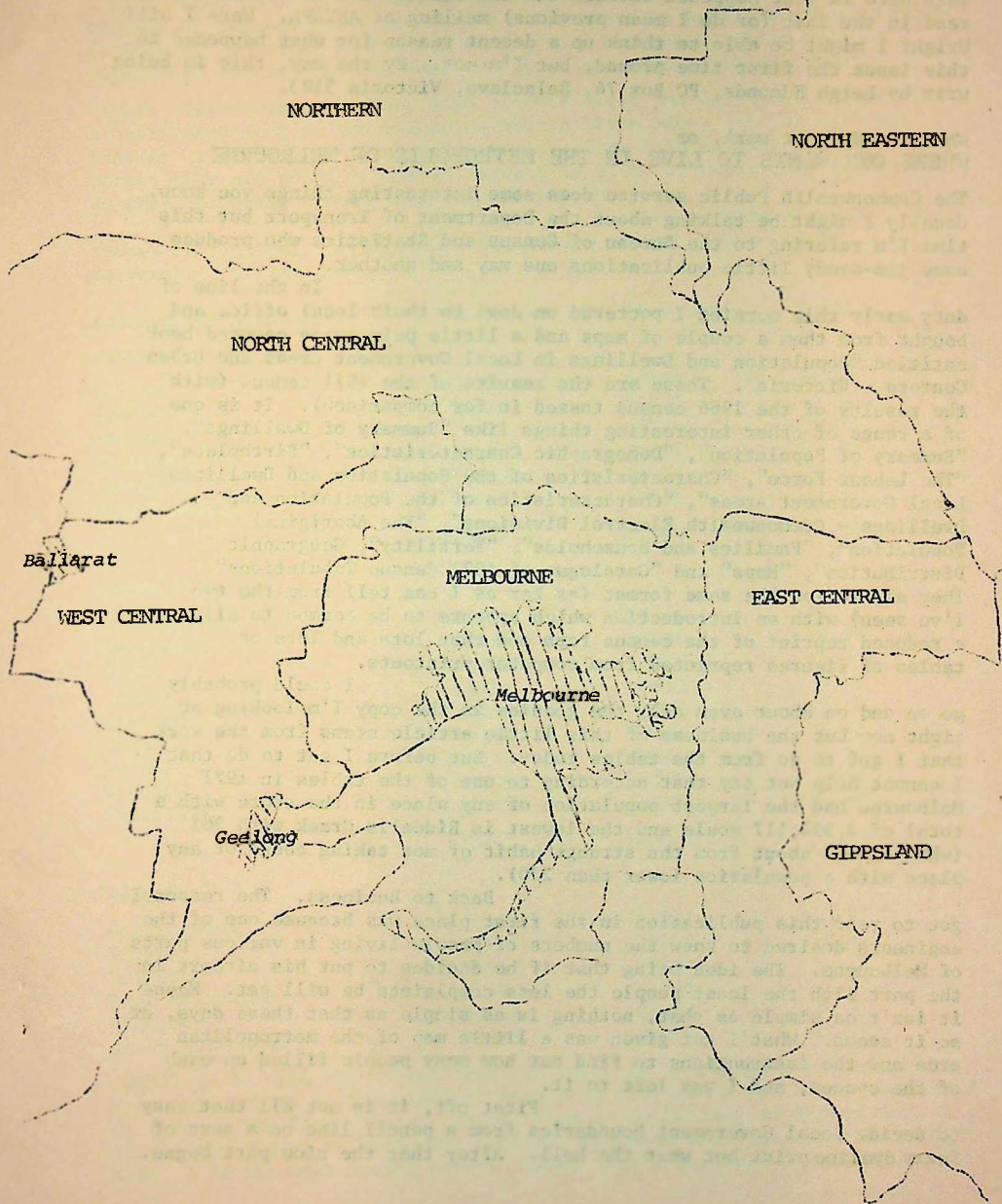


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This here is what happened between the two issues of SUGAR TOOTH that you read in the last (or do I mean previous) mailing of ANZAPA. Were I Bill Wright I might be able to think up a decent reason for what happened to this issue the first time around, but I'm not. By the way, this is being writ by Leigh Edmonds, PO Box 74, Balaclava, Victoria 3183.

