

A helping hand to Adelaide

The Information Science Section is willing to assist an isolated member of the ISS to attend the Adelaide Conference. The only requirement is that the person is a member of ISS, resident in Australia and without assistance would not be able to attend the conference. The ISS will fund two-thirds of the transportation costs up to \$450.

Would all ISS members wishing to take advantage of this offer please contact the National Secretary, Ian Stone, C/- Library Board of WA, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth, WA 6000.

In your letter of application please explain your isolation. No application will be accepted post-marked after 15 July.

Community library for Noarlunga



The Premier of South Australia, Mr David Tonkin, enrolls as the first borrower from the Noarlunga library, as Ms Philippa Middleton, the Systems and College Librarian, prepares to issue the first book on the Dataphase circulation system. This is believed to be the first Australian installation of the Dataphase ALIS II circulation systems; it is linked online to a main computer in the State Library of South Australia.

ON FRIDAY 19 MARCH, 1982 the Premier of South Australia, the Hon David Tonkin, MP, inaugurated a new community library service at Noarlunga, an outer suburban community 30 km south of Adelaide.

Housed in a spacious new building on the campus of the Noarlunga College of Technical and Further Education (TAFE), the Library will serve as the central public Library for the Noarlunga City Council and as a Learning Resource Centre for the College.

Planning for the Library began in the early 1970s, with the proposal to develop a major regional centre at Noarlunga to serve southern metropolitan Adelaide and the surrounding country areas. The Department of Further Education (now the Department of TAFE) considered that the proposed regional centre would provide an ideal site for a college of TAFE. The City of Noarlunga similarly saw an opportunity to provide a headquarters public library located in a large community centre, and close to public transport. The centre itself was then a few farm paddocks, and the first building, the Municipal Offices, was not opened until 1976.

The Department and the Council, with the support of the State and Federal Governments which together funded the new college, agreed that their respective needs would be best met by a joint library, serving

both the general public and the students and staff of the College.

There would be substantial savings on both capital and recurrent costs, and since a TAFE college and a public library would be used by the same population a much better service could be provided to the community by pooling resources. The City Council contributed \$400,000 towards the cost of the building, and substantial sums as its share of the initial bookstock provided by the Libraries Board of South Australia.

Of the 60,000 or more people in the Noarlunga area, about 10 percent used the existing public library services — a bookmobile and a temporary static library in a former primary school.

Now the new Library, with a greatly improved collection of library materials, with excellent facilities for quiet study or for relaxation, and with separate levels for children's, adult, reference, and non-fiction collections and for College class, seminar and tutorial rooms, offers services equal to any TAFE College or public library in Australia.

Community interest in the new facilities was clearly shown in the first week after the opening, when more than 1000 new borrowers were enrolled.

Tony Brown

Chairman, Joint Management Committee, The Noarlunga Library.



Adelaide's famous Rundle Mall, with Adelaide Hills in the background. The Mall is within easy walking distance from the conference venue.