

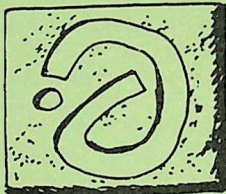
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### In Print

Brendan Carson's "Suburbs" appears in Antipodean SF 8 (October).

### Writing Workshops

Lucy Sussex asks "How do I find myself doing these things?"

At the Victorian Writers' Centre 14 November and 1 December, 6.30-8.30 pm, I'll be doing workshops on:  
'Writing Sex and Death in Fantasy, SF, Gothic and Horror.'

This is part of a series on love, death etc in genre fictions the VWC are running. From the blurb: This workshop deals with the problems of writing love, sex, and death in non-realistic narratives. How do you write alien or fantasy sex, kill off a vampire originally or depict a zombie in love? The workshop will include writing exercises."

### Bullsheet Media Watch

Damien Broderick reviews several science books, including Richard Feynman's *The Meaning Of It All* and Jenkins & Jenkins *Life Signs: The Biology of Star Trek* in *The Weekend Australian* 24-25/10/98.

### Fanzine Display

Stewart Unwin reports "The National Library currently has a display of material from the Susan Smith-Clarke Fanzine Collection. It's only a small display in the Visitor Centre of about 20 items, but it gives a good indication of the range of zines published in Australia. Further information on the Smith-Clarke Collection is available at <http://www.nla.gov.au/collect/s-cl Clarke.html>

I'm not sure how long the material will stay on display - probably about 6 weeks, but visitors can ring ahead on (02) 6262 1156 to check."

### Aussiecon Three

The Voice of the Platypus 3 is now available. It contains news of current membership rates, but nothing on hotel bookings yet.

### Gunny Watch

Karen Pender-Gunn notes that Ian is very unwell at present. The following are two recent reports on conditions. I doubt that I am alone in hoping that things get better for both Karen and Ian. Elaine Cochrane noted the need for more fans to sign up as blood donors. You'll note from this the amount that Ian alone needs. Here are Karen's reports.

"Ian went to the hospital today for what we thought was a check up. He went into the hospital last week and after a day of messing about they didn't give him chemotherapy but reconnected him to the pump. Today when we went in they gave him chemotherapy and gave him a new bag of drugs for the pump, which was unexpected and completely messed up the day! He had the red drug whose name I can never remember and a cousin in the Platen family which is slower to lower the blood count and is less toxic so he didn't need bags and bags of saline pumped through him. We are waiting to see what the result is. hopeful less sickness. The oncologist also changed his anti-nausea drug so he doesn't sleep 22 hours a day!

Ian has also informed the medical staff that, as long as it is feasible, he wants the chemotherapy to fit

around the his social life, not the other way round. The Living with Cancer course has helped us realise that we were in a rut and needed to get out and enjoy ourselves. Ian found all he had to talk about was television programs. He has also had a couple of drawing jobs which had been nice.

We still take each day as it comes as life continues to throw curve balls at us. Thank you to all those who have us in their prayers, it helps knowing you have faith enough for us. "

"Today was Ian's check-up day and we knew he would be staying in hospital for some treatment. For the past couple of days he has been too tired to even get dressed during the day and he has been feeling sick.

The blood counts were down in single figures today so off he went to a single room in the oncology room. So far tonight as of 9 pm on the 29th Thursday - he had two units of blood, 5 bags of platelets and 5 bags of plasma - and he was feeling a bit chirpier when I left. They are also giving him some antibiotics as he has an unknown infection in the gall-bladder which is upsetting the liver (where the secondaries of the cancer are) so he has had some blood taken for culturing.

No real idea when he will be allowed home. He has to have two more units of blood tomorrow morning. The chemotherapy is knocking him about badly when he has it, the stamina is gone and the body tired and sick of fighting. The pump doesn't seem to effect him that badly."

"Things with Ian are not that great, but don't worry, he is still in hospital and is being taken care of.