What one does at work, or

WHERE ONE WANTS TO LIVE IN THE METROPOLIS OF MELBOURNE

The Commonwealth Public service does some interesting things you know. Usually I might be talking about the Department of Transport but this time I'm referring to the Bureau of Census and Statistics who produce some jim-dandy little publications one way and another.

In the line of duty early this morning I potted on down to their local office and bought from them a couple of maps and a little pale green covered book entitled "Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas and Urban Centers - Victoria". These are the results of the 1971 census (with the results of the 1966 census tossed in for comparison). It is one of a range of other interesting things like "Summary of Dwellings", "Summary of Population", "Demographic Characteristics", "Birthplace", "The Labour Force", "Characteristics of the Population and Dwellings - Local Government Areas", "Characteristics of the Population and Dwellings - Commonwealth Electoral Divisions", "The Aboriginal Population", "Families and Households", "Fertility", "Geographic Distribution", "Maps" and "Catalogue of 1971 Census Tabulations". They all follow the same format (as far as I can tell from the two I've seen) with an introduction which appears to be common to all, a reduced reprint of the census form and then lots and lots of tables of figures reprinted from computer printouts.

I could probably go on and on about even only the goodies in the copy I'm looking at right now but the business of this little article stems from the work that I got to do from the tables today. But before I get to do that I cannot help but say that according to one of the tables in 1971 Melbourne had the largest population of any place in the state with a total of 2,394,117 souls and the lowest is Riddells Creek with 201 (which comes about from the strange habit of not taking count of any place with a population lower than 200).

Back to business. The reason I got to read this publication in the first place was because one of the engineers desired to know the numbers of people living in various parts of Melbourne. The idea being that if he decides to put his airport in the part with the least people the less complaints he will get. Maybe it isn't as simple as that, nothing is as simple as that these days, or so it seems. What I got given was a little map of the metropolitan area and the instructions to find out how many people filled up each of the spaces, and I was left to it.

First off, it is not all that easy to decide Local Government boundaries from a pencil line on a sort of fuzzy dyeline print but what the hell. After that the nice part began.

I must admit that I am rather partial to statistics, give me a few columns of figures and I can derive a few hours of harmless entertainment from them. So being confronted with a book absolutely chock full of figures in columns gave me more than just a few hours of enjoyment.

Right. Right over the other side of this sheet you will most likely find a badly drawn map of the Melbourne metropolitan area, and you will see that it is divided up into eight areas. I don't think that anybody thinks they are going to put an airport in C, F, or D but they are there so that the areas around them make more sense.

