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<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/bullsheet.htm>

Bullsheet Media Watch

Greg Egan got an extensive mention in the *Australian Rolling Stone's* October "Hot Issue". The article, by Stuart Clarke mentions all the novels, including "An Unusual Angle". Derek Screen & Sharon Tapner found themselves as page four girls in the Herald Sun 18/9/96. They were extolling the virtues of private health cover. LynC would probably rather not have been in the papers. She was assaulted in broad daylight in Flinders Street resulting in severe bruising, broken teeth and a cracked jaw. The police did get the bloke who assaulted her.

In Print

Jane Routley has sold two more *Mageheart* novels to AvoNova. Lucy Sussex notes that she has "sold *Black Ice*, a horror novel, to Hodder Headline, and *The Penguin Friend*, about Eudyptula minor (fairly penguin to you) to Omnibus." Damien Broderick reports "I've signed with Reed Books Australia to write a popular science book on the Vinge Singularity, transhumanism and the like, called *The Spike*. It will be pushed by Reed at the forthcoming Frankfurt Book Fair. And just finished proofing *The White Abacus*, due from Avon in NY next March." The October *Rolling Stone* reviews Linda Jaivin's *Rock 'N' Roll Babes From Outer Space*.

People

Shayne McCormack is back in the book business, being a partner in and manager for Phantasia in Penrith High Street.

Sport Dangerous to Health

American Fan Artist David Thayer (Teddy Harvia), who is obviously going for the sympathy vote in the 1999 DUFF race, reports "I broke my nose last Thursday helping to coach my daughter Matilda's softball team when a ball deflected by a bat hit me. A trip to the emergency room and three hours later the flow of blood finally stopped. No serious long-term effects but right now wearing glasses is uncomfortable and the pain pills inhibit my ability to both drive and draw. The strangest part was, after numerous times in the emergency for the kids, sitting there with Matilda holding my hand to reassure me saying, "You'll be all right, Dad."

Art Show

Glen Matthews of More Than Human Books is planning an art show in Melbourne in December. He is interested in

work with a F&SF theme in any medium from both amateur and professional artists. While envisaging that most items will be for sale, he is also interested in works for display only. Contact him at PO Box 187 Camberwell 3124 ph 95632243

Up coming Conventions

Starfest 96 November 9 Sydney Hilton Hotel
November 10 Brisbane Carlton Crest Hotel
November 16 Melbourne World Congress Center
November 17 Adelaide Adelaide Convention Center. GsoH George Takei, Marc Alaimo and Dave McDonnell- Editor Starlog Magazine \$38.00 or \$42.00 at the door. Children (6-12) \$19.00 11:00am till 6:00pm (Adelaide Noon to 7pm) Call 1800-655-594

Swancon 22 January 24-27 1997 Tradewinds Hotel Fremantle (to be confirmed) GsoH Howard Waldrop, Stephen Dedman & David Cate P.O. Box 318 Nedlands WA 6009

Medtrek V January 25-27 1997 UWS Hawkesbury Richmond NSW GsoH Marilyn Pride & Lewis Morley \$50 until June 30. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776 <http://www.ar.com.au/~medtrek>

BasiCon 2 September 27-28 1997 Media & Mainstream NatCon YWCA Cato Conference Centre Melbourne \$20 attending membership (\$100 at the door). P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130

Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention March 28 to 31 1997. Airport Hotel Wellington N.Z. GsoH: Pat Cadigan (confirmed) Danny John-Jules & Robert Lewellyn (O.C.P). Dan McCarthy. Australian address PO Box 1044, Bundoora, Victoria 3083. Full NZ\$60 / AUS\$4. Supp NZ\$15 / AUS\$14. PO Box 10104, Wellington, New Zealand. Email: concom@sans.vuw.ac.nz

Force 2 (Star Wars) June 7-9 1997 Edmund Barton Conference Centre 488 South Rd Moorabbin Vic P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070

Aussiecon Three 1999 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

<http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/staff/eric/ain99>

email julian@aussiecon3.worldcon.org

GoH = Guest of Honour

O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting

tb= to be announced.

