



ANZAPA...

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1	Official Bloody Organ 318	Acting OBE	10 (0)
2	The Every-Day Book 5	Derrick Ashby	12
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5	Rhubarb 87	John & Diane Fox	40
6	*brg* 113	Bruce Gillespie	32
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8	The Fretful Porpentine 35	David Grigg	18
9	Necessity 157	Jack R. Herman	18
10	Plague of the Living Dead #5	Kim Huett	32
11	Sketchy 4	Christina Lake	12
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13	2020 - The Year of the Plague	LynC	2
14	From the Lair of the Lynx #114	LynC	16
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17	Little Blue Number 2	Perry Middlemiss	6
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20	Hold That Tiger Dec 2020	Terry Morris	8
21	Life on Earth 31	John Newman	8 (7)
22	Sparrowgrass & battle-twigs 71	Roman Orszanski	14
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24	You really know you're home when you find a wombat in your bed #190	Cath Ortlieb	2
25	From the Threshold #1	Ann Poore	14 (13)
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27	Oz SF Fan	Lucy Schmeidler	14 (13)
28	Ytterbium 132	Alan Stewart	16 (15)
29	Ansible 400	David Langford (Alan Stewart)	2 (0)
30	Ansible 401	David Langford (Alan Stewart)	2 (0)
31	Sonoran Cat Down Under #3	R-Lauraine Tutihasi	6
32	Les Chattes Parties 171	Sally Yeoland	20
			<u>502 (480)</u>

Next mailing deadline: 11:59 pm AEST on Friday, 5 February 2021

Overseas members should probably aim to upload by midnight Thursday their time.

Upload your files to <https://bit.ly/anzapa-uploads>.

Acting Official Bloody Editor:

David Grigg

President and OBE Emeritus:

Bruce Gillespie

Emergency Editor:

Jack Herman

Mailing address:

Email:

Cover of this OBO:

Based on *Der Arme Poet* (The Poor Poet) by Carl Spitzweg (1808-1885)

(Yes, this is rather harking back to the ANZAPA covers I used many a long year ago. You gotta problem with that?)

What's the News?

I'm sure all members know by now that Bruce Gillespie has resigned as OBE of ANZAPA. I have taken over on a temporary basis as Acting OBE. Thanks to Jack for agreeing to be Emergency Editor.

A ballot for the position of OBE will be held in February, and I urge you to consider putting your name forward if you have an interest in taking on the job. The deadline for nominations is the same as the deadline on the previous page for the February 2021 mailing.

I will be standing myself, but only on the basis that should I be successful, ANZAPA would remain in PDF format during my tenure, as I'm not prepared to handle the job if I have to receive paper contributions by mail, collate them, parcel them up and post them out. If someone among the membership *is* prepared to do that, then they should nominate before the February deadline.

New Constitution

I'm operating at present by adhering as closely as I can to the existing constitution, which, by the way, calls for an OBE election every year (!). However, it would be good to move to the new constitution proposed by Jack Herman (and amended by myself). I would like to include a voting form regarding the new constitution along with the February ballot for the position of OBE. Any proposed amendments should be provided to me as soon as possible. If there's debate about the amendments, though, we might need to wait until April to vote on the new constitution.

I have included copies of both the existing constitution and the new one later in this OBO, plus a couple of proposed amendments.

Many thanks to Bruce Gillespie

Handling the often thankless job of OBE for an amazing 16 years is quite an achievement, and I'm sure all ANZAPA members, including myself, thank Bruce for his dedication, work and leadership over the years. I've included Bruce's resignation letter here so it goes on the record.

It seems more than a little ironic that Bruce took over the job as OBE from myself 16 years ago when I rather spat the dummy over the paper-handling side of the job and pushed strongly for going all digital. Far too prematurely, I now concede. I do personally thank him for taking over from me back then. How the world turns!

Members Come, Members Go

Welcome to our newest ANZAPA member: **Ann Poore** ! Ann was a member way back in 1983, she tells us (I suspect it was during one of the several periods when I was not in ANZAPA). Nice to see you back, Ann.

