



INTERNET ARCHIVE SITES

A GUIDE FOR USERS

What you need to know

Internet archive sites can be a way to access content that is no longer readily accessible on the web. These sites use a cached ('snapshot') version of web content that was captured on a particular date and time.

A worked example accessing a 'dead' link

Link

Cape York Justice Study Report	
Author:	Justice Fitzgerald
Title:	Cape York Justice Study Report
Year:	2001
Reference Type:	Report
Language:	English
URL:	http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/publications/capeyork.html
URL Date:	13/09/05.
Publisher:	Queensland Government

On [this page from the ATNS](#) there's a link to a government report, but the link is dead due to a change in department name and/or web address.

The original (dead) link is [this one](#) but when accessed it transfers to [a different page](#) which says "Page not found".

Queensland Government
Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Home ▶ Error - Page not found

Error - Page not found

By right-clicking and copying the address of the [original \(dead\) link](#) into a web archive, we may be able to access the content using a snapshot of the page.

Sites

Trove

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Websites

Advanced search

Two useful archive sites are:

- [Trove's web archive for Australian sites](#) (previously known as Pandora)
- [The Internet Archive's Wayback Machine](#)

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Wayback Machine

http://

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You may need to try both, depending on the age and location of the content.

Using Trove

Websites

https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/publications/capeyork.html

Advanced search

WEBSITES At least 731 total results

Community: Publications: Cape York Justice Study Report, Department of Communities, Queensland Gov... (not showing 5 characters)

HTML snapshot Sunday 20 July 2008

... to footer Problems viewing this site Home | Contact us | Help | Search Department of Communities Child care Community ... Community: Publications: Cape York Justice Study Report, Department of Communities, Queensland ... substances Volunteering Contacts Gambling help Regional communities Strengthening NGOs Funding Publications ...

http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/publications/capeyork.html

As this link is Australian, [Trove](#) would be a good first choice.

Paste in the [dead link](#) and search.

Where a snapshot is available the link will display under the search box. Trove may also display other pages making use of the dead link.

Search Websites Filter Advanced Search Trove

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Child Care | Community | Family | Indigenous | Seniors | Violence prevention | Youth | The department

Community

- Care Business Discount Card
- Community services
- Community recovery
- Get involved
- Queensland Government concessions
- Redress Scheme
- Rural and regional communities

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Cape York Justice Study Report

This is a webpage snapshot as it appeared on

20 JUL 2008 18:49

View the live webpage

More snapshots...

Advanced Copy

- Introduction (PDF 121 KB)
- Summary of Brief in Volume 2 (PDF 279 KB)
- Conclusion (PDF 88 KB)
- Recommendations (PDF 199 KB)

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Webpage snapshot captured on 20 Jul 2008 18:49

URL: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/publications/capeyork.html

By clicking on the search result link, Trove will display a snapshot of the page, with the date of capture shown in a green box (in this case 20 July, 2008).

In the browser's URL bar, a [stable link to this captured page](#) can be found.

Scrolling down, the links on the page are also stable (including the [complete report in archived form](#)) and can be copied and shared with others.

Complete report

- Download the complete [Cape York Justice Report](#) (Winzip 6.3 MB).

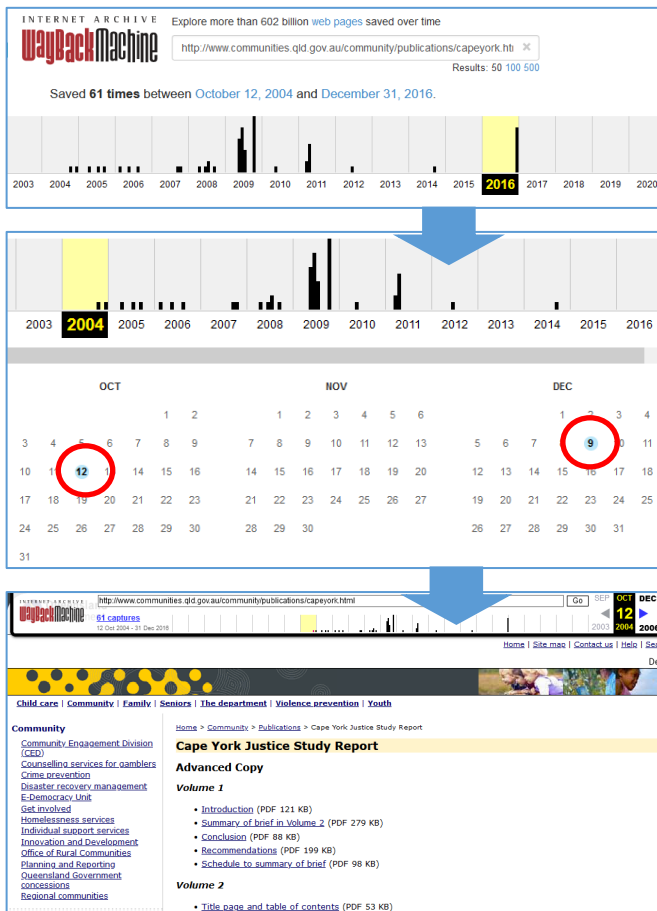
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Where the snapshot shown does not provide access to the content required, the green date box has further options:

- [A] a calendar of all snapshots by year,
- [B] a simple timeline of snapshots,
- [C] navigation between previous or next snapshots,
- [D] the ability to jump to the first or last snapshot taken, and
- [E] more snapshot options (usually including the [Wayback Machine](#)).

Using the Wayback Machine



Pasting a [dead link](#) into the [Wayback Machine](#) search box will display options for snapshots by year.

Aim for a year close to the original publication date of the content required.

As the report needed is from 2001 and the first available screenshots are from 2004, this would be a logical choice.

Clicking on 2004, two dates show with snapshots (one each for Oct and Dec).

Some snapshot dates may work as direct links, while others will have a pop-out window with times. Click on the option provided for access.

The Wayback Machine will display the page. In the browser's URL bar, a [stable link to this captured page](#) can be found.

Note: Do not copy the link from the Wayback Machine toolbar (shown top of the left screenshot). This is the original (dead) link.

As with Trove, the links on the page are stable (including the [full report](#)) and can be copied and shared with others.

The year of capture can be easily adjusted via the toolbar at the top of the screen.

How do these archived links work?

Looking at the links from each archive site, the same basic structure can be seen – [Web archive link](#) then [formatted year/date/time](#) then [original \(dead\) link](#)

Trove	https://webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20080720084951/http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/publications/capeyork.html
Wayback Machine	https://web.archive.org/web/20041012225642/http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/publications/capeyork.html

This structure should mean that the links are persistent – as long as the snapshot is retained for that particular date and time, the archived links will work.

Note: Not all web pages may be captured by these archive sites, and snapshots may not cover all dates.

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