

Thylazine

Better Late Than Never

Welcome to the first Progress Report for Thylacon, The 1995 Australian National Science Fiction Convention. There have been many delays in getting this out to our members and prospective members. Still, it is shaping up well and we hope that you're all plan on coming and joining us next year.

Anyway, on to the more important things - information on the guests, hotels and stuff.

Dates & Location

Thylacon is being held over the Queens Birthday weekend 1995, 9th-12th of June, at the Wrest Point Casino and Convention Centre, Hobart, Tasmania..

Hotels

The Wrest Point Hotel Casino has two styles of accommodation available: The Tower - which has an excellent view of the Derwent River and surrounds OR a fine view of Mt. Wellington; The Motor Inn - a motel for the more budget conscious. The room rates at present are \$85 per night for single/double rooms in the motel accommodation and \$145 per night for Tower accommodation - rooms will be available on non-smoking floors. We are hoping to retain these rates for Thylacon. Both styles of rooms are in demand and so we will be arranging overflow accommodation at some of the cheaper hotels in the area (certainly no further away than across the road).

Guests

We are pleased to announce that **Kim Stanley Robinson** has agreed to be our international Guest of Honour. Stan is the author of numerous novels and short stories. Some of his better known works include Red Mars, Green Mars (the first two books of his Mars Trilogy), The Wild Shore, Gold Coast, Pacific Edge, (his West Coast Trilogy) and Escape from Kathmandu. At present he is at work on the concluding volume of the Mars Trilogy - Blue Mars.

Our Australian Guest of Honour is

Peter Nicholls.

Peter is best known for his editing of The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction - solo for the first edition, with John Clute for the second edition. The first edition won the Hugo Award for Best Non-Fiction, and is a hot favourite for this year's award. Peter has been quiet of late but hopes to convince The Age to resume running his SF review column, and has a few other projects on the boil.

Our Fan Guest of Honour is that well known West Australian,

Grant Stone.

Better known as the voice behind the Faster Than Light Show and as a librarian at Murdoch University, we feel that his contribution to the genre really does deserve some recognition. With a little bit of luck, we may be able to announce a few surprises over the coming months - it all depends on the work commitments of some lucky souls.

Membership

The following membership rates will be effective until 1st January 1995:

Attending: \$60.00

Supporting: \$20.00

Voting: \$5.00

After 1st January 1995 attending membership will rise to \$65.00. The "at the door rates" are yet to be determined.

Programme

The programme is shaping up nicely under the guidance of our experienced team. We can promise you the items you expect plus a few surprises too. If you have any suggestions for an item don't hesitate to contact us.

Committee

And of course what PR would be complete without a list of culprits. Our core committee is made up of Justin Ackroyd and Stephen Boucher (Melbourne), Robin Johnson and Cary Lenehan (Hobart), and Greg Turkich (Perth).

Queries, Requests Suggestions, Ideas, Etc.

We can only act on your ideas/problems if you tell us about them, so please tell us so that we can act upon them.

