

How To Search TROVE

Here are some tips when searching the National Library of Australia's TROVE database.

What is TROVE?

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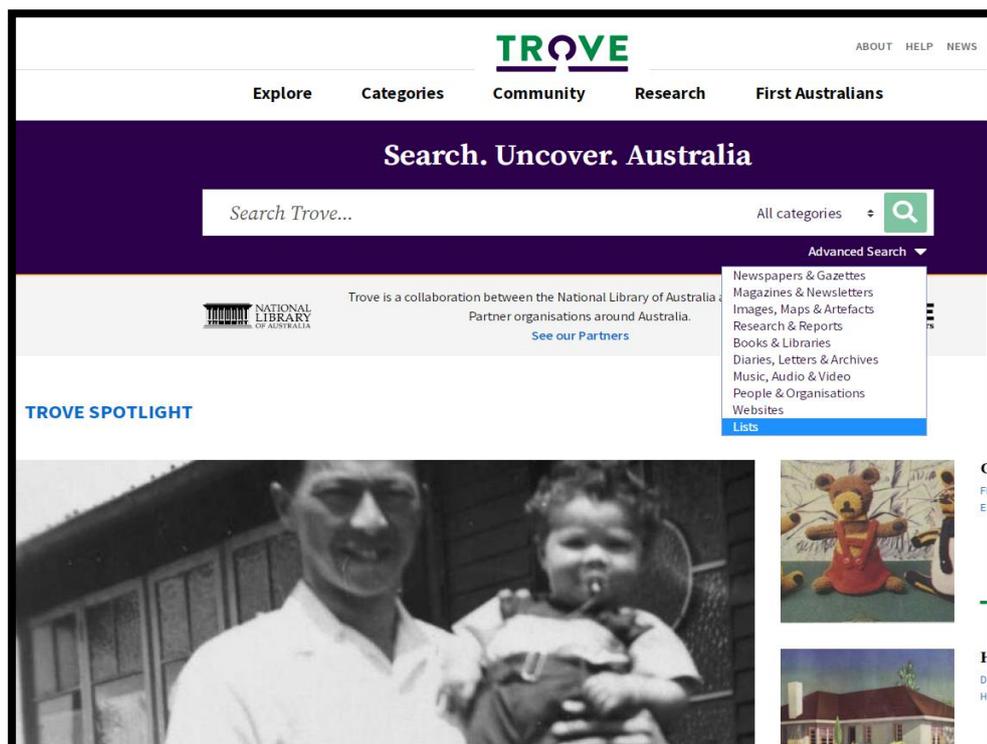
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When searching TROVE, you have access to some great collections, such as: Australian libraries, universities, museums, galleries, and archives.

Link to TROVE: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>

1. Firstly, I would encourage all students and staff members to join TROVE. It is free to join. You only need a username and password.
2. In your login account, you can access your personal profile, your lists created, tags, privacy settings, and test corrector (if you have corrected text within Trove).
3. **Basic Search:**
 - In the "Search Trove" search box you can carry out a simple search.
 - Before you hit the green search tool, you can select a category of interest. Please see "All categories" below.
 - When using the "All categories", you are also maximising your search to get what you are looking for instead of searching without a purpose.
 - You can save a lot of time by searching under the mentioned categories.



- For example, when searching for information about “Kings Park”, you can add your keywords in the search box.
- Then, you select one of the categories you are interested in, such as “Research & Reports”. Please see below.

The screenshot shows a search results page for 'Kings Park' under the 'Research & Reports' category. The page features a navigation bar with various categories like 'All', 'Newspapers & Gazettes', 'Magazines & Newsletters', 'Images, Maps & Artefacts', 'Research & Reports', 'Books & Libraries', 'Diaries, Letters & Archives', 'Music, Audio & Video', 'People & Organisations', 'Websites', and 'Lists'. The search results are displayed in a grid format, showing two entries for 'Kings Park'. The first entry is a 'Government publication, Map, Map/Single map' from 1981-1990, published by the 'Kings Park Board (W.A.)'. The second entry is a 'Map, Map/Single map, Government publication' from 1992-1993, published by 'Kings Park and Botanic Garden (West Perth, W.A.)'. On the right side, there is a 'REFINE YOUR RESULTS' section with options for 'Format' (Article, Book chapter, Conference paper, Journal or magazine article, Other article, Report) and 'Place' (Australia, Australian Capital Territory, National, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Offshore Territories).

- If you want to have Kings Park in your title, you will need to employ double quotation marks “Kings Park”. By doing this, you will limit your search results, and Kings Park will show in the title.
- If you want Open Access documents, you will need to select:
 - Access (right-hand side of screen, under “Refine Your results”).
 - Select “Free”
 - Select ‘Rights’ for CC By documents.
- Also, make use of all the other refine options, such as:
 - Format
 - Place
 - Date range
 - Illustrated type
 - Language, etc.
- Lists – are excellent to use. Other people have added similar information you are looking for into these lists, i.e. Kings Park List. See below.

The screenshot shows a list page titled 'Kings Park & Botanic Garden'. It features a 'Description' section with the text 'Kings Park Fire 1908'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Items in this list' with 20 items. The first item is 'King's Park Fire', an article from 'The Evening Mail (Fremantle, WA: 1905 - 1910)' dated 'Friday 21 February 1908 - Page 1'. The abstract for this item reads: 'At an early [?] to-day that portion of the K[?]ngs Park woodland lying beyond the reservoir and bordering the May Drive was observed to ... 75 words'. The second item is 'Disfiguring King's Park', an article from 'Truth (Perth, WA: 1903 - 1931)' dated 'Saturday 13 November 1926 - Page 5'. The abstract for this item reads: 'THE ONLY THING ABOUT KING'S Park that is ugly is the sight of those murderous machines which have been stuck about all over the ... 300 words'. The page also includes a 'Filter by type' dropdown menu and a 'Date range' dropdown menu.