

# Ron Boland Newspaper Reading Area Exhibition

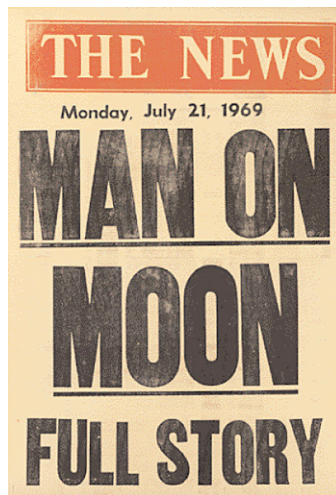
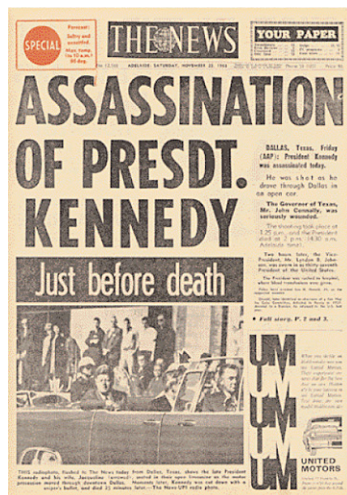


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The Ronald Boland Newspaper Reading Area exhibition and website can be studied and used to support many aspects of the curriculum, particularly in the learning areas of Society and Environment, English, Media and Design and technology.

The ability to critically analyse messages disseminated by the media, specifically print media, is also a fundamental learning objective in studies of Stage 2 English and Stage 2 Media Production and Analysis.

### Themes and topics

<p>Technological change Social change Hand scribes and illumination Development of Printing Making of a newspaper Careers in journalism Key stories of the 20<sup>th</sup> century</p>	<p>Communication Critical literacy Media in context Students develop a sense of identity and connectedness with others Analysing points of view in text Researching to extract information Advertising Personal viewpoints</p>
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## Learning activities in the classroom

### Looking at newspapers

Look at a copy of a current newspaper.

- As well as news stories, what else does it contain?
- Make a list of all the different sorts of information that is published in the paper.

### Write your own headline

Headlines in newspapers serve a particular function. What do you think this might be?

Choose an event from the timeline in the exhibition and write an appropriate headline for it.

### Find out about journalism as a career

- What is a journalist?
- What training do journalists need?
- What types of journalists are there? (newspaper, television, radio, photo-journalist)
- How has journalism changed in the media in Australia in the last 100 years?

### Newspaper production then and now

In the exhibition there are some pictures of journalists at work in the offices of *The Advertiser*. The top row of pictures show the newspaper reporters' workroom as it was in about 1900. The bottom row shows the reporters' offices in about 2003. Look closely at the photographs depicting the following processes and describe how the job has changed over the years:

- Writing up the newspaper report
- Printing the newspaper
- Delivering the finished newspaper to the public

## Learning activities in the Exhibition

A visit to the State Library of South Australia will give students an opportunity to look at a wide range of newspapers from Australia and overseas countries. Previous editions of newspapers are readily accessible on microfilm.

### Looking at historical newspapers

Choose a microfilmed copy of a South Australian newspaper from the nineteenth century. Put it on the microfilm reader and roll through the paper carefully.

- What is the first thing you notice about the newspaper? Look at the layout. How is it different to a newspaper from 2003?

Modern day newspapers have the news on the front page of the paper and the classified advertisements at the back. Newspapers from the last century are the other way around in that the classified advertisements are on the front page and the news is a few pages inside the paper.

- Why do you think that this might be?
- What does it tell you about life in the early days of South Australia?

Imagine that you have just arrived to live in Adelaide, South Australia in 1840.

- What sort of information would you expect the newspaper of the day to provide?

Look at the exhibition of the headlines.

- Which headline do you think is the most important in terms of Australia's history? Why?
- Which headline do you find most amazing? Why?

### Researching the news

Choose an event in the timeline and find out what really happened. You are a reporter and have been asked to write the story covering this event.

Think about where you will find this information. Where else might the event have been reported?

Is there a book in the State Library's catalogue about it?

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## Newspaper speak

Look up these words in a dictionary and write the meaning below.

- **Tabloid**

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- **Broadsheet**

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- **Byline**

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- **Copy**

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- **Captions**

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- **Stop Press**

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- **Editorial Column**
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## Did you know?

- That the first newspaper in South Australia was actually published in England before South Australia was settled and arrived with the first settlers in 1836.
- By 1900 there were 13 newspapers printed regularly in Adelaide.
- That in the 1860s newsprint was made entirely from rags and consequently many newspapers from this era are in excellent condition despite their age.
- By the 1890s increased demand for newspapers meant that the paper had to be made from wood pulp which is deteriorates more rapidly. So papers from this period are not in such good condition.
- All news was received by ship until a telegraph line was constructed between Melbourne and Adelaide in 1858. In 1872 the Overland Telegraph Line was completed and linked Adelaide to Darwin, then by submarine cable to Asia and from there to London. News from London reached Adelaide first before being conveyed to the other Australian capital cities.
- The first pictures in newspapers were woodcut illustrations and lithographs (fine pen and ink drawings). The first photographs to be used in Australian newspapers appeared in 1887 in the Adelaide newspaper *Pictorial Australian*.
- Colour photographs first appeared in *The Advertiser* in 1992.