

This is the first in a series of updates from the National Library of Australia that will address new or changed services

PictureAustralia

PictureAustralia [<http://www.pictureaustralia.org>] was launched in 2000 with seven Australian organisations contributing their digitised images to a one-stop web image search service.

The service continues to grow — there are now twenty-five organisations offering 630 000 digitised images relating to Australian life, events and culture. The National Library manages PictureAustralia on behalf of the participating organisations, which include Australian libraries, archives, universities, museums, galleries, local history groups and other cultural agencies. A further twenty-one institutions have expressed interest in becoming part of this exciting initiative, of which it is expected that twelve will join in the next few months, bringing another 100 000 digitised images to the database.

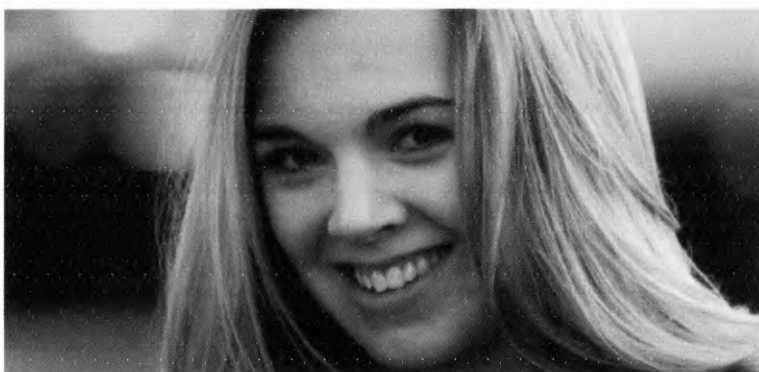
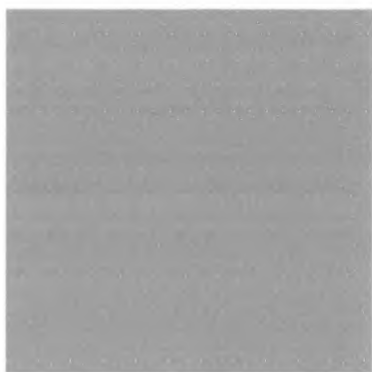
Each month 45 000 people search PictureAustralia, a figure that is increasing by one third each year.

The National Library hopes that PictureAustralia will be the first site that comes to mind when searching for images of Australia.

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Pineapple girl: a photograph promoting Queensland fruit, displayed at the Empire Exhibition, United Kingdom 1924. Photo from the State Library of Queensland



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