Other Events

I.N.S.W.

Futurian Society of Sydney October 18 Animals in SF 7.00pm Room 1615 University of Technology
November 15 57th Anniversary Meeting 6.30 pm, Glasgow Arms Hotel 527 Harris St Ultimo
<http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html>
 Southern Science Fiction Group October 19 Lunch Meeting Mortdale Pub Bistro 12.30 - 3.00 Invented languages in books Contact 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595.

Skyforce Sydney December 7 The Faculty of Nursing, 88 Mallet Street Camperdown.

Australian SF Association GPO Box 4440 Sydney 2000
 Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club PO Box 161 Adamstown NSW 2289. Fanzines The Babble-on Babylon 5 and Gold Channel e-mail shadow@scorch.hna.com.au

Dr Who Fan Club of Australia PO Box 4 Epping NSW 2121 email: neelix@eagle.asstdc.com.au \$9 per year
 Friends of Science Fiction Star Trek, The X-Files, Babylon 5, Doctor Who P O Box 797 Fairfield NSW 2165 Email fsf@nlc.net.au Fanzine Friends of Science Fiction Newsletter
 Lost in Space Australia P.O. Box N9 Petersham North NSW 2049

NSW Uni SF Club newzine Sub Space Relay (02) 481-9419
 Newcastle Science-Fiction Club First Sunday of every month, Alice Ferguson Community Hall 30 Caldwell St, Merewether. Call Craig 049 871413 for more details.

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) 543 603 (049) 43 2666 e-mail shadow@scorch.hna.com.au

Parramatta SF Discussion Group 1st Thursday of the month 7pm Infinitas Bookshop, 5/1 Horwood Place, Parramatta. (02 633 5682) ianm@mpx.com.au

Penrith SF Group (047) 322-179 or (047) 301-073

Sydney DW SF Fan Club Anglican Church Hall 2 Rochford St Erskineville GPO Box 2870 Sydney 2001 neelix@eagle.asstdc.com.au

Tavern Monthly booze-up for Doctor Who fans in Sydney. First Friday of month, 6 pm. Museum Hotel.

The Thursday Night Group Informal eating and nattering.

5-7pm Thursday Nights. Ali Baba Café on George St. Victoria

MSFC October 11 No meeting. October 18 AGM. October 25 Computer Games 8.00pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

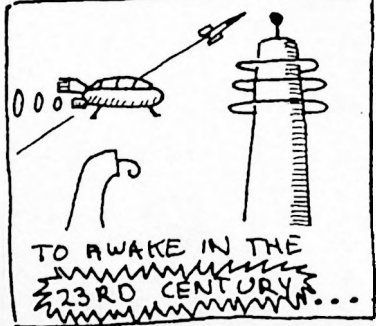
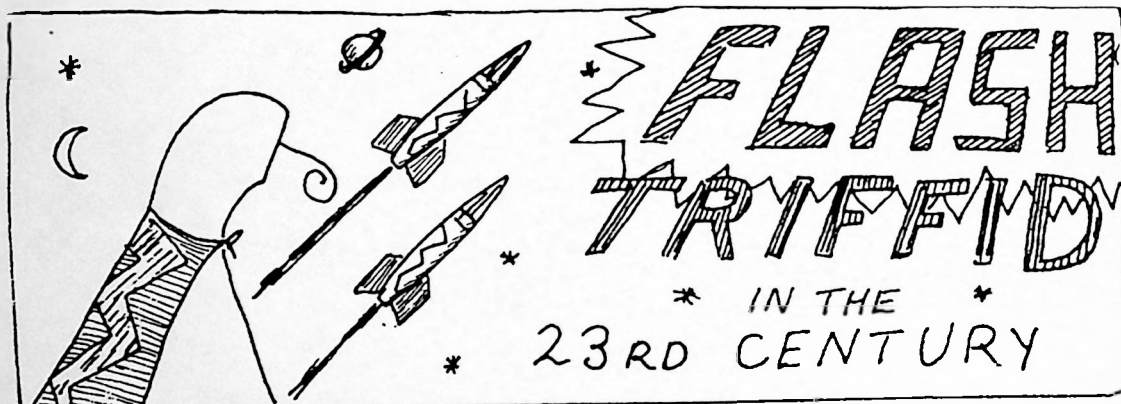
Skyforce (Star Wars) October 12 St Mark's Church Hall, cnr Burke Rd & Canterbury Rd Camberwell. 1.00 to 5.00pm P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070

