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Farewell, Womble. Best wishes to Gerald, and the Warnock and Smith families, from all of us in ANZAPA. (Photo: Cath Ortlieb, taken at Aussiecon 3.)

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Michael O'Brien lost in action

I finally received two emails from **Michael O'Brien**, but neither dues nor a contribution, so I have to consider him dropped out. I sent out one spare mailing last time, but got no reply, and I forgot to send another spare to Terry Frost, so our membership is down one. **Gerald**, of course, is excused from the chopper; he says that he is already planning a memorial for Womble for the December mailing.

Congratulations, Bill Wright

As Sally's *Anzapapoll 2005* document shows, **Bill Wright** had a good win this year, but quite a few other members of ANZAPA did very nicely. Congratulations, Bill . . . and thank you for all your help during the year collating the mailings.

Farewell, Womble (Karen Warnock) (1956–2005) . . .

. . . and thanks, **Gerald**, for inviting those of us who live in Sydney to **Womble's** funeral (16 September 2005) and those of us who live in Melbourne to the celebration of her life and work (at Le Pine, East Kew, 19 September).

Over the years we've got used to your family membership being listed as 'Gerald Smith and Womble', although it's quite awhile since Womble was able to contribute. It feels a great gap in the apa now that she's no longer here. We can only offer our best wishes, Gerald, at this difficult time.

When I exchanged emails with Gerald, I realised that I had met Womble only a few times, most recently at Aussiecon 3, 1999 (when **Cath Ortlieb** took the photo that is on the front cover of the apa). Instead of reprinting the email in which Gerald corrected some of the facts about Womble's life that I had got wrong, let me quote most of the affectionate biography that was prepared for the people who attended her memorial service:

'Karen was born in Weston Super Mare (England) in 1956 to parents James Pinkerton Warnock and Elizabeth McIntrye. She was four years old when she came to live in Australia. Her father was a vet and they moved frequently. They first came to Fremantle, in Western Australia. Later they were in Maitland, NSW and Ulverston in Tasmania before settling in Blackburn, Victoria where Karen did most of her schooling.

'After finishing school Karen went on to university at ANU Canberra where she obtained her arts degree. In addition to this, she went to Northern Rivers Tafe at Lismore where she obtained her teaching diploma. Teaching was to be one of her greatest loves in life. Karen spent time teaching in Young, Orange, and Brewarrina before coming to Balmain High School in 1982.

'In 1983 Karen met Gerald at a 40th birthday party for their joint friend (Jean). Both being involved in a science fiction fandom, the party turned into a sort of mini-science fiction convention. They continued to correspond for a year until Gerald moved to Sydney in 1984, where they shared a house in Balmain. On 4 May 1985 they were married at Balmain. They remained in the Balmain area until 1989 when they moved to Haberfield.

'Karen was a happy, friendly, fun loving person with a quirky sense of humour — never judgmental and took people the way she found them. She just wanted to give something to the world and she never felt that the world owed her anything. Karen was a loving, caring person who enjoyed life to the fullest. She was a person who kept busy. When she wasn't working, for relaxation she loved listening to music, or reading. Always her cats — Honey and Achates — were there.

'Karen was a child of maybe 5 or 6 when she was diagnosed with diabetes. But it was in 1991 when she had the first of several health problems related to the diabetes, including the worst of all — the loss of her sight in 1994. Karen was devastated when she lost her sight as she was no longer able to teach, and this was the only thing she had ever wanted to do. Being of a determined nature, Karen battled to regain her quality of life and would not let the situation get her down. She was not one to be afraid and would often take off with her white cane. If she found she was lost or in trouble — she would just ask someone. Catching a bus she attended Petersham Tafe where she studied the use of the voice synthesizer on her computer. She was also taught Braille but never kept that up. Later, at the University of Technology, Sydney she completed a two year Diploma in Teaching English to speakers of other languages. It was hoped that this would help her find employment but unfortunately, that never eventuated.

'When Karen was first diagnosed with breast cancer the prospects were good and she seemed to be on the road to a full recovery. Unfortunately the cancer recurred around late May, early June this year and, from there it advanced rapidly. Karen came home from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital to spend the last week in familiar surroundings. This is what she wanted, and this is what had been agreed - to be home with the family she loved - her husband Gerald and her cats Honey and Achates. She will be sadly missed but always remembered.'

Photos — thanks for the feast

Suddenly the famine of photos has turned to a feast. Thanks to **Cath** for the front cover photo this time. Meanwhile, **LynC and Clive** have sent some superb photos for the December mailing, and

David and Sue Grigg have sent a special photo for the February mailing next year. (Congratulations, **Kathryn!** Best wishes from all of us for your wedding.)

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