Investing in our future

Tim Slocum (October *inCite*) says there is no valid reason why Australia cannot compete in the document delivery area, and that 'Australian librarians must immediately commit themselves to providing prompt, reliable and inexpensive document delivery services to each other.' I agree.

One neglected area of document supply has been to school libraries, which are facing increasing frustration as electronic indexing databases proliferate, but not the documentation backup. The library decision makers of the future are currently in school — their perceptions about libraries are now being established. It is in everyone's interests that these students see libraries as dynamic, cooperative and responding quickly to their needs.

In response to this agenda, in January 1996 the University of South Aus-

tralia library, in association with the National Library of Australia, will be launching NAPSS — the National Periodical Service for Schools — a fast track document delivery service for an average cost of only \$4 per item compared with the normal fast track ILL cost of about \$22. NAPSS is an extension of the very successful South Australian periodical service for schools which already has 100 subscribers in the NT, SA and Tasmania.

If teacher librarians would like further information about NAPSS please contact Christine Cother, phone (08) 302 6815, fax (08) 302 6640, e-mail christine.cother@unisa.edu.au

Alan Bundy, University of South Australia

Credit where credit is due

In Robyn Stokes excellent article Li-

braries working together in the Asia Pacific region (September inCite), she mentions many of the major players in the region, including agencies which fund these exciting library programs, for example, the NLA's regional cooperation program. However, I do think it would have been wise to give gongs also to other bodies which, although they may not be specifically library related, nevertheless provide stimulus to library developments in the region. Organisations which may have been mentioned in this context are my own, AusAID — Australian Agency for International Development, the South Pacific Cultures Fund and Cultural Relations Branch of DFAT, and UNESCO Australia.

Craig Boaden, AusAID Centre for Pacific Development

ALIA welcomes new members

We welcome the following new members who joined the Association in September and hope that they will speedily become involved in our activities.

New Member

Alexandra Arnold *QLD*Glenys Artelaris *WA*Roslyn Boyce *ACT*Jennifer Brisbane *SA*Clare Clemens *TAS*Marie Costello *VIC*Jodie Greschke *NSW*Margaret Jacob *WA*Annie Loxton *NSW*Jennifer McNiven *NSW*Kathryn Millard *QLD*Wendy Quihampton *VIC*Denise Shanahan *NSW*

John Sutherland *WA*Sarah Trippe *WA*Karen Vitullo *NSW*Annie Wall *VIC*Julie Woodland *WA*

New Technician

Jennifer Bodey *SA* Jennifer Smith *QLD* Glen Urquhart *TAS*

New Associate

Priscilla Aiken ACT Georgia Cosmos VIC Mary Merven NSW
Andreea Mills VIC
Andrew Pitt NT
Margaret Roberts NSW
Ruth Smith QLD
Jane Stronach QLD
Caitlin Watter QLD
Lynda Wedding VIC
Diane Wesolek SA

Congratulations to those members who have upgraded their qualifications

Upgrade to Technician

Prudence Senior TAS

Upgrade to Associate

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Vital link update

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