Lucy Sussex October 17 Melbourne Writers' Festival panel "Modern Gothic" October 19 *The Scarlet Rider*, book launch Phryne Fisher Club October 19 Chocolate tour of Melbourne \$20 a head. P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055
 Gallifrey October 19 1.00pm Gallifrey's Big Surprise Horticultural Society Hall 31 Victoria St Melbourne GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001 Daniel Klein 0419 379 842, AH:(03) 9850 7275

Enterprise October 26 1.00pm ST Wheel of Fortune Costuming workshop & Xmas Party Workshop The Horticultural Society Hall 31 Victoria St P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404
 Nova Mob 6 November Iain Banks discussion led by: SF Books - Race Mathews Non-SF Books - Bruce Gillespie 13 Frederick St Brunswick.

Austrek November 9 Starship Derby Day. Venue tba. GPO Box 5206AA, Melbourne, 3001 Phone: 03 9887 1701 (Answering machine only)

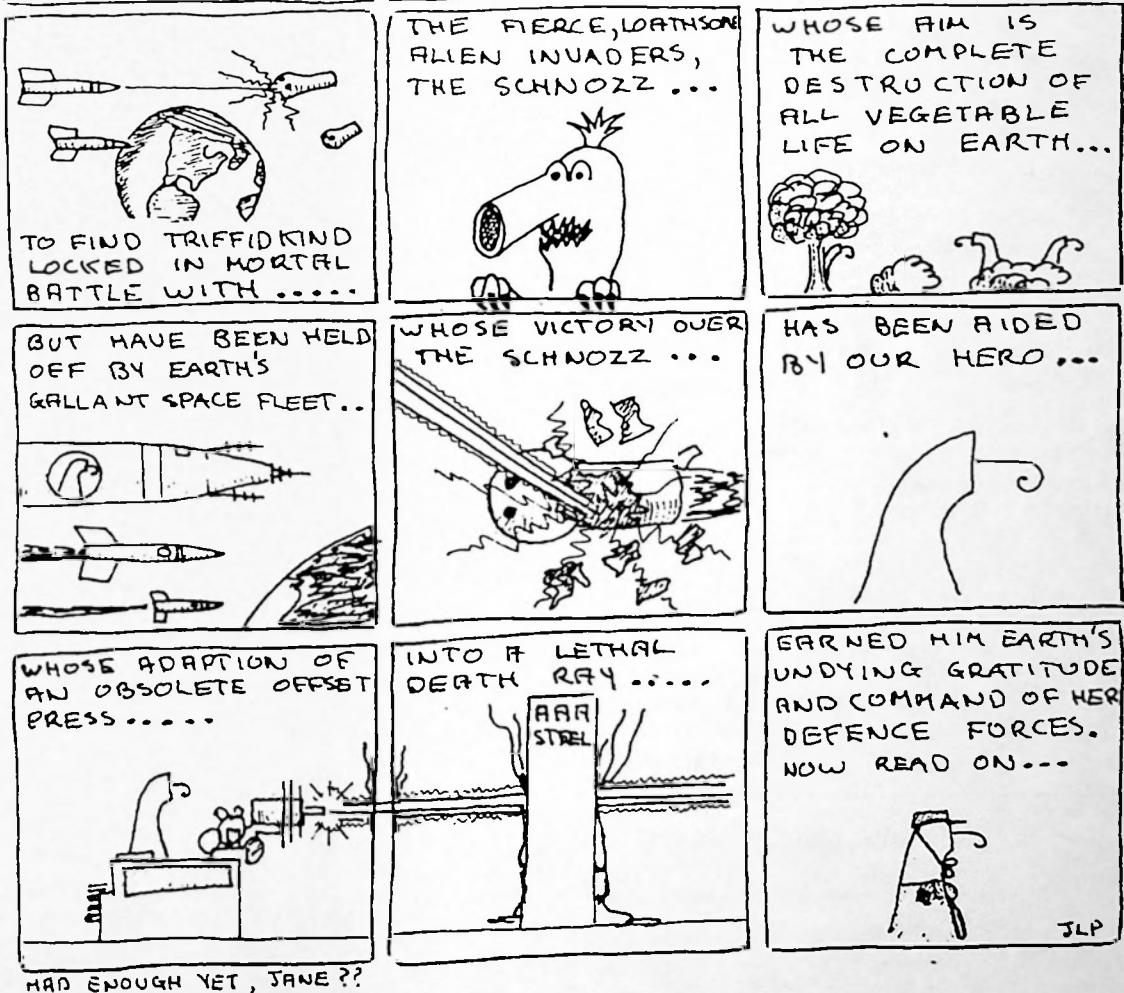
Dandenong Valley Science Fiction Society November 13 Do films always spoil a good book? 8.00pm Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 05971-3645.



