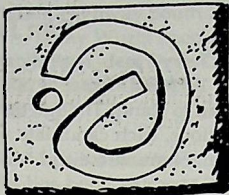


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Children's Book Council Awards

Catherine Jinks won this year's Children's Book Council Book of the Year award in the Older Children Category for her novel *Eye to Eye*. The award was featured in an article in the *Saturday Age* 22/8/98. Included in the article were comments from Pam McIntyre, praising Garth Nix *Shade's Children* and Isobelle Carmody's *Greylands*. There was also a feature article on Catherine Jinks. *The Weekend Australian* went one better, with an announcement of the award and a two page feature on Jinks 22-23/8/98.

In Electrons

Ion Newcombe notes "Here is the publication list (Australian Authors) for the latest issue of AntipodeanSF (issue 6). 1) "FLUEBOT" By Tony Plank, e-mail Splints@bigpond.com 2) "Getting what they wanted" By Lawrence Lau, e-mail: ll@maths.uq.edu.au 3) "Nobody There" By James Overton, email: brink909@iaccess.com.au Antipodean SF <http://www.nor.com.au/users/antisl/>

Broderick Anthology

Damien Broderick, damien@ariel.its.unimelb.edu.au announces " Here's a chance you don't get every day - the opportunity to do someone else's work for him, for free! No, hang about, let's put that more favorably - a chance to Shape History's Memory.

I'm finalising the suggested contents list for a big retrospective (i.e. reprint) anthology, for Tor, of Oz sf short stories and novellas. The time frame is pretty much 1980 to now. The catchment area is as broad as one can reach - previous original anthos like my own *Strange Attractors* or King/Blackford's *Urban Fantasies*, overseas and local sf mags, litry little magazines, grunge cyberpunk outpourings, the Sun News Pictorial short story competition (haven't got anything from there, actually), on-line mags... But the stories need to be the very best of the crop. I have been

winnowing a huge bunch of stuff, and have my own little list, but here's your chance to offer suggestions and twist my perceptions...

What I'd like to see - isn't this fun? and afterwards we can have a dip in the pool and blow up some balloons! - is a short list of the stories you regard as THE best Aussie sf of the last 20-odd years. Five or 10 stories, preferably ranked.

There will be no prize for the first neatest correct entry."

Bullsheel Media Watch

Geoff Roderick and his art featured in an article in *The Melbourne Times* 12/8/98. Damien Broderick's upcoming anthology *Not the Only Planet: Science Fiction Travel Stories* was briefly reviewed in the *Sunday Age* 16/8/98.

Dark City

Alan Stewart notes that Lewis Morely and Marilyn Pride's names also appear in the *Dark City* credits. *Who Weekly August 24 1998* mentioned the film and also, in its Weekly Index, mentioned that the Dr Who Club of Australia had 700 members, and that Star Walking Inc has 2,500 members, a 150% increase on 1993.

Travellers

Returned DUFF winner Terry Frost notes "Maureen Kincaid Speller and I co-presented the Fan Artist and Fan Writer Hugos this year. The ceremony went professionally well, though both of us were as nervous as hell. I started by telling the assembled masses that Maureen and I were the only two presenters who hadn't made a buck out of science fiction, then said that I was going to ask for a minute's silence for Frank Sinatra but they wouldn't let me, thanked everyone for their kindness to both the DUFF and TAFF winners, then did the Fan Artist award. Joe Mayhew said kind and heartfelt words in support of Ian Gunn as he picked up his finned dildo, to which the audience responded well. At the Hugo Loser's Party which Aussiecon 3 hosted, both Maureen and I were congratuated on how well we handled the job."

Yvonne Rousseau was visiting Melbourne and passed on copies of *Lucid Intervals the Allan Bray Memorial Fanzine*, a superb presentation, including material from the funeral and memories of Allan from several Adelaide fans and others.

Gunny Watch

"Hi, for a change it's Gunny here instead of Karen The news wasn't quite as bad as our rioting imaginations had led us to believe. Yes, it looks like I may be incurable (no jokes, please, I've heard I always was incurable! :-)) but it seems like I'm treatable.

I'll spend at least the next six months hooked up to a little pump, like carrying a Walkman around all the time. Once a week I have to go to hospital to get the batteries

charged, the dressings checked and the chemo juice topped up "Fill 'er up!" - a 20 minute job.

Every three weeks I have to go in overnight for slightly stronger chemo. Hopefully, this won't send me deader than I've already become, but I won't be growing long hair for a while.

The pump is worn over the shoulder/clipped to the belt and connected to a thing called a Hickman which is a tube into my chest. Hurt a bit going in despite local anaesthetic and sleeping pills, and the stitches are sore. Soon I'll be able to sleep on my right side! At least the nurses won't have to go hunting for veins in my arms any more - my veins were always hard to find and both arms are now covered in teensy weensy little scars.

So I'm bionic!

Makes showers interesting, and I've got to be fitted for a suit for Beky and H's wedding - I'm groomsman. "Can you hide that bulge?"

