

HOW THE SUMMARIES BOOKS & INDEXES WORK

There are two Collections of Summaries Books and Indexes. The first is for the *Herald Sun*, and the second for *The Age*, both Melbourne newspapers .

HERALD SUN COLLECTION - OVERVIEW

The *Herald Sun* collection consists of three series: the Black Saturday Series, the Supplementary Black Saturday Series, and the National Bushfire Series. Judgments had to be made on what should be included. Items were accepted if they related to Black Saturday, though not everyone would agree on what a related item is.

Each series has its own Summaries Book, accompanied by two indexes, a Subject Index and a People Index, both of which are in the one book and based on the Summaries Book.

Black Saturday Bushfire Series

The Black Saturday Bushfire Series is the first and most comprehensive of the series. The collection consists of about 3000 items from the *Herald Sun* newspaper, from the day after Black Saturday in February 2009 to March 2011. The items have been placed in folders with plastic leaves, with each folder being numbered 1, 2 and so on. There are 17 folders in all. A reference number was given to each item in the following format: the first number is the folder number – the second number is the page number in the folder – the third is the item number on the page. Each number is separated by a dot, and the reference number itself is enclosed in square brackets. For example [1.20.14], represents Folder 1, page 20 of the folder, and item 14 on that page. For the purposes of this project the *Herald Sun* is taken to include the *Sunday Herald Sun*, and any magazine or inserts included in the newspaper.

Black Saturday Bushfire Series Summaries

Every item in each of the 17 folders has been summarised in chronological order, given an index number and recorded in an extensive 350-page Summaries Book, which is set out as follows –

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| [1.20.14] | Stephen McMahon, 'Survivors to have say at inquiry', <i>Herald Sun</i> , Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 7.

The Royal Commission will hear first-hand accounts from bushfire survivors – Chairman, Justice Teague – assisting commissioners Ron McLeod and Susan Pascoe – Brumby keen to improve bushfire safety |
| [1.20.15] | Cheryl Critchley, 'Free child care for victims', <i>Herald Sun</i> , Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 9.
Fire affected families offered free child care – Victorian Child Care Centres have found 1185 places – Maree and Graham Rothwell lost their home, which was between Yarra Glen and Steels Creek – Yarra Glen Child Care Centre Co-director, Leanne Johnson – Victorian Child Care Centres Association CEO, Frank Cusmano |

Black Saturday Bushfire Series Indexes

There are two indexes, a Subject Index and a People Index, both of which are in the same book and based on the Summaries Book. Below is a description of the two types of index. The People Index often refers to the Subject Index and both of these indexes are designed to be used in conjunction with the Summaries Book.

Subject Index

The Subject Index lists major topics (Arson/firebugs, Fuel reduction) and key people, such as Christine Nixon. The index includes a list of all journalists and guest writers, editorials, letters and advertisers, and is set out as follows –

Fuel reduction/burn offs/backburning... [1.6.83], [1.8.65],
[1.8.81], [1.10.50], [1.14.30], [1.14.31],[1.14.33],
[1.14.34], [1.14.48], [1.17.30], [1.14.52],[1.14.55],
[1.17.33], [1.17.50], [1.17.51], [1.19.8], [1.19.49],
[1.19.55], [1.20.10], [1.20.23], [2.1.18], [2.1.30],
[2.2.22], [2.2.26], [2.3.14], [2.6.16] ...

Nixon, Christine ... [1.2.45], [1.3.3], [1.5.4], [1.6.82], [1.6.84],
[1.7.6], [1.8.41], [1.9.5], [1.11.5], [1.12.16], [1.13.4],
[1.14.24], [1.17.65], [1.19.10], [1.19.68], [2.1.9], [2.5.1],
[2.5.19], [2.6.11], [2.12.3], [2.13.17], [3.3.1], [3.6.2],
[3.8.3], [3.10.5], [3.11.1], [3.29.1], [3.30.1], [3.35.4],
[3.37.5], [3.38.6], [3.38.10], [3.39.3] ...

People Index

The People Index of the Black Saturday Bushfire Series is the most comprehensive of any of the People indexes in the series. It aims to include all those named in the coverage, especially those involved and survivors. It does not include journalists, unless they are referred to in the newspaper itself. However, it does include guest writers, for example, Ashraf Doos, a Black Saturday survivor from Marysville. The index is set out as follows –

Doos, Ashraf...[1.10.7], [1.11.6], [7.10.1], [9.15.2],
[16.14.1] – see also in
Subject Index
Herald Sun journalists...
Marysville
Patisserie
Personal accounts

Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series

The Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series is the second in the *Herald Sun* Collection and is a continuation of the first series. It consists of about 1250 items from the *Herald Sun* newspaper, from April 2011 to November 2019. The items have been placed in folders with plastic leaves, with each folder being numbered S1, S2 and so on. There are 12 folders in all. A reference number was given to each item in the following format: the first number is the folder number – the second number is the page number in the folder – the third is the item number on the page. Each number is separated by a dot, and the reference number itself is enclosed in square brackets. For example [S1.14.1], represents Folder S1, page 14 of the folder, and item 1 on that page. For the purposes of this project the *Herald Sun* is taken to include the *Sunday Herald Sun*, and any magazine or inserts included in the newspaper.

Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Summaries

Every item in each of the 12 folders has been summarised in chronological order, given an index number and recorded in an extensive 140-page Summaries Book, which is set out as follows –

[S1.14.1] Padraic Murphy, 'Coalition, public bayed for blood', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 6.

Resignation of Overland – Overland's departure will also be seen by some as a backward step in attempts to loosen the stranglehold of the old boys have on Victoria Police, a project started by his mentor, the former top cop, Christine Nixon

[S1.14.2] Neil, Melbourne, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 6.

Overland's predecessor was pressured to resign too. The problem is the politicising of the position. The media and the political parties push good police commissioners over the edge

Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Indexes

There are two indexes for the Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, a Subject Index and a People Index, both of which are in the same book and based on the Summaries Book. Below is a description of the two types of index. The People Index often refers to the Subject Index and both of these indexes are designed to be used in conjunction with the Summaries Book.

Subject Index

The Subject Index lists major topics (Arson/firebugs, Fuel reduction) and key people, such as Christine Nixon. The index includes a list of all journalists and guest writers, editorials, letters and advertisers, and is set out as follows –

Fuel reduction/burn-offs/backburning...[S7.6.4], [S7.7.2],
[S7.8.2], [S10.38.3], [S11.37.3]
Aborigines...[S11.37.1]
Blairgowrie and surrounding area
Fuel reduction not done...[S5.21.8]
Canada...[S7.34.3]
Cockroaches...[S9.40.2]
Controlled – can be...[S6.8.3], [S11.37.2]
Cattle/alpine grazing...[S4.28.5], [S4.29.4],
[S4.34.8], [S4.34.9], [S6.8.3], [S8.3.1],
[S8.4.1], [S8.10.15], [S8.12.5], [S11.37.4]

Nixon, Christine

Deserted her post...[S1.2.4], [S1.12.1], [S1.18.1],
[S1.39.1], [S1.40.7], [S1.40.8], [S2.4.5],
[S2.10.1], [S2.14.1], [S9.34.1], [S11.28.5],
[S11.29.6]
Dinner...[S1.8.1], [S1.10.2], [S1.18.1], [S1.20.2],
[S1.25.1], [S1.28.1], [S1.29.1], [S1.29.2],
[S1.29.3], [S1.29.4], [S1.33.1], [S1.33.2],
[S1.36.1], [S1.38.1], [S1.39.1] ...

People Index

The People Index includes a selection of people named in the coverage. It does not include journalists, unless they are referred to in the newspaper itself, and is set out as follows –

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AB – Melbourne – see
Hot Topic in Subject Index
Ablett, Gary – Snr...[S6.26.1]
Abbott, Tony – see
Fire Services Dispute in Subject Index
Politicians in Subject Index
Adams, Christine...[S1.3.2]
Addinsall, Cheryl – see
Text Talk in Subject Index
Adler, Louise...[S1.28.1], [S1.29.2], [S2.1.1],
[S2.13.5]
Adler, Dr Robert...[S7.5.3]

National Bushfire Series

The National Bushfire Series collection consists of about 1,500 items from the *Herald Sun* newspaper, from November 2019 to January 2022. This series starts with the Black Summer, 2019/2020. As this collection is ongoing, it will be updated from time to time. The items have been placed in folders with plastic leaves, with each folder being numbered N1, N2 and so on. There are at this point 6 folders in all. A reference number was given to each item in the following format: the first number is the folder number – the second number is the page number in the folder – the third is the item number on the page. Each number is separated by a dot, and the reference number itself is enclosed in square brackets. For example [N2.1.12], represents Folder N2, page 1 of the folder, and item 12 on that page. For the purposes of this project the *Herald Sun* is taken to include the *Sunday Herald Sun*, and any magazine or inserts included in the newspaper.

National Bushfire Series Summaries

Every item in each of the 6 folders has been summarised in chronological order, given an index number and recorded in an extensive 148-page Summaries Book, which is set out as follows –

[N2.1.12] Writer not known, 'Record Roger relaxed', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 14, 2020, p. 19.

Roger Federer – Adam Scott – Rally for Relief at Rod Laver Arena, tomorrow night

[N2.1.13] Writer not known, 'Laughter to ease the pain', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 14, 2020, p. 19.

