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Aurealis Awards Short List

Justin Ackroyd's Slow Glass Books Catalogue notes that the following are shortlisted for the Aurealis Awards: Science Fiction:

Best Novel: SINGING THE DOGSTAR BLUES Alison Goodman THE NIGHT IS FOR HUNTING -John Marsden THE CENTURION'S EMPIRE - Sean McMullen THE NEW ADVENTURES: WALKING TO BABYLON - Kate Orman THE

RESURRECTED MAN - Sean Williams
Best Short Story: "Transit" - Stephen Dedman, "Oceanic" - Greg
Egan, "The Truth About Weena" David Lake, "Real
Men"—Rosaleen Love, "Australian Visions" - Michael Pryor

Fantasy:
Best Novel: PILGRIM - Sara Douglass, A SHADOW ON THE
GLASS - Ian Irvine, A DARK WINTER - Dave Luckett, COLD IRON
- Sophie Masson, FIRE ANGELS - Jane Routley Best Short Story:
"A Walk-On Part in the War" - Stephen Dedman, "Jetsam" - Kerry
Greenwood, "Queen of Soulmates" - Sean McMullen, "To Avalon" Jane Routley, "The Bath House" - Keith Taylor
Horror:

Best Novel: No Award

Best Short Story: "The Marsh Runners" - Paul Brandon, "Dawn Chorus" - Glyn Parry, "The Third Rail" - Aaron Sterns, "A Positive" -Kaaron Warren, "The Glass Woman" - Kaaron Warren

Young Adult:

Best Novel: HORSEHEAD BOY - Rory Barnes, SINGING THE

DOG.STAR BLUES Alison Goodman, KILLING DARCY- Melissa

Lucashenko, A DARK WINTER - Dave Luckett, THE NIGHT IS FOR

HUNTING -John Marsden

Text Chart Storm, NA Award

Best Short Story: No Award Convenors' Award: Collins, Sean McMullen & Steven Paulsen, for THE MUP ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY, Jack Dann & Janeen Webb, for DREAMING DOWN UNDER Greg Egan, for LUMINOUS Shaun Tan, for his artwork in THE RABBITS

The awards will be announced on February 26th.

Bullsheet Media Watch

Various newspaper articles have reported One Nation's use of ideas from the movie version of Starship Troopers to promote its Young Nation project. Poor old RAH's supposed fascist tendencies have been dragged out again too.

Aussiecon Three

Quite a lot going on here. PR 3 is due any day now, along with the Hugo nomination forms. Most departments are firming up nicely. The Straczynski announcement has generated some interest, and minor controversy in some corners. Membership rates go up as noted by Perry Middlemiss "After some discussion it has been decided to hold the current membership rates for Aussiecon Three at the current levels until April 5th 1999. On April 6th (the Tuesday after Easter) the full attending membership rates will increase as follows:

Australian from \$A225 to \$A250
US from \$U\$155 to \$U\$170

UK from UKP100 to UKP110
These rates will hold until July 31st when Pre-Registration will
cease. After that date no new memberships will be accepted until the
opening of the convention. A rate for At-Con memberships, as well as
relevant Day memberships, will be posted at a later date."

Fan Funds

2 Loonies and a Soft Toy Renaldo, Frances& Phil's FFANZ trip report is now available from P.O.Box 33 Seville Vic 3139, \$5 donation. There's no sign of the 1999 FFANZ race yet. A GUFF candidates' fanzine is in preparation.

Upcoming Conventions

Best Of Both Worlds 5 March 20 & 21, 1999 Southern Cross Hotel Corner Goulburn & Elizabeth Streets, City and Sydney Entertainment Centre Harbour Street, Haymarket GsoH William Shatner, Robin Curtis, Richard Hatch, Dr. Lawrence M. Schoen 1 Day Ticket (Saturday OR Sunday) \$120 2 Day Ticket \$240 ph (02) 9453 0290. http://www.bobw.com.au ICon April 1-5 1999 24 Annual Western Australian Convention The

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 GPO Box G429 Perth WA 6841 http://www.iinet.net.au/~swancon/ackerman@multiline.com.au Grail Quest June 10-14 1999 Conference/festival centred on the legend of King Arthur. Sydney University \$200 Contact: Sophie Masson sophiemasson@bigpond.com or Cathy Simpson at

grailq@healey.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 \$225 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/spawn.con.htm Conquest 99 Reflections October 1-3 1999 Special Guest Richard Arnold \$135 until March 31st, \$175 thereafter. GPO Box 1376 Arnold \$135 until March 31st, \$175 thereafter. GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001. pbuddaaa@zip.com.au ph 0412-649-727 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

imp://www.citicon.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: \$US 125 Attending until April 5 1999. Supporting \$US 40 Suite 2001, 402 Huntingdon Pike Rockledge, PA 19046 USA phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com http://www.netaxs.com/~phil2001 GoH = Guest of Honour

O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting

tba= to be announced.