And a sad farewell to **John Newman**, who tells us in his contribution this time that he is resigning due to pressure of other projects. We hope to see you back here eventually, John.

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Membership of ANZAPA as at 4 December 2020

Order	Name	Address	Pages Due
1	Derrick Ashby		6 pp Jun-21
2	Claire Brialey & Mark Plummer		6 pp Jun-21
3	Garry P. Dalrymple		6 pp Apr-21
4	Leigh Edmonds		6 pp Jun-21
5	John & Diane Fox		6 pp Jun-21
6	Bruce Gillespie		6 pp Jun-21
7	Michael F. Green		6 pp Jun-21
8	David Grigg		6 pp Jun-21
9	Jack R. Herman		6 pp Jun-21
10	Kim Huett		6 pp Jun-21
11	Christina Lake		6 pp Jun-21
12	Eric Lindsay & Jean Weber		6 pp Jun-21
13	LynC		6 pp Jun-21
14	Gary Mason		6 pp Jun-21
15	Jeanne Mealy		6 pp Jun-21
16	Perry Middlemiss		6 pp Jun-21

17	Terry Morris	6 pp Jun-21
18	John Newman	6 pp Jun-21
19	Roman Orszanski	6 pp Jun-21
20	Marc & Cath Ortlieb	6 pp Jun-21
21	Ann Poore	6 pp Jun-21
22	Margaret & Bob Riep	6 pp Jun-21
23	Lucy Schmeidler	6 pp Jun-21
24	Gerald Smith	6 pp Apr-21
25	Alan Stewart	6 pp Jun-21
26	R-Laurraine Tutihasi	6 pp Jun-21
27	Sally Yeoland	6 pp Jun-21

Odds and Evens

Sally Yeoland pointed out to me a problem with the way I've been putting together the "Whole Mailing" PDFs for printing purposes. When someone submits a contribution with an odd number of pages and I glom them all together, the following contribution will start on a left-hand rather than right-hand page, and thus that contribution's first page will appear, when printed, on the back of the last page of the previous contribution.

This has a number of undesirable consequences. For a start it means that individual contributions within a printed mailing can't be stapled as separate fanzines. It also throws out any left-right margin layouts such as the one I use here, allowing for a wider inner margin for stapling.

My solution to this in future will be (in the "Whole Mailing" PDFs) to add a blank page to the end of any contribution with an odd number

of pages. The contents page now reflects this. If you submitted a 13 page contribution, it will be shown in the contents page total as 14(13). That is, 14 notional 'sides' for printing purposes, but only 13 page 'credits'.

No blame attaches! *I'm not shaming anyone who puts in an odd number of pages.* This is just a practical matter to adjust a printing problem.

Finances

I still haven't arranged for the transfer of funds from the ANZAPA treasury (and perhaps that should wait until after the ballot?) Anyway, so far as I know the balance of the account remains at **\$775.05**.

However, I propose (unless anyone objects) to authorise Bruce to draw on the balance to pay for the printing of one copy of each mailing for archival purposes.

Letter From Bruce Gillespie:

Members of ANZAPA:

6 November 2020

As of now, I am resigning as Official Bloody Editor of ANZAPA. This is done not out of any sense of being dissatisfied with you or your wonderful contributions over the last 16 years, although I do feel a sense of elation at having taken this step.

While ANZAPA remained a print-only apa, I felt up to the job. I felt I knew exactly what I was doing, despite occasional glitches. However, when the covid-19 conditions of 2020 overtook us, it became plain that only David Grigg's technical prowess could enable us to survive by becoming a PDF-only organisation. This led to the situation where effectively we had two official editors, with David doing the necessary jobs. It therefore seems sensible for me to make way for David, who is already doing most of the hard work.

I have been aware of the ANZAPA members who would much rather have remained with a print-only format, but I must point out that the deciding factor in making the change has little to do with our preferences. The world's postal systems have changed rapidly during the year. The USA has withdrawn from the International Postal Union, which could mean that mailings sent to the US in future will need to fulfil security requirements. The cost of international mailings has become prohibitive. The most recent mailing would have cost at least \$60 per overseas member in postage. The cost of sending each mailing to local members would have been at least \$15 per member.