Comedians bushfire fundraiser – Comics Lounge, 26/1 – Anthony Lehmann – Wil Andersen – Claire Hooper – Adam Rozenbacks – Harley Breen – Fiona O'Loughlin – Dave Hughes

National Bushfire Series Indexes

There are two indexes for the National Bushfire Series, a Subject Index and a People Index, both of which are in the same book and based on the Summaries Book. Below is a description of the two types. The People Index often refers to the Subject Index and both of these indexes are designed to be used in conjunction with the Summaries Book.

Subject Index

The Subject Index lists major topics (Arson/firebugs, Fuel reduction). It includes a list of all journalists and guest writers, editorials, letters and advertisers, and is set out as follows –

Fuel reduction

- Aborigines – see Indigenous below
- Biodiversity trading scheme
 - Residents pay to remove trees...[N5.7.4]
- Controlled – can be...[N1.4.1], [N1.17.34]
- Cattle/alpine grazing...[N1.6.2], [N1.17.34],
 - [N1.17.36], [N1.17.37], [N1.17.38],
 - [N1.19.42], [N1.21.20], [N1.21.26],
 - [N1.23.39], [N1.25.51], [N1.29.31],
 - [N1.33.41], [N1.35.28], [N1.37.17],
 - [N2.3.27], [N2.6.17], [N2.7.10],[N2.16.6],
 - [N2.16.12], [N3.11.8], [N3.12.6]

People Index

The People Index includes a selection of people named in the coverage. It does not include journalists, unless they are referred to in the newspaper itself, and is set out as follows –

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- Abbott, Tony – see
 - Fire Services Dispute in Subject Index
 - Politicians in Subject Index
- Ablet, Gary – see
 - Fundraisers in Subject Index
- Acott, Ric – see
 - Letters in Subject Index
- Adam – see
 - Hot Topic in Subject Index

SUMMARIES BOOKS

- *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Summaries Book*
- *Herald Sun, Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Summaries Book*
- *Herald Sun, National Bushfires Series, Summaries Book*

INDEXES

- *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Indexes*
- *Herald Sun, Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Indexes*
- *Herald Sun, National Bushfires Series, Indexes*

THE AGE COLLECTION

OVERVIEW

The Age collection consists of two series: The Black Saturday Series and the National Bushfire Series. These series are a limited collection of newspaper cuttings, the first commencing some time after Black Saturday, and the second starting with the Black Summer.

Each series has its own Summaries Book, accompanied by two indexes, a Subject Index and a People Index, both of which are in the one book and based on the Summaries Book.

Black Saturday Bushfire Series

The Black Saturday Bushfire Series consists of a limited collection of about 200 items from the *The Age* newspaper, from August 2010 to June 2019. The items have been placed in folders with plastic leaves, with each folder being numbered A1, A2 and so on. There are three folders in all. A reference number was given to each item in the following format: the first number is the folder number – the second number is the page number in the folder – the third is the item number on the page. Each number is separated by a dot, and the reference number itself is enclosed in square brackets. For example [A3.4.2], represents Folder A3, page 4 of the folder, and item 2 on that page. For the purposes of this project *The Age* is taken to include the *Saturday Age* and the *Sunday Age*, and any magazine or inserts included in the newspaper.

Black Saturday Bushfire Series Summaries

Every item in each of the three folders has been summarised in chronological order, given an index number and recorded in a Summaries Book, which is set out as follows –

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| [A3.4.2] | Marissa Calligeros, Darren Gray & Chris Vedelago, ‘ “It’s pretty daunting having a wall of flames at your house” ’, <i>The Sunday Age</i> , December 20,2015, pp. 4-5. |
| | Scottsburn busfire (near Ballarat) – extreme heat – arson – Black Saturday, 2009 |
| [A3.4.3] | Farrah Tomazin, ‘As 300 fires scorch Victoria, the state government moves to monitor arsonists’, <i>The Sunday Age</i> , December 20, 2015, pp. 4-5. |
| | Arson – monitoring – GPS technology – Dr Janet Stanley, bushfire arson prevention expert, Melbourne University, Sustainable Society Institute – biggest group who light fires tend to be troubled children or youth - 2014-2015 bushfire season: 600 suspicious fires |

Black Saturday Bushfire Series Indexes

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Subject Index

The Subject Index lists major topics (Arson/firebugs, Fuel reduction) and key people such as Christine Nixon. The index includes a list of all journalists and guest writers, editorials, letters and advertisers, and is set out as follows –