C'Mell the cat is fascinated by the five foot tube that dangles to the floor when I'm in bed "No! Smack! NOT a toy!"

Feeling a lot more confident, a little tired and a bit nauseous.

Hoping you are the same"

Fan Funds

Terry Frost, recently returned from the U.S., notes that the 1999 DUFF race is open. Get your favourite North American to stand! Though there is no sign of a deadline for nominations, each candidate will need three North American Nominators and two Australian nominators, plus the usual promise, bond and 100 word platform.

A Brief Editorial

I have recently, as is my wont, put my foot in it. I foolishly forgot that not even science fiction authors are fully au fait with the habits of that group loosely defined as science fiction fandom. Therefore I apologise to Richard Harland and Dave Hodson for printing letters that they considered personal comments to me, but which I considered fair publishable material. I know that Dave is familiar with the term DNQ and I hereby remind all correspondents that, if they send me anything guarded by those mystical letters, I will under no circumstances risk the wrath of the fannish ghods by publishing that material. (DNQ stands for Do Not Quote.) Be warned though, that any correspondence not so marked will be treated as fair game.

Barnes Watch

Ian Gunn notes "It was with considerable surprise that I spotted Bruce Barnes in the You Am I videoclip "Heavy heart" - I'm pretty sure it's him - playing the part of a karaoke singer. So, Bruce has now embarked on a career in the Rock Music industry!"

Aussiecon Three

The Aussiecon Three PR #2 was posted on August 24th and should have reached all Australian members by now. It

features standard PR #2 organisational stuff, covers by Marilyn Pride and Craig Hilton, and articles by John Bangsund, Bruce Gillespie and Greg Benford. Remember, membership rates got up in September, so, if you want to save yourself about \$A25, join immediately. (To reflect the weakening Australian dollar, U.S. rates will not change this time.) Mark Loney adds "...members of Aussiecon Three who did not pick up their copies of PR2 at BucConeer will receive them in the mail shortly (copies for members in North America were mailed from BucConeer on 9 August, copies for members in Australia and other Pacific Rim countries will be mailed from Melbourne on or soon after 17 August and European copies will be mailed from the UK about the same time)."



Convention News

Following the Thylacon Two Business Meeting's decision to hand over responsibility for the 1999 Ditmars and the 1999 NatCon Business session to Aussiecon Three, the Aussiecon Three Committee has allowed a raving megalomaniac to take over the NatCon related material for the Convention. Thus I'm pleased to announce that, in my role as 1999 NatCon Muggins, I'll be looking after Spawncon Two, the 38th Australian National Science Fiction convention that will be held in conjunction with Aussiecon Three. Recipients of the paper Bullsheet will find a flier enclosed. Electronic recipients can obtain a copy at the Vicnet site. <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfz/spawncon.htm>

Karen Pender Gunn notes "In the "Food for thought" newsletter from Foodbank (Winter 1998), Basicon is listed on the back page under "Major Financial Donors" (second from the bottom) with \$1,208 being donated. So that should be that."

Upcoming Conventions

Ozcon 7 Comic book convention September 26-27
 Venue: Centrepont Convention Centre Sydney
 Conquest 98 October 9-11 1998 Mercure Hotel Brisbane
 GsoH., Walter Koenig (Bester), Judy Levitt, Richard Arnold
 \$200 attending. GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001
 Best Of Both Worlds 4 November 21 - 22 1998 University of
 Sydney, and Southern Cross Hotel NSW GsoH Jason Carter
 Dwight Schultz Amis Tim Choate Jerry Doyle
 ph: 02 9453 0290 fax: 02 9975 6043 EMAIL: nlc.net.au

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Icon April 1-5 1999 24 Annual Western Australian Convention The Metro Inn Canning Highway South Perth GsoH Jack Dann, Sean Williams, Janny Wurts Special Guests, Don Maitz & Janeen Webb, Fan Guest Dave Lockett \$70 until October 11 GPO Box G429 Perth WA 6841

<http://www.iinet.net.au/~swancon/>
ackerman@multiline.com.au

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 The 57th 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>.

Spawncon Two The 38th Australian National Science Fiction Convention. September 2-6 1999 World Congress Centre, Melbourne P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131 <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/spawncon.htm>

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 \$US135.00 for residents of North America \$US125.00 rate for bona fide residents of other continents P. O. Box 642057, Chicago IL 60664, fax: 312-946-3779 <http://www.chicon.org/>

The Millennium Philcon The 59th World Science Fiction Convention August 30 to September 3. 2001 The Pennsylvania Convention Center & Philadelphia Marriott Hotel GsoH Greg Bear, Stephen Youll, Gardner Dozois, George Scithers Toastmaster: Esther Friesner. Suite 2001, 402 Huntingdon Pike Rockledge, PA 19046 USA phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com

GoH = Guest of Honour

O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting

tba= to be announce:d.

