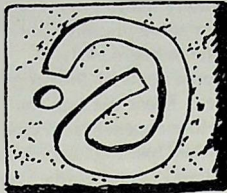


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Ditmars and Thylacon 2

Niall Doran reports "The 1998 Ditmars winners

were:

Best Long Fiction - The White Abacus - Damien Broderick (Avon Books)

Best Short Fiction - "Niagara Falling" - Janeen Webb & Jack Dann (Black Mist)

Best Dramatic Presentation - Spellbinder 2 (9 Network)

Best Artwork/Artist - Nick Stathopoulos

Best Fanzine - Eidolon

Best Fan Writer - Leanne Frahm

William Atheling Award - Sean McMullen & Steven Paulsen * Australia: Australian Contemporary Fantasy (Encyclopedia of Fantasy * Orbit).

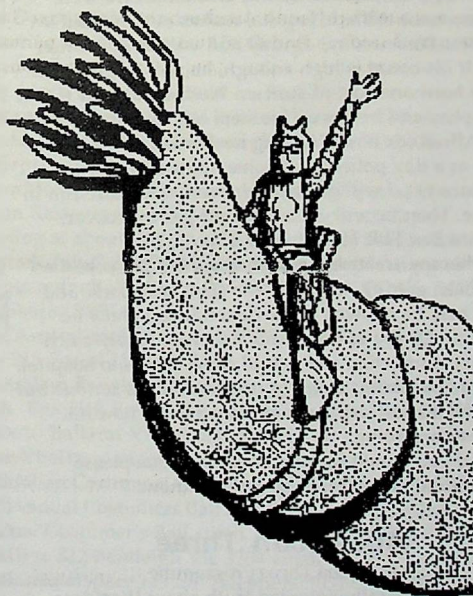
Marjorie Lenehan was responsible for making the awards, and they looked absolutely stunning.

As for the convention, it was small (80-100 people? - I haven't seen the final tally yet) but hopefully people found it relaxing and enjoyable (again, other people's con reports will be the judge of that). Our guests - Leanne Frahm, George RR Martin (with Parris McBride), Neil Gaiman, Jack Dann, Janeen Webb, and Sara Douglass - were all fantastic, and really gave their all to make the convention fun. The small size allowed for guests and attendees to sit and mingle around the fire in the bar, and gave everything a friendly and informal feel.

Notable events were the launches of Sara's new book "Pilgrim" and MUP's "Encyclopaedia of Australian Science Fiction and Fantasy", and an interesting debate on fantasy as serious or popular literature. Sean McMullen made a big entrance with a hire-car sporting a seriously deep wallaby imprint in its bonnet, and Neil Gaiman kindly provided the original, unedited cut of his Babylon 5 episode "Day of the Dead". For me, the highlights were Saturday's banquet (which lived up to its name) and Sunday's "Good

Science Week" quiz (which I had spent most of the weekend writing and panicking over). Local entertainers Craig Wellington (as compere), Spot Cullen and John X combined with the talents of Jack Dann, George RR Martin, Justin Ackroyd, Neil Gaiman, Parris McBride and Nick Stathopoulos, not to mention a competitive audience, to make Good Science Week the panel that was really worth seeing. There were heaps of classic moments, but Neil Gaiman probably stole the show with his attempts to mime the accurate measurement of breast size (using glasses, beer jugs and Parris), and his reading of a controversial letter from the current issue of "Australasian Poultry". Jack Dann also proved himself remarkably adept at identifying the bizzarest of mystery objects...

The program book is also a rather special memento of the event, with contributions of fiction from Neil Gaiman (unpublished), George RR Martin (an excerpt from a forthcoming novel), Jack Dann (a reprinted short story as well as an excerpt from a forthcoming novel), and some work from local writers. There is also a tribute to the recently departed artist Bill Rotsler, biographical information on our guests, an essay on bioethics, the written results of the World Building panel promised at the last Thylacon, listings of previous



Ditmar, Hugo and Nebula Award winners, and a preliminary listing of Australian SF small presses (as a bonus, there's also the obligatory typos and a couple of poorly reproduced pictures that are the scourge of program books everywhere).

