

The legacy.com website

Legacy.com is a website, probably owned by Fairfax, which is integrated into all the Fairfax country newspaper websites. It acts as an aggregator for death and funeral notices.

However, the website lies. The publication date given in many notices is a complete fiction – easily proven to be such when a date is given but the paper was not produced on that date, eg:

Steven WENBAN

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WENBAN, Steven Craig 17th November 2018 at Moruya District Hospital, late of Eurobodalla. Dearly loved son of Warren and Faye. Awesome brother and brother in-law to Carrie & Paul and Penny & Keith. Uncle Steve to Hayden, Romy, Emily, Inneke and Sophie. Great mate to all his friends. Aged 57 years. Steven's relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend his funeral to be held at the Chapel of the Broulee Memorial Gardens Crematorium with a service commencing at 2:00 pm on Friday the 23rd of November 2018. Moruya District Funerals Family Owned. Est 1969 Ph 02 4474 3555 A.F.D.A.



Published in the Mudgee Guardian on Nov. 21, 2018

It looks good, until you realise the Mudgee Guardian is published on Tuesday and Friday only - and Nov 21 was Wednesday. So if we index from this website, quoting Nov 21 as the publication date, we will be putting crap into Ryerson.

The legacy.com website very cleverly (and sneakily) brands its pages so that they look as if they are the true website for the paper. But they aren't - the papers have a separate, official, site.

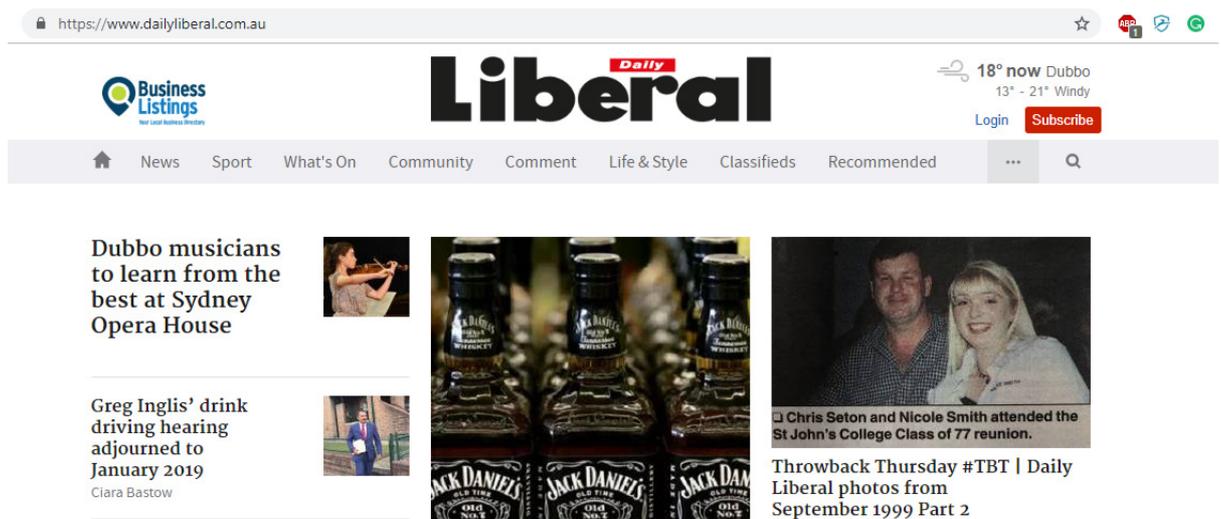
So please note: the legacy.com website is not suitable for use as an indexing source.

Unfortunately, Fairfax paper websites only hold death and funeral notices online for a rolling seven days – this has been their policy ever since the first newspaper website was created. Because legacy.com contains a historic archive of notices, it can be a tempting source. But other than as a source of verification, it should not be used – and most definitely, never used as an original source.

How to identify a legacy.com web page

Here is an example, using the Dubbo Daily Liberal as a sample.