London Lowlife's Feast (1997 Valentine's Day Ball)
 February 15 St Brigid's Church Hall, North Fitzroy.
 Presented by the Australian Costumers Guild P.O. Box 322
 Bentleigh Vic 3204 email stilskin@netspace.net.au
 Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club P.O. Box 41 West
 Brunswick 3055 Fanzine *Babbling On*
 Australian Costumers Guild P.O. Box 322 Bentleigh Vic
 3204 email stilskin@netspace.net.au
 Australian Horror Society 1st Thursday of the month,
 7.30 pm back room Maori Chieftan Hotel, Moray St Sth
 Melbourne. P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melb. 3004.
 Big SF (Star Trek/ general SF) Ballarat P.O. Box 178
 Wendouree 3355
 Doctor Who Club of Victoria
 GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne 3001 email:
 borad@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au
 Fellowship of Middle Earth Monash University F & SF
 Society FOME c/o The Union, Monash University, Clayton
 Victoria 3168 fome@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au or
 eleni@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au
 http://yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au/~fome/

Friday Night Mob Friday Nights 6-7.30pm. Informal
 eating and nattering. K&Ms, Myer Arcade Melbourne
 Goulburn Valley Sci-Fi Club bi monthly 4th Sunday of
 the month. Willowmere Receptions Kyabram. P.O. Box 186
 Kyabram 3620
 The Quantum Leap Fan Club Newsletter The Leaper
 PO Box 315, Northcote VIC 3070
 Red Dwarf Fan Club P.O. Box 1044 Bundoora 3083
 Time Trekkers P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550.
 The X-Files Fan Club of Australia P.O. Box 402, Niddrie
 3042, Fanzine *The Field Journal*.

Quest G.P.O. Box 2084 Brisbane 4001
 11:21 (Old X-Files Club) Contact Flat 2, 10 Roseglen St
 Greenslopes 4120
 Brisbane Dr Who Fan Club bimonthly. 3rd Sunday of the
 month CWL Coffee Lounge, off Charlotte Street, Brisbane.
 PO Box 10308, Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000. email
 dhutchis@in.gov.au
 Conquest GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001
 UQTrek The University of Queensland's first and only



club for the Appreciation of Star Trek contact Perryn Fowler cs324423@student.uq.edu.au

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Critical Mass November 6 Writers Centre Adelaide PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000
dwarman@maths.adelaide.edu.au
AUSFA, c/- Clubs Association, University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5001.
Sastrek Star Trek™ P.O. Box 369 North Adelaide S.A. 5006 (08 337 8759).