I'm sure you'll get a lot more feedback from other sources, including Robin Johnson (Convener) if he hasn't been in touch already. It may not have been the best organised convention in history (we certainly had some great disasters in the planning stages) but hopefully people still had a very good time.

Bullsheet Media Watch

Footage of Terry Frost being arrested for prostitution and drug dealing was shown on The Bill, on ABC Television on June 9th. Terry had obviously dressed in drag for the occasion and was sporting a terrible blonde wig.

Dave Lockett's *Dark Winter* features in the May/June Scholastic Star Book Club magazine.

Gunn Watch

Karen Pender-Gunn reports "Ian will be undergoing stem cell transplant (mislabelled as bone marrow transplant) using the stem cell from his own blood.

The oncologist on Wednesday calmed the fears we had and said the procedure, although yes it was dangerous, was not as serious as the manual we were given from the Alfred Hospital makes out. Ian had a blood test Wednesday, Friday and will have another today. If his count is high enough, he will be given the growth hormone-sort-of-stuff on Wednesday and if that is then okay and brings up his stem cell count he will go to the Alfred for however long next week. We think he will go as a day patient and come home at night, we aren't sure yet. I will go with him and stay with him in any case. Then he will get a week off just to recover. Then into Box Hill Hospital for a week, for chemotherapy treatment which shouldn't be as bad as he has been getting, then gets the stem cells back, and he then may be allowed home depending on how he takes it all. Dr Joe said he would then probably catch some sort of infection and would come back into hospital. So, that's how things stand at present. Not as serious but sooner. I'll let you know as soon as we know how his blood tests are going.

If you would like to know any more, please contact us and we will try and let you know."

Aussiecon Three

AussieCon Three Programme

The generally accepted truth about Worldcon programming is that it is not worth considering in a detailed manner until you are within 12 months of the convention. There are a number of reasons for that

(including the major fact that the organising committee is unsure who will and who won't be attending) but it is still possible for some planning and development of the programme to begin early.

Some items on the programme nominate themselves. These include (but are not restricted to) the Guest-of Honor speeches for Greg Benford and Bruce Gillespie, the Opening and Closing ceremonies, the Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade. We will fulfil our WSFS commitments with a series of Business Sessions; we will run collector and fan auctions; and there will be a number of fixed exhibits and functions such as an Art Show, an Internet Lounge, and a dealers room. We aim to put a programme in place that deals with all aspects of the sf genre: literary, media, fannish, gaming, costuming, readings, film, book signings, etc. Whatever you can think of we'll probably cover it, or at least attempt to. At present we have people working on specific items relating to the history of Australian sf fandom and science fiction, and doubtless we will have many other such panels offered to us leading up to the convention.

At this time, it is our intention to get the Programming Division structure in place, to timetable the required items and to begin developing others as they are suggested or recommended. This process will require a lot of work and a lot of suggestions. As we proceed further down the development track we will begin soliciting programme suggestions from members and interested parties alike. Keep an eye on our website at <http://www.aussiecon3.worldcon.org/> and expect a number of changes over the coming months.

If you have any questions or suggestions at this point please contact us at the general email address of info@aussiecon3.worldcon.org.

Perry Middlemiss, Chair and David McDonnell, Programming

Convention News

Perth has won the right to hold the 2000 Australian NatCon. I've heard nothing about the 1999 NatCon. From comments in *aus.sf*, it would seem that Perth definitely doesn't want that.

Upcoming Conventions

Arcanacon XVI Role Playing Games July 2-6 1998
Collingwood Education Centre Melbourne ph 03 9481 5564
email chiara@linus.burnet.edu.au

PhanCon 98. Literary sf/fantasy convention July 11-12
Parramatta Gazebo Hotel. Guests Terry Pratchett, David Gemmell and Sara Douglass. For info kit email kemil@ozemail.com.au or phone 1800 817 298.