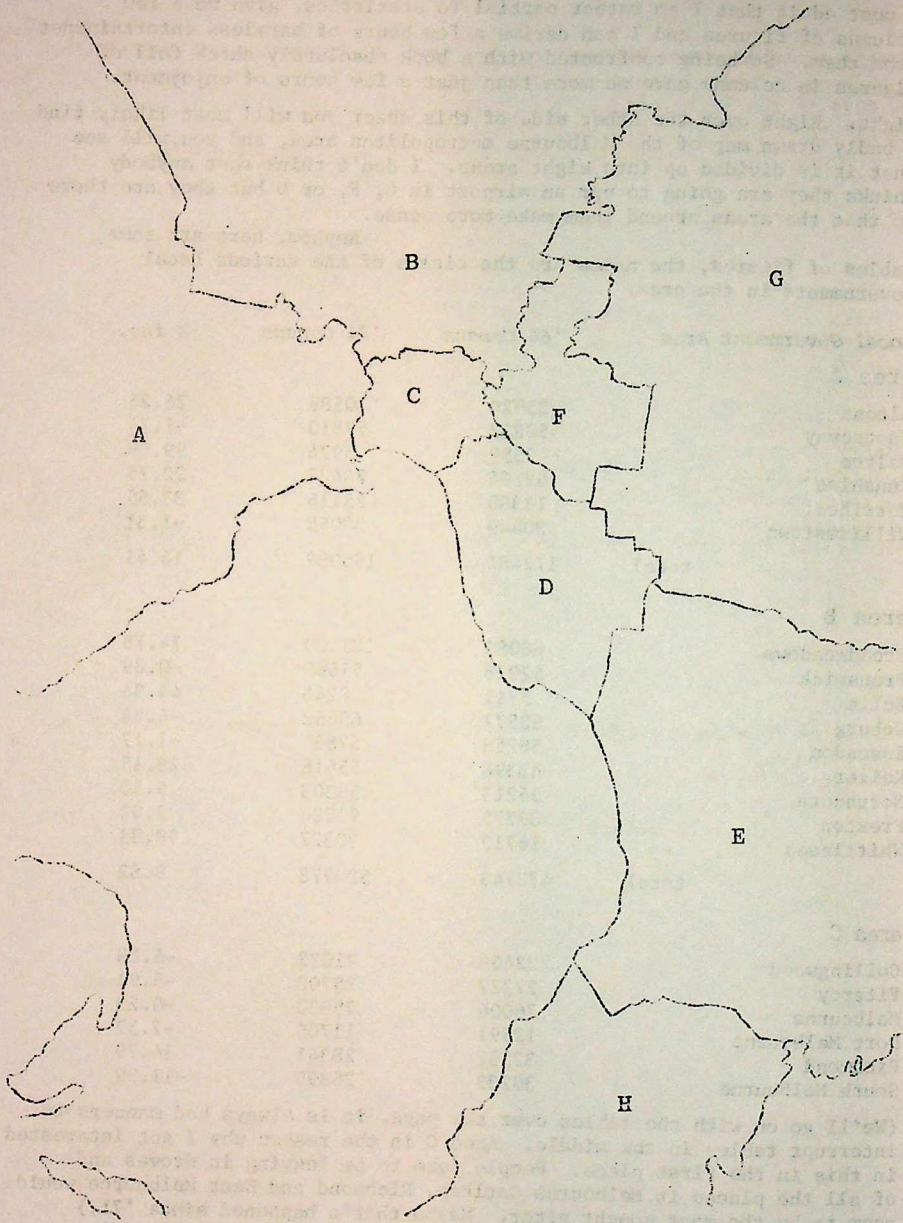
Anyhow, here are some tables of figures, the names are the titles of the various Local Governments in the area.

Local Government Area	'66 Census	'71 Census	% inc.
area A			
Altona	25020	30589	26.26
Footscray	58832	57810	-1.74
Melton	2559	5974	99.09
Sunshine	62264	76427	22.75
Werribee	18380	25116	33.65
Williamstown	30449	30055	-1.31
total	172484	195382	14.41

area B			
Broadmeadows	88080	101100	14.78
Brunswick	52018	51560	-0.89
Bulla	5711	8243	44.34
Coburg	68577	65662	-4.44
Essendon	58258	5783	-1.17
Keilor	43398	55616	28.15
Northcote	56213	59303	5.50
Preston	89775	91584	2.02
Whittlesea	16713	30327	99.89
total	478743	520978	8.82

area C			
Collingwood	22469	21022	-6.88
Fitzroy	27227	25708	-5.91
Melbourne	76006	75830	-0.23
Port Melbourne	12591	11705	-7.57
Richmond	32532	28341	-14.79
South Melbourne	30233	26995	-11.99

(We'll go on with the tables over the page, it is always bad manners to interrupt tables in the middle. Area C is the reason why I got interested in this in the first place. People seem to be leaving in droves and of all the places in Melbourne Carlton, Richmond and East Melbourne would seem to be the most sought after. Maybe that's happened since '71.)



