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A Likely Story

Frederick Street Brunswick, known haunt of Lucy Sussex, Julian Warner and the Nova Mob, gained its fifteen minutes of mundane fame with the discovery of two skulls buried in the garden of a house two down from Lucy & Julian's.

Lucy Sussex notes "At this moment police are digging up the backyard of next door but one, because two skulls were found when the tenant wanted to plant some trees. We have the full media circus here, and I'm supposed to give a talk on crime writing tonight. It's very peculiar.... I was on the news (Ch7) on Sun 24th, chatting to a policeman. It gave me quite a shock at the time, because I opened the front door and there was the cop, and also a bright light, from a cameraman, who was filming us from outside the property. It was useful for the cop, because he thus got enough light to take notes with (not that I had much to say, having not lived there long). But I would happen to be wearing my gardening trousers at the time...."

Mark Loney was staying with us and got quite a surprise to drive back into the media circus - helicopters, news teams, journos phoning in copy from the front fence."

The skulls seem associated with Ananda Marga sect rituals, or at least that's what the police are telling us. Fortunately, they don't seem to know about the Nova Mob, several members of which are well known for skulling.

SFTV

Robert Whyte notes that the SF media review show *The 5th Dimension* which aired on the Briz-31 Community TV station in Brisbane from December '96 to February '97 is gearing up for a second season, which will be going to air from September 15th on Monday nights at 9pm and repeated the following Saturday at 7pm. The show covers all media aspects of Science Fiction and Fantasy, from comics, magazines and books to films, television series, fan clubs and computer and role playing games.

Bullsheet Media Watch

In the 1997 Australian Children's Book of the Year Award, Emily Rodda's *Rowan and the Keeper of the Crystal* placed third in the Younger Readers category. Sara Douglas' *Sinner* is number 9 on *The Age's* Bestseller List 23/8/97. Sara is interviewed by Dianne Dempsey in *The Sunday Age* 24/8/97.

Bryning Clocks Up A Decade

Merv Binns reports that Queensland Science Fiction writer Frank Bryning turned ninety (yes 90) on July 2nd.

Aussiecon Three

Still no sign of Progress Report One which was due in the middle of the year. Rumour has it that it was to be printed in time for LoneStarCon2, but it hasn't been seen in Australia yet.

Convention News

Swancon 23 has released its Progress report #3, including an updated membership list and assorted useful information.

Fan Goings On

Adelaide fan and triffid designer John Packer made a brief visit to Melbourne in August. Usually reliable sources suggest that two Melbourne fan couples are expecting the patter of little feet. (These two news items are unconnected...)

Up coming Conventions

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 \$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 Bevers ph Trevor Gensch (07) 5499 0265

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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, Dave Lockett.

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

BucCONeer 56-th World Science Fiction Convention. August 5 - 9 1998, Baltimore Convention Center and Inner Harbor hotels, Baltimore, Maryland, USA. GOHs: C.J. Cherryh, Milt Rothman, Stanley Schmidt, and Michael Whelan, Special Guest: J. Michael Straczynski,

Toastmaster: Charles Sheffield. Attending \$110 Supporting \$30 Children 4-12 \$55 (Rates apply until 30 September, 1997). BucCONeer, P.O. Box 314, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701 USA. E-mail:

bucconeer@bucconeer.worldcon.org

URL: <http://www.bucconeer.worldcon.org>.

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.

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

Lost in Space Australia P.O. Box N9 Petersham North NSW 2049

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

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.

The Other Thursday Night Group The Elysee Coffee Lounge (corner Pitt and Bathurst Streets) followed by dinner.

Other Events

A.C.T.

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

Next Gen http://bohmanu.edu.au/Clubs/Next_Gen/

N.S.W.

Sydney Skyforce August 30 1-5pm Sydney University Contact Hector - 0411 363 5021 PO Box 804 Kensington NSW 2033 Email hbocaz@mail.usyd.edu.au

Southern Science Fiction Group September 20 2pm Themes in SF by the decade - the 40s to the 90s Contact 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595.

