

A fast, grubby and frequent little science fiction newsletter produced for the Australian National Science Fiction Association by Marc Ortlieb, P.O. Box 215, Forest Hill, Vict, 3131, AUSTRALIA (e-mail: maor@ausom.oz.au).

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Voermans Into German Translated Has Been

Don Ashby reports that Paul Voermans has sold *The Weird Colonial Boy* and *And Disregards the Rest* to Heyne, a German publisher, for a five figure sum. Paul figures that he should start writing the things in German to start off with. Don encountered Australian author Keith Taylor, living in Avondale Heights. Lucy Sussex reports that Dave Luckett has sold a total of four books to Omnibus, either children's fiction or for remedial readers. In addition, her story *Quartet in Death Minor* appeared in *The Australian* 5/1/95. (The story came from *The Oxford Book of Australian Ghost Stories*, but Lucy hasn't received her contributor's copy yet. The anthology was reviewed in the Saturday Age 20/1/95) In yet another comment, Lucy notes that Harper Collins Australia have started an sf line called Prism. *Bloodsongs* #3, an Australian Horror magazine, is out and features material by Robert Hood, Steven Paulson and Kirstyn McDermott.

Mail-Order SF for Sydney

John Gaspar has opened Anubis Books P.O. Box A857 Sydney South 2000.

Small Kicks In

Melbourne fan Karen Small was interviewed on *A Current Affair* 24/1/95. Nope, nothing to do with sf, quizzes or MUSFA. Karen is an exponent of the country dance style called boot scooting. Versatile mob fans...

FFANZ Candidate

Donna Heenan is the only candidate for FFANZ this year.

Where Do You Find It?

Apollo Zammit's *The Australian Science Fiction Database*, containing information on clubs and fans in Australia, is available for \$5-00 from Apollo P.O. Box 8235 Northlands Centre 3072. Ali Kayn, meanwhile, has published *The Science Fiction Fan Resource Book*, containing articles about various aspects of fantasy, science fiction and horror in Australia, plus club and fanzine listings. An impressive tome with articles by such luminaries as Bruce Gillespie, Peter Nichols,

Chris Masters, Sue Bursztynski, Ian Gunn. Available for \$15-00 plus \$1-50 postage from Ali Kayn, GPO Box 972G Melbourne 3001. With these two and Ian & Kerri's Australian Fan Diary, you too can be the complete fan.

Australian Science Fiction Foundation

The Foundation held its AGM on January 22nd. Elected to office were Donna Heenan (Pres), Richard Hryckiewicz, (Vice-Pres) Cath Ortlieb (Sec), Carey Handfield (Treas), Jane Tisell (Membership) and LynC (Publicity). The Foundation is looking for nominations for The Chandler Award, for outstanding achievement in Australian Science Fiction. Previous winners were Van Ikin, Merv Binns and George Turner. Send suggestions and information to P.O. Box 4024 University of Melbourne 3052.

Convention Updates

Force One has changed its venue from the Melbourne Sheraton to the Town House.

Convention Rumours

There have been rumours of various kerfuffles surrounding the cancellation of Concinnity and the postponement of Voyager, with bogus phone calls to hotels, people being pressured into showing financial accounts to others and other assorted anonymous acts of bastardry. In the words of the late Susan Wood "I like fandom; it's more fun than owning an ant farm."

DudCon II

Ian Gunn reports that, bucking recent convention traditions, DudCon II went off well. Committee Paul Ewins put together a handy convention bag including a knife, fork, spoon paper plate, plastic cup, Flintstone bandaid, Dr Who novel (in case the barbecue ran low on kindling) and a coathanger (in place of a condom, one assumes). A good time was had by all. The dead-dog party lasted longer than the convention. Paul showed two videos, but didn't take either out of its box.

Upcoming Conventions

Voyager Star Trek February PO Box 474 Rosebud 3939 voyager@wusette.dialix.oz.au

Swancon '95 W.A. regional April 13-17 Perth Sheraton Hotel. GsoH Pat Cadigan & Ellen Datlow. Att \$70. P.O. Box 318 Nedlands 6009 Ph/Fax 09 367 7236 skribe@iinet.com.au

ConQuest '95. NZ Nat Con 1995. April 14-17. Airport Quality Hotel, Auckland GsoH: Roger Zelazny, Vonda McIntyre, Richard Taylor, Keith Smith P.O. Box 26-311 Auckland, NZ. E-Mail: ncates@chenov1.auckland.ac.nz
Force One (1st Star Wars NatCon) 15-17 April. Melbourne Town House, GsoH Steve Sansweet, Hugh Fleming, Jon Berg. \$110. PO Box 427 Northcote 3070. 03 416 8998

Thylacon 1995 Lit NatCon. June 9-12, Wrest Point Hotel Casino, Hobart. GsoH Kim Stanley Robinson, Peter Nichols and Grant Stone. \$75-00. Sup \$20-00. Voting \$5-00. P.O. Box 397 Sandy Bay 7006

cnelson@mariner.amc.edu.au.

