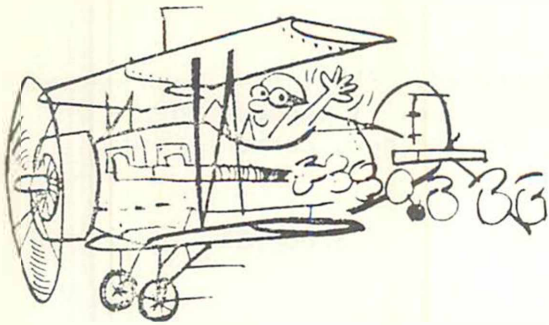


# THE AUSSIECON FLYER



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The Aussiecon Flyer is a reincarnation of the Heicon Flyer and is designed to provide the latest information on the status of the group flight to the 33rd World Science Fiction Convention. Free to all who have indicated an active desire (i.e. have paid a fifty dollar deposit) of going on the flight to Australia. Others may subscribe for one dollar. LOC's, favors, and trades appreciated but subject to the whim of the editors.

## TODAY'S WORLD

While we may be a bit late, we would like to pass along "Season's Greetings" anyway. I have been trying to picture Christmas in Australia since it is now summer there. I am also trying to picture flying from our summer to their winter next August. I am finding it a bit difficult although the practical part of me went shopping tonight and bought three long-sleeved turtle-neck sweaters that were on sale. Lesleigh Luttrell who is DUFF administrator and who has been to Australia has written, "it doesn't get half as cold there as it does in the northern USA, but it will be cold, especially to North American fans flying over after several months of summer here. The temperature will be in the 40s and maybe 50s during the day in Melbourne and slightly warmer in Sydney. So it is a good idea to take warmer clothes and a coat. I would suggest the sort of clothes you would wear during the fall in cooler parts of the USA. The beaches are beautiful at any time of year, but don't take your swim suit and expect to be able to go bathing in the ocean. And remember that Australia is really beautiful in the winter."





## WHO'S GOING?

We are very pleased that some of the people who went on the Heicon Group Flight in 1970 have already sent their deposits to be members of this group flight. Must be something was done right. We are also pleased that we are still receiving deposits for this group flight but we would like to see more. We have more than enough deposits to make the flight definite.

The following is the list of the first people from whom we have received deposits:

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11. Richard B. Sims, 64 Charlesgate East, Boston, Massachusetts 02215
12. Cuyler Warnell Brooks, Jr., 713 Paul Street, Newport News, Virginia 23605
13. DUFF, c/o Lesleigh Luttrell, 525 West Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703
14. Jack Williamson, Box 761, Portales, New Mexico 88130
15. Blanche Williamson, Box 761, Portales, New Mexico 88130
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We will continue the list in our next issue. It would be great if we enough additional deposits to have twenty more names on our next list plus some to spare.

## LETTERS

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For people who want to read up about Australia, may I recommend Arthur C. Clarke's "The Coast of Coral:" also "The Lucky Country," by Donald Horne, which in my edition is an Australian Penguin book published in 1964. There are also the "Profile of Australia" by Craig McGregor, Penguin Books #2767, 1968, and "A Short History of Australia" by Manning Clark, Mentor Books 1963.

I'd further recommend that prospective travelers get a good Geographic Society map of Australia -- not those schlock types published by the Hammond Company -- and study it until they can get around in the more populated regions (as I, unfortunately, because I won't be going, can) with ease.

Clarke's "Dolphin Island," while juvenile and not really very good, does have some background on the Australia of today mixed in with the fiction.

The first Clarke book mentioned above will give the reader a close feel for the Gold Coast region, which we can roughly equate with Miami Beach and the Gulf Coast as far as climate. Of course, the Australian consulates and embassy will have loads of material which you might be able to liberate quantities of, for inclusion in mailings to charter members. The brochures published by the individual towns aren't much help, but the brochures published by the individual states are excellent. Pan Am also has (had?) excellent map of the Sydney region.

Champion papers published a fantastic graphic trip about Australia which is now unavailable; it won about a dozen awards for graphic design and general excellence (it was a showcase for their papers and printing methods, with inserts and maps and photos and posters about the past, present and future of the country).

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Australians do talk funny, as the article you put in the newsletter indicates, and they do have an accent, as the fans who met the Australians at the last two worldcons should know, but I'd like to point out that I never had the slightest bit of difficulty understanding the fans. They don't use as much Australian slang as do some other Australian residents (they use more fannish slang, I think), and I found the variety of accents at the Syncon perfectly delightful.

I think the best place to get information about what to see and do in Australia is from travel folders. I must have read hundreds of the things before I went. That's the only way you can really decide what you want to see. And they also help give you some idea of what it will cost to see Alice Springs or the Great Barrier Reef, or whatever. Personally, I think that everything in Australia is



interesting, and even if the fans don't get out of Sydney and Melbourne, they still should be satisfied with their trip to Australia (although I would highly recommend getting to Adelaide, which is a beautiful little city.) One thing I found was that travel in Australia was fairly cheap. The inter-city flights really aren't that expensive, and I've heard that the trains are very comfortable and cheap. Of course, a trip to Perth could be quite expensive.