Fuel reduction/burn offs/backburning

- Aborigines...[A3.18.1], [A3.30.1]
- Advertisers/advertisements – see separate listing
- Animals...[A3.18.1]
- Burning off...[A2.21.1], [A2.22.1]
 - Australia's far north...[A3.18.1]
 - Inceased...[A1.11.2], [A2.6.1],
[A2.10.1], [A2.32.2]
 - Must be...[A2.32.2], [A3.10.2], [A3.15.2]
 - Reduced
 - Must be...[A2.32.2]
 - Victorian National Parks
 - Assoc...[A2.32.2]
 - 30-year high – 2012-13...[A1.35.1]
 - Under Royal Commission
 - target...[A1.35.1], [A2.32.2]
- Cattle grazing...[A2.12.1]

Nixon, Christine

- Black Saturday
- Deserted her post...[A1.10.1], [A1.17.1]
- Dinner...[A1.10.1], [A1.10.4], [A1.13.1],
[A1.17.1], [A1.16.4], [A1.27.1]
- Leadership
 - Appropriate...[A1.16.6]
 - Blame – not her fault...[A1.10.2],
[A1.13.1]
 - Lack of...[A1.13.1]
 - Judgement...[A1.11.3], [A1.11.3],
[A1.11.5]
 - Not in charge on Black
 - Saturday...[A1.14.1]
 - Responsibility...[A1.11.8]

People Index

The People Index consists of a limited selection of those named in the coverage. It does not include journalists, unless they are referred to in the newspaper itself, and is set out as follows –

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Abbott, Tony...[A1.36.2], [A1.38.1],
[A1.38.2]
Adams, Christine...[A1.22.1]
Andrews, Daniel – see
Politicians in Subject Index
Apted South, Bronwyn...[A3.22.1]
Armstrong, Lachlan...[A1.31.1]
Ashby, Noel...[A1.27.1]

National Bushfire Series

The National Bushfire Series collection consists of about 350 items from the *The Age* newspaper, from September 2019 to May 2020. The start of this collection coincides with the Black Summer. The items have been placed in a folder with plastic leaves. At this point there is only one folder and a reference number was given to each item in the following format: the first number is the folder number – the second number is the page number in the folder – the third is the item number on the page. Each number is separated by a dot, and the reference number itself is enclosed in square brackets. For example [AN1.8.7], represents Folder AN1, page 8 of the folder, and item 7 on that page. For the purposes of this project *The Age* is taken to include the *The Saturday Age* and *The Sunday Age*, and any magazine or inserts included in the newspaper.

National Bushfire Series Summaries

Every item has been summarised in chronological order, given an index number and recorded in a Summaries Book, and is set out as follows –

- [AN1.8.7] Anthony Colangelo, 'Help on the way to Mallacoota', *The Age*, Thursday, January 2, 2020, pp. 4-5.
- Tables: death and destruction toll – map – hardware deployed
- Mallacoota – roads cut – supplies – Daniel Andrews – helicopters – Esso – Paynesville – Andrew Crisp – HMAS Choules – MV Sycamore – Ambulance Victoria - Orbost
- [AN1.8.8] Zach Hope, 'Blaze victim had "a heart of gold"', *The Age*, Thursday, January 2, 2020, p. 5.
- 1 dead in Buchan

National Bushfire Series Indexes

There are two indexes, a Subject Index and a People Index, both of which are in the same book and based on the Summaries Book. Below is a description of the two types. The People Index often refers to the Subject Index and both of these indexes are designed to be used in conjunction with the Summaries Book.

Subject Index

The Subject Index lists major topics (Arson/firebugs, Fuel reduction). It includes a list of all journalists and guest writers, editorials, letters and advertisers, and is set out as follows –

Fuel reduction/burn offs/backburning

...[AN1.3.1], [AN1.12.20], [AN1.12.39]

Aborigines – see Indigenous below

Banned – should be...[AN1.10.49]

Black Saturday Royal Commission

Recs on fuel reduction

ignored/not met...[AN1.10.24],

[AN1.12.2]

Cannot be achieved...[AN1.12.2]

People Index

The People Index includes a limited selection of people named in the coverage, but does not include journalists, unless they are referred to in the newspaper itself. The index is set out as follows –

A

Abbott, Tony – see

Politicians in Subject Index

Ady, Margaret – see

And another thing in Subject Index

Ainsworth, Murray – see

And another thing in Subject Index

Albanese, Anthony – see

Politicians in Subject Index

Alexander, Phil – see

And another thing in Subject Index

Andrews, Daniel – see

Politicians in Subject Index

SUMMARIES BOOKS

■ *The Age, Black Saturday Bushfire Series Summaries Book*

■ *The Age, National Bushfire Series, Summaries Book*

INDEXES

■ *The Age, Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Indexes*

■ *The Age, National Bushfires Series, Indexes*