

QUT Library Collection Development Manual

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1. Purpose and Scope

Newspapers are a source of information on current affairs and contemporary issues at state, national and international levels. In addition to this general information role, newspapers are held to support teaching and research.

The Library subscribes to selected national and international newspapers. Certain foreign newspaper subscriptions are maintained for the benefit of the larger overseas student cohorts. This allows our overseas students to keep up with the news from home.

2. Description Of Existing Collection

Newspaper content is collected in the following range of formats

- Print (for current months)
- Electronic (through content aggregation services)
- Microform archive (facsimile of printed page)

Locally published core titles (The Australian and The Courier-Mail) are available as print subscriptions on all branches as a quick source of current information and browsing.

Core titles all have a microform archive.

A wide range of newspaper and newswire content is accessible via electronic aggregation services. This format is of significant use in undertaking research across a range of titles and publication dates.

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3. Selection

The availability of electronic full-text versions of newspapers should be taken into account when considering purchase and retention of print formats (see [Selection Policy](#) and [Serials Policy](#)).

4. Retention

Microform archives are retained where the title is a fundamental source of information for university teaching and research, where continuing usage is anticipated. eg for Journalism students

Print copies are retained for a minimum period (typically 3 months, until the microform archive is received).

5. Access

Newspapers are not available for loan.

Current issues of print newspapers are stored in designated areas in each branch. Microform archives are interfiled in the Periodical collections in each branch.

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