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#### 3.6.5f Special Collecting Areas: Newspapers

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, learning 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 latest week)
   - Electronic (through full text content aggregation services)
   - Specialised full text newspaper databases
   - Microform archive
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 may have a microform archive.

A wide range of newspaper and newswire content is accessible via electronic newspaper databases and aggregation services. This format is of significant use in undertaking research across a range of titles and publication dates and is more frequently a source of current information and browsing.

3. Selection

The Library prefers to select and provide access to newspapers in electronic format as per CDM 3.2.2 Serials including Online Databases. Selection of newspapers usually occurs at the database level rather than the individual newspaper title level.

The availability of electronic full-text versions of newspapers should be taken into account when considering purchase and retention of print formats.

4. Retention

Print copies are retained for a minimum period of one week when formatted fulltext online (e.g. Library PressDisplay) is available and 3 months when no electronic access is available. Core newspaper titles may be collected in microform format for the purposes of providing archival access where the electronic access does not provide this function. It should be noted that some key newspaper databases provide only “moving wall” access to newspapers i.e. 90 days.

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.

5. Access

Newspaper databases and aggregator database services are available to all QUT students and staff, including off-campus. There is a Newspapers and news media collections page within the Library’s “Find” services.

Print newspapers are not available for loan. Current issues of print newspapers are stored in designated areas in each branch library. Microform archives are interfiled in the Periodical collections in each branch library.
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