

Grey literature in Australian education

A satellite map of Australia, showing the continent's geographical features and surrounding oceans. The map is used as a background for the text.

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**Grey Literature, policy innovation and access to knowledge:
realising the value of informal publishing**

Universities

Swinburne University (Administration)
- Institute for Social Research
Victoria University

Partner Organisations

- Eidos Institute
- *Australian Council for Educational Research*
- National Library Australia
- National and State Libraries Australasia

Chief Investigators

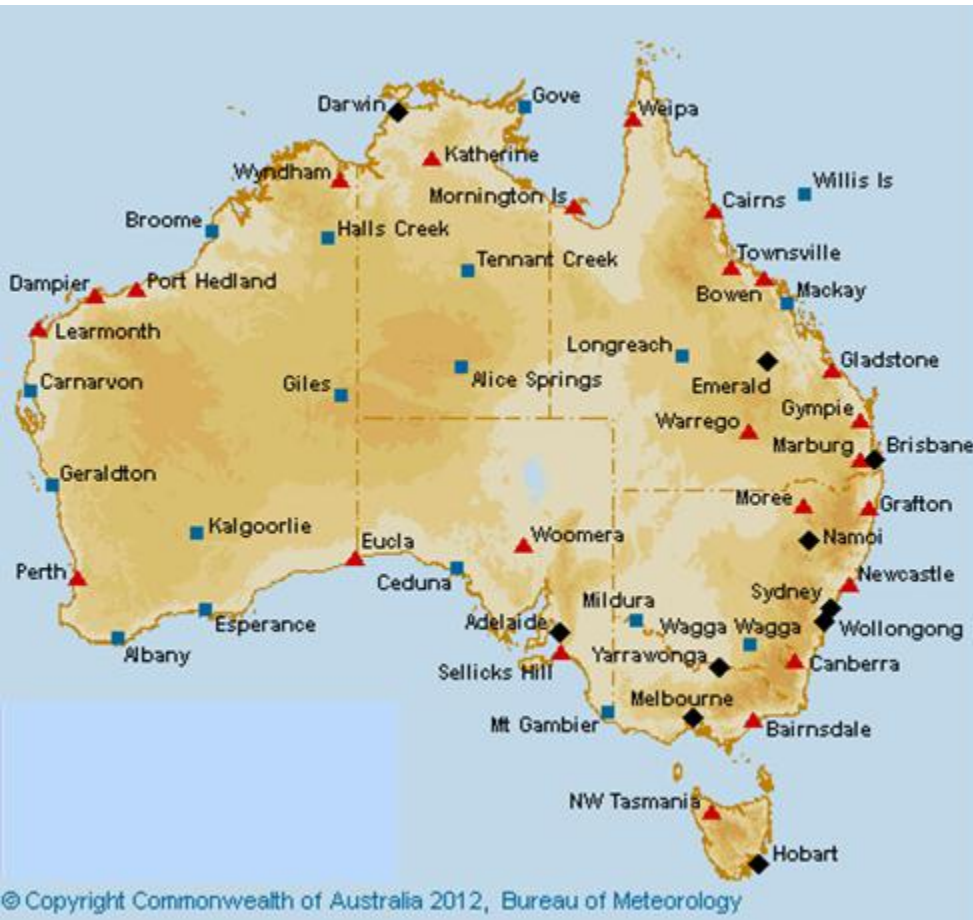
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- Grey literature
- My EdNA story
- Things changed
- Information abundance
- Lost information
- Integrators/curators
- The Tyndall framework

EdNA's life

1. Antecedent OLTC (1993-1997)
2. EdNA development commenced 1995
3. Life 1995-2010 (15 years)

AICTEC

Collaboration

- 8 State departments schools (66%)
- Catholic education (20%)
- Independent education (14%)
- 8 Training departments
- 38 Universities
- Commonwealth education
- Agencies – technology & resources

The screenshot displays the homepage of edna.edu.au, Australia's free online network for educators. The header includes the logo, navigation tabs (Home, News, Events, Resources, Groups, Lists, me), and user options (Login, Register). A main banner features a woman using a laptop. Below the banner, there are sections for News, Events, and Resources, each with a list of links. A search bar is located on the right side. At the bottom, there are two promotional boxes: one for commenting on the Australian Curriculum and another for the 2010 Australian Schools Calendar.

