

Progress Report #0 - Aussiecon Three

Thursday 2 September thru Monday 6 September 1999.

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Aussiecon Three, GPO Box 1212K, Melbourne, 3001, Australia

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Guests of Honour

Gregory Benford

Physicist, formerly co-editor of the fanzine *Void*, and an SF writer since 1965. Author of the Nebula-winning *Timescape* and the *Galactic Center* novels. Gregory Benford's fiction explores the human side of hard science, and extrapolates humanity moving into a realistic far future. He is a frequent and eloquent attendee at many conventions.

George Turner

Award winning mainstream novelist, George became Australia's sternest SF critic in the '70s. His SF novels, starting with the 1978 *Beloved Son*, explore the moral dimensions of human life in the near future. More recently *Brain Child* included aspects of the thriller, while continuing his careful extrapolation of SF ideas. This changed approach brought his critically acclaimed novels to the attention of the US market. George is a panelist at many Australian conventions.

Bruce Gillespie

Publisher of the serious critical Ditmar-winning and Hugo-nominated fanzine *SF Commentary* since 1969, and of *The Metaphysical Review* since 1984. Bruce has enhanced the discussion of literary SF via his fanzines for nearly three decades, and is a frequent convention attendee.

The Convention Site

Located by the banks of the Yarra River, just 1.5 kilometres SW of the centre of Melbourne, the three function floors of the World Congress Centre include two theatres, plus program rooms and a ballroom. While the 6,900 square metres (64,000 square feet) of room space does not rival that of L.A.con III, the 6000-person capacity of the centre exceeds our more limited needs. The Centra on the Yarra hotel is attached to the site, while several other hotels are a block away. Diagrams are on our web site.

Membership Price Policy

1. The closer to the convention, the greater the cost.
2. Voting presupporters get the best deal.
3. Voters get a good deal in 1996.

L.A.con III voters	US\$	A\$
Conversion	\$65	\$80
For Pre-supporter	\$55	\$70
For "Friend of"	free	free
Non-voters	US\$	A\$
Attending	\$140	\$175
For Pre-supporter	\$135	\$170
For "Friend of"	\$90	\$115
Supporting	\$35	\$45
Child in tow	\$35	\$45
Infants	free	free

Rates in this flyer are in US\$ and A\$.

Child in tow (born after Sept-87)

Progress Reports

Progress Report #1, Mid 1997

Progress Report #2, Mid 1998.

Progress Report #3, January 1999.

Progress Report #4, late April 1999.

Progress Report #5, "catch up" issue, July 1999.

We will report to the 1997 and 1998 Worldcon Business Meetings (as allowed by the WSFS Constitution). Publication updates and other material appear on our Web site, and can be emailed to members.

Deadline for advertising space reservations for PR#1 is 1 February 1997, deadline for material is 1 March 1997. All ads should be camera ready. Contact us for details and advertising rates.

Executive Board

Stephen Boucher, Donna Heenan, Eric Lindsay, Perry Middlemiss, Dick Smith, Leah Smith, Alan Stewart.

Committee and helpers

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Theme

Inventing The Future