His white cell count is still almost zero. Because of this he has an infection and the infection is being treated with a strong antibiotic. Because of the strong antibiotic the good bacteria in his blood has been killed off with the bad. As a result of this he has thrush in his mouth and down his throat. When I came to the hospital this afternoon he was very distressed as when he swallowed he had a pain in his chest. By later tonight (11.30) he was comfortable and only in minor pain. He was on a saline and potassium drip and had been taking some fluid by mouth. He will, of course, be in hospital for quite a few days to come until they have the infection and his blood under control.

I took in copies of the email message tonight and he was quite pleased to see all the good messages coming his way. Please, feel free to send a message to Ian and I will take it in to him. "

## Fan Funds

The ballot for the 1999 DUFF race, which will bring a North American fan to Aussiecon Three, is now available (and will be included with this BS). Candidates are Andy Hooper, Lise Eisenberg and Janice Gelb. Vote promptly and vote often! Note that GUFF nominations are still open.

## Upcoming Conventions

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

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 Luckett \$70 until October 11 GPO Box G429 Perth WA 6841  
<http://www.iinet.net.au/~swancon/>  
[ackerman@multiline.com.au](mailto:ackerman@multiline.com.au)

Force Three June 12-14 1999 3rd National Star Wars Convention Karralyka Centre Ringwood Vic 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 \$225 Supporting \$45  
Child in tow \$45

email [info@aussiecon3.worldcon.org](mailto: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 Millenium 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](mailto:phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com)

GoH = Guest of Honour  
O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting  
tba= to be announced.

## Club News

Alan Stewart reports that the MSFC elected its new committee. The following were elected unopposed V.P. Jamie Ruell, Treasurer Anthony Tabone, Secretary Alan Stewart, Activator Claire McKenna, Fund raiser Sharon Nebell and Ordinary Committee Members Damien Saunders and Terry Frost. Steve Smith won the contested position of President, whereupon Terry frost resigned. In the ensuing by-election, Tristan McLeay was elected as Ordinary Committee Member. Aren't clubs fun? David Arblaster volunteered to take on Publicity.

Erika Lacey reports "I've started an SF (speculative fiction) club, and need members - at least 30 by the end of November. I have 13 now, I need more people to join! Plans include:

Fortnightly workshop for writers; Reading groups for SF, F and H; A UQSFS library; Talks from visiting

authors; Newsletter and an expedition to Aussiecon Three.  
VISION - the only other SF writers group in QLD  
has become closed, to only 28 members - which they have -  
or nearly have - already.

Contact Erika Lacey, 70 Karri Avenue, Logan  
Central Qld 4114 s344103@student.uq.edu.au

## Events

### N. S. W.

The Sydney Doctor Who Science Fiction Club  
Ashfield Catholic Club - 5-7 Charlotte Street Ashfield  
NSW sdwsfc@eagles.com.au  
Futurian Society of Sydney **November 20** 7:00 Room 1615  
Broadway Tower, University of Technology Sydney  
<http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html>.  
Southern Science Fiction Group **November 21** 2-00pm 15  
Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595.

### Qld

Star Trek: The Exhibit **Until January 31**, 1999 The  
Queensland Museum  
Queensland Star Trekkers (Quest) **November 8** GPO Box  
2084 Brisbane 4001 Email [water@thehub.com.au](mailto:water@thehub.com.au)  
Highlander **November 15** Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St  
Postal address 11 Perrett St Bundamba Qld 4304  
[sonjav@powerup.com.au](mailto:sonjav@powerup.com.au) Newsletter *The Buzz*  
Conquest **December 6** Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St  
GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001

