

FFANZ 1995/1996

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The Fan Fund of Australia and New Zealand is looking for candidates to travel to Perth at Easter 1996 (5-8 April) and represent New Zealand fandom at Swancon 21/Confusion 96, the 1996 Australian Literary and Media Natcon. The Guests of Honour at this convention are Bruce Sterling (co-author with William Gibson of *The Difference Engine*, author of *The Hacker Crackdown* and *Heavy Weather*), Neil Gaiman (famous comics dude and co-author with Terry Pratchett of *Good Omens*), and Robin Pen (Perth fan, who as far as I know isn't the co-author of anything with anyone). The Con is being held at the Kings Hotel, Perth.

What Candidates Need

To be eligible, you must be an active fan resident in New Zealand. Candidates need one nominator from New Zealand and one from Australia. You must provide a written candidate's platform of not more than 100 words describing yourself and your virtues as a candidate, together with a non-refundable deposit of \$10. Candidates must promise, barring acts of God, to attend Swancon 21, to administer the fund in New Zealand until such time as a successor is chosen (normally, a period of approximately two years), and to complete, publish, and sell a Trip Report detailing their trip to raise funds for FFANZ. Although the FFANZ winner is not required to do more than attend Swancon 21, it is customary to spend two to three weeks in the destination country, travelling and meeting fans. Joint candidacies are possible - in this case, the joint platform should not exceed 100 words.

What You Get

Funds permitting, the winning candidate will receive their fare to and from Perth from the New Zealand fund, and travelling expenses within Australia from the Australian fund. Their Swancon 21 membership and hotel accommodation will also be paid for. In the case of a joint candidacy winning, the fund will undertake to pay one return airfare to Perth, and will contribute towards the other if funds permit.

The Dates

Nominations will close on	Friday August 11 1995
Voting will close on	Friday 8 December 1995

Send nominations, with name of the candidate, names of nominators, candidate's platforms and \$10 deposit to: Tim Jones, 87 Ellice St, Wellington 6001.

FFANZ in Good Shape

At about the midway point of my term as New Zealand FFANZ Administrator, the fund is in good shape to send the next New Zealand FFANZ winner on their way to Swancon 21, the 1996 Australian National Convention in Perth at Easter. After Donna Heenan's FFANZ visit, we have approximately \$1150 in the New Zealand FFANZ account, which on present prices is enough to fly one New Zealander to Perth and back. A stopover in Sydney or Melbourne can currently be added for only another \$50.

Donna Heenan's Visit

Donna Heenan's trip as 1995 FFANZ winner seems to have been highly successful, with a number of people who met her remarking how much they enjoyed her company. Donna and her travelling companion Neil Murray began their trip at Conquest in Auckland, where Donna was on several panels and also spoke on Australian fandom at the "Australia in 1999" Worldcon bid. They then visited Dunedin, where they were the guests of Pauline Meinung and Rex Thompson; Christchurch, where they stayed with Murray and Natalie MacLachlan; Wellington, with Kay and I; and Norsewood, to visit Lyn McConchie, before flying out again from Auckland. In each centre, their hosts made sure they met local fans; here in Wellington, we had a gathering of about 15 people which began in our (full to overflowing) living-room and moved down the road to Strawberry Fare dessert restaurant. I enjoyed Donna and Neil's company, and I hope to see them again if Australia wins the 1999 Worldcon.

Trip Report completed

Australian Crawl, the report on Tim Jones' and Kay Gubbins' trip to Constantinople in Melbourne last Easter and subsequent travels in Victoria and N.S.W., is now available. For a donation of \$5 to FFANZ, you get a 32-page report featuring everything from ferrets to philosophy, from William Gibson to pit bull terriers. Written by Tim Jones, with guest appearances by Kay Gubbins, the report is available from 87 Ellice St, Wellington 6001. Get your copy now!

The money-go-round

Here's a summary of the New Zealand FFANZ account's incomings and outgoings since I took over the account in November last year:

Opening balance (24/11/94)	472.22	
INCOME		
FFANZ Auction - 1994	588.00	
FFANZ Auction - 1995, plus sales	675.20	
Lyn McConchie - FFANZ afternoons	203.94	
Cost reimbursement from Neil Murray	125.00	
Voting fees	31.00	
Interest	14.88	
Total:	1638.02	
EXPENDITURE		
Costs of 1995 FFANZ winner's trip	844.70	(1)
Printing of 50 x trip report	115.30	
Repayment of sales to WICG (Dunedin)	15.00	
Total:	975.00	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	663.02	
Current balance (16/5/95):	1135.24	

(1) This was made up of accommodation 370, tolls 14.70, expenses + travel 460.

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