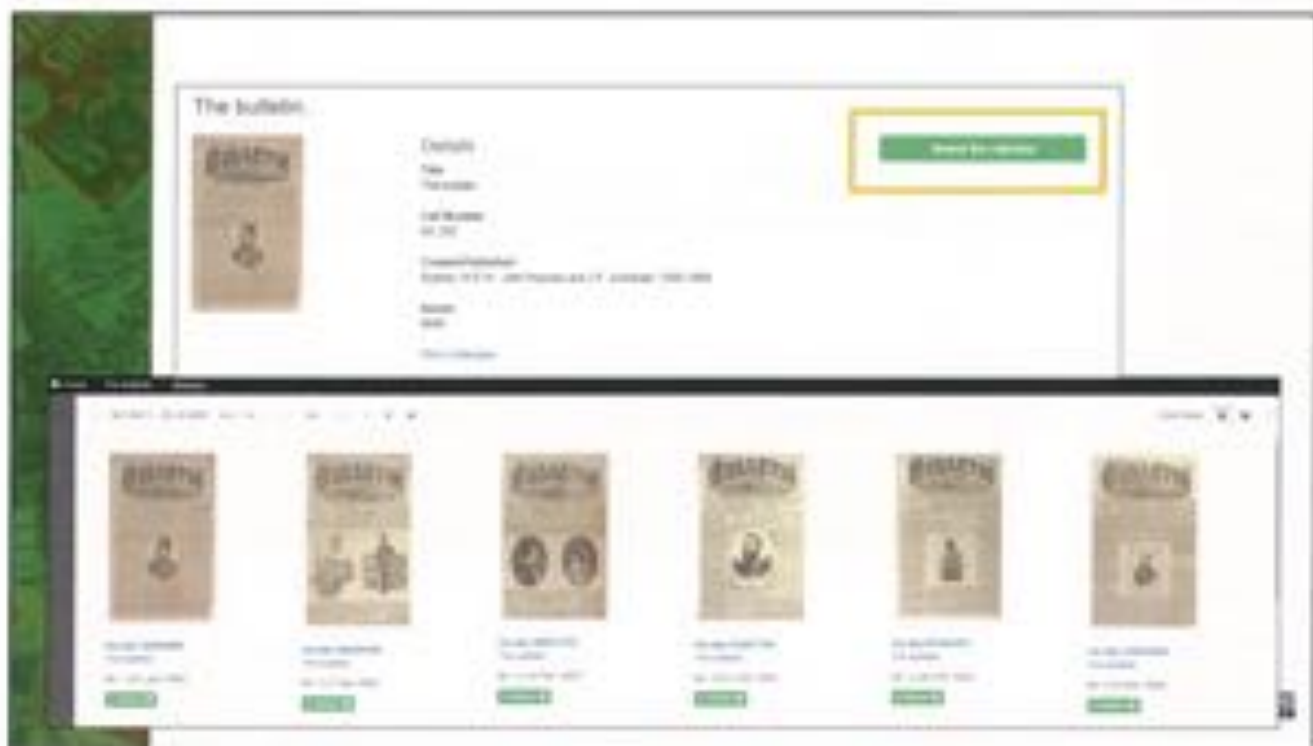
You may be aware that the digitised newspapers allows you to search within a title, by clicking on the small funnel icon next to the search bar. Unfortunately Trove does not have that functionality for digitised journals.