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The Neutral Zone PO Box 1169, Bibra Lake, WA, 6163. Phone (09) 434 4167, email: nzone@iinet.net.au Fanzine The Final Frontier Newsletter The Defector
UnISFA - University of Western Australia Science Fiction Association. e-mail do@tartarus.uwa.edu.au
The West Lodge Doctor Who Fan Club First Saturday of the month at the Collins Street Centre, South Perth. P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley 6050 E-Mail: null@ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au http://www.ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au/~null/WestLodge/WestLodge.html
Westrek Star Trek Club of Western Australia Inc. Last Friday of month 6:45pm. (except December second Friday) Labour Centre Building, 82 Beaufort Street Perth. Hall. P.O. Box 307 Bentley WA 6102 Phone: (09) 356 1757 Email: evans@pf.adied.oz.au

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Canberra S FS ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

Mimuzine Flashback #8 Terry Frost 1/11 Halpin St, West Brunswick 3055 *Sydney Futurian* #22 Ron Clarke P.O. Box K490 Hawmarket NSW 2000 *Black Light* 20 Damian Christie & Sean-Paul Smith for Gallifrey GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001 *Reviewzine* #44 Susan Smith Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776 s.clarke@nepean.uws.edu.au
http://www.ar.com.au/~medtrek *Emerald City* #13 Cheryl Morgan 100610.3413@compuserve.com *Thyme* #111 Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre 3005 includes *Australian SF News* #71 Merv Binns & Alan Stewart and *Artichoke* #17 Ian Gunn, plus Dave Langford's *Ansible* 109 & 110. *The Captain's Log* Rose Mitchell for Austrek GPO Box 5206AA, Melbourne 3001

Web Pages

For a full listing, http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfz/zines.htm

Deadlines

1997 DUFF nominations 1 December 1996
ANZAPA #173 6 December 1996
Paul John Statham Memorial 31 January 1997

Sources

Alan Stewart, *Sydney Futurian*, *Black Light*, *Daniel Klein*, *Lucy Sussex*, *The Captain's Log*

Deadline For #64
Tuesday October 22nd.
Distribution Friday October 25th.

The Paul John Statham Memorial Fantasy & Science Fiction Competition 1997

\$2,000 First Prize
Closing January 31, 1997

Paul Statham was a highly respected member of the Out of the Ashes writing group. Although Paul had published numerous articles in computer magazines, his great love was for Fantasy and Science Fiction. When he died in November 1994 after a long illness, he left behind him many fine short stories and a partly finished novel of great promise. His family in New Zealand have sponsored this competition to honour his memory and to encourage new writers in the genres.

The competition is for a Fantasy or Science Fiction story between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length. The first prize will be \$A2,000 with two runners-up prizes of \$A200 each.

You may submit more than one entry; however, each entry must be accompanied by a fee of \$10.00 (SAUS or SNZ), cheques or money orders payable to Out of the Ashes, or the equivalent in IRC coupons from your Post Office. Mastercard, VISA and Bankcard are acceptable if the name and signature of the cardholder and the expiry date of the card accompany the card number.

Entries (no form required) must be in English, clearly and cleanly typed or printed in double spacing on one side only of A4 paper. All entries must be accompanied by an unattached front sheet stating the entrant's name, address, pseudonym, story title and word count. The entrant's name must not appear on the manuscript. The manuscript must have each page sequentially numbered, showing both the title and the author's pseudonym. Manuscripts will be destroyed, not returned.

The competition is restricted to citizens or permanent residents of Australia and New Zealand. The winners may be required to provide proof of status. Each story must be the original and unpublished work of the entrant and may not previously have won a prize worth more than \$500 nor have been a winner or runner-up in the prior year of this competition.

Competition judges will be Dr Van Ikin of Perth, West Australia, and others to be appointed. The organising committee retains the right to substitute alternative judges should the need arise. The judges decision is final and no correspondence or conversations will be entered into.

Entries must arrive at the address below no later than 31st January, 1996. Winners will be notified by mail in April 1996. The names of the winner and runners-up will be published in the next issue of the Out of the Ashes newsletter.

The organising committee reserves the right to publish the winning and runners-up entries in full or abbreviated form in Out of the Ashes before the end of 1997.

