

In the News

ALIA Press:

Going commercial

Over the last 2 years ALIA Press has been moving towards fully commercial operation. This is very much in the interest of ALIA members, as the alternatives are either to continue to subsidise publications, or to cease to publish material at all.

Readers of *inCite* will be aware that the Press has been negotiating an agreement with a major commercial publisher. A final draft of this agreement is now with the lawyers, and it is hoped will be ready to be signed by the time this appears. One result of this is that General Council has agreed that the Association's membership discount arrangements will now be replaced with prepublication discounts. This will help us sell many copies of each title as soon as possible, while the title is still right up-to-date.

The Press will shortly distribute an updated catalogue of all its titles with *inCite* — some new additions as well as price changes.

To fill gaps in the market, identify suitable authors and promote related titles, the Press has established several series. Those underway so far include:

- *Australian Reference Series* Editors: Ray Choate, University of Adelaide, and Alex Byrne, Northern Territory University.
- *Topics in School Librarianship Series* Editor: James Henri, Charles Sturt University.
- *Bibliographies on Disk Series* Editors: Peter Clayton, Peter Biskup and Susan MacDoughall, all at University of Canberra
- *Technology* (Editor yet to be appointed).

The ALIA Press Board will next meet in late September. If you have a publication idea you'd like to float, a manuscript in your bottom drawer, or see a need for a new ALIA title, contact the appropriate Series Editor, or talk to a member of the Press Board: James Henri, Alex Byrne or Peter Clayton.

Peter Clayton
University of Canberra

Scansearch

Scansearch has opened its new office in Perth, aimed at providing a more personalised service to its West Australian clients. The new premises are at 10/10 Johnston Street, Peppermint Grove, WA 6011, telephone (09) 385 2123, fax (09) 384 9343.

Scansearch has also moved its Adelaide office to friendlier premises at 21 Avenue Road, Frewville, SA 5063, telephone (08) 379 0414, fax (08) 379 0420.

Lee Welch chosen for Snowbird institute

Lee Welch, Manager of Business Information in South Australia, has been selected to attend the second Snowbird Leadership Development Institute in Utah this August. The institute and seminar are sponsored by Dynix Corporation. Dynix is also sponsoring a librarian from the UK to attend the institute, situated in the Wasatch Mountains behind Salt Lake City.

The invitation came as a complete surprise to Lee. The institute is aimed at librarians in the early years of their career. It offers an opportunity to gain knowledge which can be put to good use in an Australian context. For example, Australian librarians are now learning about, and beginning to use management tools such as the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. This seminar is about using those tools effectively.

The State Library of South Australia and the University of South Australia, partners in the Business Information

Service, and the Libraries Board of South Australia are supporting Lee to continue her travel from Utah to take up invitations to look at technology transfer and fee-based information systems in Arizona and Texas before returning to Adelaide.

Lee will talk about her trip and the leadership seminar at the ALIA Country Conference to be held at Berri in the South Australian riverland on 24/25 August.



Lee Welch at work

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Katherine Purdis has asked us to draw attention to the Colonial Mutual Life advertisement just to the right of this page. She writes:

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National Library to introduce Fast Track

The National Library of Australia will introduce a Fast Track interlibrary loan service on 2 September 1991.

The library will despatch items requested as Fast Track within 24 hours of receipt, but can only guarantee delivery within 24 hours for articles supplied by fax or delivered to the collection pigeon holes on the library premises. A library may request Fast Track service by telephone, fax, the ABN ILL subsystem or electronic mail. The following charges will apply:

Fast Track loan	\$21
— supply by NLA courier	\$30
Fast Track photocopy	\$18
— supply by NLA courier or Priority Post	\$24
Fast Track fax up to 10 pages	\$21
— every additional 10 pages or part thereof	\$ 3

The 'urgent' request service currently provided by the library will cease on 29 August 1991 with only Fast Track requests accepted by telephone from 2 September. All requests, including those marked 'urgent', will be processed in order of receipt unless specified as Fast Track.

The library's standard service for document supply will continue to operate with existing charges with the exception of a minimum \$3 surcharge for fax supply. For further details contact Clair Lambert on (06) 262 1265.



ANU satellite service

Robyn Williams (right), Chairman of the Commission for the Future opens the new facility on 17 July. The satellite service provides viewing facilities in the Chifley Building for live programs from China, USA, France, Japan, USSR, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Taped video recordings of daily news broadcasts are also available for study.

New master's degree at Charles Sturt University

A new Master of Applied Science (Information Studies) will be offered by the School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University — Riverina from the beginning of 1992. The program addresses recent developments in the information professions to enable current practitioners to upgrade their knowledge and to specialise in a specific area of study. It is offered only in the external mode with optional residential periods on campus.

The MAppSc program comprises relevant coursework subjects and a research project, all completed in 2-3 years part-time. Applicants with a degree or postgraduate diploma in computing, information management, library science or teacher-librarianship may be exempt from up to six of the coursework subjects, completing the course over 2 years part-time. For further information contact Gary Gorman (Library and Information Science) or James Henri (Teacher-Librarianship) on (069) 22 2584.

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Census 91 enters the classroom

Australia's 1991 Census of Population and Housing was held on Tuesday, 6 August.

A special resource kit containing classroom materials to increase awareness and understanding of Census 91 and census procedures in general has been sent to all secondary schools in Australia. The schools kit was developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in consultation with Departments of Education in all States to ensure compatibility with all education systems.

It is structured to allow social science educators to quickly and easily develop lessons and other classroom activities around census topics. There are student exercises on the history of the census in Australia, the uses of Census 86 results, designing census questions and word puzzles based on census vocabulary.

Ann Luczka

Search Tech buy out

Ian Walker — formerly National Sales Manager of Infolink — has completed a Management Buy Out of Search Tech from its parent company Infolink. Search Tech specialises in Multimedia Laser Disc based systems for the storage and retrieval of pictures, photographs and video clips for organisations with major collections. For example, it has produced the Video Disc *At Work and Play* for the State Library of NSW and is currently installing an Image Management System in the Australian War Memorial.

Librarian wins chess festival

Ross Kingsley, the Technical Services Librarian at Penrith City Library, recently won the Open event in the Norfolk Island Chess Festival in a sudden-death play off against his long-time chess rival, financial



executive Roy Jones. The winning game is reported in full in the *Bulletin*, 23 July, p 104.

Ross, who is also Secretary of the NSW Chess Association, tells us that this is his sixth successive pilgrimage to Norfolk. He had twice before finished second in the Open. He describes himself as 'a very ordinary player'... Congratulations, Ross!

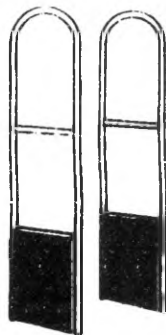
NLA Chair reappointed



Sir Ninian Stephen, who has recently been reappointed as Chairman of the National Library Council for a further term of three years, is seen here inspecting some old manuscripts with Valerie Helson, acting Assistant Manuscripts Librarian at the National Library of Australia.

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