Thanks to everybody who has contributed so enthusiastically during the last 16 years – and indeed, during the last 52 years, as several early members have returned during 2020. As far as I can work out, ANZAPA seems to be the only apa in the world that has not only survived but flourished during the last ten years.

Thanks also to the members who have held the position of OBE over the years. Most apas fall by the wayside because eventually no member is willing to keep things going, but that's not happened with us.

Thanks to everybody who has won the Anzapopoll over the years, and therefore has had to run the following year's poll.

Thanks also to Marc Ortlieb, who has chosen to remain ANZAPA's unofficial archivist. This is a job we will probably share in future. The archive of the last 16 years' printed mailings remains with me (because David and Sue don't have room for them), and I will continue to print a copy of each mailing for the archive.

Thanks to Sally Yeoland, who has remained Emergency Editor over the years, although I have never had to call upon her services. Also thanks to Bill Wright, who was my co-collator of the mailing for quite a few years.

Thanks to Elaine, who has had to put up with fits of Gillespie bad temper occasioned by problems with mailings. She cannot work out why I kept going after the first year.

And thanks, as always, to Leigh Edmonds, who started the whole thing in the first place.

Best wishes,

Bruce Gillespie

Official Bloody Editor Emeritus

[Existing] ANZAPA CONSTITUTION

1. The Australian and New Zealand Amateur Publishing Association (ANZAPA) is an association of people whose common interest is amateur journalism. Its purpose is to facilitate communication between its members through a bi-monthly exchange of publications.¹

2. Membership

Membership is limited to thirty persons or couples. On joining, a member shall be required to pay a pro rata membership fee and contribute to the following mailing. If there are no vacancies, applications for membership will be placed on a waiting list.

3. Activity

To retain membership, a member must contribute a minimum of six A4 or US Letter pages of self-written material every six months. Contributions must be supplied to the Official Bloody Editor in editions of substantially identical copies. The number of copies required for a mailing is two (2) more than the number of members in the previous mailing.

A publication apparently intended to circulate widely outside ANZAPA in addition to ANZAPA will not be counted towards a member's minimum activity requirements, unless it bears conspicuously on its cover or front page the words 'First published in ANZAPA' (or words to similar effect) and the name and address of the member on whose behalf credit is sought.

4. Mailings

Mailing dates shall be the tenth of the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Mailing deadlines may be announced by the Official Bloody Editor. With each mailing, the Official Bloody Editor shall publish an official Organ, including a list of the contents, a membership roster, and a financial statement. Material which violates postal regulations shall not be included. The Official Bloody Editor shall publish this constitution in the Official Bloody Organ at least once a year.

5. Fees

Members are required to pay an annual fee by the mailing deadline of the August mailing. The amount of the fee for each member shall be determined each year by the Official Bloody Editor and set at a rate sufficient to cover the projected annual costs of postage to that member plus an equal contribution to the other running costs of the organisation. The proposed fee schedule shall be published in the February mailing.

6. Officers of the Association

A president shall be elected annually by means of a popularity poll (called 'Anzapopoll'). The President's duties shall be to organise the following poll and 'encourager les autres'.

An Official Bloody Editor shall be elected (or re-elected) annually. The Official Bloody Editor shall be an Australian resident. The duties of the Official Bloody Editor shall include distributing the mailing, publishing the official organ, and controlling the Association's finances. Other duties may be undertaken at the Official Bloody Editor's discretion.

An Emergency Editor may be appointed by the Official Bloody Editor to perform any of the Official Bloody Editor's duties.

7. Elections

The ballot for the election of the Official Bloody Editor, containing the names of all those who have been nominated for the office, shall be distributed with the February mailing. The closing date shall be the 10th of March or twenty eight days after the February mailing has been distributed. The counting of votes shall be conducted by a member not standing for office. Elections shall be by simple majority. The result shall be announced in the April official organ, and the incoming Official Bloody Editor shall assume duties with the June Mailing.

The Anzapoll shall be conducted by the President in conjunction with the August mailing. The incoming President shall assume office with the October mailing.

8. Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Official Bloody Editor, bearing the signatures of three members. These amendments shall be set out in the official organ for the mailing immediately following their reception by the Official Bloody Editor. With the second mailing following their reception, the Official Bloody Editor shall distribute a ballot. The closing date for the return of ballots shall be twenty eight days after the mailing has been distributed. Any amendments receiving at least a 75% positive vote of the votes returned shall be passed.

9. Special Rules

Special Rules may be adopted from time to time, provided a majority of voters endorses a copy of the proposed rule within twenty eight days of its distribution. Such a proposal must be distributed to the entire membership at substantially the same time. Any member other than the proposer(s) may be nominated to count votes.

Footnote

¹ Writers of publications are encouraged to mention science fiction and/or fantasy from time to time if space, time and whim permit.

[Proposed New] ANZAPA CONSTITUTION

The Australian and New Zealand Amateur Publishing Association (ANZAPA) is a bi-monthly APA, in which writers are encouraged to mention science fiction and/or fantasy from time to time if space, time and whim permit.

It consists of up to thirty persons or couples, who pay an appropriate fee and contribute to the next available mailing. If there are no vacancies, applicants are placed on a waiting list and invited to join when there is a vacancy.

The APA is run by an Official Bloody Editor (OBE) elected from amongst the members when there is a vacancy. The OBE will ensure the collection of zines on the tenth day of each even-numbered month, and their distribution to all members as soon thereafter as is practical, including an Official Organ, which includes a list of the contents, a membership roster, and a financial statement, and annually this constitution. The zines shall be in a medium determined by the OBE, who shall also ensure the maintenance of an archive of all distributions, collect annual fees (due with each August mailing and sufficient to meet the APA's projected annual costs), and maintain the APA's finances. The OBE may appoint an Emergency Editor to perform any of the OBE's duties, and other such assistants as may be required.

To retain membership, a member must contribute a minimum of six A4 pages (or close equivalent) of self-written material every six months. The material should be original and be primarily intended for publication in ANZAPA. What counts as acceptable material for the purposes of minac is at the OBE's discretion.

A President shall be elected annually by means of a popularity poll (the Anzapopoll), distributed with the August mailing. The President's duties shall be to organise the following poll and '*encourager les autres*'.

This Constitution can be amended only by a positive vote of at least 75% of the ballots received by the OBE after the following procedure: proposals in writing, endorsed by three members, must be sent to the OBE, who will publish them in the following Official Organ; in the second mailing after the proposal's receipt, the OBE shall distribute a ballot, with a specified closing date.

Special Rules may be adopted from time to time, at the OBE's discretion, unless a majority of members oppose the proposed rule within twenty eight days of its distribution.

Proposed Amendments to the NEW Constitution

We don't actually have a system for handling amendments to an amendment (which technically the whole of the new constitution would be). I suggest that all we're doing at present is debating the text of the proposed new constitution. So I don't think we require the signature of three members to amend the *proposed* text.

We *will*, though, require three members to put forward the final draft of the new constitution as an amendment to the *existing* constitution.

Amendment 1: Proposed by David Grigg 1/12/2020

Proposal:

Amend the first paragraph so it reads in its entirety:

'The Australian and New Zealand Amateur Publishing Association ("ANZAPA" or "the APA") is an organisation which publishes a bi-monthly compilation ("a mailing") of amateur magazines or fanzines.'

Justification:

Several members have expressed disquiet about the inclusion of a subject matter recommendation in the new constitution, either because it doesn't include some subject area of particular interest to the member (e.g. comics, music), or because the member thinks it a bad idea to include any such recommendation. I am of the latter persuasion. I also think that simply saying ANZAPA is a bi-monthly APA doesn't actually explain anything.

Amendment 2: Proposed by David Grigg 2/12/2020

Proposal:

Amend the first sentence of paragraph 3 to read in part:

'...an Official Bloody Editor ("the OBE") elected from...'

Justification:

This is just pedantry on my part but intended to better reflect that 'OBE', like 'ANZAPA' and 'APA' and 'mailing', are terms needing definition as in Amendment 1.