The Paul John Statham Memorial Competition
PO Box 990 ARTARMON NSW 2064 Australia

Any enquiries should be addressed to James Huntley, Editor, Out of the Ashes, as above, or Ph&Fx +61 2 9411 4226 (AHI Ph +61 2 9411 7741) email zac@sydney.dialbx.oz.au

Out of the Ashes

Newsletter and Mail Order for Writers By Writers, For Writers, Since 1987

Hubbard's Mob

The Writers of the Future Contest has announced its 1997 Contest Quarters
Oct 1—Dec 31 1996; Jan 1—Mar 31 1997; Apr 1—Jun 30 1997; Jul 1—Sept 30 1997.
Contact L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future Contest Level 3, 68-72 Wentworth Ave, Surry Hills NSW 2010 for entry forms etc.

Progress Report #0 - Aussiecon Three

Thursday 2 September thru Monday 6 September 1999.

<http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/staff/eric/ain99>

Aussiecon Three, GPO Box 1212K, Melbourne, 3001, Australia
PO Box 266, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-0266, USA

Guests of Honour

Gregory Benford

Physicist, formerly co-editor of the fanzine *Void*, and an SF writer since 1965. Author of the Nebula-winning *Timescape* and the *Galactic Center* novels. Gregory Benford's fiction explores the human side of hard science, and extrapolates humanity moving into a realistic far future. He is a frequent and eloquent attendee at many conventions.

George Turner

Award winning mainstream novelist, George became Australia's sternest SF critic in the '70s. His SF novels, starting with the 1978 *Beloved Son*, explore the moral dimensions of human life in the near future. More recently *Brain Child* included aspects of the thriller, while continuing his careful extrapolation of SF ideas. This changed approach brought his critically acclaimed novels to the attention of the US market. George is a panelist at many Australian conventions.

Bruce Gillespie

Publisher of the serious critical Ditmar-winning and Hugo-nominated fanzine *SF Commentary* since 1969, and of *The Metaphysical Review* since 1984. Bruce has enhanced the discussion of literary SF via his fanzines for nearly three decades, and is a frequent convention attendee.

The Convention Site

Located by the banks of the Yarra River, just 1.5 kilometres SW of the centre of Melbourne, the three function floors of the World Congress Centre include two theatres, plus program rooms and a ballroom. While the 6,900 square metres (64,000 square feet) of room space does not rival that of L.A.con III, the 6000-person capacity of the centre exceeds our more limited needs. The Centra on the Yarra hotel is attached to the site, while several other hotels are a block away. Diagrams are on our web site.

Membership Price Policy

1. The closer to the convention, the greater the cost.
2. Voting presupporters get the best deal.
3. Voters get a good deal in 1996.

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| L.A.con III voters | US\$ | A\$ |
| Conversion | \$65 | \$80 |
| For Pre-supporter | \$55 | \$70 |
| For "Friend of" | free | free |
| Non-voters | US\$ | A\$ |
| Attending | \$140 | \$175 |
| For Pre-supporter | \$135 | \$170 |
| For "Friend of" | \$90 | \$115 |
| Supporting | \$35 | \$45 |
| Child in tow | \$35 | \$45 |
| Infants | free | free |

Rates in this flyer are in US\$ and A\$.
Child in tow (born after Sept-87)

Progress Reports

Progress Report #1, Mid 1997
Progress Report #2, Mid 1998
Progress Report #3, January 1999.
Progress Report #4, late April 1999.
Progress Report #5, "catch up" issue, July 1999.
We will report to the 1997 and 1998 Worldcon Business Meetings (as allowed by the WSFS Constitution). Publication updates and other material appear on our Web site, and can be emailed to members.

Deadline for advertising space reservations for PR#1 is 1 February 1997, deadline for material is 1 March 1997. All ads should be camera ready. Contact us for details and advertising rates.

Executive Board

Stephen Boucher, Donna Heenan, Eric Lindsay, Perry Middlemiss, Dick Smith, Leah Smith, Alan Stewart.

Committee and helpers

See our web site, and next PR for a full list. Our thanks to all of you, whether on the committee or not.

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Aussiecon Three

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2 - 6 September 1999

World Congress Centre, Melbourne

Theme

Inventing The Future