

ANZAPA

Pictures of us



ANZAPAns in 1990:
(Photo: LynC.)

Standing:
(l. to r.): Former ANZAPA
members:
Janice Murray; Weller; Lyn
McConchie.

Sitting:
(l. to r.): Current ANZAPA
members:
Jeanne Mealy; Jean Weber.

LynC-Newall family, just a few years
ago (l. to r.): Clive Newall; Estelle
Newall; Lync. (Photo supplied by LynC.)



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David and Sue Grigg, and Nick Shears, seem to be endangered species. Michael Green thinks he's endangered, but we hope he bounces back next mailing. Kim Huett has had technology problems, but expects to be back in action in February. Meanwhile, look at his LiveJournal collection of articles by ex-ANZAPAn John Brosnan. Fabulous, funny, fannish writing.

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Kevin Dillon, RIP

I published the OBO last issue in a hell of a hurry — in so much of a hurry that I remembered to honour the loss of Womble, but forgot to honour the passing of ex-ANZAPAn Kevin Dillon.

Fortunately, Garry Dalrymple not only took an active interest after Kevin died in September, but wrote about Kevin last mailing. Garry's memories, and those of many other Sydney fans, is of a kindly older fan who somehow managed to fill six garages with printed matter.

My own memories are of a much younger man, also kindly, but rather odder than anybody I had ever met before. When I attended my first convention, the Melbourne SF Conference of 1968, Kevin stood behind a rough wooden counter upstairs at the old Melbourne SF Club and served refreshments the whole weekend. When he wasn't doing that, he was washing and drying dishes. He was the first person I had met with what seemed to me wild long hair and an even wilder beard. Kevin always seemed on the point of saying something astonishing, but he never did.

Kevin was at every convention I attended for many years. He always seemed to have a lot of money to spend on books at auctions. I did not know then that either he left them with in the homes of

various Melbourne fans, promising to pick them up the next time he was down (but rarely did), or took them back to Sydney by train to a house that became completely filled with printed matter.

I never quite managed a conversation with Kevin. He could not stay on any subject for long. This was a pity. The one long conversation I had with him was at Adventon 1, in the hills of Adelaide, in early 1972. Kevin told me the complete history of Sydney fandom, a tale of many feuds and perpetual bitternesses, in which the names Baxter, Stone and Molesworth resounded, along with many others. Kevin knew it all. The trouble is that he could not tell the story in any way that made sense.

Should Kevin have written it all down? Kevin was a member of ANZAPA for some years (in two bursts, as I remember), and wrote a lot, but not much of it made sense. I could usually decipher his mailing comments if I had available a copy of the mailing to which he was referring. Come to think of it, Kevin pioneered the art of writing emails.

At some stage, Kevin lost his source of regular income, and therefore could not travel to Melbourne to attend conventions. He also stopped writing letters of comment to fanzines. From what Garry relates, his eyesight deteriorated, which must have been very frustrating for Kevin. It sounds as if he retained some good friends, but his final years were difficult. He was certainly unique. Thanks, Garry, for your own Kevin Dillon stories.

News from Mike Horvat, ex-ANZAPAn

Mike Horvat, on R&R leave from Vietnam, visited Melbourne in 1970. He stayed with John and Diane Bangsund, and met several Melbourne fans. This led to him becoming a member of ANZAPA for awhile, and remaining interested in it and Australian fans. A recent exchange of emails produced the following news:

'I appreciate the invitation to rejoin ANZAPA. I looked into doing just that a couple of years ago, but the cost to an overseas member was just beyond my reach. I am on a disability retirement from exposure to Agent Orange, and it just does not stretch very far. But I remember the ANZAPA days quite fondly, as I do my visits to Melbourne fandom. I am sorry to hear that about John Bangsund's recent ill health. I still feel a close kinship with him. Even though my two weeks' stay doesn't sound like a long time, it was intense.

'I have followed your zines on the internet. It was convenient and cheap to print them out while I still had the print shop (up until four years ago); those hard copies were all neatly filed in The Collection. Actually, I am a little surprised that you heard of my sale of it to University of Iowa. I didn't realize that it had made it to the fannish press. I am really glad to have them go to a good home, platitude though that might sound. They have a complete set of the early ANZAPAs, too, by the way. I recall the trouble I had getting together the issues from before I became a member!

'No, I am no longer living in the church. I married in 1972, got a job teaching, and bought a real house. In 1979 I gave up teaching to become a commercial printer and did that until "retirement" about four years ago. We had three children along the way — they are all grown now and even all have good jobs; they turned out pretty well, he said modestly: they are all smart and eccentric. I have a little web page at www.wvi.com/~jfiske that shows some of my interests over the years.'

Photos

Thanks to **LynC and Clive**, who sent some superb photos, including the ones on this mailing's cover. **David and Sue Grigg** have sent a special photo for the February mailing next year. And Helena Binns took some photos of **Michael O'Brien**, 2005 version, at the recent Thylacon (national convention, Hobart). Meanwhile, I've found some photos of Michael from 1972. I also found some early 1970s photos of **Kevin Dillon**. No room for them here, but probably they'll be in the next Gillespie contribution for ANZAPA.

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25/11/05	Sample mailing to Art Widner		10.80	1189.12

No reply from Terry or Art, but they did express an interest in (re)joining. Please let me know of any other potential members. I'm not doing well at recruiting.