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Vale George Turner 1916 - 1997

George Turner, writer, critic and one of the strongest voices in Australian fiction died on Sunday June 8, aged 80. He had a massive stroke on Thursday and did not regain consciousness. George made a huge contribution to the development and improvement of Australian science fiction. His dry wit and incisive comment made him an invaluable contributor to any discussion of science and fiction. He promised to dance on the tables with Bruce Gillespie at Aussiecon Three; I'm sorry I won't see that.

Bullsheet Media Watch

The head of the Melbourne Convention and Marketing Centre was interviewed on 3LO on Friday May 30th and made extensive mention of Aussiecon Three and Star Walking. Jenny Pausacker reviewed Kerry Greenwood's *Cave Rats* in *The Age* 31/5/97. Lucy Sussex reviews Nina Bowden's *A Nice Change* in *The Saturday Age* 7/6/97. Robert Jan got a third of a page coverage in *The Age Metro* 9/6/97. The article, headed *Monster Maché*, dealt with his costuming, mentioning Austrek, The Australian Costumers' Guild and the SCA.

Force 2 got a fair amount of media coverage. *The Herald/Sun* 2/6/97 featured a photo of Kenny Baker with R2D2 and gave the convention a plug. *The Sunday Age* 8/6/96 reports that Lucasfilm's Stephen Sansweet announced cast details of the new Star Wars movie at Force 2. The young Obi Wan will be played by Ewan McGregor while Jake Lloyd plays the young Darth Vader (One assumes this means Anakin Skywalker).

Disk World Down Under

Courtesy of the Australian Science Fiction Foundation comes the following information:—

"Transworld Publishers are pleased to announce that Terry Pratchett will be touring Australia in July 1997. Dates are:

Brisbane: Monday July 7th. and Tuesday July 8th.
Sydney: Wednesday July 9th. and Thursday July 10th.
Canberra: Friday July 11th.
Melbourne: Saturday July 12th.
Launceston and Hobart: Monday July 14th.
Adelaide: Tuesday July 15th.
Perth: Wednesday July 16th.

Transworld are also offering a consumer promotion to coincide with Pratchett's tour. Prizes include: 2 economy off peak air fares to London; 6 nights bed and breakfast accommodation; 2 tickets to Phantom of the Opera

To enter, you simply have to purchase a copy of Terry's new book *Feet of Clay* released in June and send in the specially attached sticker as well as proof of purchase of both *Feet of Clay* and another Pratchett paperback to Phantom of the Opera Promotion Transworld Publications, Private Bag 12, Neutral Bay N.S.W.

The promotion runs until July 31st. with the winner to be drawn on 4th August and announced in *The Australian*, Monday 11th. August."

In Print

Lucy Sussex notes "*The Scarlet Rider* was short-listed for best first novel in the Kelly awards (for crime writing) Didn't win, but wothehell." Bob Riel mentions a new Australian SF/F magazine, *Under Magellanic Clouds*, edited by Marijke Fitzgerald, 1640 Mongogarie Rd, Upper Mongogarie NSW 2470 (066) 64-1272. It is looking for original stories 1,500 to 4000 words Or shorts 500 to 1,500, no horror. Prefers softer, more social SF. Rejections within one month. Possible acceptances could take longer. Bob also mentions his hope that Australian writers will attack the SFWoE contest in droves. (See The BS 77 for further details.) Yvonne Rousseau sends news of the *Babel Handbooks* studies of fantasy and science fiction writers. Each includes a bibliography. The first six offerings, to be launched in July, are David Lake on *H.G. Wells: The Time Machine*; Norman Talbot on *William Morris: The Gothic Age Romances*; Yvonne Rousseau on *Cherry Wilder: the Torin and Rhomary SF*; Rosaleen Love on *Michael Frayn*; Sylvia Kelso on *Sherri S. Tepper* and David Connell on *Michael Moorcock*. Each title retails for \$10. Contact series editor Norman Talbot, Nimrod Publications, P.O. box 170, New Lambton, NSW 2305 for more details.

Fan Stuff

Susan Smith-Clarke reports, regarding her engagement "My brother Chris was married on the 20th May and my eldest daughter Evelyn (who was nearly born at the first convention I chaired - Syncon 75) was married this year on January 18. It's been quite a year for us all.

And then Kerrie Dougherty suggested we could make it three this year by getting married at the Star Trek exhibit - tempting, but although my family would be in it (my Mum was the first one on the block with her own Trek Uniform - we embarrass the children no end at times!), I'm afraid the Bathos aren't quite that ... zany. Mind you, if it was on a steam train, they'd be in it! (or on it)

Some sad news: Shayne McCormack's father passed away. Shayne's parents always encouraged all of us around the place - when we were setting up the first Australian Trek club, putting out the first Australian Trek

zine, etc... Her mother is presently in a nursing home after a major stroke."

