Release of *INMAGIC Plus* image version

riad Data Magic has just released the *image version* of INMAGIC Plus. This new image version links images with database records, so that users can search for and retrieve records, then view or print the corresponding images by pressing a key. Other features include the ability to rotate, zoom, jump-to-page, and thumbnail view these images.

Because it adheres to current industry standards, such as TIFF, the INMAGIC Plus image version requires no specialised hardware or software. Start-up costs are minimised because it works with non-proprietary scanners, monitors (EGA or VGA), storage devices and laser printers.

The INMAGIC Plus image version runs on DOS-based PCs and networks, and costs about 40% more than IN-MAGIC Plus. Existing users of INMAGIC Plus can obtain full trade in credit on their present versions.

INMAGIC software, first released in the USA in 1980 by Inmagic Inc of Cambridge Massachusetts and subsequently brought to Australia by Triad in 1984, is currently in use worldwide by over 15 000 professionals. It is used for a wide variety of information management tasks such as library catalogues, personnel management and control of litigation documents. The new imaging feature can be added easily to any existing INMAGIC database.

It is interesting to note that this new version of INMAGIC Plus is one of the software packages approved for use by firms involved in the Silicone Gel Breast Implant Litigation MDL-926 in the United States ... a case expected to generate approximately three-quarters of a million documents, together with associated document images. Obviously, this new software package is not frightened by BIG databases!
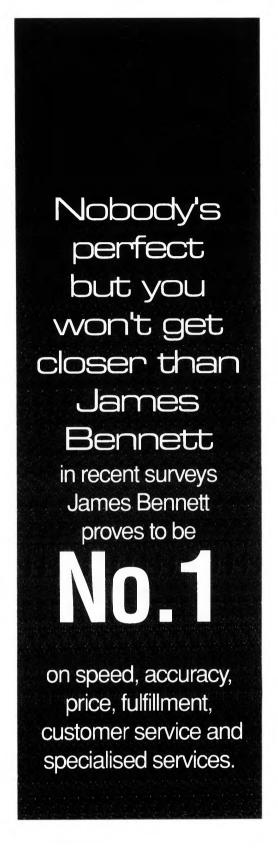
Sneaks Down Under!

Judith Shaw, EO of the Australian School Libraries Association, has established links with Baltimore

eaders may remember the enthusiastic account (*inCite* 4, p19) of Baltimore County Public Library's summer reading program, *Sneaks Down Under*. This was sent to us by the Program's Chair, Paula Drnec-Thompson, who also requested Australian contacts for the local school children. Following a discussion with the *inCite* Editor, I have contacted a number of people in School Library Service positions within the various State Departments of Education. Several of them expressed an interest in helping to arrange an exchange between classes or schools. As a result, a list of names and addresses has been sent to Baltimore.

I have also made some enquiries about pen pal organisations, but with very little success. A number of Australian newspapers occasionally print lists of names and addresses of children seeking pen pals in the children's sections of their newspapers. However this appears to be done on a fairly ad hoc basis.

These initial contacts should allow the students in Baltimore to start some activities with their opposite numbers in Australia, but if anybody would like to make other suggestions, the *inCite* Editor would be happy to forward them.