

# THE AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION BULLSHEET

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A slack but 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: Marc\_A\_Ortlieb@fc.ausom.oz.au).  
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## In Print

Julie Haydon's novel, *Lines Upon the Skin*, was launched in Melbourne on June 4. Katherine Phelps, Melbourne fan and author of *Surf's Up: Internet Australian Style* is featured in an article on Net Surfing in the May 1995 issue of *The Australian Way*, Qantas's inflight magazine. The book was also reviewed in *The Sunday Age* 4/6/95

## On The Box

ABC's TVTV 24/5/95 covered *Thunderbirds*, including comments by local fans. Meanwhile Melbourne's Channel 31 is running a regular show entitled *Melbourne Science Fiction Review* on Tuesdays at 7.30.

## Worldcon Junkie

In addition to being Australia in '99's eminence grise, Eric Lindsay is currently agent for Intersection (The Scottish Worldcon) and LACon and is on the bidding committee for Niagara falls in '98.

## Upcoming Conventions

Thylacon 1995 Lit NatCon. June 9-12. Hadley's Hotel, Hobart. GsoH Kim Stanley Robinson, Peter Nicholls and Grant Stone. \$75-00. Sup \$20-00. Voting \$5-00. P.O. Box 418, Sandy Bay, Tas 7005 (002) 313-779 e-mail cary\_jl@postoffice.sandybay.utas.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. Att Ages 12-18yrs \$30. Supp \$20.  
Continuum (Conquest 95) October 13-15 GsoH Jerry Hardin O.C.P. & Richard Arnold. Gateway Hotel, Brisbane GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512 Att \$85 until August  
BasiCon 1995 Media Natcon October 14 venue tba \$20 Att (\$100 at the door.) Hucksters \$30. Banquet \$7 P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130  
Terror 95 Horror Convention. October 27-29 Caulfield Arts Complex Victoria. GsoH Richard Harland, Michael Helms & Big Bad Ralph. \$40 to 1/6/95; \$45 to 25/10/95; \$50 at the door. Hucksters \$75. P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melbourne 3004 (03) 9509 0766  
Mudcon November 18-19 Winery tour/Convention. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776 Mutagen '96 January 26-29 1996, Dr Who GsoH Peter

Australia in '99

Davison (O.C.P.) Chris Barrie (O.C.P.) Paul Cornell. Att \$90-00. GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001. (03) 534-2752  
The Festival of the Imagination '96 ( Confusion 96/Swancon 21) Lit/Media NatCon April 4-8 1996. Kings Hotel Perth. GsoH Bruce Sterling, Neil Gaiman & Robin Pen. Membership \$50 until May 31; \$60 from then until September 30; Supp \$20; Voting \$10. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 434 4167. E-mail julian@multiline.com.au  
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  
Medtrek V Australia Day Weekend 1997 UWS Hawkesbury Richmond NSW Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776  
Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention (bidding for the 15th Australasian SFMedia Con) March 28 to 31 1997. Airport Hotel Wellington N.Z. GsoH tba. PO Box 10104, Wellington, New Zealand. Email: concom@sans.vuw.ac.nz  
Australia in '99 Bid for the 1999 World Science Fiction Convention. \$10 pre-supporting rate. P.O. Box 99 Bayswater 3153.  
GoH = Guest of Honour  
O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting  
tba= to be announced.

## Other Events

N.S.W.

Kim Stanley Robinson June 15 6pm Galaxy Books Sydney Futurians June 16 7pm Room 1614, Tower Building, University of Technology, Broadway, Sydney.  
Kim Stanley Robinson June 17 Powerhouse Museum \$10. 12noon to 5pm. Other speakers include Professor Malcolm Walter.  
Southern SF Group June 17 2pm Interplanetary settlement 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595  
Terry Dowling June 22 6pm Galaxy Books. Reading from *An Intimate Knowledge of the Night*.  
The Winter Ball July 29 Elim House, Shaftesbury St Burwood (NSW). \$50. All bookings by July 20th to Susan Clark, 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776. Proceeds to the Linda Cox Chan Fund for Diabetes Research.  
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  
Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club PO Box 161 Adamstown NSW 2289  
Penrith SF Group (047) 322-179 or (047) 301-073  
Australian SF Association GPO Box 4440 Sydney 2000  
Dr Who Fan Club of Australia PO Box 4 Epping NSW 2121 email: Kate.Orman@mq.edu.au \$9 per year

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**Gargoyle Club** First Friday of month 7.00pm, Royal Exhibition Hotel Surrey Hills  
**The Thursday Night Group** Informal eating and nattering. 5-7pm Thursday Nights (Contact Galaxy Bookshop for details)  
**Tavern Monthly booze-up** for Doctor Who fans in Sydney. First Friday of month, 6 pm. Museum Hotel (just behind the Australian Museum)