Condolences also to John Bangsund, whose mother Ivy died in May.

Aussiecon Three

Regarding the death of George Turner, Perry Middlemiss, the Aussiecon Three Chair, notes " At the time the Aussiecon committee (or the Ain99 committee as it was then) asked George if he would be our guest of honor he suggested that we should choose someone younger. We disagreed and told him that our aim was to honor him. and his work. Again at his 80th birthday party last year (after a previous stroke had left him rather frail and easily tired) he again pointed out that he may not be able to make the convention. I told him that if that was to occur it wouldn't change our minds and that we intended to honor him anyway. I tried to make light of it, but you could tell he was worried that he wouldn't be with us. It strikes me as a measure of the man that he should feel compelled to suggest such a course of action.

Although I haven't spoken directly to all members of the Executive as yet I feel safe in stating that although George will not be with us in 1999 in a physical sense, he will be there in spirit and that we intend to honor him as best we can. Our Guests of Honour for 1999 will be the same then as they are now - namely, Greg Benford, Bruce Gillespie and George Turner."

Up coming Conventions

Holodiction Perth June 15. Enquire about venue. Rene Ouberjonois. (Odo - DS-9) Phone 02 9311-3841

Best of Both Worlds'97 June 20-22 1997 Sydney Centrepoint Convention Centre. Confirmed GsoH Andrew J Robinson (Garak: DS9); Richard Arnold (Star Trek consultant); Julie Caitlin Brown (Na'Toth, Babylon 5); Jim Lockett (Director, Official B5 Warner Brothers Fan Club, US) 2-Day Ticket \$140, Banquet (limit 150) \$50, Cocktail Party (limit 150) \$35. Friends of Science Fiction. P.O Box 797 Fairfield, NSW, 2165 (02) 9523 8385 fsf@nlc.net.au

<http://www.nlc.net.au/~fsf/bobw/>

Holodiction Adelaide June 22. Enquire about venue. Robert Picardo (Doctor) and Rene Ouberjonois. (Odo) Phone 02 9311-3841

Holodiction "Mini Convention" June 29 Rene Ouberjonois and Robert Picardo in Sydney. Phone 02 9311-3841
Event Horizon I I July 18-20 1997 Mercure Hotel, Brisbane GoH Michael O'Hare (Commander Sinclair, Babylon 5) full membership \$105 until May 31 supporting \$30 776 Cavendish Rd Holland Park 4121 Qld

<http://www.dcc.net.au/eh2>

Email E.Parry@hum.gu.edu.au
LoneStarCon2 55th World Science Fiction Convention August 28-September 1 1997 Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center San Antonio, Texas GsoH Algis Budrys, Michael Moorcock, Don Maitz and Roy Tackett

Attending \$135 Supporting \$25, Children, 3-12 \$40(Rates apply until July 31, 1997) LoneStarCon2, PO Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755-2277 E-mail: lsc2@io.com URL:

<http://www.io.com/~lsc2>

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.

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

Conquest 97 The Tonight Show October 10 - 12 1997 Mecure Hotel, North Quay, Qld GoH Richard Arnold GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001 (07) 3266-3103

Timestorm November 21-23 1997 Australia's 14th National Doctor Who Convention Guest of Honor (subject to work commitments): Sophie Aldred (Ace) Edmund Barton Convention Centre, South Road, Moorabbin. \$85 until 18 July, \$95 until 19 September, \$110 until 18 November, \$130 at door GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne Vic 3001

<http://www.ipax.com.au/~dave/timestorm.html>

dave@ipax.com.au kergulen@onaustralia.com.au
Multiverse 3 February 13-15 1998 Edmund Barton Centre 488 South Road Moorabbin Victoria GoH Rob Grant P.O. Box 355 World Trade Centre Melbourne, Victoria 3005

Australia <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~multiver>
Construction (New Zealand NatCon) Queen's Birthday Long Weekend 1998 West Plaza Hotel Wellington GoH Neil Gaiman P.O. Box 11559 Manners St Wellington New Zealand

CSO (Dr Who NatCon) April 17-19 1998 Brisbane Travelodge Roma Street Station GsoH Caroline John & Geoffrey Beevers ph Trevor Gensch (07) 5499 0265
Swancon Twenty Three 24th-27th April. 1998 (Anzac Day long weekend) Orchard Hotel, 707 Wellington St, Perth. GoH: Lois McMaster Bujold Guests: Tess Williams, Grant Stone.

