

# THE **SECRET** DUFF NEWSLETTER

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The first issue of this newsletter is being sent to a few hundred individuals & clubs - primarily in Australia and New Zealand but also some in North America and scattered other locations around the planet. It is available on a continuing basis to all interested parties. If you are not receiving this newsletter but would like to please write to the above address and your name will be added to the DUFF Australia mailing list.

## The Result

Roger Weddall was the successful candidate, receiving 85 of the total of 133 votes that was counted. Because he received more than 50% of the recorded vote, distribution of the preferences of the write-in and 'Hold Over Funds' votes was unnecessary.

## The Votes

|                 | Votes received in... |               |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|
|                 | Australasia          | North America | Total |
| Roger Weddall   | 45                   | 40            | 85    |
| Greg Hills      | 7                    | 22            | 29    |
| Write-in votes: |                      |               |       |
| Marc Ortlieb    | 2                    |               |       |
| Ian Gunn        | 1                    |               |       |
| Roman Orszanski | 1                    |               |       |
| Bruce Barnes    | 1                    |               |       |
| Andrew Williams | 1                    |               |       |
| Ian Nichols     | 1                    |               |       |
| No Preference   | -                    | 7             |       |
| Hold Over Funds | 5                    | -             |       |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>64</b>            | <b>69</b>     |       |

## Fan Fund Fine, Financially

The bank books and the term deposits haven't been handed over yet, so no exact figures are available, although Greg Turkich reports that DUFF Australia currently has about AUS2,700 to its name. Art Widner reports that the North American balance rests at approximately US\$1,400, of which US\$370 was raised in voting this year for DUFF.

## Winner Plans Extensive Trip

Arriving in America mid-August, after attending the WorldCon in Florida I hope to travel for about 6 months, visiting most if not all of the major fan centres. Suggestion as to where to visit/who to meet are very welcome.

## The Voters

The then-Australian administrator, Greg Turkich, has acknowledged receiving DUFF votes from the following people:

A.Jones, Alan Stewart, B.Holland, Barb Delahunty, Cath Ortlieb, Charles Taylor, Clive Newall, Dave Luckett, David Russell, Dianne DeBellis, Donna Heenan, Eric Lindsay, Frank Macskasy Jr, Felicity Black, Gareth Barnard, Gary Luckman, Gerald Smith, Gigi Boudville, Ian Gunn, Irwin Hirsh, J.Lander, Jack Herman, Jan MacNally, Jane Tisell, Jean Weber, Jenny Ackroyd, John Newman, Julian Friedin, Julian Warner, Justin Ackroyd, Karen Pender-Gunn, Ken Moylan, Kevin Maclean, Kim Huett, Larry van den Putte, Lewis Morley, Linette Horne, Lucy Sussex, Lucy Zinkiewicz, LynC, Lyn McConchie, LynneAnn Morse, Mandy Herriot, Marc Ortlieb, Margaret Hilliard, Marilyn Pride, Mark Bivens, Mark Loney, Mark Manning, Michelle Hallett, Neil Murray, Nick Stathopoulos, Peter Cooper, Phil Ware, Rex Thompson, Richard Kryckiewicz, Rod Kearins, Roelof Goudriaan, S.Livisley, Sally Beasley, Sarah Murray-White, Stephen Brazil, Sue Margaret, Tara Smith.

With this number of voters, the breakdown of the Australasian DUFF vote is as follows...

| Vic | NSW | N.Z. | W.A. | ACT | Qld | Europe | USA |
|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|--------|-----|
| 24  | 14  | 9    | 8    | 2   | 1   | 3      | 1   |

It is interesting to see the comparatively large number of votes cast by New Zealand fans, this time around. Whether the fact that one of the candidates originally came from New Zealand made a difference or whether it is a sign of increased awareness of what fan funds are all about, would be hard to say.

Even more New Zealanders than listed may have voted; a few are now - along with a couple of Australians - claiming they voted but their votes were not listed. Either the votes were lost in the mail, or misplaced by the Aus.administrator. A week after the result of this year's vote was initially announced, it was found that a large parcel of votes collected at this year's NatCon in Sydney had been misplaced. They were later found, and the votes were incorporated into the total, without affecting the overall result.

## Finally... Thanks

... to those who voted, and those who otherwise supported the fund.  
 ... to Greg Hills, who prepared and widely circulated this year's voting ballot.  
 ... to Greg Turkich, for the thankless task of being the Australian administrator of DUFF over the last two years.

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## The NEXT RACE Begins...

Even as the winner of this DUFF race finalises his plans to visit North American fandom in general, and the 1992 World SF Convention in particular, details of the next DUFF race have been announced.

The 1992/93 DUFF election will select a North American fan to be flown to Australasia to meet with fans and to attend the 1993 Australian National SF Convention (SwanCon XVIII), which will be held in Perth, W.A., over Easter. Here is the schedule for the election:

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Nomination of candidates - | as of now   |
| Nominating period closes - | 15-9-1992   |
| Ballots available -        | 1-10-1992   |
| Voting deadline -          | 1-2-1993    |
| SwanCon XVIII -            | 8-12-4-1993 |

To be able to stand, any prospective candidate must obtain five nominators (three from North America, two from Australia/New Zealand); provide a 'platform' for publication on the final ballot - of not more than 100 words; furnish a non-refundable \$10 bond; agree to make the trip, if elected; and - finally, but importantly - administer the North American side of the fund through the next two races, until a North American successor is selected.

If there is a North American fan you would like to see stand and have visit Australia/New Zealand in 1993, why not consider nominating them, and/or writing to them to ask them to consider standing?

Nominations may be sent to either administrator. (In North America, write to:  
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