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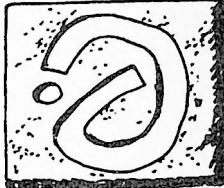
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commitment of a professional camera man and editor. Series 2 will be completely digital. Six more episodes, written by Adrian Sherlock, are being prepared for shooting and the cast are keen to reprise their roles. Following the recent Aussiecon Three screenings, the approach to the series will be modified slightly, aiming for balance of humour and drama. The series is available on video from Sherlock Productions. Contact us at Straker2@Hotmail.com."

### Bullsheet Media Watch

Lucy Sussex reviews Mary Doria Russell's *Children of God* in the *Saturday Age* 11/9/99. Unfortunately the text of the review suggests that the article should have appeared in the previous Saturday's issue, while Aussiecon was still on. (Mind you, one of the local radio stations also announced that the con was on in the week after it had occurred.) Eric Lindsay notes that Aii Kayn reviewed HDK 3 Virtual Media (a web page creator) in *The Australian Computer Section*, August 31, 1999. There was an obituary for Colin Watson in *The Australian* 14/9/99 but it made no mention of his involvement with science fiction. There is an article on Graeme Base and his new book *The Worst Band in the Universe* in *Who Weekly* 20/9/99

### Fan Funds

Ian Gunn & Karen Pender-Gunn's GUFF trip report *Oh, to be in England, In the summertime, With my love* is now available from Karen Pender-Gunn P.O. Box 567 Blackburn Vic 3130 AUSTRALIA for \$6.00 plus, one assumes, postage. It's a delightful production and worth it for both the writing and the artwork.

Karen also reports "The Ian Gunn Memorial Fund Inc is sending off a \$500 cheque to the Anti-Cancer Council.

### Would-be Peripatetic Fan

David Evans notes that, having found the time, post-Aussiecon, to check his mail, he's got a "green card" interview in Sydney and will be looking for work in Silicon Valley. Sigh. I know that I forgot to mention him in my Aussiecon Three report, but that's rather an extreme reaction. (Or could it be that, having run registration at Aussiecon Three, David is angling to do the same at ConJesse?)

### Upcoming Conventions

**Conquest 99 Reflections** October 1-3 1999 The Ridge Hotel 189 Leichhardt St. Spring Hill, Brisbane. Special Guests Richard Arnold and Richard Hatch ocp \$170 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001. pbuddaaa@zip.com.au ph 0412-649-727  
**Highlander Down Under** 3 April 14-16 2000 Mercure Hotel Brisbane GsoH Peter Wingfield, Valentine Pelka & Anthony De Longis \$165 P.O. Box 198 Brisbane Albert St Qld 4002 ph (07) 3282 4220. sonjav@powerup.com.au <http://www.powerup.com.au/~sonjav/>  
**Swancon** 25 39th National Australian Science Fiction Convention April 20th-24th, 2000. Ascot Inn, Belmont, WA. GsoH Connie Willis and Ian Nichols. Gratuitous interstate guest "Mitch" Other guests include Stephen Dedman, Sue Isle, Jack Dann, Janeen Webb, Sean Williams and Tess Williams swancon25@megabyte.murdoch.edu.au <http://www.swancon.iinet.net.au/Swancon25> GPO Box G429 Perth W.A. 6892 \$70 Aus until January 1st 2000 \$20

### In Print

Jonathan Strahan notes two Australian SF debuts that I missed in my comments on Aussiecon Three. "MP Books - a collaborative small press venture by Aphelion Publications, The Coode St. Press, Eidolon Publications, MirrorDance Books and Ticonderoga Publications - launched *Antique Futures: The Best of Jerry Dowling* - a big fat trade paperback collecting the best of Dowling's stories with a stunning cover by Nick Stathopoulos and a stirring intro by Jack Dann. The book sold out its initial print run at the Convention and is going back to press shortly.

The other one was a new critical magazine that Steve Paulsen and I are doing: *The Coode Street Review of Science Fiction*. It's a new quarterly review of OZSF, with columns by Russell Blackford, Simon Brown, Justine Larbalestier, Chris Lawson, Dave Luckett, Robin Pen and others. The debut issue did pretty well at the con, though the t-shirt seemed to be in more demand.