Dead GoH: Jules Verne Fan Guest: Gina Goddard. Membership \$60.00 until 31st August GPO Box 429 Perth WA 6841

<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/swancon>

E-mail: swancon23@ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au
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

tba= to be announced.

Other Events

ACT.

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

ISSW.

Southern Science Fiction Group June 21 12.30 Mortdale Hotel Bistro Contact 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595.

Lost in Space Australia June 22 "Garrison Room"
Bankstown Sports Club 10:00am to 5:00pm P.O. Box N9
Petersham North NSW 2049
Sydney Skyforce August 30 1-5pm Sydney University
Contact Hector - 0411 363 5021 PO Box 804 Kensington
NSW 2033 Email hbofaz@mail.usyd.edu.au
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
Futurian Society of Sydney Room 1615 University of
Technology Broadway
http://tanelorn.socs.uts.edu.au/~iwoolf/writings.html
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 http://www.nlc.net.au/~fsf/ Fanzine
Friends of Science Fiction Newsletter
NSW Uni SF Club zine 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
Skyforce Sydney The Faculty of Nursing, 88 Mallet Street
Camperdown
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. Murphy's Bar.

Qld

New Alliance June 15 P.O. Box 7446 East Brisbane Qld
4169
Brisbane Dr Who Fan Club June 15 Queensland Rail
Institute Center, Brisbane Central Station PO Box 10308,
Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000. email
timelord@closer.brisnet.org.au
Hyperion July 12 5.30 pm - 10 pm Metro Arts 109 Edward
St Brisbane (07) 3341 0307
Queensland Star Trekkers (Quest) July 13 12.00 to 4.00
pm Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane GPO Box 2084
Brisbane 4001
Highlander July 20 10 am to 4.00 pm Metro Arts 109
Edward St Brisbane Newsletter *The Buzz*
Vortex July 23 QUT (ITE Building Room 303) G.P.O. Box
2084 Brisbane 4001
Conquest August 3 Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane
GPO Box 13676 Brisbane Qld 4001

Brisbane Skyforce September 13 10am - 6pm University of
Queensland Contact Nick - (07) 3369 9744, PO Box 5732
West Hill QLD 4101 Email water@thehub.com.au
FSFSA C/O Leela Cosgrove 3 Sollis St. Geebung Brisbane
Q 4034
The Space Ranger Fan Club Dinners at least once a month
104 Muir Street, Labrador 4215 (07)55322812
Terminal Pyramids The Wide Bay DW and B7 Fan Club
51 Rocky St Maryborough QLD 4650 (071) 215 180 (Daniel
Pattell)
Trilogy (Dr Who) PO Box 2459, Southport, QLD, 4215
David Mark Sasche sdavid@gc.design.net.au. Fanzine
Entropy Will meet monthly on the Gold Coast.
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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AUSFA, c/- Clubs Association, University of Adelaide,
North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5001.
Critical Mass PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA
5000 dwarman@maths.adelaide.edu.au
Sastrek Star Trek™ P.O. Box 369 North Adelaide S.A. 5006
(08 337 8759). carl@adam.com.au
South Australian Doctor Who Fan Club PO Box 3227,
Adelaide, SA, 5000 (08) 294 8337 (Jeremia Boddey,
president) Monthly meetings. Fanzine *Chameleon Factor* ;
newsletter *Wall of Lies*, annual fanzine *Jethryk*

Victoria

MSFC June 13th ?, June 20 MSFC Big Night Next Gen vs
Voyager and Babylon 5 Quiz, June 27 Role Playing and
other Games plus Authors I Hate. June 28 Mid-Winter
Barbecue. Details tba. 8.00pm St David's Church Hall 74
Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade
Centre Melbourne 3005
Jane Routley Book Signing June 13 6.30 pm Slow Glass
Books, 305 Swanston St Melbourne
Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club June 14 Ballarat Meeting at
Glen & Carol Tilley's house 16 Lindsay's Rd Ballarat P.O.
Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 Fanzine *Babbling On* Email
James Allen@vut.edu.au or bfive@VNET.ibm.com
Doctor Who Club of Victoria June 14 12:30-18:30 AGM
Melbourne University, 2nd Floor Union House. Melbourne
University GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne 3001 email:
borad@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au
The X-Files Fan Club of Australia June 21 6.00pm to
Midnight Awards Night Albert by the Lake Function
Centre. Locked Bag 1013, Flemington, 3031. Fanzine *The
Field Journal*.
Enterprise June 28 Starfleet Olympics Horticultural Society
Hall 31 Victoria St Melbourne Vic P.O. Box 466 World
Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404
enterprise@minerals.csiro.au
Australian Costumers Guild June 28 Pre-Costumers' Ball
Panic & Costume Slumber Party Telephone (03)9557 7088
P.O. Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 email
stilskin@netspace.net.au
http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/
Nova Mob July 2 13 Frederick St Brunswick.

