

Tap into history

HISTORIANS, ACADEMICS AND cultural institutions will contribute to the first comprehensive online Dictionary of Sydney, a massive research project that will take three years.

The dictionary will be a resource for residents, workers, tourists and educational institutions, allowing users to search through a huge range of information about the city's history and recent events. Topics to be covered include art and architecture to people and politics, to waterways and wildlife, as well as wide-ranging topics from prehistory to the present covering the greater Sydney metropolitan area.

It will include primary sources, bibliography material and multimedia resources such as images, maps, databases and movies.

The Australian Research Council has approved a grant of \$916,000 for the project, which is a partnership between the City of Sydney, with the University of Sydney, State Records of NSW and the State Library of NSW.

Members of the public will be also be able to submit suggestions for the dictionary which will be reviewed by the board.