## PASSPORT & VISA INFORMATION FOR THE PACIFIC AREA

Country	Passport <sup>2</sup>	Visa/Cost <sup>3</sup>	Special
Australia	X	NR Transit 72 hrs. X Others, valid 4 yrs. or life of PP. Stay 6 mo. with tourist visa, NC.	Apply with 2 P and evidence SF and ROT, to Cons. San Francisco 94104, NYC 10020. Check Emb., Wash., D.C. 20036 for Health Requirements.
China, Republic of (Taiwan)	X	X-Valid 49 mo. Good for 30 day stay. Tourist visa can be extended for 30 days, NC.	Apply Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008 or Cons. No PP is issued for Mainland China. From Guam, apply through airline.
Fiji	X	NR Tourists	Others apply to Immigration Officer, Suva.
Hong Kong	X	NR to 30 days with ROT. X-\$5.60 up to 3 mo.	Over 3 mo. check nearest British Gov't office.
India	X	X-Transit 30%, Entry \$2.20. 3 mo. Tourist \$2.20. 3 entries in 6 mo.	2 P required. ROT required. Conditions rather involved. Check Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008 or Cons. Gen., NYC 10021.
Indonesia	X	X-Tourist 1 entry. \$3.50 extra visas on same passport \$2.20. Business visa \$5.20 up to 30 days.	Obtain visa before arrival. 2 P-Tourist 3 P-Business. Businessmen require letter from company stating purpose of visit. ROT. SF. Landing fee \$13.20 if stay over 30 days.
Japan	X & visa. Valid 4 years for business or pleasure.	X-Except U.S.A. Civilians & dependents of Armed Forces. For visit or residence, NC.	Check for specific requirements. Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008 or Cons.
Korea	X	X-Valid 6 mo. from date of issue.	Apply with 2 P to: Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008 or Cons.
Macao	X	X-used within 120 days \$5.85.	Apply nearest Cons. of Portugal.
Malaysia	X	NR Tourist 3 mo. X-Others \$2.13.	Apply Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008.
Micronesia	X or BC for tourists, visitors up to 30 days.	All others must have Entry Permit. Visa to destination beyond Trust Territory is required.	All must have D, ROT and SF. Entry Permit by application to High Commissioner, Trust Territory, Saipan, Marianas 98950.
Nepal	X	X-1 wk stay \$3. Valid 6 mo. for 1 entry. U.S. tourists may obtain visa at airport.	Visa also obtainable prior to arrival. 2 Photos. Apply Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008. Extension available from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kathmandu.
New Caledonia	X	NR to 10 days stay. X-for longer. 1 entry \$3.92, more than 1 yr. \$7.84.	4 P with request for over 10-day stay. Check French Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008 or Cons. for details.
New Hebrides (Anglo-French Condominium)	X	X-for over 10 days \$3.92 up.	4 P required. French Cons. or Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008.
New Zealand	X	X-(NC) for 3 mo. visit, good 4 yrs. X-also for military personnel. NR 30 day visit ROT.	All must hold onward passage. Check Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008 or Cons.
Papua & New Guinea	X	X	Apply Australian Cons. in San Francisco 94118, NYC 10020 or Emb., Wash., D.C. 20036. Give dates of stay, ROT, SF, and obtain entry permit.
Philippines	X	NR under 7 days, Extend on arrival to 14 days. X-for up to 59 days \$4.70.	ROT and valid V for points beyond on short visit. 1 Photo with Visa application for longer. Emb., Wash., D.C. 20036 or Cons.
Samoa, Western	X	X-for stay over 72 hrs.	Apply nearest Cons. or Emb. of New Zealand, Wash., DC 20008.
Singapore	X	NR	Inquiries addressed to Emb., Wash., D.C. 20009.
Tahiti and Dependencies	X	NR to 30 days, X-for longer. 1 entry \$3.92, more than 1 yr. \$7.84.	Apply with 4 Photos, any French Cons. or Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008.
Thailand (Siam)	X	NR Trst to 15 days. X-others to 30 days, \$3.50.	ROT required. Check Royal Thai Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008 or Cons. for other information.
Tonga	X	X-Valid to 6 mo. \$5.60.	Apply nearest British Gov't office.
Vietnam	X	X-Tourist or Transit to 15 days \$2.50. Single Entry to 30 days, valid 3 mo. \$5.	2 P required. All travelers approaching or having visited Communist countries must have visa. Exit permit required for all stays over 1 week. Penalties for any non-compliance. Check Emb., Wash., D.C. 20008. 3 day transit V-apply Mission to UN, NYC. Allow 3 days.

<sup>1</sup>Abbreviations used in tables: BC - Birth Certificate; Cons - Consulate; D - Documentary evidence of Citizenship; Emb - Embassy; ID - Identification; ME - Multiple-entry Visa; NC - No Charge; NR - Not required; NYC - New York City; P - Photograph of Traveler; PP - Passport; ROT - Return or Onward Tickets; SF - Sufficient funds required for stay; UN - United Nations Mission of country named; V - Visa endorsement on Passport; Wash - Washington; X - Required (Passport/Visa).

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C. In addition, state and federal court clerks will accept passport applications in other areas.

<sup>3</sup>Visa fees are quoted in dollars at rates of exchange prevailing in June 1972.

LATE NEWS

For those who have asked about the use of credit cards in Australia, you should have no problem with American Express, Diner's Club, or Carte Blanche. Do not plan to use Mastercharge or BankAmericard as few places honor them.

We will probably travel on Air New Zealand which leaves Los Angeles at 9:15 in the evening. Don't forget that we loose a day, crossing the International Date Line so we will arrive in Sydney on Monday. Air New Zealand flies DC-10s to Australia.

Several people have written to say that they plan to go to Australia before our group or by other means but want to know if they can return with our group. We will be most happy to make arrangements for these people to return on the same flight as our group. However, regular fares will apply as the G.I.T. fare is a round-trip fare only. Also, it is not officially possible to split a G.I.T. fare with one person using it one way and another person using it the other way. We are required to give individual names and these are checked against passports.

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For your planning convenience, here is a calendar for our summer (Australian winter) months, 1975. The dates for Aussiecon are August 14 thru August 17.

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