

ANZAPPA



Conventional excitements

As you can see from these photos, SF conventions were once wildly exciting occasions, full of mad high jinks, a laugh a minute. You may not realise that today's conventions are dowdy and sercon by comparison.

Top:
Unknown convention, early 1980s:

(l. to r.): Jack Herman, Marc Ortlieb, Leigh Edmonds. (Photo: Cath O'Donnell, supplied by Jack Herman.)



Middle:
Melbourne Easter Convention, 1969 or 1970:

(l. to r.): Gary Mason, Shayne McCormack, Malcolm Hunt (Photo: Merv Binns.)



Bottom:
Rotcon, 1977:

(l. to r.): Robin Johnson, Bill Rotsler, John Bangsund, Gary Mason. (Photo: probably by Merv Binns; maybe by John Foyster.)

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The deadline for the next issue is Friday, 9 June 2006.

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Therefore the recommended posting dates are:

International:

Monday, 29 May 2006 (but that may be way over-optimistic. Spike's parcel still hadn't arrived on 13 April).

Australia:

Monday, 5 June 2006

Hand delivery deadline:

Friday, 9 June 2006

Nick Shears is still one page behind. Stumbling towards the deadline, he found that his printer had gone kaput, and he had to return to Britain suddenly because of his mother's illness. We wish him, his mother, and his family well. **Spike Parsons** has fallen victim to the International Postal Conspiracy, which stopped several copies of the December overseas mailings dead in their tracks. No sign of Spike's packet on the Thursday before Easter, so I've printed her contribution on (ghasp!) white paper. If I knew where to buy it, I would buy some of that lovely crimson paper she uses.

ANZAPA Membership for Mailing No 229

	Member	Address	Minac Due	Flags
1.	Christine & Derrick Ashby		Aug 6	
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4.	John & Diane Fox		Aug 6	
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7.	Michael F. Green		Aug 6	
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10.	Kim Huett		Aug 6	
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12.	LynC-Newall family		Oct 6	
13.	Dan McCarthy		Oct 6	
14.	Murray McLachlan		Oct 6	
15.	Jeanne Mealy		Oct 6	
16.	Terry Morris		Jun 6	📄
17.	John Newman		Oct 6	
18.	Marc & Cath Ortlieb		Aug 4	
19.	Spike Parsons		Oct 6	
20.	Lucy Schmeidler		Aug 6	
21.	Nick Shears		Jun 1	
22.	Roger Sims		Oct 6	
23.	Gerald Smith		Oct 6	
24.	Alan Stewart		Aug 6	
25.	Bill Wright		Oct 6	
26.	Sally Yeoland		Aug 2	



Minac due next mailing



Minac overdue — surviving only by OBE's whim



Dues due



Dues in credit

Cover photos

Jack Herman might be able to give more details of the top photo. Middle photo: Can anyone remember which convention's badge Shayne is wearing? The rest of this batch of Merv's photos point to either the 1969 or 1970 Melbourne Easter convention, but I can't find my own badge from that era. I just don't know who took the bottom photo — probably Merv Binns or John Foyster.

Dem Financial Blues Again

First, the good news . . .

I'll be flexible about the 20-page-maximum rule, but if you feel a fit of the prolifcs coming on, keep in mind the tightness of our finances (as shown on page 6).

I'm hoping the rate increases will cover all possible situations during 2006–07. The Constitution demands that rates changes be announced in the February mailing. I admit that they were done on the fly. Support from the following ANZAPA members includes:

- **LynC:** 'Accepted. Seems like a fair decision to me. Will pay \$30 with August mailing, and if the household's contributions exceed 20 pages will add a little extra.'
- **Eric Lindsay:** 'I believe the OBE should generally attempt to abide by the rules, but ignore them where the survival of the apa would otherwise be at risk, as in the current postage rate issue. I support your decision.'

- **Dan McCarthy** supports my decision, but Jack Herman (below) reminds me of the special New Zealand rate. Dan, you don't have to send \$60 in August. More below.
- **Jeanne Mealy:** 'What a dilemma. Prolific members, and constraints from Australia Post! A raise in fees seems the only way.'
- **John Newman:** 'I'll keep my mailing short?!' As always, John.
- **Spike Parsons:** 'Basically, whatever you propose will be fine with me.'
- **Gerald Smith:** 'I think your proposal is a good one in the interim . . . maybe you could get Derrick to set up a spreadsheet for his proposal that was Gillespie proof.' Gillespie proof? You optimist.
- **Bill Wright:** 'Minimum and maximum contribution levels are defined and we are given plenty of warning of fee increases.'
- **Sally Yeoland:** 'Thanks for solving the financial dilemma . . . Limiting contributions to 20 pages seems reasonable as does an increase in Australian membership dues.'

. . . then the bad news (the Jack Herman email):

Just in case I begin to feel complacent, Jack Herman sent an email disagreeing with all the above. I don't have room here for the correspondence (see his contribution for the contents of his first email). Jack did remind me that I had misremembered the **current** rates, which are:

- **Hand Delivered:** \$8.00 per membership per year.
- **Australia: Mailed:** \$20.00 per membership per year.
- **New Zealand: Air Mailed:** \$A25.00 per membership per year.
- **World: Air Mailed:** \$A60 per membership per year.

So what is the *current* level of cross-subsidisation, given no mailings over 180 pages?

- **Hand Delivered:** \$8 subsidisation each to other categories, since these people incur no expense to the other members. I could charge them about 30 cents per member for their share of the OBO, but I don't.
- **Australia: Mailed:** Cost of each member per year: \$16.20 per person per year. Subsidisation to other members: \$3.80 per person.
- **NZ: Air Mailed:** Cost per member: \$32.40 per year. Current subsidisation per member: \$7.60 from other members per year.
- **World: Air Mailed:** Cost per member: \$65.60 per year. Current subsidisation per member: \$5.60 from other members each year.

Since we spend as much as we receive each year (until the Post Office sends us nasty letters again), somehow these figures balance.

However, as soon as a mailing goes over 180 pages, this throws the figures way out.

- Each **Hand Delivered** contribution would cost no more.
- Each **Australian Mailed** contribution would cost an extra \$1.50 per mailing, or \$9 per year.
- Each **NZ Air Mailed** contribution would cost an extra \$1.80 per mailing, or \$10.80 per year.
- Each **World Air Mailed** contribution would cost an extra \$3.60 per mailing, or \$21.60 per year.

So if we consistently go over the 180-page limit per mailing, the rates I've asked for would be hopelessly inadequate. Remember that before you type!

I haven't left myself enough room to go through Jack's objections line by line. He did remind me of the special NZ rate. Sorry, Dan, to forget about that. Second, he assumed that somehow the rate charged to Melbourne people is a cheap rate. It isn't. **The cost of you, the ANZAPA member, sending your contributions to me has no bearing on the ANZAPA budget, i.e. the costs of sending the contributions back to you.** As things stand, Melbourne contributors are paying far more in cross-subsidisation than anybody else is. Dan is paying too much, but wouldn't be if a few mailings go over 180 pages. Overseas members are not too over-subsidised *unless* our mailings go over 180 pages. Hence the **new rates**:

- **Hand Delivered:** \$8 per person per year.
- **Australia: Mailed:** \$30 per person per year.
- **NZ: Air Mailed:** \$30 per person per year.
- **Overseas: Air Mailed:** I know that last mailing I announced no rise, but I now feel that we will have to go to \$A70 per person per year. Overseas members, please let me know if this impossible. Feel free to discuss this matter by email during the next two months.

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— Bruce Gillespie, 14 April 2006