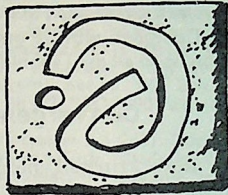


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An apology to the recipients of the paper issue of the Bullsheat. This issue will be late, due to a combination of my involvement in the school production, and the post-production lurgi.

### SFWoE

Rob Riel notes, regarding the International Science Fiction Writers of Earth Competition. "It'll be the event's 21st birthday this year, and as always I'm keen to see Australia well represented. The competition is open only to \*unpublished\* writers, defined as those who have never received \*money\* for a \*published\* piece of \*prose fiction\* -- articles & poetry don't count. Details are available on the SFWoE Website, though entrants should be careful to download

the forms for Australasian residents, as it's much cheaper. This year Picaro Press is helping to sponsor the competition by adjusting the entry fee to compensate for the sad state of the Australian dollar, and providing an Australian address to avoid overseas postage costs. The top ten list is generally published in *\_Locus\_*, *\_SF Chronicle\_*, and other genre magazines. The winner will be offered publication either in *\_Altair\_* (if it survives) or on the SFWoE Website, though this is voluntary -- entrants are welcome to sell their stories any way they can \*after\* submitting. The competition judge will probably be Edward Bryant, and results will be available at the end of January 2002. Any questions or comments should be directed to Picaro Press at [jandr@hunterlink.net.au](mailto:jandr@hunterlink.net.au).

### In Electrons

IonNewcombe notes "Issue 42 of AntipodeanSF will be available on the web. Due to circumstances beyond our control, AntipodeanSF has changed its domain name, and now lives at : <http://antipodean-sf.com> or <http://puri.nia.gov.au/~NET/antisi/> " Fiction in this issue is "Girl in a Black Dress" Trent Jamieson; "Jessica" Nathan Burrage; "A Heaven on Earth" Stephen Thompson; "Divinities" Lyn Triffitt; "Isn't Utopia Wonderful?" Philip Fairbanks; "Vidic" Grant Watson and "Lost" Shane Brown

### In Print

Alan Stewart notes " Sean McMullen had a short story "In Love's Name" published in *Babbling On* (issue #22, July / August 2001)"

### On Stage

Penny Young of Thingamagiga Productions reports on "...our new stage production of H.G. Wells'

"The Time Machine" which is currently running at Cat and Fiddle Theatre at the Cat and Fiddle Hotel, 456 Darling St, Balmain. The show is a faithful adaptation of the novella, stars Mark Lee (Gallipoli), and runs Wed - Sat 8pm and Sun 5pm until September 8th. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 for groups of 10 or more. Bookings can be made by phoning the hotel on 9810 7931."

### Andromeda Spaceways In-flight Magazine.

"Andromeda" is a new Speculative Fiction magazine, to be published bimonthly and widely distributed. We are looking for stories (to 10,000 words), poetry, line drawings and even non-fiction articles. We will accept SF, Fantasy and Horror pieces, with a preference for "fun" rather than grim-and-gritty. The first issue is scheduled for launch 7th June 2002 at the Convergence SF Convention. Payment: Up to 3c/Word (Australian), with a \$20 minimum per piece. (POP) E-mail to

submissions@andromedaspacesways.com as an attached RTF. or Mail: Andromeda Spaceways Submissions PO Box 98 Latham ACT 2615 Australia. Manuscripts will only be returned if SASE included. (refer to: <http://www.shunn.net/writing/coach/format.html> for preferred submission format.) Please make sure you include full contact details, including postal address, e-mail, and phone number. Artwork: ASIM will also be looking for B&W internal illustrations. If you are interested in supplying artwork, please contact our Art Director at: [artdirector@andromedaspacesways.com](mailto:artdirector@andromedaspacesways.com). Samples of your work can be sent as screen resolution scanned images (no more than 300kb per image, please), links to online galleries, or mailed to the above address."

### Bullsheet Media Watch

Kim Huett writes "as I left work this morning I was surprised to hear part of an email from regular correspondent Michael O'Brien being read out on the David Kilby & Chris Uhlmann breakfast show. Since it was amusing errors made in messages left on church bulletin boards I assume this to be the work of the fannish Michael O'Brien." Kim also sent a copy of the *Canberra Sunday Times* 12/8/2001, noting an article in which Australian, Chinese and German robots did well in the world soccer robot cup.