Star Trek: the Exhibit September 26 1997 to February 3 1998 The Powerhouse Museum

Sydney DW SF Fan Club October 25 Anglican Church Hall 2 Rochford St Erskineville GPO Box 2870 Sydney 2001 neelix@eagle.asstdc.com.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

Qld

Conquest September 7 Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane GPO Box 13676 Brisbane Qld 4001

Hyperion September 13 5.30 pm - 10 pm Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane (07) 3341 0307

Brisbane Skyforce September 13 10am - 6pm University of Queensland Contact Nick - (07) 3369 9744, PO Box 5732

Queensland Star Trekkers (Quest) September 14 12.00 to 4.00 pm Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane GPO Box 2084 Brisbane 4001 West Hill QLD 4101 Email water@thehub.com.au

Highlander September 21 10 am to 4.00 pm Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane Newsletter *The Buzz*

Babylon 5 Screenings September 21 Queensland Railway Institute Conference Room <http://www.cth.com.au/usr/timelord/bdwwfc/babylon5.htm>

New Alliance October 19 P.O. Box 7446 East Brisbane Qld 4169

Brisbane Dr Who Fan Club October 19 Queensland Rail Institute Center, Brisbane Central Station PO Box 10308, Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000. email timelord@closer.brisnet.org.au

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Vortex November 23 QUT (ITE Building Room 303) G.P.O. Box 2084 Brisbane 4001

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)

UQTrek The University of Queensland's first and only club for the Appreciation of Star Trek contact Perryn Fowler cs324423@student.uq.edu.au

S.A.

Star Trek CCG Tournament October 4-6 Graeme's Trading Cards, Stall C11, Brickworks Markets, 36 South Road, Torrensville, Adelaide, 10am and 5pm. \$10

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 P.O. Box 369 North Adelaide S.A. 5006 (08 337 8759). Sastrek@bigfoot.com (Please note Change of E-Mail address)

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 August 29 Comedy SF September 5 Pasta Night September 12 SF Comedy 8.00pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Nova Mob September 3 Robert Jan on ZERO-Gee, the trials, tribulations and pleasures of running a sf radio show 13 Frederick St Brunswick.

Dandenong Science Fiction Society September 10 Favourite SF-related and theme music Ann McGann P.O. Box 706 Frankston Vic 3199 015 510 159 luddite@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au

Men In Black September 16 9.00pm Hoyts Cinema Centre Melbourne \$9.50 per ticket from Multiverse P.O. Box 355 World Trade Centre Melbourne, Victoria 3005

Enterprise September 27 TNG's 10th anniversary at BasiCon. P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404 enterprise@minerals.csiro.au

Skyforce (Star Wars) October 11 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 November 4 Maquis Incursion to the Melbourne Cup 12 noon onwards Further information: Mark Grech (03) 9401 1717 or Steve Hartshorne 9749 1851 (AH) GPO

Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 austrek@dc.com.au
<http://www.dc.com.au/austrek>

Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 Fanzine *Babbling On* Email James Allen@vut.edu.au or bfive@VNET.ibm.com

Australian Costumers Guild Telephone (03)9557 7088 P.O. Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 email stilskin@netspace.net.au

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

Doctor Who Club of Victoria_GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne 3001 email: borad@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au

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

Phryne Fisher Club P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055

Red Dwarf Fan Club P.O. Box 1044 Bundoora 3083

Time Trekkers P.O. Box 334 Bendigo 3550.

The X-Files Fan Club of Australia Locked Bag 1013, Flemington, 3031. Fanzine *The Field Journal*.

W.A.

Jump Point September 13 UWA The Babylon 5 club of W.A. Email info@jumppoint.net.au

<http://www.jumppoint.net.au/>

Men In Black September 17 6:30 pm Hoyts Carousel. \$9 per ticket from Swancon 23 committee members GPO Box 429 Perth WA 6841

Hallowe'en Party October 31 8pm SWY Theatre 65 Murray Street \$8-00

The Neutral Zone PO Box 1169, Bibra Lake, WA, 6965..

Phone (09) 434 4167, email: nzone@iinet.net.au Fanzine The Final Frontier

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

Thyme 116 Alan Stewart PO Box 222, World Trade Centre Melbourne, Vic 3005. Includes *Australian SF News* 76 Merv Binns P.O. Box 315, Carnegie Vict 3163 and *Ansibles* 119 & 120 by Dave Langford.