edna.edu.au Australia's free online network for educators

Login Register

edna Home News Events Resources Groups Lists me

Resources and networks for learning and teaching [Learn more](#)

News

- Latest education headlines
- Subscribe to email newsletters
- e-learning podcasts

Events

- Search education events
- Conferences and events
- Australian schools calendar

Resources

- Browse topics or sectors
- Recently added
- edna tech tools

Search

edna all

Advanced search [?](#)

Try the new Simple Search tool. It's easy to filter your search results and check the copyright status of resources

☒ Simple search link

edna sectors

- Early Childhood Education
- School Education
- Vocational Education and Training
- Adult and Community Education
- Higher Education

edna topics

Comment on the Australian Curriculum

Review and comment on the draft K-10 Australian Curriculum in English, history, mathematics and science using the [Australian Curriculum Consultation Portal](#)

2010 Australian Schools Calendar out now!

The colourful and creative **2010 Australian Schools Calendar** is available for download and includes a comprehensive collection of events and celebration days. And it's free!

EdNA usage

Resource database (*search and browse*)

Total database items = 41,368, (**39,694** resources, 871 events, 803 news items)

Resource items accessible by distributed search = excess of **3 million** digital resources

Memberships (*Shared Information Services*)

35,349 members have self-registered any edna registered service via single sign on (i.e. Groups, Lists administration, me.edna, etc. any combination)

23,205 edna Groups (Moodle) members

14,729 me.edu.au members

123,928 edna List email subscribers

Groups (*EdNA Groups*)

Groups *member* growth over 2 year period Jan 2007-December 2008 = **113%**

Growth in number of *communities* for same period = **100%**

Growth in *single sign-on* (i.e. all member services) for same period = **127%**

Growth in email List *subscribers* for same period = **65%**.

- Curriculum

- Reports

- Lesson plans

- Implementation

- strategies

- Research

- Newsletters

- Policy

- statements

- Annual reports

- White papers

- Guidelines

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Things changed



96% 9-16 year olds access the internet often using mobile devices (60%)

ACMA. (2011). *Communications report 2010–11 series: Report 3—The emerging mobile telecommunications service market in Australia*. ACMA: Canberra, Australia. Retrieved December 20, 2011, from

http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_410225.

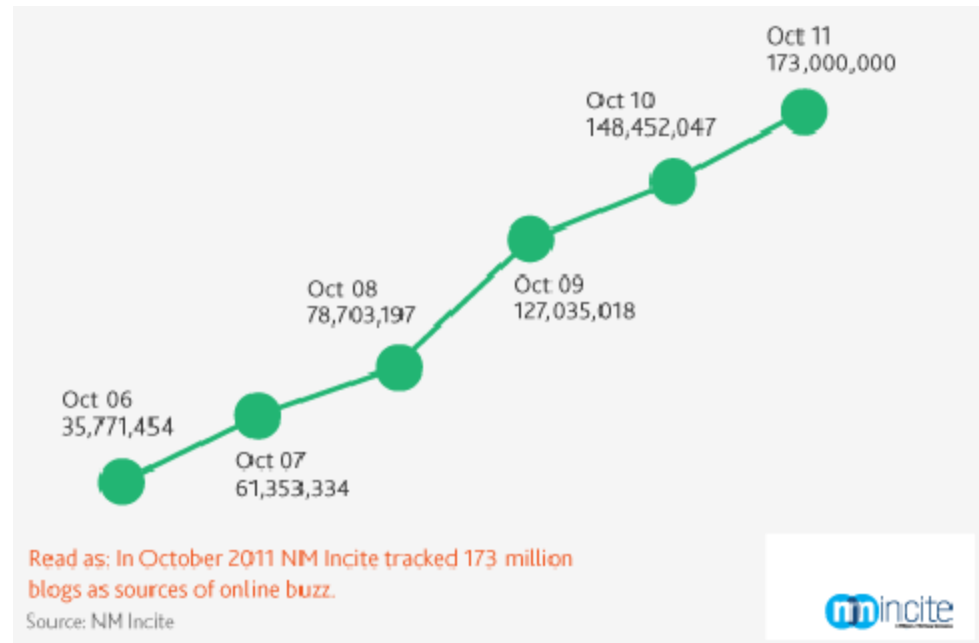
Why should I go to the library



when the library
will come to me?