A

B

C

D

F

G

E

H

area D

Brighton	40618	39109	-3.72
Caulfield	76119	81865	7.55
Malvern	50051	50560	1.02
Morrabbin	103787	109588	5.59
Mordialloc	28078	29753	5.97
Oakleigh	52769	57284	8.56
Prahan	54658	56766	3.86
St. Kilda	58138	61203	5.27
Sandringham	36672	35460	-3.42
total	500890	531588	6.13

area E

Berwick	19880	23460	11.80
Chelsea	24789	26372	6.39
Cranbourne	9307	12511	34.43
Dandenong	31700	40883	28.97
Frankston	42085	59410	41.17
Springvale	39431	58374	48.04
total	167192	221010	32.19

area F

Box Hill	54534	54635	0.19
Camberwell	99913	98302	-1.64
Hawthorne	36728	37571	2.30
Heidelberg	63932	68013	7.26
Kew	32819	32564	-0.78
total	287926	291085	1.10

area G

Croydon	21764	28708	31.88
Diamond Valley	22999	36245	57.59
Doncaster & Templestow	38087	64286	68.79
Eltham	20211	24140	19.44
Healsville	5136	5221	1.65
Know	36514	56786	55.52
Lillidale	24494	36162	47.64
Nunawading	74578	90702	31.62
Ringwood	29141	34751	19.25
Sherbrook	17674	20484	15.90
total	290603	397487	36.78

area H

Flinders	12525	15481	23.60
Hastings	7280	8927	22.62
Mornington	10217	14289	39.86
total	30022	38697	28.90

Wasn't that just frightfully exciting. Which reminds me to say, for our non-local readers, that Carlton (& the Magic Pud) is counted as part of Melbourne. But incase you think you've seen the last of it, you will notice that if you look down a couple of lines we have another table, one which I find a bit more interesting. If I had time to do the circles and arrows bits it should be possible to show where everybody is going to in their desertion of the inner city areas, but since it isn't we have simply the following:

The MOST POPULAR PART OF MELBOURNE
CONTEST (judged by %age growth)

Whittlesea	99.89	Heidelberg	7.26
Melton	99.09	Chelsea	6.39
Doncaster & Templestow	68.79	Mordialloc	5.97
Diamond Valley	57.59	Morrabbin	5.59
Knox	55.52	Northcote	5.50
Springvale	48.04	St. Kilda	5.27
Lillidale	47.64	Parhan	3.86
Bulla	44.34	Hawthorne	2.30
Frankston	41.17	Preston	2.02
Mornington	39.86	Healsville	1.65
Cranbourne	34.43	Malvern	1.02
Werribee	33.65	Box Hill	0.19
Croydon	31.88	Melbourne	-0.23
Dandenong	28.97	Kew	-0.78
Keilor	28.15	Brunswick	-0.89
Altona	26.26	Essendon	-1.17
Flinders	23.60	Williamstown	-1.31
Sunshine	22.75	Camberwell	-1.64
Hastings	22.62	Footscray	-1.74
Nunawading	21.62	Sandringham	-3.42
Eltham	19.44	Brighton	-3.72
Ringwood	19.25	Coburg	-4.44
Sherbrook	15.90	Fitzroy	-5.91
Broadmeadows	14.78	Collingwood	-6.88
Berwick	11.80	Port Melbourne	-7.57
Oakleigh	8.56	South Melbourne	-11.98
Caulfield	7.55	Richmond	-14.79

And that's about the end of all this business about what the population of Melbourne has been up to. I'm sure that somebody like Carey could manage a better job of it, maybe he'll take time out to seplain what it all means next mailing.

I had hoped to be bale to do a lot more this issue but circumstances are against it. By a very strange circumstance I began work on this issue on the 8th of April. My little calendar tells me that back in 1966 that was Good Friday and everybody knows that it was on that particular day that the *th Aust SF Convention began. And that is easily considered as the beginning of contemporary fandom in Australia. So happy tenth birthday to us all. And many happy returns.

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