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EDITORIAL

After producing this newsletter for several years more or less as a one man band (apart from the support of a series of excellent typists), I have been joined as co-editor by Dr Alan Thorne (Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU). With his expertise in physical anthropology and prehistory, and his flair for journalism, Alan is a valuable addition to the editorial team. All articles for publication, however, should still be sent to me.

In earlier years, subscriptions and membership were treated rather lackadaisically, the newsletter being despatched almost regardless of whether the recipient was a financial member. This was made possible by generous support from the Research School of Pacific Studies printery. But in today's more stringent financial climate we are called upon to pay the full cost of production. Therefore we have had to adopt a more formal attitude towards membership and subscriptions.

In future the newsletter will be sent only to financial members. Our treasurer (Laila Haglund) informs me that in order to plan ahead and produce sufficient copies we need subscriptions at the beginning, rather than the end of the year. Subscriptions for 1979 and thus due NOW, which may seem to follow a little too closely the call for 1978 subscriptions - made at the end of that year. However this is a necessary adjustment which will not be repeated. A subscription form is enclosed with this issue.

A few members did not receive copies of the last newsletter (No.8) because an insufficient number was printed. Extra copies of that issue will be run off and distributed to those in need.

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