

THE ANZAPA BOOK

Part One: MEMBERS AND MAILINGS

Edited, printed and published by John Bangsund, initially for present members and friends of ANZAPA, later perhaps for others, with the assistance (to date), either offered or heartily seized upon, of Gary Mason, Paul Anderson, David Grigg and Leigh Edmonds.

This temporary title page will be replaced when (or if) the work is completed. Your assistance, by way of comment, reminiscence &c, will be appreciated. I suggest that you write such comments first for ANZAPA generally; later I might ask to use them in this book.

With your help I hope to complete the book in time for ANZAPA's tenth anniversary, October 1978.

I ask the OBE to note that future instalments will not have title pages of any kind. They should be listed as 'THE ANZAPA BOOK, PART 1: MAILINGS X-Y'.

Part Two will consist of an anthology of the Best of ANZAPA. If you want me to do it, it will have to wait until some subsequent anniversary. If you want it by the tenth anniversary, I will gladly help anyone who volunteers to do the typing.

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When I heard that Ron Clarke had Uttered The Word, and that Leigh Edmonds and Bernie Bernhouse had taken him up on it enthusiastically, I began to wonder whether I had perhaps been shuffled into another universe, for I just didn't think that there were enough fans in Australia able to produce regular fanzines.

— John Foyster

The Australian and New Zealand Amateur Publishing Association owes its existence to eleven people — the four mentioned above, and the seven who joined them to produce the first mailing. Ultimately, John Foyster, the Father of Modern Australian Fandom, may be blamed for it. He organized the 7th Australian Science Fiction Convention, Melbourne, Easter 1966 (the first convention in this country in eight years). From that convention came Australian Science Fiction Review and renewed activity in Sydney and Melbourne. By 1968 various fanzines were being published, new clubs were springing up, and all kinds of contacts were being made between Australian fans and between them and overseas fans. To Ron Clarke of Sydney is given the credit of suggesting the idea of a local amateur publishing association, and to Leigh Edmonds of Melbourne the blame for getting the thing off the ground.

John Foyster mentions attending a meeting at the Melbourne Science Fiction Club (then at 19 Somerset Place, Melbourne) to discuss the matter with Leigh and Bernie. I wasn't at that meeting, but at the time I was living with Leigh and Paul Stevens at Elsternwick, so it isn't at all surprising that Paul and I signed up. Bernie was a fairly regular visitor at our place, a young bloke brimming over with enthusiasm for fandom, existentialism, acid rock, Bach's unaccompanied violin sonatas (my fault) and other contemporary issues, so I am not surprised that he played an important part in ANZAPA's origins. Likewise I am not surprised that, although he is listed as a foundation member, he never actually contributed anything to the mailings.

For me, ANZAPA (or APA-A, as it was originally) was a turning point. By October 1968 I had published the first eighteen of ASFR's twenty issues, and I was feeling frustrated. ANZAPA launched me into the madcap, stimulating, utterly informal world of amateur publishing, and I can't find words enough to thank Ron, Leigh, Bernie and John for providing me with this most delightful emotional and creative outlet and hobby.

Eventually, I hope that my fellow members of ANZAPA, past and present, will tell the stories behind the bare facts and figures that follow. If they will do that, I promise to join them, but for the moment we must have those facts and figures.

Members

BANGSUND, JOHN	1/166 Glen Eira Rd, Elsternwick, Vic
BERNHOUSE, BERNIE	62 Military Rd, Avondale Heights, Vic
CLARKE, RON L.	78 Redgrave Rd, Normanhurst, NSW
DARLING, PETER	56 Pembroke St, Epping, NSW
EDMONDS, LEIGH	1/166 Glen Eira Rd, Elsternwick, Vic
FOYSTER, JOHN	12 Glengariff Drive, Springvale North, Vic
GILLESPIE, BRUCE	PO Box 30, Bacchus Marsh, Vic
MASON, GARY	Warili Rd, French's Forest, NSW
RYAN, JOHN	12 Barkley St, Fairfield, NSW
STEVENS, PAUL	1/166 Glen Eira Rd, Elsternwick, Vic
WOODMAN, GARY	c/- Monash University SF Assn, Clayton, Vic

The Mailing

Edmonds (OE)	Official Organ	4
Bangsund	THE NEW MILLENNIAL HARBINGER 1	9
	- Precursors of Churches of Christ; One Flash and You're Ash, Buster; Evenings at Northclump	
Clarke	QUICKSILVER	1
Darling	APATHY	1
Edmonds	THE MECHANISM 1	8
	- reviews, fan-fiction, mailing comments	
Foyster	ECCHH-TOPLASM (the ghost-writers' gazette)	4
Gillespie	THE MARSHIAN CHRONICLES 1	3
	- Review, The War Game	
Mason	RSVP 1	12
	- constitution amendments	
Ryan	BONZER 1	4
	- Gully Foyle, Alfred Bester	
Stevens	LITTLE SUPO DELUXE 5	5
	- film reviews, censorship, Pat Terry	
Woodman	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	2
	Total:	53

Comment

My notes on contents are selective (you've noticed?); where titled articles appear they are noted; where subjects are dealt with at length they are noted; articles and letters by persons other than their publishers will be noted in italics; artwork will be noted in this section, mainly because there has never been much of it in ANZAPA. Neither listing nor comment is intended to be exhaustive description: I'll leave that to someone else.