BucCONe98 56th World Science Fiction Convention.
August 5 - 9 1998, Baltimore Convention Center and Inner Harbor hotels, Baltimore, Maryland, USA. GOHs: C.J. Cherryh, Milt Rothman, Stanley Schmidt, and Michael

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Whelan, Special Guest: J. Michael Straczynski,
Toastmaster: Charles Sheffield. Attending \$130
Supporting \$30 Children 4-12 \$65 (Rates apply until 15
June, 1998). BucCONear, P.O. Box 314, Annapolis
Junction, Maryland 20701 USA. E-mail:
bucconeer@bucconeer.worldcon.org
URL: <http://www.bucconeer.worldcon.org>.
Conquest98 October 9-11 1998 Mercure Hotel Brisbane
GsoH. Peter Jurasik (Londo), Walter Koenig (Bester)
Richard Arnold \$250 attending. GPO Box 13676
Brisbane Qld 4001
Force Three June 12-14 1999 3rd National Star Wars
Convention Karralyka Centre Ringwood Vict GsoH tba
\$150 until 1/6/99. P.O. Box 427 Northcote Vic 3070 (03)
9416-8998

<http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking>
Aussiecon Three 1999 World Science Fiction Convention.
September 2-6 1999 World Congress Centre, Melbourne
GsoH George Turner, Greg Benford and Bruce Gillespie.
Aussiecon Three, GPO Box 1212K, Melbourne, 3001,
Australia Attending \$200 Supporting \$45
Child in tow \$45
email info@aussiecon3.worldcon.org
<http://www.aussiecon3.worldcon.org>.
Chicon 2000 The 58th World Science Fiction Convention
August 31 to September 4 2000 - Hyatt Regency Chicago
IL GsoH Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton, Jim Baen, Bob and
Anne Passovoy, Toastmaster: Harry Turtledove
P. O. Box 642057, Chicago IL 60664, fax: 312-946-3779
<http://www.chicon.org/>
GoH=Guest of Honour
O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting
tba=to be announced.

Club News

In the interests of keeping the Bullsheet lean, taut and
terrific into its second century, I'm cutting this section
down. I will, from this issue, publish details of club
events, if given the date for the event. I will attempt to
maintain an up-to-date club listing on the web site
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/clubs.htm>

Events

N.S.W.

George R.R. Martin Signing June 14 from 3pm. Light
refreshments will be served. Galaxy Bookshop 222
Clarence St Sydney 02 9267 7222
Southern Science Fiction Group June 20 12.30pm Mortdale
Hotel Bistro contact 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-
3595.
Sydney Skyforce August 16 10am-5pm Lidcombe
Catholic Workmen's Club, 24 John Street, Lidcombe PO
Box 804 Kensington NSW 2033 (03) 9416 89981
First Friday of month, 6 pm. Museum Hotel.

Q14

Queensland Star Trekkers (Quest) June 14 GPO Box 2084
Brisbane 4001 Email water@thehub.com.au
Conquest July 5 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St GPO
Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001
Highlander July 19 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St
Postal address 11 Perrett St Bundamba Qld 4304
sonjav@powerup.com.au Newsletter *The Buzz*
Vortex August 2 Red Cross Centre 397 Adelaide St G.P.O.
Box 2004 Brisbane 4001