### Victoria

MSFC **November 6** Dr Who Night **November 13** Coffee,  
Cake & Conversation, **November 20** H. Gibbens on  
Animation. 8.00pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd  
West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre  
Melbourne 3005  
Friday Night Mob **November 6** **November 13**, **November**  
**20** 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. Myers Cafeteria  
Melbourne  
Dandenong Science Fiction Society **November 11** P.O. Box  
706 Frankston Vic 3199 015 510 159 fax (03) 9787 0899  
[luddite@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au](mailto:luddite@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au)  
Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club **November 14** 7:30.  
Christmas Party The Cafe North Hotel 480 Victoria St Nth  
Melbourne P.O. Box 610 Ballarat Vic 3353 *Babbling On*  
[xfive@ballarat.starway.net.au](mailto:xfive@ballarat.starway.net.au)  
Enterprise **November 21** Costuming Workshop P.O. Box 466  
World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404  
[enterprise@minerals.csiro.au](mailto:enterprise@minerals.csiro.au)  
Skyforce (Star Wars) **November 28** 7 pm St Mark's Church  
Hall Camberwell. Combination 10th Anniversary &  
Christmas Party. \$18 by November 21st. P.O. Box 427  
Northcote 3070 Email Address: [kryten@werple.net.au](mailto:kryten@werple.net.au)  
<http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking>  
Enterprise **November 29** Car Rally P.O. Box 466 World  
Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404

[enterprise@minerals.csiro.au](mailto:enterprise@minerals.csiro.au)

W. A.

Jump Point November 8 5.00 pm special screening of Alien &  
Aliens Grand Cinemas Warwick. \$12 contact: Stephen on  
9249 7492 or [skye@iinet.net.au](mailto:skye@iinet.net.au)  
The West Lodge **November 28** 7.00pm Timelord's Gala -  
[b.trump@cowan.edu.au](mailto:b.trump@cowan.edu.au) or ring (08) 9316 3260.

## Paper Fanzines

The Force 32 Jan Wilson P.O. Box 201 Rosanna Vic 3084 for  
Star Walking Inc  
Banana Wings 11 Claire Brialey 26 Northampton Rd  
Croydon Surrey CR0 7HA UK & Mark Plummer 14  
Northway Rd Croydon Surrey CR0 6JE UK  
The Instrumentality Mark Loney for the Australian SF  
Foundation P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131  
Outworlds 70 Bill Bowers 4651 Glenway Ave Cincinnati  
Ohio 45238-4503 USA

## Electronic Zines

Emerald City 38 Cheryl Morgan [cmorgan@ceres.wallis.com](mailto:cmorgan@ceres.wallis.com)  
or on-line at <http://www.emcit.com>

## Australian Web Pages

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

### New

Australian Star Trek Central  
<http://members.aol.com/oztrekcent/>  
Julian Buczek  
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Crater/3249/index.html>

## Deadlines

ANZAPA 185	December 6 1998
Guff Nominations	November 30 1998
Guff Voting	March 30 1999
Duff Voting	March 31, 1999.

## Sources

Alan Stewart, Ian Newcombe, Karen Pender-Gunn, Erika  
Lacey, Stewart Untwin, Lucy Sussex

### Deadline For #110

Tuesday November 17th  
Distribution Friday November 20th.

## Bullsheets Unclassifieds

Star Trek Insurrection Preview  
Enterprise and Austrek are pleased to announce a  
special charity preview of the new movie Star Trek  
Insurrection.

All profits raised from this screening will go to The Royal Children's Hospital,

The film will be held at the Village Crown Cinemas in Melbourne at 7:30pm on Wednesday December 30th. Tickets cost \$10.00 per adult and \$9.00 per child.

This preview will incorporate other special events such as raffles, an after film party and nightclubbing and much more and will continue on to a huge new year's party at Planet Hollywood.

For further information and ticket order forms, check out the Enterprise web page at: <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~enterprise/> or email [enterprise@minerals.csiro.au](mailto:enterprise@minerals.csiro.au).

#### Belfast Fandom announces a bid to host Corflu in 2001.

Belfast fans Tommy Ferguson, Eugene Doherty and Mark McCann have got together to announce a bid to host Corflu in 2001.