As an aside, the convention was a great success, and everyone I know has said what a great time they had. So please pass on my thanks to any members of the committee as appropriate."

### Damon Dark

Adrian Sherlock reports "Thursday, September 9, 1999 at 11 pm, Science Fiction television history was made, when Channel 31 screened *Damon Dark* Episode One, "Time Slip". Made entirely in Melbourne the episode was definitive SF, featuring aliens and time travel. Unlike other Australian sf, Damon Dark received an MA rating. (Mature Audiences). This makes it the first adult hard-core SF series ever produced in Australia. And it has already attracted the interest of talented people who want to help it grow. Two local sf fan writers are considering writing episodes. George Ivanoff who appears briefly in Episode 2, has a script idea and is keen to reappear in the series as an actor. Sian O'Neale is considering writing a possible vampire episode. The next series has the

**Chicon 2000** The 58th World Science Fiction Convention August 31 to September 4, 2000 - Hyatt Regency Chicago IL GsoH Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton, Jim Bauen, Bob and Anne Passovoy, Toastmaster: Harry Turtledove \$US135.00 for residents of North America \$US150.00 rate for bona fide residents of other continents P. O. Box 642057, Chicago IL 60664, fax: 312-946-3779 <http://www.chicon.org/>

**Swancon 2001 the Masquerade**, 40th Australian National Science Fiction Convention April 13-16 2001. GsoH tba The Rydges Hotel Perth. P.O. Box 162 Nedlands W.A. 6909. [swancon2001committee@egroups.com](mailto:swancon2001committee@egroups.com) <http://www.sf.org.au/swancon2001>

**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 Fnesner. Supporting \$US 40 Millennium Philcon Post Office Box 310 Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-0310 U.S.A. [phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com](mailto:phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com) <http://www.netaxs.com/~phil2001>

**Con Jose** The 60th World Science Fiction Convention August 29 to September 2, 2002 San José McNery Convention Centre GsoH Vernor Vinge, David Cherry, Bjo & John Trimble, Ferdinand Feghoot Toastmaster Tad Williams. P.O. Box 61363 Sunnyvale CA 94088-1363 U.S.A. [ConJose@sfsf.org](mailto:ConJose@sfsf.org) <http://www.sfsf.org/worldcon/> Attending \$A150. Supporting \$A50.

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

## Club News

James Allen notes that reports of the demise of the Australian Babylon 5 Club may be a touch premature and that there will be a meeting in the near future to see if it will sleep in light or wake up dark, or whatever.

## Events

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

### N.S.W.

**Infinitas SF Group** October 7 Infinitas Bookshop, Shop 5/1 Horwood Place Parramatta NSW 2150 (02) 9633 5682  
**Southern Science Fiction Group** October 9 12:30pm Matties Coffee Shop Mortdale Postal Address 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 9534-3595. [elvey@mcme.com.au](mailto:elvey@mcme.com.au)  
**Friends of Science Fiction** October 10 Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John St Lidcombe [fsf@ncl.net.au](mailto:fsf@ncl.net.au) P.O. Box 797 Fairfield NSW 1860 Phone/ Fax (02)9523 8385  
**BOBW7** October 23/24 1999 Sydney University Richard Biggs, Bruce Boxleitner, Manjean Holden and Sandy Bruckner Contact (02) 9453 0290  
**Skyforce** Sydney December 12 Christmas Party Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John St Lidcombe

### Queensland

**Highlander Down Under** September 19 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane PO Box 198 Brisbane Albert St Qld 4002 [sonjav@powerup.com.au](mailto:sonjav@powerup.com.au)  
**Vortex** November 7 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane GPO Box 2004 Brisbane Qld 4001  
**Conquest** December 5 Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001  
**New Alliance** December 5 PO Box 12083 Elizabeth St/BC Brisbane Qld 4002

### South Australia

**Critical Mass** October 6 Damien Warman Patrick O'Brien and sensawunda Writers Centre Adelaide PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000 [dmw@pobox.com](mailto:dmw@pobox.com)

