



# Sydney Cove in 88

A WRITE-IN VOTE FOR THE 1988 WORLD SF CONVENTION  
BID COMMITTEE FOR ~~THE 27th AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION~~

Box 272  
Wentworth Building  
University of Sydney. 2006.  
Australia

Dear Mark and Kim,

A letter from a committee member of Capcon to let you know what I see happening and to get some feedback.

Re Business Meeting: In the next PR, could you reprint the Constitution (which I will type out again in full in a bit) and also the following note:

"Any member who wishes to move an amendment to the Constitution must submit the full text of the proposal to the Business Meeting Chair, Box 272, Wentworth Building, University of Sydney, 2006, before March 1st, 1987. The Constitution, plus any proposed amendments will be printed in full in the Convention Handbook."

If March 1st is too late, let me know and adjust the date to suit the closing date for submission of material for the Handbook.

The Constitution should then be printed:

"There will be an annual Australian Science Fiction Convention, organised by a Convention Committee selected from amongst Bids, submitted to the Business Meeting at the Australian SF Convention two calendar years before the Convention to be selected.

"The Convention Committee for each Australian SF Convention will, by a vote of the Convention's members, after a nominating process involving Australian fandom generally, award up to five Australian Science Fiction Awards (of which, at least, one must be for fannish endeavours) and the William Atheling Award for Criticism or Review.

"The Convention Committee will ensure that any surplus accrued by an Australian SF Convention will be applied to the benefit of Australian fandom generally, and shall not be used to reward individuals or groups connected with the Convention Committee.

"This Constitution may be changed by this method only: Notice of intention to amend, including the exact text, must be submitted to the Convention Committee in sufficient time to be published in the Convention Handbook (where this Constitution and any proposed amendments must be published) and then the amendment must be approved by a majority voting at the Business Meeting. No amendment will be in order if it has the net effect of increasing the number of words in the Constitution."

Under the Constitution, could you then print a further note, thus:

"1989 Site Selection:

"Committees intending to bid for the 1989 Australian SF Convention are requested to submit a Bid in writing to the Business Meeting Chair (at the above address) by April 10th, 1987. The Bid should include the names of the proposed Convention Committee, the city in which the Convention will take place and the proposed dates for the Convention. The information submitted will then be available to all members at Capcon."

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FOR YOUR INFO ONLY  
AT THIS STAGE.  
THERE MAY BE SLIGHT  
WORDING CHANGES.  
You will receive  
copy very soon in  
final form.



There will be all the material to be printed under the heading:  
BUSINESS MEETING AND SITE SELECTION.

I will then need a further section in the next PR under the heading  
AWARDS.

"There will be five Australian SF Awards presented at CAPCON, as well as the William Atheling Award for Criticism or Review. The proposed categories for the Awards are:

1. BEST AUSTRALIAN FICTION (NOVEL) - For a work of Science Fiction or Fantasy by an Australian author which was first published in 1986.
2. BEST AUSTRALIAN SHORT FICTION - As for (1) but for works that are less than novel length.
3. BEST AUSTRALIAN FANWRITER - For material published in amateur magazines dealing with Science Fiction, Fantasy, Fandom and related matters in 1986.
4. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN AUSTRALIAN FANNISH ENDEAVOURS - For an individual for a particular achievement in any area of Australian fandom other than fanwriting (e.g. editing, filking, organisation, art, costuming etc) in 1986
5. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN AUSTRALIAN AUDIO AND/OR VISUAL SF - For any non-literary Science Fiction first presented in 1986 (e.g. dramatic presentation, TV show, Radio programme, painting) as a Professional piece.

THE WILLIAM ATHELING AWARD FOR CRITICISM OR REVIEW - For a particular piece of work first published or presented in 1986.

The Nomination for Awards will be open to any Australian fan and will be open from 1st January 1987 until 20th February 1987.

Voting will be restricted to members of CAPCON and will close on April 15th 1987.

Any correspondence with respect to the proposed Award categories and timetable for nomination and/or voting may be directed to the Awards SubCommittee, Box 272, Wentworth Building, University of Sydney 2006.

Members of the Capcon Committee will be generally eligible for the Awards, although members of the Awards SubCommittee will not."

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