# ANZAPA



## Farewell, Merv Binns

**LynC** has published a wonderful tribute to Merv Binns in the Melbourne Science Fiction Club's *Ethel the Aardvark* 203. She is contributing it to this mailing.

Mervyn R. Binns died at the age of 85 on 7 April 2020 after a final heart seizure. He had been in hospital for a month, but because of the Covid-19 crisis, only Helena had been allowed to see him. She could not hold a funeral when he died, but hopes that we might all gather for a celebration of his life when it is safe to do so. Send cards, letters, or fanzines to Helena Binns, 11 Ward Avenue, Oakleigh South VIC 3163. She can be phoned on 0402441739, but she might take a while to get back to you.

Photographs: *Top*: Merv and Helena Binns, Aussiecon 4, 2000. Merv receives the Big Heart Award.

Below: Melbourne SF Club lifetime members, 2009 (*left* to *right*): James 'Jocko' Allen, Bruce Gillespie, Helena Binns, Dick Jenssen, Merv Binns, Bill Wright.

I don't know who took either photo.



#### ANZAPA!

Official Bloody Organ of ANZAPA

MAILING 315: June 2020

#### **Technical Adviser: David Grigg**

Official Bloody President: Jack Herman Official Bloody Editor: Bruce Gillespie Emergency Editor: Sally Yeoland

Next deadline: Friday, 7 August 2020

#### **FUTURE DIRECTIONS?**

I thought we might have some clarity about the future direction of ANZAPA by now. As **Gary Mason**'s *Memo 10* shows in this mailing, there are still many issues to be solved.

Thanks to everybody who responded to the **survey** I put out a few weeks ago. It was not an official 'vote', but merely an attempt to get some idea of general opinion about the direction that ANZAPA should take. **The results so far** are: **17** members definitely pro-PDF-only. **2** members pro-print-only; **3** in doubt, and would go either way; 2 not expressing an opinion. I would have put this to the vote if the matter had not been decided for us for the time being. Mails between USA/Britain and Australia have slowed down alarmingly. **Spike** still hasn't received the packet from Copy Place she paid for two months ago. So we'll have to stay all-PDF until postal services return to something like normal. Then I'll put the matter to a formal vote.

Meanwhile, **Jack Herman** has done a great service by providing a proposed **Constitution** (attached). I'm not asking for a vote yet. I have amendments I would like to propose, and I'm sure others will too. Discussion during the next two months by email?

#### **BLOATZINE ANNOYANCE**

500 pages for this mailing! Too much, surely? During recent email discussions, LynC expressed understandable alarm that a PDF-only version would tempt people to submit bloatzines. Kim Huett's 76-page Australian Fanzine Database is obviously of interest to ANZAPA members, but makes life difficult and expensive for people who want to print the entire mailing (as I will be doing). But I could hardly exclude it as a non-apa item without also excluding LynC's Ethel the Aardvark 203, with its fabulous coverage of the life and times of Merv Binns. David Grigg, who is doing all the real work around here, proposes a system by which those who want to print their mailings can receive Kim's contribution separately if they want. Some restraint, please, or send your very large contributions separately by email or snail mail.

#### WELCOME BACK, CHRISTINA LAKE

This all-PDF caper is doing well for ANZAPA in terms of attracting returning members. First, **Derrick**, last time, and now **Christina Lake**, welcome back from Cornwall! Doug, her partner, might rejoin us in six months' time.

#### **OBO COVER**

A photo supplement to LynC's excellent *Ethel* tribute to much-celebrated **Merv Binns**. I must admit I do not know who took the two photos.

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**ANZAPA** Membership for Mailing 315

	Member Address	Minac Due	Flags
1.	Derrick Ashby	Dec 6	
2.	Claire Brialey and Mark Plummer	Dec 6	
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5.	Bruce Gillespie	Dec 6	
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7.	David R. Grigg	Dec 6	
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10.	Christina Lake	Dec 6	
11.	Eric Lindsay & Jean Weber	Dec 6	
12.	LynC	Dec 6	
13.	Gary Mason	Dec 6	

Jeanne Mealy	Oct 6
Terry Morris	Dec 6
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Roman Orszanski	Dec 6
Marc & Cath Ortlieb	Dec 6
Margaret and Bob Riep	Dec 6
Lucy Schmeidler	Dec 6
Gerald Smith	Oct 2
Spike	Oct 6
Alan Stewart	Dec 6
Sally Yeoland	Dec 6
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	Terry Morris John Newman  Roman Orszanski  Marc & Cath Ortlieb  Margaret and Bob Riep  Lucy Schmeidler  Gerald Smith  Spike  Alan Stewart

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Date	Item	Money in	Money out	Balance
14/2/20	Current balance			1117.05
14/2/20	Mailing No 313: Postage & envelopes		342.00	775.05
	Total			775.05

# SEE NEXT PAGE FOR JACK HERMAN'S PROPOSED ANZAPA CONSTITUTION

#### PROPOSED 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 pages of self-written material every six months. What counts as 'First published in ANZAPA' 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.

Submitted by Jack Herman for consideration by ANZAPA members