## Searching within a journal title

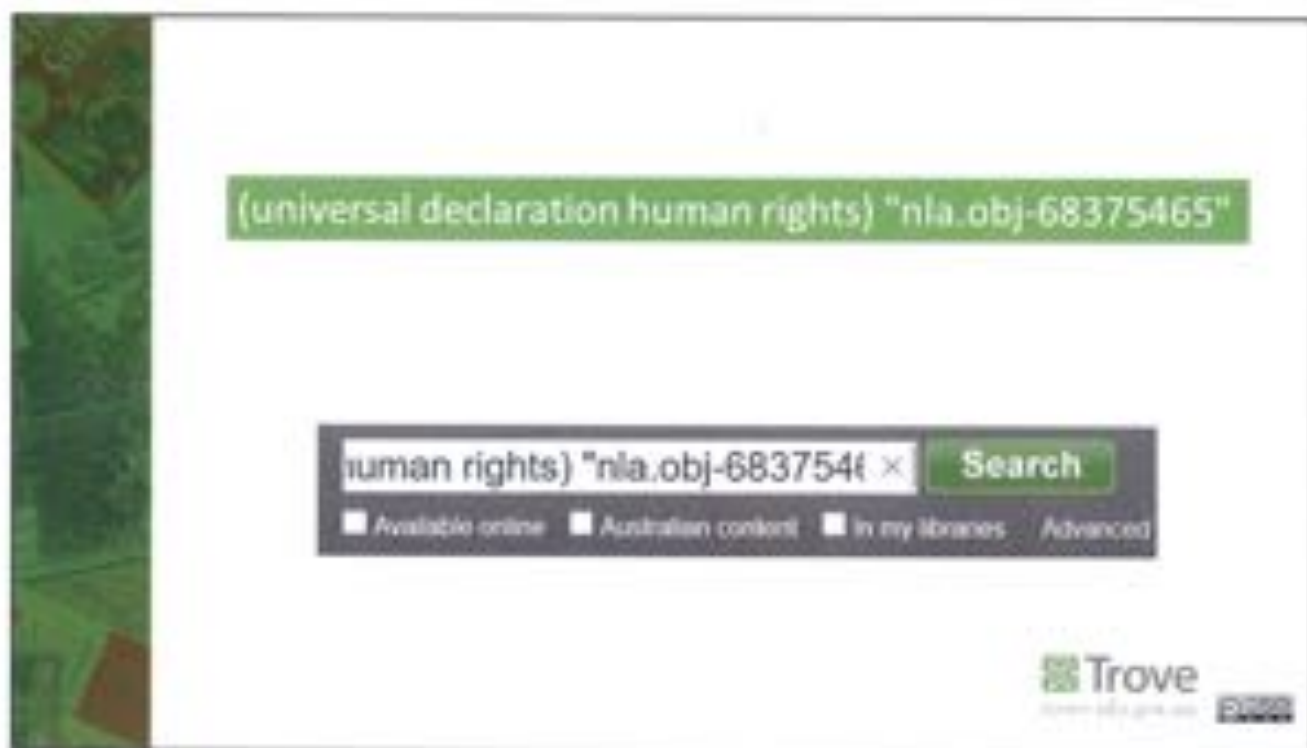
- "nla.obj-112233".



If you're looking to search within a journal title or issue you'll need the persistent identifier. This is a unique number assigned to each journal title when it is digitised. It usually takes the form "nla.obj-112233". If you want to search within all the issues within a title like the Bulletin you can find the right persistent identifier on the title page. You can navigate to the title page from the breadcrumbs at the top of the page.



To find the persistent identifier for an issue use the 'browse this collection' button. This will open up a screen with thumbnails of each issue. The persistent identifier for the issue is the 'nla.obj' number under the thumbnail



So, when I was searching for information about the declaration in the Bulletin I added the persistent identifier for the whole title and my keywords.

Please note that putting the OBJ number in quotes is essential, as it separates it from the other search terms.

**Digitised newspapers and more**

Showing 1 - 10 of 108,349 Publications

1. **DECLARATION OF AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENCE**  
 Sydney Times, No. 1000 - 1001, Thursday 26 July 1901, 2nd page (Newspaper)

2. **DECLARATION OF AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENCE** (The Sydney Morning Herald, 26 July 1901)  
 The Sydney Morning Herald, 26 July 1901, 2nd page (Newspaper)

3. **DECLARATION OF AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENCE**  
 News of Perth, No. 1000 - 1001, Thursday 26 July 1901, 2nd page (Newspaper)

4. **DECLARATION OF AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENCE** (The Sydney Morning Herald, 26 July 1901)  
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To conclude, I'm taking us back to the digitised newspapers, which certainly provides the richest vein of content if you're interested in investigating the Australian response to and thought about the declaration. The search you're seeing is a simple phrase search of the title of the declaration with no filters. There are 108,349 articles that include all of these words. I leave with the challenge to read them!

## Questions?

For more information:

- Trove's digitised journals - <https://trove.nla.gov.au/list?ip=114531>
- Searching newspapers - <http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/using-trove/digitised-newspapers/searching-in-newspapers>
- Newspapers coming soon - <http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/for-digitisation-partners/newspapers-coming-soon>
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