Victoria

MSFC June 12 Book Club 8.00pm St David's Church Hall
74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade
Centre Melbourne 3005
George R.R. Martin Signing June 12 5pm. Slow Glass Book
305 Swanston St Melbourne
Friday Night Mob June 12 Anzapa distribution night June
19. June 26 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. Myers
Cafeteria Melbourne
Star Trek the Exhibit February 27 to July 19 Science
Works Spotswood
Skyforce (Star Wars) June 13 1-5 pm Melbourne Uni,
Copeland Theatre, Economics and Commerce Building
P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070 Email Address:
darren.maxwell@tmca.com.au
<http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking>
Jack Dann June 13 Masterclass - Aspects of the Fantastic
Victorian Writer's Center 156 George St Fitzroy \$120 for
non-members
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~austrek/>
Enterprise June 27 Annual Winter Olympics P.O. Box 466
World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404
enterprise@minerals.csiro.au
Nova Mob July 1 First dinner at about 6:00pm at The
Arian Restaurant on Sydney Road, followed by the
meeting at about 8:00pm at 13 Frederick St Brunswick.
Austrek July 7 Starfleet Exam & Trekvivia details to be
announced email: austrek@vicnet.net.au GPO Box 5206AA
Melbourne 3001
The Australian Science Fiction Foundation July 18 P.O.
Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131
Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club July 19 1:00pm Bowling
Day: Box Hill Bowling Centre Whitehorse Road P.O.
Box 610 Ballarat Vic 3353 Babbling On
xfive@ballarat.starway.net.au
Australian Costumers Guild July 26 Anniversary of the
2nd Annual Costumers Ball and Panic before the 3rd
Annual Costumer's Ball stitch 'n' bitch (03) 9568 0708
P.O. Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 email
stilskin@netspace.net.au Telephone (03)9557 7088
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>
Third Annual Costumers' Ball August 15 6:30pm Streeton
Room, The Centre Ivanhoe. \$48. The Australian

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Costumers' Guild P.O. Box 12345 A'Beckett St Melbourne
8006

W.A.

Launch of *A View Before Dying* Sean Williams July 6
The Fremantle Hotel, Fremantle 7pm.

Paper Fanzines

Thyme 121 Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World trade
Centre Melbourne 8005

Electronic Fanzines

Ansible 131 Dave Langford, 94 London Road, Reading,
Berkshire RC1 5AU, UK ansible@civ.co.uk

Derogatory Reference 89 Arthur D. Hlavaty
hlavaty@panix.com

Emerald City 33 Cheryl Morgan
cmorgan@ceres.wallis.com or <http://www.emcit.com>

Fans Across the World 73 & 74 B. Wilkinson, Ground
Floor Flat, 8 West Avenue Road, Walthamstow, E17

9SE, Great Britain bjw@cix.co.uk

TommyWorld 40 Tommy Ferguson tferg@dial.pipex.com
40 Deramore Avenue, Belfast, BT7 3ER, Northern
Ireland

Web Pages

For a full listing,

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/zines.htm>

Moved

Stuart Davis

<http://www.uq.net.au/Stuartsfci/>

New

Craig Macbride

<http://amarok.glasswings.com.au/~craig/>

Deadlines

A:realis Competition

June 30 1998

ANZAFA 185

August 7 1998

GuffNominations

September 30 1998

GuffVoting

March 30 1999

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Doran, Perry Middlemiss

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Dear friends,

We are from Yugoslavia. That is a small country (probably known to you as Serbia and Montenegro) which lays in the SouthEast Europe. The capital of our country is Belgrade and our little town, Bela Crkva (14000 inhabitants), is 100 km (60 miles) east from Belgrade.

Two years ago, about thirty of us formed a science fiction fan club and we named it "FAROS". At the moment there are only four SF clubs in our country and our club is the most active one. Our activities are publishing our magazine, organising literary evenings and lectures, SF movie projections and discussions about all SF areas. We are keeping meetings to once a week (every Tuesday).

We wish to make contact with people who have interests in science fiction and who organised clubs like ours.

Our contact addresses are:

Poste address: "FAROS"

1. oktobra 24

26340 Bela Crkva

Yugoslavia

Phone number: 381-13-851-102 (Wednesdays from 5.00 to
8.00 am, at your time)

E-mail: faros@setnet.co.yu

Magazine: "FAROS"

The club's president

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The Editor-in-Chief of

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