## Victoria

**MSFC** 7-30pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick June 9 Coffee, cake & conversation. June 16 Fannish photos. June 23 Red Dwarf Quiz. P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005  
**Dandenong Valley Science Fiction & Futurist Society** June 13, 8pm Dandenong Library. "Are Federations of Empires in Sf Realistic?" Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 5971-3645.  
**Kim Stanley Robinson** June 14 12 noon Slow Glass Books Upstairs 305 Swanston Street Melbourne  
**Gallifrey** June 17 GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001  
**Skyforce** June 17 Star Wars 1-5pm St Mark's Church Camberwell  
**Enterprise** June 24 1-5pm Starfleet Olympics The Horticultural Society Hall P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre 3005  
**Star Trek Marathons** July 1 6:30pm State Film Centre 1 Macarthur St East Melbourne (03) 9758 1807  
**Nova Mob** July 5 Sean McMullen on Australian Children's TV SF in the 90s. Alan Stewart's Place. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 9429 8354  
**Winter Fete** July 8 9am-3pm MSFC St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick. Tables \$15. (03) 9877-1093  
**Friday Night Mob** Friday Nights 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. K&Ms, Myer Arcade Melbourne  
**Gamma Quadrant Outpost** A local chapter of the U.S. based Bajoran Alliance, (*Deep Space Nine*) P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130 k.pender-gunn@latrobe.edu.au  
**Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club** P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 Fanzine *Babbling On*

## Qld

**Quest Star Trek** June 11 12 noon - 4.00 pm Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472  
**Interclub Softball Match** June 12 11 am Burke Park, Kangaroo Point  
**Brisbane Dr Who Club** June 18 P.O. Box 10308 Adelaide St Brisbane 4000  
**11:21 (Qld X-Files Club)** June 18 10am-4pm Metro Arts Building Edward St Brisbane Contact Flat 2, 10 Roseglen St Greenslopes 4120  
**Warp Speed (Sunshine Coast)** June 24 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472  
**Conquest 95** July 2 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512  
**New Horizons** July 2 British Sf 776 Cavendish Rd Holland Park 4121 (07) 349 2229

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**Critical Mass** July 5 8pm SA Writers' Centre, Second Floor, 187 Rundle Street, Adelaide. 6:30 Five Spices Restaurant  
**The 'Nock** June 14 6:30pm The Brechnock Hotel, King William St, Adelaide.  
**AUSFA, c/- Clubs Association, University of Adelaide,** North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5001.

## W.A.

**UniSFA** - University of Western Australia Science Fiction Association. See Web page or e-mail (nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au)  
**The West Lodge Doctor Who Fan Club.** First Saturday of the month at the Collins Street Centre, South Perth. Snail-Mail : P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley 6050 E-Mail : nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au

## A.C.T.

**Canberra S FS** June 15 7:30pm, Shogun Japanese Restaurant, 70 Bunda St, Canberra ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608  
**Kim Stanley Robinson** June 16 lunchtime. Informal question & answer. Australian National University. \$4/ ticket. Phone (06) 249-4144 for further details.

## Fanzines

**Zugzwang #2** *Pezine* Kim Huett P.O. Box 679 Woden ACT 2606; *Conscript* Media Convention Zine Conquest GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001; *Thyme #103* Newszine, including *Australian SF News #63* Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

## BBS

**Echo Base Hoth** (03) 9563-1323. **Psibaud**, (03) 9804 3205, free single line stand-alone sf and education BBS **The Captain's Quarters Star Trek** (03) 9723 8344. **Ausom's First Class BBS SF** conference called Sci Fi (03) 9543 3411

## Web Pages

**Unisfa**  
<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/unisfa/>  
**Damien Warman**  
<http://smug.student.adelaide.edu.au/~damien/>  
**Sundance Bilson-Thompson**  
<http://smug.student.adelaide.edu.au/~kickaha/>  
**David Grigg**  
<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~drgrigg>  
**VicNet**  
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/vicnet/sf/sfpage.html>

## Deadlines

1995 Ditmar Votes	June 10 1995
1995 ASFMA Nominations	July 14 1995
1996 FFANZ Nominations	August 11 1995
1996 FFANZ Voting	December 8 1995
1996 Ditmar Nominations	January 31 1996
1996 ASFMA Nominations	January 31 1996

## Sources

*Warp Speed*, *Conscript*, *Cath Ortlieb*. Irwin Hirsh, Kim Huett, Alan Stewart, *Thyme*

## Fandom Ink

Irwin Hirsh

I suggested to Marc that mentions of non-Australian fanzines would be a useful addition to *The Bullsheet*. I thought I was sending a beaut out-swing but all I delivered was a weak full toss, which was hit pass my ear to the boundary. So here I am. The brief given to me is simple: to provide brief descriptions of some of the non-Australian fanzines I receive. This column will appear in *The Bullsheet* about every four issues.

Martin Tudor's "All Banks Are Bastards" will be of interest to any Aussie following the current debate regarding bank charges and service. Martin's article details his encounters with banks down through the years, with the title giving the idea of that relationship. You'll find the article in Tony Berry's *Eyeballs in the Sky 9*, an issue built around the theme of Banks. At first glance it would appear to a dull theme for a fanzine, but that ol' fannish initiative comes to the fore and this fanzine rounds out as a fine read. Other articles cover the range from a remembrance of Gordon Banks (England's goalkeeper in the 1966 Soccer World Cup winning side) to an account of working in a blood bank. (Tony Berry, 55 Seymour Rd, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands, B69 4EP, UK, available for a Letter of Comment, fanzines in trade, contributions, drinks and "large wads of cash.")