Bernie Bernhouse (as already noted) never contributed to ANZAPA. In subsequent listing of mailing contents each member will be noted, whether he has a contribution or not, since it seems as interesting to note who missed mailings as who contributed.

I forget the background to the APA-A Constitution. Obviously it

had been circulated before the first mailing, since Woodman and Mason devote much space to amendments, and Clarke and Ryan refer to the constitution. I do not intend to write a constitutional history of ANZAPA, but changes will be noted.

Artwork in Mailing 1: one-page comic strip by Burt Kaufman (The Mechanism); Bangsund, Edmonds and Mason illustrated their own fanzines. *Burt Kaufman* (I should have put his name in italics the first time) was a friend in Sydney of John Foyster and Lee Harding. He had a review in the first issue of ASFR.

The other ASFR reject (in the sense that by being published here it was effectively rejected from ASFR, whatever my hazy intentions may have been originally) in this mailing was Bruce Gillespie's review in The Marshian Chronicles. Bruce wanted to join APA-A, but for some reason could not contribute anything in time for the first mailing, so I selected this review and chose the title for the fanzine, and Leigh Edmonds stencilled it.

Leigh remarks in the Official Organ that Brian Richards (Western Australia: see much later reminiscences by Ron Clarke and me) wanted to join APA-A as a non-contributing member. Leigh sent him some mailings. On John Ryan's recommendation, Jack Butler was invited to join. In Mailing 2 we learn that John Breden, Noel Kerr and Lee Harding also received the first mailing. Since John Brosnan joined in time for Mailing 2 it is fair to assume that he also received a copy of the first. This accounts for 17 of the 30 copies of the first mailing; others I know to have a copy are Ron Graham and Mike O'Brien. Readers (especially former Official Editors) may care to inform me where the other eleven copies went to.

I am indebted to Gary Mason for providing copies of the first four mailings (mine were sold during 1975 to the library of Murdoch University, Western Australia). Since Gary has kept the envelopes in which the mailings came, I can report that Mailing 1 cost 13 cents to post. The membership fee in 1968 was \$2.00: I will note subsequent increases.

Isn't this exciting? Of course it is. And only sixty-odd mailings to go before October 1978. Whoo-boy! (I'm not at all sure I should have started this.)

In 1968 ASFR was nominated, for the second time, for a Best Fanzine Hugo. Ron Graham came to Melbourne and told us about his plans for a professional sf magazine (later called Vision of Tomorrow), and asked me to be its Australian editor. There had been some talk about bidding for an Australian World SF Convention. Stirring times! I mention this background stuff because it seems to me that, more than any other person or organization, ANZAPA (APA-A) laid the groundwork for the Worldcon in Melbourne in 1975. Take a bow, Leigh Edmonds!

But in 1968 an Australian Worldcon was not much more than a dream, and we had other things on our minds anyway. Like moving house, in some cases. On to December...

Members

New Members:

BROSNAN, JOHN 3/4 Abbotsford St, Kensington, NSW
 BUTLER, JACK PO Box 1267, Townsville, Queensland

Address Changes:

Bangsund & Edmonds PO Box 19, Ferntree Gully, Vic
 Stevens 2/20 Merton St, North Caulfield, Vic
 Woodman 31 Bethell Avenue, Parkdale, Vic

The Mailing

Edmonds (OE)	Official Organ	5
Bangsund	THE NEW MILLENNIAL HARBINGER 2	16
	- <i>R.D.Symons</i> The Velikovsky Affair; <i>Bob Toomey</i> Letter From Another Country; Probe on Reportability A; letter <i>George Turner</i>	
Bangsund	THE NEW MILLENNIAL HARBINGER 3	11
	- <i>George Turner</i> Addict's Progress: four decades of science fiction; Some Notes on the Australian SF Association; letters <i>Lee Harding</i> , <i>George Turner</i>	
Bangsund	PROCEEDINGS OF THE THOMAS LOVE PEACOCK SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA	1
Bernhouse	-	
Brosnan	WHY BOTHER? 1	4
	- Confessions of a Job Hopper	
Butler	TEE VEE 1	3
	- autobiography	
Clarke	QUICKSILVER 2	4
Darling	APATHY 2	7
	- Australia and Japan; radio	
Edmonds	THE MECHANISM 2	9
Foyster	HOLD HIGH THE GREAT RED BANNER OF MAO TSE-TUNG'S THOUGHT AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT SOCIALIST CULTURAL REVOLUTION	4
	- mailing comments	
Foyster/Bangsund	A CLIP ON THE EAR	1
Gillespie	THE MARSHIAN CHRONICLES 2	13
	- on teaching, <i>Blishen's 'Roaring Boys'</i> , autobiography	
Mason	BLATANTLY UNYCLEFT MAGAZINE (formerly RSVP)	
	2 - outline, 17 episodes of <i>The Prisoner</i>	13
Ryan	BONZER 2	4
Stevens	-	
Woodman	RED TAPE ESCAPE 0	7
	- fan-fiction; on being made a fool of &c	

