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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION





## INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the committee members of the 5th Australian Science Fiction Convention, I extend a warm and sincere welcome to you all.

We have endeavoured to make this, the first Convention held outside of Sydney, one to be remembered, and we hope we have succeeded.

For meeting old friends, and making new ones, we feel sure you will agree, there's nothing like a Convention, and we trust that whoever is the lucky city next year will enter into the organising of it with that thought in mind.

## COMMITTEE

Robert J. McCubbin	Organiser/Sec./Treas.
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**Mrs. McCubbin  
for use of her home for meetings.**

**Mrs. Binns  
for warding off starvation on Sundays.**

**Dan Bicknell for his projector and recorder.**

**Mrs. Williams  
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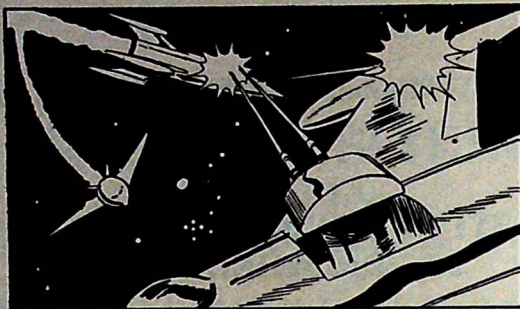
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HAPPIER TIME  
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HE IS.

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# Programme

## SATURDAY

10.00 a.m.—Displays.

Registrations.

Auction.

2.00 p.m.—Business Session.

Auction.

7.30 p.m.—Play

(At Congregational Hall, Kent St., Richmond).

“Balance of Power”

By Norma Hemming.



**SUNDAY**

**10.00 a.m.—Auction.**

**2.00 p.m.—Guest of Honour.**

**Author's Panel.**

**7.00 p.m.—Films:**

**“The 5,000 Fingers of Dr. T”**

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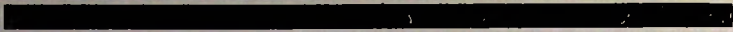
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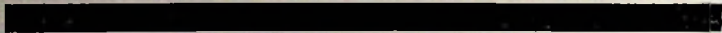
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