### Victoria

**MSFC** September 17 Dr Who Night, September 24 Women in SF October 1 Food Night Pancakes 8:00 pm St. David's Uniting Church Hall, 74 Melville Road, West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005  
**Friday Night Mob** September 17, September 24, October 1 6-7:30pm. Informal eating and nattering. Myers Cafeteria Melbourne  
**Multiverse** September 18 Space 1999 Party 6:00pm sharp. Duxton Hotel, 328 Flinders Street Melbourne. \$30 per person. September 19 Richard Hatch one day convention Ella Latham Theatre located at the Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road Parkville. 12:00

noon till 8:00pm \$30 per person PO Box 355 World Trade Centre, Melbourne, VIC, 3005 <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~multivrs/> or email <mailto:multivrs@vicnet.net.au>

**Enterprise** September 25 Merchandise Crawl Royal Melbourne Show, Postal Address P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 [enterprise@minerals.csiro.au](mailto:enterprise@minerals.csiro.au) **Time Trekkers** October 1 St Luke's Sternberg St Support Centre, 46 Sternberg St Bendigo P.O. Box 934 Bendigo Vic 3552

**Austrek** October 2 2:00pm DS 9 Discussion St Mark's Church Hall Cnr Canterbury & Burke Rds, Camberwell GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 03 9489 8743

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~austrek/> [austrek@vicnet.net.au](mailto:austrek@vicnet.net.au)  
**Nova Mob** October 6 Chris Palmer (La Trobe University) on Phillip K. Dick 13 Frederick St Brunswick.

**Skyforce** October 9 Melbourne to Uni, Copeland Theatre, Economics and Commerce Building 1:00pm to 5:00pm P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070 [kryten@werple.net.au](mailto:kryten@werple.net.au)

<http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking.htm>  
[http://www.vicnet.net.au/~enterprise/\(03\)95153226](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~enterprise/(03)95153226) (7pm to 10pm only)

**Dandenong Valley Science Fiction Group** October 13 Meeting Room Dandenong Library Stuart St Dandenong Ann McGann P.O. Box 706 Frankston Vic 3199 Phone Daniel 9544 9775 e-mail [iuddite@hotmail.com](mailto:iuddite@hotmail.com)

## Western Australia

**The West Lodge** October 2 Collins Street Centre, Collins Street South Perth P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley WA 6050 <http://www.iinet.net.au/~fizzgig/>

## Fanzines

**The Instrumentality** Aussiecon Three Edition September 1999 and Chandler Award Issue September 1999 Richard Hryckiewicz & Cath Ortlieb for the Australian science Fiction Foundation P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131  
O.K. Ken? Tony Berry 55 Seymour Rd Oldbury West Midlands B69 4EP U.K.

## Deadlines

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## Jove Nods Bullsheet Happens

David Bofinger notes that I stuffed up when I mentioned "David Bofinger of the Sydney Science Fiction Foundation." As David points out, what I should have said was "David Bofinger of the Futurian Society of Sydney." Sigh. It was all those ex-members of the SSFF I saw at the con. Put me into a sort of a time warp. "It's just a jump to the right and then a step twenty year back..."

The Australian Press Council, in the person of Jack Herman also picked me up at that point and added "decaying Sydney fandom" indeed. That's 'decadent' Sydney fandom. Besides which Warren and Christine are from 'decaying Blue Mountains fandom' in any case.

It was good to see lots of the elderly Melbourne fandom as well, even those being kept artificially young by hordes of young offspring.

Enjoyed the Bullsheet and your con report which, omitting all Business Meeting material, bore virtually no resemblance to mine. Maxine McArthur was another who provided me with evidence that people read this rag. (What is the electronic equivalent of a rag? "I'd just like to pick up on one point: in the 'In Print' para, you wrote that Tansy Rayner Roberts launched 'Liquid Gold'. In fact, 'Liquid Gold' is due to be launched later this month in Tansy's home state of Tasmania; the book that was launched at Aussiecon was this year's winner of the George Turner prize, *Time Future*, by yours truly." Sorry about that.