Simon Ounsley's "Welcome to the Pleasure Dome" is probably the best fanzine article I've read recently. Published in Simon's *Lagoon 6* the article is part con report, part fiction, and skilfully marries effective descriptions of (some of) Simon's encounters at a Novacon with commentary on the nature of those descriptions. Other items in the issue include Simon chatting about a number of matters, Steve Palmer's horror tale of his Neighbours from Hell, and D. West's review of fan art. Noting that art in fanzines is an area which has avoided being a matter of discussion, D's article is intended as a primer, as the spark plug in an attempt to get some discussion going. With a large letter-col, and rounding out at 68 pages, *Lagoon 6* is a solid fanzine. (Simon Ounsley, 25 Park Villa Court, Leeds, LS8 1EB, UK, available for a Letter of Comment, fanzines in trade, contributions.)

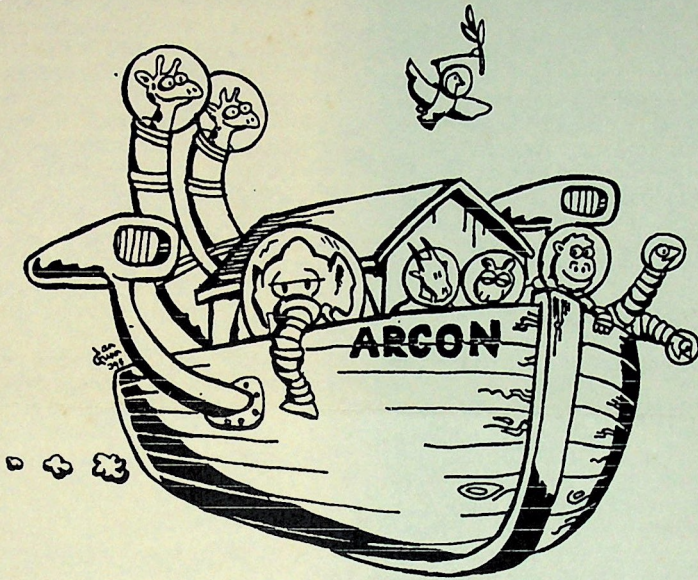
*FTT 17*, published by Judith Hanna and Joseph Nicholas, is also a solid fanzine. Not in its size - it is only 30 pages long - but in the depth with which the editors give to the topics discussed. This is not a fanzine to be read when easily distracted. Joseph has a couple of articles, looking

at the failure of sf's technocratic vision and the catalysts for revolution. Judith article isn't as rigorous as Joseph's contribution but it does have a high Aussie fannish content; a personal memoir of the Aussie fandom which Joseph met on his 1981 trip to Australia, the first GUFF trip as an on-going part of the fannish landscape. As with any fanzine *FTT* has its surprises, and in this issue I was surprised to learn that Marc and Cath Ortlieb have three children [So were Cath and I]. (Judith Hanna & Joseph Nicholas, 15 Jansons Road, South Tottenham, London N1 5 4JU, UK, available for a Letter of Comment, fanzines in trade, contributions and/or UK£1.00),

A different publication to the above three is *Concatenation 8*. This difference is expressed on a number of levels. Where-as the above three are distributed to a known mailing list, *Concat* is mainly distributed somewhat more anonymously as a freebie at European conventions. Subsequently the zine's contents and tone has a more general coverage - articles on science fiction and fact. In this way the zine is probably more accessible to people new to fandom as compared to the above three tides. It is also produced with the aid of paid advertising, with almost 20% of its space being ads. This factor influences the editorial content, with the book review section being devoted to titles published by "recent *Concatenation* advertisers." Not all the books are praised, but giving space to panning an advertiser's book means that books published by (non-advertiser) competitors don't get mentioned. In a note which went out with the mailed copies, the editors express concern about the cost of their postage bill and ask for some response to avoid being trimmed from the mailing list. Nothing wrong with that. They ask for something "more substantial (than) four-line post cards or fanzines in exchange". I agree with them about the postcards, but I'm not sure about rejecting fanzines in trade. It's been some years since I published a fanzine on an on-going basis, but I'd be hard pressed to call the activities involved in publishing and posting a fanzine as being Not Substantial. (Jonathon Cowie, 44 Brook St, Erith, Kent, DA8 1JQ, UK, available for Letter of Comment.)

## Deadline For #35

Tuesday June 20th. Distribution Friday June 23rd.



## ARCon

The Aussiecon Reunion Convention

September 22-24th 1995

Savoy Plaza Hotel Melbourne

GsoH Robin Johnson & David Grigg

No, you don't have to have been at either Aussiecon to attend. Turn up for an old style friendly Melbourne Science Fiction Convention.

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Under 12 Free  
Supporting \$20

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