1. Go to www.dailyliberal.com.au – this is the paper’s real website. The top of the website looks like this:



And the bottom of the page looks like this:



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2. Click on the TRIBUTES link in the bottom section of the page. This is what you will see:

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Gordon HALLIDAY

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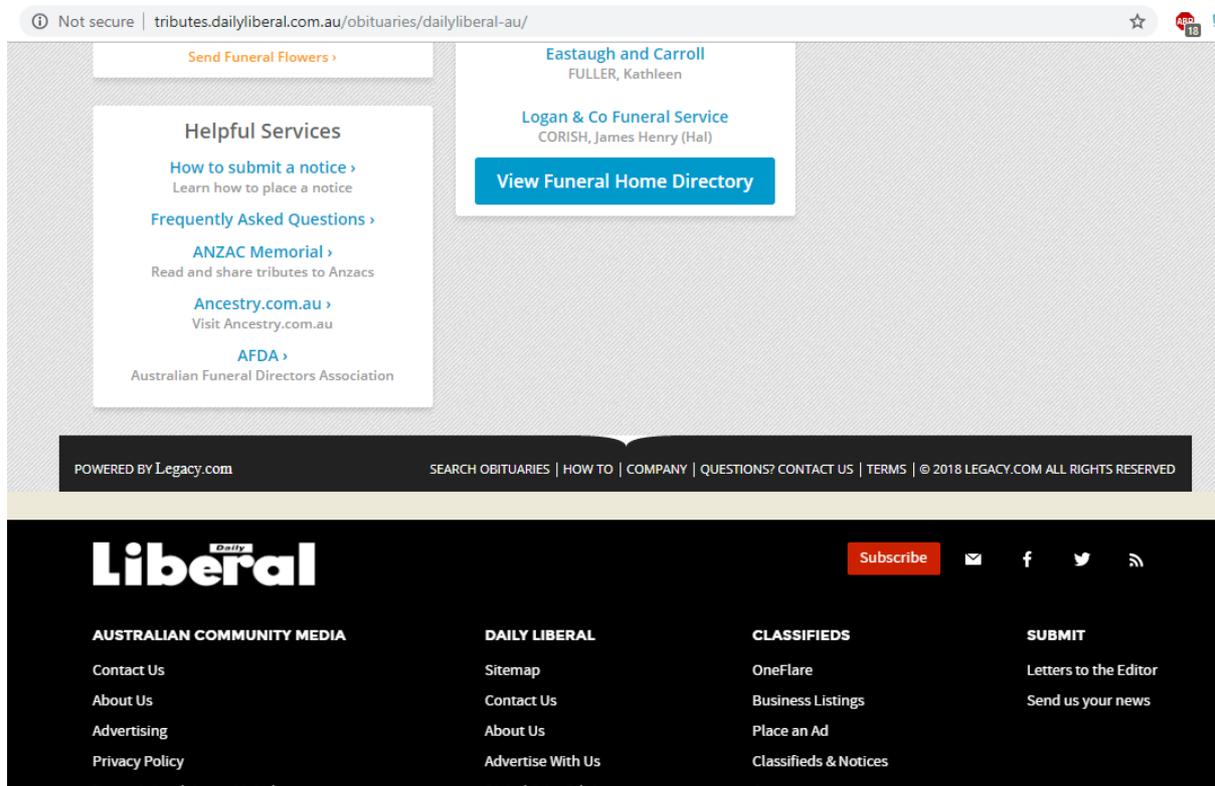
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It all looks to be part of the Daily Liberal website – but if you go to the bottom of this webpage, you will see this:



Almost the same as the bottom of the paper’s home page – except for the extra black bar which has appeared, saying “Powered by legacy.com”.

Finding the Real Notices

You will notice that the large black box at the end of the webpage contains hyperlinks labelled “Tributes” and “Classifieds and Notices”. We’ve seen what the TRIBUTES link gives, so now click on the “CLASSIFIEDS AND NOTICES” link.

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...and we're back in the REAL newspaper website, with classifieds in the same format that Fairfax websites have used for 20 or so years. Clicking the ANNOUNCEMENTS link will show you death and funeral notices published within the past seven days – and with the correct publication date.