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PANDORA at the State Library: Preserving Victoria's online memory

What is PANDORA?

PANDORA is an online archive in which selected Australian websites and other online publications are preserved and made permanently available to the public for research and reference.

PANDORA was established by the National Library of Australia in 1996 to ensure that Australian online publications be collected and preserved, as print publications have been for many years. By 2014, the number of titles collected totalled over 41,000.

The State Library of Victoria contributes to PANDORA by collecting Victorian websites and online publications, as part of its role of preserving Victoria's documentary heritage.

What is the purpose of PANDORA?

PANDORA at the State Library of Victoria seeks to address the gap between online material and more traditional media in the Library's collection. It contributes to the completeness of the collection and also offers a developing picture of Australian online culture and resources.

What types of publications are collected?

PANDORA is a selective collection, and priority is given to:

- websites that have substantial information value;
- websites that have cultural or historical value;
- online publications on major public issues.

Publications collected so far include government reports, local histories, maps, poetry, issues-based blogs, community group newsletters, online galleries, football teams' websites and election ephemera.

Where appropriate, publications are collected over time to reflect changes in their content.

The State Library of Victoria's selection of publications for the PANDORA archive is based on its Collection & Resources Development Policy, which

can be viewed online at slv.vic.gov.au/about-us/governance/collections-content-strategy-2020

Where can I access PANDORA?

You can freely browse or search for material in the PANDORA archive at pandora.nla.gov.au.

Victorian titles archived through PANDORA are also accessible through the State Library of Victoria's online catalogue at slv.vic.gov.au/catalogues.

How are publications collected for PANDORA?

The State Library of Victoria contacts online publishers to obtain their written permission to include their websites and publications in the PANDORA archive.

PANDORA should not be confused with copyright which is a protection granted automatically in Australia from the time a work is created.

What happens to the PANDORA copies?

PANDORA uses archiving software developed by the National Library of Australia to place a copy of the publication on the PANDORA archive. The publication is checked to ensure that its content, appearance and functionality are maintained correctly.

It is intended that the PANDORA will offer perpetual access to all archived material, by preserving the software and hardware necessary to ensure future access.

How to contact PANDORA at the State Library of Victoria

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