

# ANZAPPA



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Monday, 27 March 2006

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
Friday, 7 April 2006

Nick Shears is still an endangered species, despite having contributed recently. One really must put in six pages each six months. The automatic bean counter has registered that Nick has got further and further behind. He's still a member this time. Like **Spike Parsons**, he needs to be in next time.

## ANZAPA Membership for Mailing No 229

	Member	Address	Minac Due	Flags
1.	Christine & Derrick Ashby		Aug 6	
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3.	Garry P Dalrymple		Aug 6	
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14.	Murray McLachlan		Jun 6	
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23.	Gerald Smith		Jun 6	
24.	Alan Stewart		Aug 6	
25.	Bill Wright		Aug 6	
26.	Sally Yeoland		Aug 6	

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	Minac due next mailing		Dues due
	Minac overdue — surviving only by OBE's whim		Dues in credit

## Cover photo

Yes, it's David, Sue and Kathryn Grigg, taken a few years ago at Sovereign Hill. Kathryn, at the age of 24, has just been married. (See *Megatheriums for Breakfast*.) Thanks very much, David and Sue, for sending this photograph.

## Welcome, Murray; goodbye, Murray

One Murray resigned — Murray Moore. Another Murray joined — Murray McLachlan. It's a great pity to lose Murray Moore's fine fannish writing, and it's a pleasure to welcome back Murray McLachlan's fine fannish writing. He was here briefly a few years ago. Sample mailings sent out recently have yielded no other new members.

## Wuz we robbed?

All depends who was robbing who — Australia Post or ANZAPA. Nearly every mailing since I've been OBE has gone over the 500 gram limit for Large Letter size (\$2.50 postage within Australia; \$10.80 outside Australia), but I just kept stuffing your fanzines into those envelopes. We were never caught before.

Every member should have received a copy of my interim letter, in which I gave details of the \$90 overcharge that ANZAPA paid in late December. We can't afford to get caught again. My interim measure was to ask members to refrain from contributing more than 20 pages (10 sheets) to any one mailing. Everybody was obedient this time, but we've still come close to hitting the limit. I had some idea of contributing a *\*brg\** at the last minute, but gave up that idea when I saw the way the contributions were pouring in. (Thanks, everybody, for continuing to make ANZAPA one of the great long-term apas.)

It's unrealistic to believe that we can keep most mailings under the 500 gram limit. If we go over the limit for any mailing, I must send the weight-overflow items in another envelope. That costs a minimum of about \$45 extra per mailing. So I need to put up the rates. **But according to the Constitution, I need to announce the August rate rise in the February mailing.** Dilemma!

People have suggested a wide variety of ways of covering the situation. The best solution, paying for your own expenses, is okay in principle, but hopeless in practice, because of my own incompetence at arithmetic, varying international exchange rates, and the fact that my attempts to get a PayPal account have failed so far.

Another practical problem is that the people who contribute the weightiest fanzines are Australians, but the people who are socked in the wallet are our overseas members. **Therefore I propose putting the Australian postal recipients' annual rates up to \$30 as from August, and keeping overseas rates at \$60, and the rate for hand delivereds at \$7.** I would suggest that conscientious members who write large contributions occasionally might like to put in a bit extra to cover their costs, but I can't enforce that.

I've announced the new rates, as I have to do with this mailing. Howls of derision may be emailed to me at gandc@mira.net. If we look like going broke about this time next year, I'll simply impose an extra levy. So there.

## Farewell, Noel Kerr

On 3 January, Alan Stewart rang me to say that Noel Kerr had died on New Year's Eve. This was a blow. I knew that he had had long-term serious heart trouble (for more than twenty years), but still, somehow, I had thought Noel could go on forever. Born on 3 November 1934, he was over 71.

Noel had not been active member of Melbourne fandom since the early 1970s, but he had rejoined ANZAPA for a year or so during the late 1990s. At the height of his interest in fandom, he was an active member of the Melbourne SF Club, printer and producer of electronic stencils for many fanzines (both on the duplicator and offset press), publisher of *The Somerset Gazette*, Ditmar-winning MSFC clubzine, from 1970 to 1972, and one of the foundation members of comics fandom in Melbourne. He made friends with many pen-and-ink artists, especially Gerald Carr, but was also a longtime friend of cartoonist Bill Green (WeG of the *Sun*), who attended his funeral.

Some of us were lucky enough to keep meeting Noel and Irene regularly at social events held by Merv (and, later, Helena) Binns. I always enjoyed his sense of humour, and the restlessness of his mind and spirit. As was said at his funeral on 5 January, he had many interests, and excelled at them all. He had a lifelong interest in jazz. He became an expert photographer, and late in his life, took up wood carving, selling artists' easels at craft markets all over Melbourne.

Noel had no remaining family of his own, but Irene and her family had been very close to him. Irene's niece held the post-funeral gathering in January. Let's hope we can stay in touch with Irene.

## Greetings from Leanne Frahm

Leanne Frahm, visiting her daughter in Melbourne during late December, saw a few of us briefly. Yes, things are going okay in Mackay, but during the last few years she has not had time for writing fiction or fanzines. Waving recent ANZAPA fanzines in front of her produced the old gleam in Leanne's eye. Yes, she would love to be back among us. For a moment I hoped she might rejoin ANZAPA on the spot. No such luck. But I refuse to give up hope.

**Finances:** Mailing 229

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Money in</b>	<b>Money out</b>	<b>Balance</b>
				\$1189.12
15/12/05	Mailing No. 228: Postage and envelopes		114.94	1074.18
29/12/05	Excess postage bill: Australia Post		90.35	983.83
10/2/06	Hand-delivered membership: M. McLachlan (pro rata)	\$4.00		987.83

**Bruce Gillespie, 14 February 2006**