### Essaying It

Chris Lawson notes "Web activist Reason has republished online an essay I presented at Worldcon about life-extension technology called "The Tithonus Option is Not an Option". Also on this site is Damien

Broderick's "The Last Mortal Generation", which inspired my essay. Check out:

<http://www.longevitymeme.org/> and head for the Articles page."

### Peripatetic Fans

Damien Warman notes "FYI Juliette and I are now at 400 West 35th St #106 Austin TX 78751 US and Jeff Harris is (at least for the rest of the year) the contact person/"organiser" for Critical Mass.

Jeff's email address is [jlharris@senet.com.au](mailto:jlharris@senet.com.au)"

Mark Loney is also moving, but not as far "Vanessa and I have finally made the plunge into home ownership and bought 'Hotel Loney', a three storey townhouse in the newish suburb of Palmerston. While Palmerston is a northern suburb of Canberra, it is nowhere near the truly northern suburb of Palmerston in Darwin in the Northern Territory (where Telstra first attempted to install our telephone). Our address is now 44 Haystack Crescent, Palmerston ACT 2913. The PO Box in Campbell will be quietly retired over the next few months so all mail should go to our house."

### ConVergence Raffle

Rose Mitchell notes "ConVergence 2002 is holding a Raffle. For a mere \$1 a ticket you could win one of the following prizes: Full membership to ConVergence 2002; Selection of trade paperback and paperback books valued at over \$100; 3 autographed photos valued at over \$100. ConVergence 2002 representatives will be selling raffle tickets at SF&F events around Australia up to December and you can also buy raffle tickets online. You can find a list of who these people are, including our local agents, from our website. [www.vicnet.net.au/~converge](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~converge)"

### Convention News

Note the cancellation of the September 30th one-day Multiverse Event. ConJose has sent out its PR 2 along with *ConJose Offline* a sort of Clayton's PR. There seems to be a little uncertainty over the dates for ConningTour.

### Con Reports

Reports from Claire McKenna, Zara Baxter, Ted Scribner & Garry Dalrymple suggest that the traditional Good Time was had by all at the Bankstown FreeCon. The Con evidently scored a mention in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. Sounds like Sydney is where it's really happening. (Now, if someone over there wants to take over the running of a fortnightly newswire...)

## Upcoming Conventions

**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. Attending \$180 until August 19. \$200 at the door. Supporting \$US40 Millennium Philcon Post Office Box 310 Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-0310 U.S.A. phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com <http://www.milphil.org>

**Armageddon Pulp Culture Expo** September 15-16 The Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington New Zealand Guests include Richard Biggs, Marjean Holden, Gigi Edgley, Wayne Pygram, Sean Schemmel, John Romita Jr, Richard Arnold. entry only \$10nzd [www.pulpexpo.com](http://www.pulpexpo.com)

**Conquest** September 21-23 Quest Hotel Brisbane GsoH Richard Hatch, Richard Biggs, Richard Arnold & Marjean Holden \$215 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001 [wrag@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wrag@bigpond.net.au)

**Multiverse One day Convention** September 30 2001 Cancelled

**Force** 3.75 October 13 9.30am to 6.30pm Star Walking Convention The Second Star Walking Star wars fan film festival. University of Melbourne, Charles Pearson Theatre, Education Resource Centre \$12 Star Walking members \$15 Multiverse members \$20 non-members [starwalking@starwalking.net](mailto:starwalking@starwalking.net) <http://www.starwalking.net>

**BOBW** 12 October 20-21 2001 Stargate SG-1 Convention Michael Shanks, Tony Amendola, Alexis Cruz Colin Cunningham. The Gazebo Hotel Rushcutters Bay Sydney <http://www.bobw.com.au> [alc@nlc.net.au](mailto:alc@nlc.net.au) PO Box 215 Forestville NSW Australia 2087 ph (02) 9453 0290 Fax: +61 2 9975 6043

**Conning Tour:** A relaxacon. November 2-5 2001. Topview Motel and Milton-Ulladulla Bowling Club, Ulladulla NSW. \$30 + \$30 deposit for accommodation payable by 28 September. Contact Vanessa saxifrage10@yahoo.com.au or Ted krenon@optushome.com.au. Web Page: <http://members.optushome.com.au/aussff/ConTour.html>. E. A. Scribner 12 Richmond St Cronulla NSW 2230

