

Expanding Enterprise

Enterprise Information Management of Milsons Point has announced a distributorship agreement with Instant Information Inc. of Oregon, producers of Software for Communications. Initially they will be marketing INSTANTCOM XWORLD which not only has auto-dial, auto-login, auto-answer features, but offers word processing for text editing, form generation functions and optional encryption features for sensitive files. It handles ASCII and binary file transfer and PC to PC communication. It has a history buffer, is menu driven, and single-key driven while online.

The distributors say that the word processing feature is extremely simple to operate and excellent for preparing ASCII files for batch loading to other software. Enquiries — Enterprise (02) 923 1059.

Early ships journals to National Library

A set of three hand-written and illustrated journals describing the nine voyages to Australia of an English marine captain from 1847-1850 has been added to the manuscript collection of the National Library of Australia.

Captain Alexander Weynton kept meticulous records of his voyages, enriched by more than seventy watercolour sketches ranging from full page illustrations of ships to coastal profiles, and colour sketches of people, fish, and plant life.

Also included are eight issues of a handwriting's newspaper, the *Windsor Review*, with illustrations by Weynton.

Warren Horton, Director-General of the National Library, said that although many

emigrants to Australia in the nineteenth century kept journals of their voyages, and Royal Navy Officers had to keep logs, the Weynton journals are unique as they comprise both factual data (logs, crew and passenger lists), and impressionistic material such as journals and illustrations.

While the journals mainly record the voyages, Weynton spent altogether well over a year in Australia and provides information of general interest. His descriptions of social events often are amusing and not always flattering. After attending a ball in Sydney he wrote, 'I must certainly say that several of the girls are exceedingly pretty but they had large feet and have that peculiar lack of animation which distinguishes all Australian women. They danced violently but not well.'

The journals were bought this year from a bookseller in Windsor, England for \$15,000, and now have a permanent home in the extensive manuscript collection of the National Library.

Magic no 7

Trimagic software of Milsons Point have announced the release of Version 7.0 INMAGIC, an information retrieval software already very popular in the library community.

Trimagic say the new version retains all the good features of Version 6.3 and adds such extras as numeric capability, file security, full screen editing and even greater simplicity and flexibility in preparing reports. Enquiries — Trimagic (02) 922 3076.

New SEARCH module for URICA library system

The SEARCH module, AWA Computers' new information retrieval system, is now available. It is designed to assist librarians with the time consuming and complex management tasks associated with major reference collections.

The SEARCH module is an addition to the range of optional enquiry modules which, when added to the basic URICA package, make it a system with broad capabilities and flexibility to suit specific requirements.

The new module provides on-line information retrieval of the library database and has been specifically designed to handle complex

research enquiries. Search procedures are similar to those used in large public on-line systems, such as DIALOGUE and BRS.

It's history

The Royal Australian Historical Society, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney, has expanded its publishing programme to include a Technical Information Service. The programme has been designed to help historical societies, museums and other heritage bodies with the practical problems of running a historical society and to introduce new ideas in producing and displaying community history.

The year's service includes:

1. The legal requirements of organising a local historical society
2. The management of photographic records
3. Oral history for the local community
4. History of a house: how to trace it
5. Producing a slide show of your local historical society
6. History for young people

Advance subscriptions are offered at \$12.00, plus \$3.00 postage per year. Individual issues may be purchased at \$2.50, plus \$1.00 postage.

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Coming shortly

About to be published is a book called *Floating* by Nancy Corbett whose first published story was in *A Book of Our Own* published during the 1982 Women and Arts Festival.

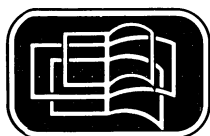
Floating is set partly in Sydney and partly in Japan, and it also crosses a time gap of two hundred years.

Published by Wild and Woolley, PO Box 41, Glebe, NSW 2037, the RRP is \$24.95. Like *InCite*, this book is 'proudly printed in Australia'.

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