Our view is that Belfast, being the spiritual home of Irish Fandom for over fifty years, has much to offer a small, friendly, fanzine convention. The aim of our con is to reflect the enthusiasm that the likes of Walt Willis, James White and Bob Shaw generated in the Fifties. We want to put on a convention where fans can relax and enjoy fandom and, taking our lead from the past, move fanzine fandom into the new millennium.

As a city Belfast has easy access with two airports within 30 minutes of the city centre, over 10 daily flights to London, and it is less than a couple of hours from Dublin airport. It is a small city with a highly developed public transportation system and all its major attractions are within walking distance of the city centre. Indeed the famous iGolden Milef from the city centre to the University in the south of the city is the focus of Belfast's nightlife, with restaurants like the Michelin starred Roscoff's to small friendly cafes. At the centre of the University district is Shaftesbury Square, the heart of the city at night. All the major restaurants, pubs and clubs are located in the square and it is within 5 minutes walk of here, literally a few hundred feet, that we hope to hold Corflu.

As a holiday base Belfast is a perfect city to springboard into the rest of Ireland. Whether you go North and West to the beauty of the glens of Antrim and the rugged splendour of Donegal or South to the bustling European city of Dublin, which is the hub of a vibrant new economy, Belfast can launch you onwards. Wherever you go in Ireland, though, you can be assured of the warm eCead

Mile Filteí (IA Hundred Thousand Welcomesf) that the Irish are famous for.

We are currently inviting feedback and comment on the bid at any of the contacts given below. Alternatively you can meet Mark and Tommy at Novacon in Birmingham, England 13-15 November 1998, or you can talk to Tommy Ferguson at next year's Corflu in Florida. All views are welcome.

[corflu2001bid@net.ntl.com](mailto:corflu2001bid@net.ntl.com)  
Corflu 2001 Bid, 40 Deramore Avenue, Belfast, BT7 3ER, UK, (01232) 293275

#### ToS Sale

Elaine Walker notes that, until Friday 13th November the Perth SF Bookshop, A Touch of Strange, is having a 25% off all books sale.

## Letterature

In regard to my comment that Nick Stathopoulos was probably using all of a gig of hard drive in 1992, Clive Newall notes.

" More likely to have been 80 megabytes. Maybe 100. I find it truly frightening that the Mac SE I used in '92 at Melb. Uni. managed quite nicely with 2 x 40 mb disks, and the Amiga 3000 had heaps of space to spare on its' 100mb disk, but my current PC is struggling with a 1 Gb drive...and the software isn't \_that\_ much better...(But at least the disks are cheaper.-) "

Stephen Dedman made the following correction. My apologies for the mistake

"Hi, Marc. Just a note to say that the actual title of "Murder Planet" was "Founding Fathers" (SF Age has this strange habit of putting often inappropriate blurbs on the cover), and you've also missed my story in the June Asimov's, "Target of Opportunity"."

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

*Heading Art: by Sheryl Strikhead  
Other Art by Bill Rotstler.*

# Aussiecon

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57th World Science Fiction Convention

2nd - 6th September 1999



## THE DUFF BALLOT 1999

## North America to Australasia

### LISE EISENBERG

Brilliant, witty, gregarious brunette with tropism for Australians seeks brainy raconteur for (whoops -- wrong ad). After 27 years of putting up (with) DUFF, GUFF and FFANZ winners, I seek reciprocity. Thanks to fandom, I've become an aficionada of far-off places and "interesting" experiences. I've heard Mongolian rock & roll, dined at Abbey Road Studios and seen Footrot Flats: The Musical. I've eaten Vegemite, on purpose, more than once. Here in New York, I've chaired Corflu, hosted Fanoclasts, written the occasional fanzine. I've even counted Australian ballots, and hope to do so again as DUFF Administrator. I love Australia and want to come back.

Previous Australasian Travel: I traveled to Australia in 1985 to attend Aussiecon II, and visited fans in Sydney and Melbourne. I also saw the Auckland airport, at great length.

