Web searching

- Start your search general and once you get a good sense of the topic, start and refine your search to areas you want to concentrate on.
- Check your website qualifications – see guidelines on mini lab windows.

<u>Where to go to get credible information</u>

State Library – from Oliver search page

Trove – from Oliver search page

Australian Museum – from Oliver search page

Powerhouse Museum – from Oliver search page

Google Scholar – from Oliver home page

Google cultural institute   https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/home

Britannica – through Windsor Library (membership required)

Websites

- No one judges the quality or accuracy of information that is found on the web before it is published.
- You need to evaluate the information before you use it.
- Some sites are created by experts, unfortunately most are not.

Accuracy and Authority

- Who is the author and what are their qualifications?
- Is the information credible and reliable?

Purpose and Content

- What is the purpose of the website?
- Is the information subjective (biased or opinionated), objective (Factual) or mixed?

Currency

- How current is the information?
- When was the site last revised, modified or updated?
- Do the links still work?

Design, Organisation and Ease of use

- Is it slow to load, difficult to search or read?
- Does it have distracting ads and flashing side bars?