

# AUSTRALIA IN 83

## A STATEMENT

After Aussiecon in 1975, Alf Van der Poorten proposed a bid for 'Sydney Cove in 88'. Later, Adelaide 'jumped' this bid deciding that 1983 was equally viable but this was not followed through until early in 1978 when the return of Ken Ozanne from a year's fannishabatical in the US revitalised this bid.

Initially the 'Sydney Cove in 88' bid was publicised in the US by Bob Tucker, Don Thompson and Ned Brooks among others. The Australia in 83 Bidding Committee, comprising around thirty fans, has placed advertisements in the Iguanacon Program Book and Progress Report 4 as well as circularising Australian and New Zealand fans for their support. Further advertisements have appeared in Lasfapa and Mishap. We have the advisory services of five previous Worldcon chairmen.

There is still much work to be done. Advertisements must be prepared and placed in the Seacon progress reports and program book, the Boston 1980 Worldcon progress reports, Locus etc... A one page fact sheet for overseas distribution, particularly at US regional cons is an essential and urgent requirement. At the time of writing the committee are planning an ongoing Australia in 83 fanzine, to help with publicity and communications.

We need these and other publicity ideas for we cannot hope/expect to win this Worldcon bid without an extensive publicity campaign culminating in a carefully planned presentation at the 1981 World Science Fiction Convention. All publicity must show imagination, flair, stability, experience and especially competence. We NEED people willing to learn how to run anything from a rubber-band motor, to panels, program items and conventions.

Besides these people we need funds, be it cash donations, auction material or subsidised advertising in overseas convention booklets, progress reports and magazines.

We need your support, your ideas, your time, your money but most of all, we need YOU active NOW.

Ken Ozanne - Chairman  
Keith Curtis  
Carey Handfield  
Eric Lindsay  
Shayne McCormack  
Warren Nicholls