



aussiecon two

43rd world science fiction convention



22-26 august 1985

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Aussiecon Two is the 43rd World Science Fiction Convention. It will be held between 22 August and 26 August 1985, in Melbourne, Australia.

For all Australian science fiction readers and enthusiasts, the holding of the World Convention in Melbourne represents a rare opportunity to meet with scores of sf writers and fans who would otherwise never be likely to come to Australia. The 1985 Worldcon will be the biggest and most impressive celebration of science fiction ever held in this country. You should make sure that you are there.

The convention is being organised under the auspices of the Australian Science Fiction Foundation, a non-profit cooperative society. Aussiecon Two has also been recognised as an official event as part of the State of Victoria's 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

GUESTS OF HONOUR:

Aussiecon Two is proud to have as its Guests of Honour two people who have achieved great renown in their fields of endeavour, and who we believe truly deserve to be honoured by the science fiction community.

Our professional Guest of Honour is Gene Wolfe, whose works of fiction have received much justified acclaim. Perhaps the best known of his works are the three-part novel *The Fifth Head of Cerebus*, the story "The Island of Doctor Death and Other Stories", and more recently, the tetralogy *The Book of the New Sun*, beginning with *The Shadow of the Torturer*. He has also written a highly regarded mainstream novel, *Peace*.

Our Fan Guest of Honour is Ted White, long prominent in the science fiction community as fan, writer and editor. He has worked as an editor on such professional magazines as *Fantasy and Science Fiction*, *Amazing Stories*, and *Fantastic*. His own fanzines have included *Stellar*, *Void*, *Minac*, and more recently, *Pong*, setting the highest editorial and publishing standards.

THE AUSSIECON COMMITTEE

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...and a cast of thousands.

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HOTEL INFORMATION:

The main hotel, where all the major programming items will be conducted, is the Southern Cross, at the corner of Bourke and Exhibition Streets, Melbourne. At the hotel, which was the site for the 1975 Worldcon, all convention areas are on the same level.

The secondary hotel, where the Art Show and some smaller programme items will be held, is the Victoria, in Little Collins Street, only a block's walk away from the Southern Cross.

Accommodation space has been reserved at both hotels, and an option taken on rooms at the Sheraton, but because 1985 is the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Melbourne, there will be many other activities in the city at the same time as the Worldcon. The demand for hotel rooms will thus be high.

Accommodation booking forms were distributed with our Progress Report #2, in early October 1984. If you did not receive this PR, and you want to book a room, you should write to us as soon as possible to ensure you are not disappointed. Bookings will only be accepted from convention members, so if you are not already a member, you must send a membership fee as well.

MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Up til 31 January 1985, joining Aussiecon Two will cost the following:

Attending: \$50.
Supporting: \$30.

The following rates will come into effect as from 1 February 1985:

Attending: \$60.
Supporting: \$30.

Our intention is to hold the supporting rate fixed up to the date of the convention, if possible.

If you are already a supporting member, it will currently cost you \$20 to convert to an attending membership. After 1 February 1985, it will cost you \$30 to convert. The conversion rate for supporting members, regardless of when they bought their membership, will always be set at the current differential between attending and supporting memberships.

CORRESPONDING WITH AUSSIECON TWO:

All correspondence should be addressed to:

Aussiecon Two, GPO Box 2253U, Melbourne 3001, Victoria, AUSTRALIA.

HELPING TO RUN AUSSIECON TWO:

It hardly needs saying that a Worldcon doesn't run itself.

If you would like to volunteer to assist us, please let us know as soon as possible, letting us know in what area you think you could be most useful.

ADVERTISING IN AUSSIECON PROGRESS REPORTS:

The following is a revised schedule for the copy deadlines and mailings of future PRs:

	Copy Deadline	Mailing
PR#3	1 DEC 1984	1 FEB 1984
PR#4	1 MAR 1985	1 MAY 1985
Programme Book	1 JUN 1985	--

The following page sizes and rates will apply to Progress Report #3:

SIZE	IMAGE AREA	FAN	PROF.
Full Page (A4)	180mm x 270mm	\$85	\$170
Half Page Vertical	85mm x 270mm	\$45	\$90
Half Page Horizontal	180mm x 130mm	\$45	\$90
Quarter Page	85mm x 130mm	\$28	\$56

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