**Freecon** November 10 North Sydney Library Contact Garry Dalrymple [garry-peter.dalrymple@fafensw.edu.au](mailto:garry-peter.dalrymple@fafensw.edu.au)

**Borderlands: The World Within** November 24-25 2001 Emerald Hotel, Mount Street, Perth GsoH Chris Lawson, Jeremy Byrne and Tess Williams Memberships: \$55, \$45 conc Contact [soxwell@central.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:soxwell@central.murdoch.edu.au) <http://borderlands.murdoch.edu.au/>

**BOBW** 13 November 24 & 25, 2001 Buffy The Vampire Slayer and Earth\* Final Conflict Convention Leni Parker, Anita La Selva, Eugene Roddenberry Jr <http://www.bobw.com.au> [alc@nlc.net.au](mailto:alc@nlc.net.au) PO Box 215 Forestville NSW Australia 2087 ph (02) 9453 0290 Fax: +61 2 9975 6043

**Write (C)** January 18-20 2002. Guest speakers: Simon Brown, Marilyn Pride and Lewis Morley Venue: Barker Lodge Motel, Barker St, Kensington (N.S.W.) Membership: \$20 Edwina Harvey [e.harvey@unsw.edu.au](mailto:e.harvey@unsw.edu.au) 12 Flinders St, Marraville, NSW. 2036 <http://members.optushome.com.au/aussff/Wntecon.html>

**Costume Con** 20 - February 15-18 2002 Melbourne LaTrobe University \$A130 Jan 1st 2001 - Dec 31st 2001 \$160 Jan 1st 2002 - Feb 15th 2002 \$A50 Daily Admission The Australian Costumers' Guild PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 [stilskin@netspace.net.au](mailto:stilskin@netspace.net.au) <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>

**Museum Freecon** March 16-17 2002 Sydney Garry Dalrymple [garry-peter.dalrymple@fafensw.edu.au](mailto:garry-peter.dalrymple@fafensw.edu.au)

**Swancon** 2002 March 28 - April 1 2002 The Kings Perth Hotel Fan GoH John McDouall others tba \$80 until June 30 2001. \$110 thereafter. P.O. Box C429 Perth WA 6841 2002@sf.org.au <http://www.swancon.com>

**Auckland Armageddon Pulp Culture Expo** April 12 -14 2002 Aotea Centre [www.pulpexpo.com](http://www.pulpexpo.com)

**Canberra SF Convention** May 2002 Vanessa Jacobsen [saxifrage10@yahoo.com.au](mailto:saxifrage10@yahoo.com.au)

**Con with the Wind** 2002 New Zealand NatCon May 31 to June 3 West Plaza Hotel Wellington GsoH Joe and Gay Haldeman Dan Hennah Lucy Sussex Yvonne Harrison Alan Robson CON With The Wind PO Box 11-559 Manners St Wellington Attending \$80 Supporting \$30 Wellington.

[enquiries@con-with-the-wind.sf.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@con-with-the-wind.sf.org.nz) <http://con-with-the-wind.sf.org.nz/>

**Convergence** 41st Australian National Science Fiction Convention June 7 - 10 2002 GsoH Joe Haldeman, Sean Williams Lucy Sussex, Gay Haldeman and Race Mathews Toastmaster Jack Dann Cato Conference Centre Melbourne. Full Membership until October 31 2001 \$130. Student (13-16 years) \$80. Child (5-12) \$25. Supporting \$25. GPO Box 1212k Melbourne Vic 3001

Web: <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~converge/>  
email: [contact-convergence@egroups.com](mailto:contact-convergence@egroups.com)

**Relaxa.Con** 14-17 June 2002, Whitsunday Terraces Resort, Airlie Beach, Queensland. Run by Eric Lindsay and Jean Weber. For more information, see

<http://www.ericlindsay.com/relaxa.con/>

**Con Jose** The 60th World Science Fiction Convention August 29 to September 2, 2002 San Jose McEnery Convention Centre GsoH Vernor Vinge, David Cherry, Bjo & John Trimble, Ferdinand Fehoot Toastmaster Tad Williams. P.O. Box 61363 Sunnyvale CA 94088-1363 U.S.A. [Conjose@sfsfc.org](mailto:Conjose@sfsfc.org) <http://www.conjose.org/> Attending membership A\$320. (Supporting A\$60). Australian agent: Terry Frost, 4/8 Walker St, West Brunswick, VIC 3055. Cheques payable to "60th World Science Fiction Convention."