Events

Note that there is an annual calendar available on the Vicnet SF web site at http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/1999cal.htm

A.C.T.

Fanzines and Frontiers February 13 3.00-4.00 pm Lower Ground One Theatre National Library of Australia. Explore the enterprising days of Star Trek fandom with writer and fanzine creator Susan Batho. Free admission. No bookings required. Contact (02) 6262

N.S.W.

Friends of Science Fiction February 14 Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John St Lidcombe fsf@nlc.net.au P.O Box 797 Fairfield NSW 1860 Phone/ Fax (02)9523 8385 Tower, University of Sydney February 19 Room 1615 Broadway Tower, University of Technology Sydney http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html.

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Vortex March 7 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane GPO Box 2004 Brisbane Old 4001

Highlander Down Under March 21 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane PO Box 198 Brisbane Albert St Qld 4002

sonjav@powerup.com.au Conquest April 4 10:00am Valentine Verses Virus & SGM Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld

4001 New Alliance April 4 PO Box 12083 Elizabeth St/BC Brisbane Old 4002

South Australia

Critical Mass March 3 Juliette Woods The Lemurian Nineties Writers Centre Adelaide PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000 dmw@pobox.com

Victoria

MSFC February 12 Star Trek February 19 Babylon 5 Quiz Night February 26 The Dead Pool 8:00pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Friday Night Mob February 12 ANZAPA distribution February 19 February 26 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. Myers Cafeteria Melbourne

Skyforce February 13 Melbourne Uni, Copeland Theatre, Economics

and Commerce Building 1:00pm to 5:00pm P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070 kryten@werple.net.au

The Cube Preview Screening February 18th 1999 7:30pm Kino Cinemas, 45 Collins Street Melbourne. Adults \$10.00, Children \$8.00. Contact Multiverse PO Box 355 World Trade Centre, Melbourne, Vic, 3005 http://www.vicnet.net.au/~multivrs/ multivrs@vicnet.net.au

Enterprise February 27 Starfleet Exams & Quark's Collectors Day P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404

enterprise@minerals.csiro.au http://www.vicnet.net.au/~enterprise/

Australian Costumers Guild February 28 Ross House in Flinders' Lane Melbourne PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204

Lane Melbourne PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 stilskin@netspace.net.au http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/ Nova Mob March 3 Bruce Gillespie & Rosaleen Love on the current state of Australian Young Adult SF. 13 Frederick St Brunswick. Austrek March 6 2:00pm Kraftwork Day St Mark's Church Hall Cnr Canterbury & Burke Rds, Camberwell GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 03 9489 8743 (Answering machine only) http://www.vicnet.net.au/~austrek/ austrek@vicnet.net.au

Aussiecon Three Open Day March 20 2:00-5:00pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club March 27 11:00am Melbourne Australian adaysin 3 rain Charles and Australian Austra

Phone: (03) 5334 6343 (Before 9pm)

Western Australia

The West Lodge March 6 1pm to 5pm Collins Street Centre, Collins Street, South Perth P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley 6050 (08) 9315 3260 b.trump@cowan.edu.au

Fanzines

Thyme 124 Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre Melbourne Vic 8005. Australia's premier newszine. Includes Australian SF News 84 Mery Binns & Alan Stewart and Australian Steward and 2 Loonies and a Soft Toy Renaldo, Frances& Phil P.O.Box 33 Seville Vic 3139. The 1998 FFANZ trip report. Available for a\$5 donation.

Slow Glass Books Catalogue 120 Cheryl Louch for Justin Ackroyd

GPO Box 2708X Melbourne Vic 3001 File 770 127 Mike Glyer 705 Valley View Ave, Monrovia CA

91016 USA MGlyer@compuserve.com Banana Wings 12 Claire Brialey 26 Northampton Rd Croydon, Surrey, CR0 7HA U.K. & Mark Plummer 14 Northway Rd Croydon Surrey CR0 6JE U.K.

Electronic Zines

Ansible 139 Dave Langford, 94 London Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 5AU, UK. Fax 0118 966 9914, ansible@cix.co.uk. Fans Across the World Newsletter 83 B. Wilkinson, Ground Floor Flat, 8 West Avenue Road, Walthamstow, E17 9SE, Great Britain bjw@cix.co.uk fax: 0181-925-7126

Jove Nods Bullsheet Happens

In connection with Best Of Both Worlds 5, Mathew Frank notes "Walter Bascom is a character acted by William Shatner - not one of the guests." Oops!

Deadlines

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"Autograph hunting is cool. No really." Other Allegiances are still for sale. Heading Art by Sheryl Birkhead Other Art by Bill Rotsler