Web Pages

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

New Listings

Teleobscura
<http://www.iinet.net.au/~nzone/tele/>

CoA

Terry Frost & Sharon Nebel 5 Temple St, West Brunswick, Vic 3056

Deadlines

Ditmars	September 19 1997
ASFMAS (postal)	September 26 1997
ASFMAS (on site)	4pm September 27 1997
ANZAPA 179	October 7 1997
SFWoE SF/F Story Contest	October 30 1997
Altair Competition	November 1 1997

Sources

Alan Stewart, *Vortex*, Merv Binns, *Lucy Sussex*, *Swancon*, Terry Frost

Deadline For #84

Tuesday September 9th.
 Distribution Friday September 12th.

The 1997-98 Speculative Poetry Contest

Valerie Hardin (Gothic Love Trip) and Shauna Skye (Moonletters) have joined forces to form Moon Maid Press. In addition to publishing chapbooks, they will be collaborating on other projects as well, the first being The 1997-98 Speculative Poetry Contest.

DEADLINE:

All entries must be received no later than February 1 1998 to qualify.

ENTRY FEE

\$1 per poem.

RULES:

- 1) Poems may be in any style or on any subject, but should be kept under two pages.
- 2) Your name, address, phone number and email address (if you have one) should be on your cover letter, but NOT

on the pages of the poems you're entering.

3) Please do not include biographical information in your cover letter.

4) You may enter as many poems as you like, as long as each entry is accompanied by the \$1 entry fee.

5) You must enclose a SASE

6) Poems will not be returned, so please send disposable copies.

Note: The following prizes have been donated. Please take note of these sponsors.

PRIZES FOR FIRST PLACE

FRISSON: DISCONCERTING VERSE: One Year Subscription (4 issues) CALLIOPE: One Year Subscription (6 issues) NEW WRITER'S MAGAZINE One Year Subscription, PRETERNATURAL PRESS: A set of "Rouge et Noirs". FREE ONE HOUR EDIT (poetry, prose, etc) from Meg Thompson. \$50.00 value, SHADOWFIRE PRESS: A Limited Edition of (1m)mortal signed by all the artists and a copy of Valerie Hardin's chapbook, "Falling Into Nowhere", STYGIAN VORTEX PUBLICATIONS: A copy of Shadow Sword #14 featuring a full color cover by Bob Hobbs, back cover by Mark Grosskopf, TALEBONES MAGAZINE (one issue), NORTHWORDS (one issue), SCAVENGER'S NEWSLETTER: One recent issue, and one copy of Scavenger's Scrapbook, THE BLUE LADY (one issue), Pacific Empire by G. Miki Hayden (Nine interconnected mystery/crime stories depict a world in which the Japanese do not lose the war), SCIENCE FICTION ROMANCE (one issue), PIRATE WRITINGS, SPACE & TIME, and EPITAPH (one issue each from Tom Piccirilli), VAMPIRE DAN'S STORY EMPORIUM (one issue), Joy V. Smith's AUDIOBOOK OF SCI-FI STORIES, AMUSING YOURSELF TO DEATH (one issue), SOUR GRAPES (one issue), MOON MAID PRESS: A lifetime subscription to everything published. Optional prize: To have your poem run in Moonletters Netletter, the email pub for and by editors (approx. circulation, 1000). [There are even more prizes to be announced!!!]

SECOND AND THIRD PLACE:

MOON MAID PRESS: "The Broken Looking Glass" a mini-chapbook by Valerie Hardin & Shauna Skye, SPLISH SPLASH: (one [or more] issues from Joy V. Smith), SCIENCE FICTION ROMANCE (one issue), Optional prize: To have your poem run in Moonletters Netletter. [More prizes to be announced!]

Everyone who enters five or more poems will receive "The Broken Looking Glass" chapbook free.

Winners will be announced no later than the end of March 1998

SPECULATIVE POETRY CONTEST

c/o Shauna Skye
 7210 West 57th Place
 Summit IL. 60501