**EmotiCon** 2003 New Zealand NatCon Easter Auckland. [enquiries@emoticon.sf.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@emoticon.sf.org.nz)

**Torcon III** The 61st World Science Fiction Convention August 28-September 1, 2003 Metro Toronto Convention Centre GsoH George R. R. Martin Frank Kelly Freas Mike Glycer with Toastmaster: Spider Robinson and GoHst of Honour: Robert Bloch the spirit of Toronto Worldcons P.O. Box 3, Station A, Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W 1A2 Supporting Membership \$US40; Attending Membership \$US115. Email: [info@torcon3.on.ca](mailto:info@torcon3.on.ca) Website: <http://www.torcon3.on.ca>

**ConTour** 2004 May 31 to June 3 2004 Proposed as New Zealand's 25th National Science Fiction Convention Rotorua, [enquiries@contour.sf.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@contour.sf.org.nz)

**GoH** = Guest of Honour

**O.C.P.** = Other Commitments Permitting

**tba** = to be announced.

## Events

There is an annual calendar available on the Vicnet SF web site at

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sf0z/2001cal.htm>

## Event News

John Bortolin reports on an sf movie marathon he is running at Greater Union Mosman 9 Spit Road Mosman on Sun 7th October. " In one screen I will be having a double feature of Star Trek Generations and First Contact. screening will start about 11.30pm (details to be finalised price etc). In the other screen will be Austin Powers and The Spy Who Shagged Me."

## Club News

### A.C.T.

Canberra Speculative Fiction Guild September 19 ACT Writers' Centre Gorman House, Braddon ACT. [les.petersen@detya.gov.au](mailto:les.petersen@detya.gov.au) <http://csfg.cumulo-nimbus.com>

### New South Wales

Friends of Science Fiction September 9 Marjean Holden, Dr Sarah Chambers from Crusade will be present. 10:30am to 6:00pm Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John St Lidcombe P.O. Box 797 Fairfield NSW 1860 [membership@fsf.com.au](mailto:membership@fsf.com.au)

<http://www.fsf.com.au>

Southern Science Fiction and Fantasy Group *September 15*

Contact Bradley Row [bradrow@netspace.net.au](mailto:bradrow@netspace.net.au)

Sydney Futurians *September 21 7pm* University of

Technology, Sydney Room 1615

<http://linus.socs.uts.edu.au/~iwoolf/futurians.html>

SF Movie Marathon *October 7*. Greater Union Mosman 9 Spit

Road Mosman [johnbortolin@iprimus.com.au](mailto:johnbortolin@iprimus.com.au)

Skyforce Sydney *October 21* Lidcombe Catholic Workmen's

Club, 24 John Street, Lidcombe (Opposite Lidcombe Railway

Station) P.O. Box 427 Northcote Vic 3070 Phone 05 005 53347

(05 055 JEDIS)

## Queensland

Conquest *September 2* Brisbane City Council GPO Box 1376  
Brisbane Qld 4001

## South Australia

SFSA *September 15* 3pm-10pm Adelaide High. Steven Cooke  
([donquay@chariot.net.au](mailto:donquay@chariot.net.au)) or P.O. Box 3227 Rundle Mall  
Adelaide SA 5000

## Victoria

MSFC *August 31* Religion in SF *September 7* Food Night

American, *September 14* Author Night Scott Westerfeld 8:00 pm

St. David's Uniting Church Hall, 74 Melville Road, West

Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~msfc/>

M\_S\_F\_C@yahooogroups.com

Friday Night Mob *August 31* *September 7* *September 14* 6:00-

7:30pm. Informal eating and nattering. Myers Cafeteria

Melbourne

Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club *September 1* 10:00am

Scienceworks P.O. Box 437 Sunshine Vic 3020

[chrisap@bigpond.com](mailto:chrisap@bigpond.com) or [mystery@netsra.com.au](mailto:mystery@netsra.com.au)

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~babylon5/>

Nova Mob *September 5* Pam McIntyre on Harry Potter 13

Frederick St Brunswick

Doctor: Who Club of Victoria *September 15*: Sci Fi Melbourne

Walk GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne VIC 3001

[aswan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:aswan@optusnet.com.au)

