The National Library of Australia has developed an online archive of Australian newspapers with coverage from the earliest papers through to 1954. This is an ongoing project and the Port Macquarie News has now been included covering the years 1882-1954.

To connect from home go to the TROVE website www.trove.nla.gov.au

Navigate to the Port Macquarie News pages and there is the option to search within this paper only. Remember that prior to 1882 there were other newspapers, such as the Sydney Morning Herald and the Maitland Mercury, that included Hastings district news, so a general search on TROVE will also retrieve local area news items.

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Local Newspapers at Your Library

Whether you want current news, events from the past, are doing family history or just like to browse around, newspapers have many uses.

Here in the Hastings we have a rich heritage of newspapers with the oldest dating from 1882. Our diverse communities are served by three weekly newspapers each one reporting on the major news stories of Port Macquarie, the Camden Haven and Wauchope.

Hardcopy Newspapers

The Port Macquarie News
June 12, 1962 to date

The Wauchope Gazette
Jan 14, 1960 to date

The Camden Haven Courier
March 19, 1954 - Dec 1968
Aug 1981 to date

The Express (Port Macquarie)
Current 6 months only

Hastings Herald
Aug 5, 1987 - July 6, 1989 (ceased)

Newspapers on Microfilm

The local newspapers are also available on microfilm. They can be viewed on, and copies taken from, microfilm readers located in the Local Studies/Family History Room at Port Macquarie Library.

The Port Macquarie News
June 8, 1882 to date

The Wauchope (Hastings Shire) Gazette
March 10, 1920 to Dec 24, 1940
Jan 13, 1955– to date

The Camden Haven Courier
Jan 2, 1991- Dec 22, 1993
July 5, 2006 to date

The Library also holds a number of other local newspapers on microfilm.

The Valley Advertiser
Feb 24, 1971 - June 1, 1977

The Manning River News
April 15, 1865 - Dec 13, 1873

Manning & Hastings Advocate
Nov 11, 1881 - Jan 23, 1885

Digital Newspapers

The Port Macquarie-Hastings and Kempsey Shire Library Services have begun a program to digitize their newspaper holdings. The files are only available on computers within the libraries. Newspapers that have been digitized so far are:

The Port Macquarie News
1882 - 1981.

Hastings Gazette
1920 - 1968

Camden Haven Courier
1954-1968

Macleay Argus
1885 - 1954

Macleay Chronicle
1889 - 1952

Rural Press News Portal

The Port Macquarie - Hastings Library has negotiated with Rural Press Ltd to make digital copy of its recent newspapers available through library computers. Coverage of the four local newspapers is as follows:

Port Macquarie News
June 2004 -

Port Macquarie Express
July 2004 -

Wauchope Gazette
Feb 2005 -

Camden Haven Courier
Feb 2005 -