Total: 102

Members

New Members:

BULL, KEN 65 Regent Avenue, Springvale, Vic
 KERR, NOEL 85 Morgan St, Carnegie, Vic
 O'BRIEN, MICHAEL 158 Liverpool St, Hobart, Tasmania
 ROBB, ALEX c/- Baptist College, Eastwood, NSW

Address Changes:

Brosnan 1/115 Garden St, Maroubra, NSW

Members Dropped: Bernhouse, Stevens (activity)

The Mailing

Edmonds (OE)	Official Organ	5
Bangsund	THE NEW MILLENNIAL HARBINGER 4 -	17
	Whatever happened to Canto 2? <i>Toomey</i> Letter from Another Country (2); letters from Isaac Asimov, L. Sprague de Camp, James Blish, Ursula LeGuin, Michel Feron, Peter Singleton, Seth Johnson	
Brosnan	WHY BOTHER? 2	4
	- Confessions of a Job Hopper (2)	
Bull	A LA CARTE 1	6
	- Let's Make the Comics a Talking Point	
Butler	TEE VEE 2	2
Clarke	QUICKSILVER 3	4
Darling	APATHY 3	7
Edmonds	THE MECHANISM 3	6
Foyster	BLIND-WORM'S STING	4
Gillespie	THE MARSHIAN CHRONICLES 3	23
	- Listing and discussion of favourite novels, films, sf and pop music, 1963-68	
Kerr	SWEET NOTHINGS 1	5
Mason	-	
O'Brien	CALL OF KALI	2
Robb	CRABGRASS	11
Ryan	BONZER 3	13
	- On being visited by 4 Melbourne fans	
Woodman	RED TAPE ESCAPE 2	4
	Total:	113

Members

New Members:

ROBERTS, PETER 87 West Town Lane, Bristol, UK
 STEVENS, PAUL PO Box 74, Balaclava, Vic

Address Changes:

Bangsund PO Box 109, Ferntree Gully, Vic
 Edmonds PO Box 74, Balaclava, Vic

Member Resigned: Butler

The Mailing

Edmonds (OE)	Official Organ	3
Bangsund	-	
Brosnan	WHY BOTHER? 3	3
Bull	A LA CARTE 2	8
	- On Norman Lindsay	
Clarke	-	
Darling	APATHY 4	8
	- On Scientology	
Edmonds	THE MECHANISM 4	7
Foyster	VOMIT 1	2
	- On the Death of Lady Rylah	
Gillespie	-	
Kerr	SWEET NOTHINGS 2	10
Mason	BLATANTLY UNYCLEFT MAGAZINE 3	4
	- Why Comics?	
O'Brien	CALL OF KALI 2	2
	- Superfan and Antifan	
Robb	SCARBRIC FAIR	21
	- Simon & Garfunkel	
Roberts	30% BRAN (WITH RAISINS) 1	2
Ryan	BONZER 4	8
Stevens	LITTLE SUPO DELUXE 8	7
	- Stevens, Media Personality; Dahlias; The Cinema Today	
Woodman	RED TAPE ESCAPE -2	8
	- On femmefans & public dykes	
	Total:	93

Postmailing

Bangsund	THE NEW MILLENNIAL HARBINGER 5	4
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OBSERVANT ANZAPANS will note that the Comments promised are missing from mailings 2 to 4. There is a simple reason for this: I'm tired. The Comments will be distributed through ANZAPA later, printed in their correct order; the format here is for convenience only. Listing membership and mailings is obviously the easy part of the job.

At present I don't have access to mailings 5 and 6. Anyone who can assist is cordially invited to. If necessary I will accept a listing and comments in lieu of the mailings themselves. Also if necessary, I will just skip 5 and 6 until I can see them. Since I have cunningly refrained from using page numbers, this won't hurt too much.

SOME OTHER PEOPLE will get this ANZAPA edition, and their comments would be much appreciated. These folk include Ron Clarke, Paul Stevens, John Ryan, Noel Kerr, Ken Bull, Dennis Stocks, John Brosnan, Ron Graham and Harry Warner. Peter Roberts, Bob Vardeman, Derrick Ashby, Peter Darling, Robin Johnson, Eric Lindsay, Christine McGowan, Susan Wood and Bill Wright will receive copies either through ANZAPA or separately, depending on their membership status in February.