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~dwcvc>

Enterprise *September 22* 1:00-5:00pm What does it mean to be

a Star Trek Fan? Ella Latham Theatre Royal Children's

Hospital P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~enterprise/>

[enterprs@vicnet.net.au](mailto:enterprs@vicnet.net.au)

Austrek *October 6* 2:00pm St Mark's Church Hall Cnr

Canterbury & Burke Rds, Camberwell GPO Box 5206AA

Melbourne 3001 <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~austrek>

[austrek@vicnet.net.au](mailto:austrek@vicnet.net.au)

Skyforce *October 13* 1:00 to 5:00pm Charles Pearson Theatre

Education Resource Centre University of Melbourne P.O. Box

427 Northcote Vic 3070 [starwalking@starwalking.net](mailto:starwalking@starwalking.net)

<http://www.starwalking.net>

The Australian Costumers' Guild *November 3* Derby Day

Picnic (based on the 1887 painting "The Lawn at Flemington")

PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 [stilskin@netspace.net.au](mailto:stilskin@netspace.net.au)

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>

## CoAs

Catriona Sparks notes "Agog! *Fantastic Fiction* has a  
new postal address: PO Box U302 University of Wollongong  
NSW 2500" Spaced Out has changed its email address to  
[spacedoutinc@start.com.au](mailto:spacedoutinc@start.com.au)

ANZAPA has a new e-mail address

[anzapa@kaleidio.com.au](mailto:anzapa@kaleidio.com.au)

## Fanzines

Southern Fandom Confederation Bulletin Vol 7 No 10

28pp Julie Wall 470 Ridge Rd Birmingham AL 35206 USA

[jlwall@usit.net](mailto:jlwall@usit.net)

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## Electronic Fanzines

Conscript *September 2001* Conquest GPO Box 1376 Brisbane

Qld 4001 Australia <http://conquest2000.tsx.org>

Emerald City 72 Cheryl Morgancheryl@emcit.com

<http://www.emcit.com>

Paper Snarl The 25 Paul Barnett PaperSnarl@aol.com

<http://www.papertiger.co.uk>

Sitenews *August 28 2001* Jeremy Byrne [sitenews@eidolon.net](mailto:sitenews@eidolon.net)

<http://eidolon.net>

## Deadlines

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September 11 2001.

NAFF nominations

October 1 2001

GUFF nominations

September 30 2001

Borderlands Competition

October 12 2001

*This Fanzine Supports The Minneapolis in  
'73 WorldCon Bid and the next Australian  
WorldCon Bid.*

*Sending Art by Sheryl Birkhead Other Art  
by Bill Potzler*

## Other Stuff

Astronomer and science fiction writer Fred Hoyle died  
on August 20. His death was noted in, among other places, the  
Melbourne Herald Sun. There was an obituary in *The Age*  
28/8/2001

## Literature

Judith Hanna writes "...severe recent shortage of  
visiting Ozies has deprived us of opportunities for exploring  
the Signs of London under excuse of showing visitors around.  
Do we blame the exchange rate? Or are all the people we know  
getting all moss-grown and settled, just like us?"

Re the WFA nominations for Terry Dowling and Shaun  
Tan, Lucy Sussex notes "...the other two Aussie nominations for  
the WFA were for *She's Fantastical*, in the anthology section, and  
a story from it, 'Angel thing' by Petrina Smith, in the short story  
section. They lost out to Gwyneth Jones and *The Penguin Book  
Of Modern Fantasy by Women* (in which I had a story), but as  
far as I know they were the first to get shortlisted."

Cheryl Morgan reports "I am spending rather too  
much time on the bulletin board at Tad Williams' Shadowmarch  
web site (<http://www.shadowmarch.com>). Today the talk  
turned to dangerous animals, and some of the Aussie members  
and I explained the mysteries of drop bears to the assembled  
multitude. After a few seconds thought, Tad improvised the  
following poem, which I felt I ought to share with you. It was  
written on the spur of the moment and any failings in scansion  
are a result of haste. (to the tune of "Inchworm")

Drop Bear, Drop Bear,  
Lurking in the eucalypts,  
Could it be so? — some fool seppo  
Has wandered underneath

Drop Bear, Drop Bear  
Plunging through the canopy  
Down toward that yank, you humbly thank  
The Drop Bear God for teeth

## Un-Paid Adverts

Adrienne Losin notes that she has art for sale on  
display at La Taverna Pizza in East Brunswick