

MAILING 333 - JUNE 2023

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WELCOME TO THE JUNE MAILING

I hope you are all well and thriving, and moreover staying warm—it's been a very chilly autumn in Melbourne this year!

WHAT A WHOPPER!

I think this must be another record number of pages for a non-special-occasion mailing: 670 pages of content!

ABOUT THIS MAILING'S COVER

Yet another painting from Carl Spitzweg. Don't you just love the way the German language can say a whole sentence in just one word? *Gnomeisenbahnbetrachtend* means "gnome with railway in view"!

DAVID, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE CONTENTS PAGE?

All of life is an experiment, don't you think? I've remodelled the contents page to do two things:

- No longer show the credits column. I'm still keeping track of your minac credits, don't think otherwise. But I'm thinking that whether someone meets minac is between the OBE and that member, and doesn't need to clutter up the contents page.
- I now simply show the total number of pages of content, regardless of minac credit. For the pedants among you, I also list the number of blanks due to odd-numbered zines. I'm not doing this to be snarky at members who put in such contributions!

MORE LOSSES

I was sad to hear of the death of SF fan and collector Denny Lien, who was a member of ANZAPA in the late 1970s and 1980s. A memorial board is being put together on the web here. And Bill Burns has created a page on efanzines.com dedicated to Lienzine: a memorial sampler of Denny Lien's writing.

I also note the death of Australian SF writer and fan Lee Harding, one of the founders of the Melbourne SF Club, who contributed to a few ANZAPA mailings in the early 1970s. Others in this mailing have shared their memories of him. I refer you to my own contribution for my personal thoughts.

THE ANZAPA TIME MACHINE?

In case you feel you've been whirled back into the past by the first

Next mailing deadline: 11:59 pm AEDT on Friday, 4 August 2023

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

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

Cover of this OBO:

GnomEisenbahnbetrachtend by Carl Spitzweg (1808-1885) of Gary Mason's contributions this mailing, well, you have. He will explain, no doubt, in his second contribution.

OBE EXECUTIVE ORDERS

If Joe Biden can get things done using Execuitve Orders rather than going through Congress I don't see why I can't do the same.

The prime rule, of course, is "The OBE does all the work and so gets to set all the rules".

But I'll add some more explicit ones from time to time, and this mailing's one is:

"Contributions with coloured backgrounds on text pages give the OBE a headache and in future won't be accepted."

I had someone wanting to join last year who only sent me as a contribution something which was clearly a genzine and so (to me) not acceptable for initial minac, but it also had its text reversed out over a coloured and *densely patterned* background, which I found completely unreadable, let alone possible for anyone to print without wasting gallons of toner. That would be a 'nope!' then!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO SAY THIS BUT...

Even though *of course* there will be disagreements and misunderstandings between members from time to time, I really don't want to see Anzapans making outright personal attacks on each other. There have been a couple of contributions recently which I felt came pretty close to this, and so made me uncomfortable.

A high degree of tolerance and mutual respect is essential for a community like ours to keep working. ANZAPA isn't a (glacially-slow) version of Twitter, nor would we want it to be. And on Twitter, one can at least block the communications of someone saying things one finds offensive. Here, not so much.

Let's follow Bill and Ted's maxim and strive to "be excellent to each other".

A DEPARTURE

I've heard nothing from Julie Faith McMurray, and no contribution, so I'm unfortunately closing her membership for lack of activity. If she still wishes to be an ANZAPA member she'll need to ask to rejoin and immediately supply at least a 6 page contribution.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

No expenditure this time around. Some interest coming in.

Balance from Apr. mailing	\$410.39	
Interest:	+\$3.16	\$413.55
Balance carried forward:		\$413.55

Membership of ANZAPA as at 7 April 2023

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11	Eric Lindsay & Jean Weber	6pp Dec-23
12	LynC	6pp Dec-23
13	Gary Mason	6pp Dec-23
14	Perry Middlemiss	6pp Dec-23
15	Murray Moore	2pp Oct-23

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