Abundance – blogs informally published

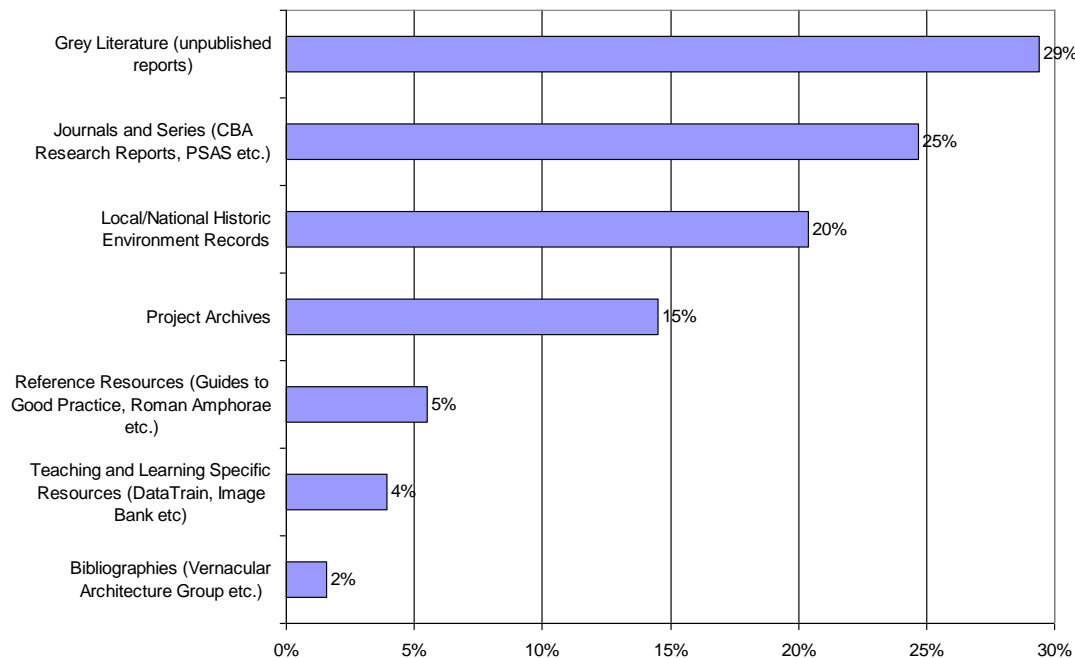


NM Incite. (2012). *Number of blogs tracked by NM Incite*. Retrieved march 14, 2012, from http://www.nmincite.com/?page_id=210.

Abundance of information

Archaeological Research Data

(Per cent of users by last data type used)



Education has a problem with an abundance of information much of which becomes lost or inaccessible

- Information is more accessible
- More written information
- More published
- Increase in grey literature
- Information overload

Houghton, J. (2012). The value of alternative forms of publishing for policy research. Presentation given at the *Where is the Evidence? conference*, June 10, 2012. Canberra; Australia.

Lost information

**Lost
Why?
Not archived**

**Conference papers
Dissertations
Newsletters
Research projects
Policy statements
Annual reports
Working papers
White papers
Bulletins
Fact sheets
Blogs**

**Technical reports
Memoranda
Meeting minutes
Speeches
Statistics
Directories
Programs & projects
Memoranda
Guidelines
Surveys
Bibliographies**



Integrators/Curators

Digital Education Research Network (DERN)

<http://dern2.acer.edu.au>

- Research reviews
- Research news
- Research briefs
- Research database
- Archives
- Email alerts

Born digital
(OCLC)

Tyndall framework

... to systematically build a search schema for a discipline

AACODS

*Govt
reports*

Blogs

*Research
reports*

Projects

Conferences

Newsletters

- Authority
- Accuracy
- Coverage
- Objectivity
- Date
- Significance

*Open
resources*

*National
bodies*

*International
bodies*

Tyndall, J. (2008). *How low can you go?: Toward a hierarchy of grey literature*. Retrieved September 8, 2012, from <http://dspace.flinders.edu.au/dspace>.



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Thank you

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