Arcon Aussiecon Reunion Convention- celebrating twenty years of Australian Science Fiction. September 22-24 GsoH Robin Johnson & David Grigg, Savoy Plaza Hotel Melbourne. P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill, Vic 3131 Att \$50-00.

Continuum (Conquest 95) September 22-24 Lennon's

Hotel GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512

Condiment '95 1995 Media Natcon October 14

Melbourne Town Hall

Mutagen '96 January 26-29 1996, Dr Who Att \$90-00.

GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001.

Festival of the Imagination/ Confusion 96/Swancon 21

Lit/Media NatCon Easter 1996. University of

W.A. Supp \$15.

Constellation NZ Natcon: Queens Birthday Weekend

1996 The Christchurch City Travelodge, NZ GsoH

Michael Moorcock, James Dignan \$50.00 during 1994/5

P.O. Box 29-119, Fendalton, Christchurch

NZ. Email: c.brandenburg@lincoln.ac.nz

GoH = Guest of Honour

O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting

Other Events

N.S.W.

Gargoyle Club First Friday of month 7.00pm, Royal Exhibition Hotel Surrey Hills

Futurian Society of Sydney 3rd Friday of month 7pm

Room 1615 University of Technology Sydney

Sydney Dr Who Fan Club 4th Sunday of month Sefton

District Girl Guides' Hall. P.O. Box 381, Chester Hill,

2162 (02) 727-4272

Newcastle Doctor Who Science Fiction Club 3rd

Sunday of the month, Alice Ferguson Community

Centre, 30 Caldwell St Merewether P.O. Box 140,

Kotara Fair 2289, ph (049) 57 5109 (049) 43 2666

Victoria

Time-Trekkers February 3 venue TBA P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550

Austrek(Inc) Star Trek February 4 AGM GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001

Sky Force Star Wars February 11 1-5pm St Mark's Church Camberwell P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070

Dr Who Club of Victoria February 11 Foot Rally, meeting in the City Square at 10 a.m.

St Valentine's Day Lunch February 12 1-00pm Sydney

Liar's Club 337 Racecourse Road Flemington Call

Jeanette or James (03) 379-7864

Enterprise February 25 1.00—5.00 pm Trek trivia Quiz & Starfleet Exams Horticultural Society Hall 31 Victoria St P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

MSFC February 3 Cake, Coffee & Friend; February 10 Roger Weddall Memorial Pun Panel 7-30pm St David's

Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box

212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

February 18 11-00 am BBQ near the Yellow Peril.

Filming Australia in '99 Video.

Star Trek Marathons The Glasshouse Theatre, RMIT Union 360 Swanston St 6:30pm first Sat of the month. Australian Babylon 5 fan Club P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055

Qld

Conquest 95 February 5 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512

Quest Star Trek February 12 12noon - 4.00pm Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472

Camp Warrawee February 17-19 P.O. Box 10308

Adelaide St Brisbane 4000?

Warp Speed February 25 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472

Cosmic Cotillion April 1 Irish Club GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472

A.C.T.S.A., Tas, W.A.

No current information

Fanzines

The Captain's Log #210 Katharine Shade for Austrek

GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 **Buswarble #22**

Michael Hailstone 14 Bolden St Heidelberg 3084.

Available for the usual. **Scaramouche #2** Terry Frost 26

Head St Balwyn 3103 Available for the usual

hlecto@werple.mira.net.au **Oscillation Overthruster #1**

Sue Anne Barber & Geoff Tilley P.O. Box 1169, Bibra

Lake 6163 Genzine/Media/Weirdness \$12/year

Ultrawarp #10 Star Trek/Dr Who Michael Cloonan &

Greg Smith Time-Trekkers P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550

Black Light #12 BBC Telefantasy Sean Paul Smith for

Gallifrey GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001

BBS

Echo Base Hoth (03) 563-1323. **Psibaud**, (03) 804 3205, free single line stand-alone science fiction and education

BBS Unisfa <http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/unisfa/>.

Damien Warman <http://smug.student.adelaide.edu.au/damien/home.html>

Deadlines

Ffanz February 10th 1995

Duff March 5th 1995.

Guff March 31st 1995.

CoAs

Terry Frost—hlecto@werple.mira.net.au

Sources

Don Ashby, Justin Ackroyd, Paul Voermans, Alan Stewart,

The Captain's Log, Lucy Sussex, Ian Gunn, Cath Ortlieb,

James Allen, Warp Speed, Ultra warp

Deadline For #26

Tuesday February 14th. Distribution date Friday

February 17th.

ARCon

The Aussiecon Reunion Convention
September 22--24 1995
Savoy Plaza Hotel Melbourne
\$50-00 attending membership.

GUESTS OF HONOUR

Robin Johnson
David Grigg

ARCon is a science fiction convention celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of **Aussiecon** and the Tenth Anniversary of **Aussiecon Two**, the only two World Science Fiction Conventions to be held in the Southern Hemisphere. It will allow people who were at those conventions to indulge in sappy nostalgia but will also provide a forum for those interested in Australian Science Fiction and how it has progressed in that time.