North American Nominators: Lucy Huntzinger, Jerry Kaufman and Suzanne V. Tompkins, Nigel Rowe

Australasian Nominators: Eric Lindsay, Perry Middiemiess

### JANICE GELB

Having read Nevil Shute's The Legacy, at least three times, and having recently seen my first Cadbury Yowie, I'm hoping to get the chance to travel to Australia as a DUFF representative. I've been a con-runner and apahack for \*yikes\* 20 years, and am known for my extensive (and timely!) convention reports. I've enjoyed the company of the Australian fans who've made the trek to North American Worldcons, and I'd very much like to meet more Australian fans and see their native habitat. (I promise to try not to coo excessively at the koalas.)

Previous Australasian Travel: None

North American Nominators: Mike Glycer, Joe D. Siclari and Edie Stern, Pat and Roger Sims

Australasian Nominators: Stephen Boucher, Jean Weber

### ANDREW HOOPER

I peer in speculation at dusty pink Australia on an upended library globe. By habit pressed against the globe stand, it avoids the burnishing of fingertips and pencil points that obliterate more familiar provinces and parallels. Deserts are clean pointillist speckles, great bays retain their ragged geometry, mountain ranges drag a thumb in the waters of the chalk-blue sea. What would one traveler from a distant murky forest find in all that sharp landscape? I will go over the long, grimy blue arc of the ocean, into that dim pink unknown, and bring back a story of my habits there.

Previous Australasian Travel: None

North American Nominators: Victor Gonzalez, Robert Lichtman, Ted White

Australasian Nominators: John Foyster, Irwin Hirsh

Deadline: Ballots must reach an administrator by March 31, 1999

Australasia

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Anyone doing so should substitute their name here: Marc Ortlieb

## THE DUFF BALLOT 1999

## North America to Australasia

**The Down Under Fan Fund (DUFF)** was created in 1972 to exchange fannish representatives between North America and Australasia. DUFF is supported by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates attend WorldconÆ or a national convention in the host country and visit fans they might otherwise never meet in person. Delegates are responsible for raising funds and administering DUFF until a new delegate from their continent is elected, and are expected to publish trip reports which can be sold to aid the fund.

**Donations:** DUFF exists solely on the donations and contributions of fans and fan organizations. Please give generously. Anyone may contribute, and donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made payable to Janice Murray (in North America) or Terry Frost (in Australasia). Money should always be sent in the administrator's home currency.

**Voting:** DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic runoff and a majority win. The voter ranks the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3 ...). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second, third, etc. places, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (The voter is not required to fill in more than their name, address and first choice.) Ballots must be signed and accompanied by a donation of at least \$4 in United States currency or \$6 in Australian currency. You must return the entire ballot (both sides). Each voter may vote only once.

**Voters' eligibility:** Anyone who has been active in fandom on or before January 1, 1998 may vote. "Active in fandom" means involved in fannish pursuits such as fanzine writing or reading; convention running or attending; amateur film/video production; or club participation. Voting is limited to natural persons. If you think you may be unknown to the administrators, please give the name, address and other contact information of a fan or fan group (other than a candidate or nominator) who can vouch that you meet this criteria.

**Deadline:** Ballots must reach an administrator by March 31, 1999.

**Candidates:** Three North American and two Australasian fans have nominated each of the three candidates. Each candidate has provided a \$25 bond, a brief written platform and a description of previous Australasian travel. Each has promised to travel to Aussiecon 3 in Melbourne September 2 - 6, 1999 and to serve as administrator of the fund until a new North American delegate is elected.

**Send this entire ballot with US\$4 or A\$6 (or more) donation to an administrator.**

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Please print clearly and legibly. List in order of preference (1, 2, 3, etc.):

- Lise Eisenberg
- Janice Gelb
- Andrew Hooper
- Write-In
- Hold-Over Funds
- No Preference

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \_\_\_\_\_ (Your generosity is appreciated)

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_