Events

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Mini SF Film Marathon August 28 The Encore Cinema (Devonshire Rd IIRC, Surry Hills *Dune*, *THX-1138*, *Silent Running*, *The Fantastic Planet*

Infinitas Bookshop SF Discussion Group September 37:30. 5/1 Horwood Place Parramatta

Richard Harland Signing/Reading September 10 5:00

Galaxy Books

Futurian Society of Sydney September 17 7:00 Room 1615

Broadway Tower, University of Technology Sydney

<http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html>.

Southern Science Fiction Group September 19 2-00pm 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595.

Qld

Conquest September 6 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001

Highlander September 20 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Postal address 11 Perrett St Bundamba Qld 4304 sonjav@powerup.com.au Newsletter *The Buzz*

Vortex October 4 Red Cross Centre 397 Adelaide St G.P.O. Box 2004 Brisbane 4001

Queensland Star Trekkers (Quest) November 8 GPO Box 2084 Brisbane 4001 Email water@thehub.com.au

Victoria

MSFC August 28 Role Playing & Richard Harland September 4. September 118.00pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Friday Night Mob August 28. September 4. September 116-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. Myers Cafeteria Melbourne

Mort August 27-29 The Gordon Masonic Halls, Moonee Ponds. \$12 (\$8 concession) 9342 3648 or <http://warts.whitley.unimelb.edu.au/mort/> or warts@whitley.unimelb.edu.au

Richard Harland Signing August 28 Minotaur Books Melbourne

Nova Mob Meeting September 2 Steve Paulsen & Paul Collins discussing the Australian Science Fiction Encyclopaedia. 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.

Time Trekkers September 4 St Lukes 46 Sternberg St Bendigo P.O. Box 334 Bendigo Vic 3552

Dandenong Science Fiction Society September 9 tbd Dandenong Library P.O. Box 706 Frankston Vic 3199 015 510 159 fax (03) 9787 0899 luddite@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au

Australian Babylon 3 Fan Club September 20 12noon General Meeting Room 21 Moonee Ponds Town Hall P.O. Box 610 Ballarat Vic 3353 Babbling On xfive@ballarat.starway.net.au

Enterprise September 26 Mini Golf Day P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404 enterprise@minerals.csiro.au

Skyforce (Star Wars) October 10 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>

Paper Fanzines

PhiloSFy #10 Alexander Slate 8603 Shallow Ridge Drive
 San Antonio TX 78239-4022 USA
 Ethel the Aardvark 80 Ian Gunn for the MSFC P.O. Box 212
 World trade Centre Melbourne Vic 3005
 Conscript PR Conscript GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001
 Lucid Intervals The Allan Bray Memorial Fanzine Brian
 Forté and Zoran Bekric 41 Elizabeth St Evandale S.A.
 Kerles 1 Tommy Ferguson 40 Deramore Ave Belfast BT7 3ER
 Northern Ireland

Deadline For #106
 Tuesday September 8th
 Distribution Friday September 11th.

Art by Bill Rotsler

*This Fanzine Supports The Minneapolis in '73
 WorldCon Bid and Aussiecon Three. Other Allegiances
 are still for sale.*

Electronic Zines News

Grant Watson, nzone@iinet.net.au, notes "This is just a quick note to announce a new mailing list: 'Albert Q's Useless News'. In the next week or so I'll be starting an online newsletter of fannish news and rumours. It'll be covering movies, TV shows, comics, books, computer games, plays and other stuff. If you're interested in receiving it (or at least trying it out) then give me an e-mail and I'll slam you on the list. "

Web Pages

For a full listing,
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/zines.htm>

New

Spawncon Two
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/spawncon.htm>

Deadlines

Guff Nominations	September 30 1998
ANZAPA 184	October 1998
Guff Voting	March 30 1999

Sources

Alan Stewart, Justin Ackroyd, Mark Loney, Damien Broderick, Grant Watson, Ion Newcombe, Ian Gunn, Karen Pender Gunn

BullsHEET Unclassifieds

Balloting is now open in the 1999 North America to Europe TAFF race. The candidates are Velma "Vijay" Bowen, and Sarah S. Prince. The winning candidate will travel to travel to Reconvene, the 50th Annual British National Science Fiction Convention, in Liverpool, England, April 2-5, 1999.

Deadline for voting is midnight, Saturday December 5, 1998. Ballots must be accompanied by a donation to TAFF of not less than \$3 US or £2 UK, though larger donations are gratefully accepted. Voting is open to individuals who have been active in fandom since April, 1997 or earlier. A complete statement of TAFF rules, plus the candidacy statements and nominators for both candidates, are available in the text of the TAFF Ballot.

Official ballots will be available from the U.S. Administrator, Ulrika O'Brien: 123 Melody Ln. #C, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, and eventually from the UK Administrator Maureen Kincaid Speller, on her return to the UK. Dave Langford has kindly volunteered to produce UK ballots in the meantime -- contact him at ansible@cix.co.uk. A ballot copy will be made available at the TAFF website: <http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/SF-Archives/Taff/>, or, look for ballots in a fanzine near you.

Best of luck to both candidates,

--Ulrika O'Brien, TAFF Administrator, U.S.

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