Even if you didn't get to either Aussiecon, come along. Find out about Australian science fiction and Australian science fiction fandom and how it is done.

We have booked all the function areas in the Savoy Plaza Hotel, a rather genteel hotel near Spencer Street Station. Accommodation is available there. Contact Donna Heenan, c/o ARCon, for details.

Robin Johnson chaired **Aussiecon**. David Grigg chaired **Aussiecon Two**. Come along and talk to them and find out what it takes to hold together a really big convention.

Our committee includes a wealth of experience in running interesting and entertaining conventions. Carey Handfield, our treasurer, was involved in running both Aussiecons. Perry Middlemiss, a NatCon organiser and co-chair, is putting together a program mixing the serious, the fun and the nostalgic, leaving just enough room for people to gather and natter. Donna Heenan, herself a Natcon chairperson, has arranged the hotel for us. Clive Newall will ensure a smooth registration process. Julian Warner, ex-Western Australian and fanzine editor par excellence, will be looking after publications. Marc Ortlieb, faneditor and occasional historian of things fannish in Australia, will be covering secretarial and organisational duties. Others to offer their services include Mandy Herriot.

Our thanks to the **Australian Science Fiction Foundation** for its assistance.

ARCon
P.O. Box 215
Forest Hill
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803-9480 (5.00—9.00pm)
maor@bbs.ausom.oz.au

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PROGRAM

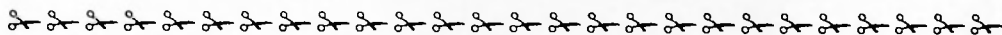
The program is currently being assembled by Perry Middlemiss with assistance from an assortment of people, including Lucy Sussex.

One feature will be the Saturday Night "I Remember Aussiecon" Party, for which a separate one night membership will be available to those who do not wish to attend the entire convention.

Any ideas or offers for program items will be gratefully accepted.

We are also looking for slides, films or videos of previous Australian Conventions. Please contact us if you have any material of this nature. We intend to show both AntiFan Movies and several people have been approached about slide shows.

If there is a demand we will look into arranging user-pays child minding at the hotel.



ARCon MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enrol me as a member of ARCon. Enclosed is my \$50 for full membership.
(Please make out cheques to ARCon.)

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Send this to:-

ARCon
Membership
P.O. Box 215
Forest Hill
Vic 3131

- Survivor of Aussiecon
- Survivor of Aussiecon Two
- Nope. Missed them both.

- Please send me details about child minding

FFANZ

Your Chance To Vote

The FFANZ race to New Zealand is on again. In 1995, the Fan Fund for Australia and New Zealand will send an Australian representative to CONQUEST, the New Zealand NatCon in Auckland over Easter. Nominations have now closed. We, the administrators, circulated nomination forms as widely as we were able and they were sent out to previous voters and anyone who expressed interest in FFANZ, as well as being publicised in THYME, The BULLSHEET and STUNGUNN. Despite this, only one nomination was received by the deadline - Donna Heenan. There have been precedents for one-horse races in the past (for example, the 1991 winner was appointed unopposed) but we thought it best to put it to a vote, thus preventing any arguments, ensuring no infringement of fandom's democratic rights and allowing people to express their opinions through the ballot box. Besides, voting is a neat way of raising funds.

-Jan Gunn and Karen Pender-Gunn, FFANZ administrators (Australia)

NOMINEE PLATFORM - DONNA HEENAN.

I have set foot on New Zealand terrain twice now. Never more than two hours at a time, and never further than the transit lounge of the international airport in Auckland.

My first transit through New Zealand was in 1986 to attend the World Science Fiction Convention. Auckland airport was the first stop. The transit lounge amused me for the two hours wait with paintings of New Zealand and Maori artwork hanging on the walls. To my foreign eyes they looked exotic.

The second trip through the transit lounge was very different. The lounge had been stripped of paintings and art, replaced with duty free shops everywhere. So boring, so much like any other international airport. I peered through the transit lounge doors wondering if the whole country was like that.

Every couple of years these nice FFANZ winners fly in from New Zealand. I drive them around Melbourne, show them my country and hear tales of distant isles in return. I find myself longing for a longer look at that exotic land I glimpsed on my first stop there. They tell me it still exists outside the transit lounge doors.

This Easter, I hope to go to New Zealand. Attend the convention, meet the fans I've heard about but not yet met, discuss the relative merits of science fiction and meet the Guests of Honour. And explore the land that beckons from behind those transit lounge doors.

The FFANZ ballot. Please number your choice in order of preference.

- Donna Heenan.
- Write In Candidate: _____
- Hold Over Funds.
- No Preference.

Please return this ballot, along with a Voting Fee (minimum: \$2) to:

FFANZ, P.O.Box 567, Blackburn, 3130, Australia.

Make cheques payable to FFANZ.

Votes must be received by Friday 10th of February 1995.

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