Dandenong Science Fiction Society July 9 Eroticism in SF/Fantasy What Turns us on? Ann McGann P.O. Box 706 Frankston Vic 3199 015 510 159 luddite@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au

The Second Annual Costumers' Ball July 26th Streeton Room, The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd Ivanhoe. P.O. Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 email stilskin@netspace.net.au

Skyforce (Star Wars) August 9 Copeland Theatre Economics & Commerce Building Uni of Melbourne 1.00 to 5.00 pm P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070 Email Address: darren.maxwell@tmca.com.au

www.xavier.vic.edu.au/starwalking

Austrek August 9 Art Show St Mark's Church Hall, cnr Burke and Canterbury Rds, Camberwell. 2-5pm. Traders, displays, games and activities, refreshments available.

Further information: Rose Mitchell mitchell@vicnet.net.au or Steve Hartshorne 9749 1851 (AH) Traders welcome. To book tables contact Rod Tyrrell 9899 4536 GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001

Fourth Annual Fantasy and Science Fiction Masquerade Ball August 9 7:00pm - 12:00pm Glenferrie Masonic Hall 3 Launder Street Hawthorn Contact Fellowship of Middle Earth c/o the Union Monash University Clayton Victoria 3168 Phone: (03) 95455203

Australian Horror Writers P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melb. 3004.

Big SF (Star Trek/ general SF) Ballarat P.O. Box 178 Wendouree 3355

The Daemoniacs Club P.O. Box 1528 Collingwood Vic 3066

Fellowship of Middle Earth Monash University 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 Gallifrey GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001 Daniel Klein 0419 379 842, AH:(03) 9850 7275

Goulburn Valley Sci-Fi Club bi monthly 4th Sunday of the month. Willowmere Receptions Kyabram. P.O. Box 186 Kyabram 3620

Phyre Fisher Club P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 Red Dwarf Fan Club P.O. Box 1044 Bundoora 3083

Time Trekkers 46 Sternberg St Bendigo P.O. Box 334 Bendigo 3550.

W.A.

Swancon 23 Quiz Day June 29 12.30pm Hyde Park Hotel Perth

The Neutral Zone PO Box 1169, Bibra Lake, WA, 6965.. Phone (09) 434 4167, email: nzone@iinet.net.au Fanzine The Final Frontier

Jump Point Murdoch University Economics, Commerce & Law Building - Lecture Theatre 1 The Babylon 5 club of W.A. Email info@jumppoint.net.au http://www.jumppoint.net.au/

UniSFA - University of W. A. Science Fiction Association. Rebecca Kirkman gidget@tartarus.uwa.edu.au. Box 59 c/o

Guild of Undergraduates, University of Western Australia Nedlands 6907.

The West Lodge Doctor Who Fan Club. 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

Fanzines Received

Kalien #25 James Allen P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055
Thyme 115 Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre Melbourne Vic 3005 Includes *Australian Science Fiction News 75* (Alan Stewart & Merv Binns) and *Artichoke 20* (Ian Gunn)

Web Pages

For a full listing,

http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/zines.htm

New Listings

Australian Costumers' Guild

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

Blackwood Sf&F Writers' Group (S.Aust)

http://www.ozemail.com.au/~nanite/

Edward McArdle.

http://www.ozemail.com.au/~mcardle/malvern.html

Star Walking Inc. (The Star Wars Appreciation Society of Australia)

www.xavier.vic.edu.au/starwalking

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Fannish E-Mail Directory

http://www.spiritone.com/~jlorenz/email

Deadlines

Austrek Art Show	July 1 1997
ANZAPA 177	August 8 1997
Ditmars	September 19 1997
ASFMAS (postal)	September 26 1997
ASFMAS (on site)	4pm September 27 1997
SFWoE SF/F Story Contest	30 October
Altair Competition	November 1 1997

Sources

Alan Stewart, Warpspeed, Susan Smith Clarke, Katharine Maxwell, Lucy Sussex, Edward McArdle, Bob Riel, The ASFF,

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Tuesday June 24 th.

Distribution Friday June 27th.

(After that, there will be a three week break for the school holidays)