

Follow-up notes to PCUG MMM presentation
on Tuesday 14 October 2008

The National Library of Australia (NLA) provides access to many databases, including

- freely available resources which anyone can access
- licensed resources which only NLA card holders can access
- some resources which you need to go to the NLA to access

Go to <http://www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources/> for Australian and international databases. You can browse by subject category or search for a specific subject. When the login box appears, enter your NLA card number and surname.

To apply for a library card, click on <http://www.nla.gov.au/getalibrarycard> and scroll down to the bottom of page. Click on New user button. You can collect the card from NLA or have it mailed to you anywhere in Australia.

Two other websites which list high-quality subject gateways (with a UK focus) are

- Intute at <http://www.intute.ac.uk/> which covers Science, Engineering and Technology, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Health and Life sciences
- Heriot-Watt University (Edinburgh) at <http://www.hw.ac.uk/libwww/irn/pinakes/pinakes.html> and for multi-subject databases, scroll to bottom of page

Web sites and directories to the hidden web include

- Direct Search (awful interface, but a section on Australian resources) at <http://www.freepint.com/gary/direct.htm>
- CompletePlanet at <http://aip.completeplanet.com/>
- Deep Web Research at <http://deepwebresearch.blogspot.com/>

AND for a blast from the past (well, not that long ago)

- Go to <http://www.google.com/search2001.html> to see what Google looked like 10 years ago
- Search for PCUG Canberra, ABC or other well-known web sites and click on [View old version on the Internet Archive](#)

Go to the Internet Archive at <http://www.archive.org/index.php> to look at other old web sites. Type a web address into the search engine, the Wayback Machine.

It can be time-consuming to identify relevant databases, but help is at hand! If you can't work out just which databases cover your particular interests, email me at eleanor.whelan@bigpond.com - I like a challenge.

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