



FFANZ 1991-1992

New Zealand to Australia

FFANZ - The Fan Fund of Australia and New Zealand was started in 1982 to encourage closer ties between fans and fandoms in New Zealand and Australia.

With host countries theoretically alternating with each vote, there have to date been seven exchanges of fan representatives, involving four people from New Zealand and four from Australia. FFANZ exists solely through the support of fandom, and the candidates are voted for by interested fans all over the world, each vote being accompanied by a fee of not less than two (2) dollars (Australian or New Zealand). The money raised by these votes, as well as other donations, and monies from fan fund auctions at conventions and other occasions, relying on the continued interest and generosity of fandom, are what makes FFANZ possible.

FFANZ always welcomes donations of material for auctions, as well as money, and these may either be brought along to conventions, or sent to the local FFANZ Administrator. Anyone may contribute, even if they're ineligible to vote, and donations in excess of the minimum voting fee are gratefully accepted. Just as important as donations is publicity - in fanzines, letters, convention booklets and word of mouth - to increase voter participation and fandom's overall interest in and awareness of FFANZ.

Voting is open to anyone who has been active in fandom (through involvement with fanzines, conventions, clubs, etc.) since before 1990. Only one vote per person is allowed; proxy voting is not allowed and your ballot must be signed. Details of the voting are kept secret. If you think your name may not be known to any of the Administrators, please include the name of a fan (but not one of the current candidates) or the name of a fan group who can vouch for you.

FFANZ uses the "Australian" optional preferential system of voting, which guarantees an automatic run-off and a majority win. What you do is rank the candidates in the order in which you wish to place them, first to last. If the candidate with the most votes does not poll a majority of the total votes cast, first-place votes of the lowest ranking candidate are dropped, and the second preferences on those ballots are distributed to the candidates marked second on those forms. The process continues until one candidate has a majority of votes. It is important, therefore, to indicate your second and third, etc, preferences, especially if you decided to "write-in" a candidate of your own choosing, in case that person does not win and the vote has to be distributed further. It is also a waste of time to put a candidate in more than one place. It is not necessary to put a preference number beside each candidate's name.

Hold Over Funds is an option on the ballot similar to a 'No Award' vote in Hugo and Ditmar balloting, which gives the voter a chance to vote for no FFANZ trip, should the candidates not appeal to them.

The Candidates have each promised, barring acts of God, to travel to the 1992 Australian National SF Convention (Syncon '92, in Sydney, Easter) if elected and have posted a \$10 bond and provided a voting platform, reproduced overleaf.

The Deadline. All votes must reach an Administrator by 31st October 1991.

Send ballots and donations to:

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CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS

Rex Thompson

I am Dunedin's longest-serving NASF member (I'm always last to leave the bar, so I get served longest!) and my associations with fandom span three decades (why else would I be named after something prehistoric?)

At conventions, I am well-known for "boogeying down" at masquerades and "playing-up" at room parties. There is also my endless fascination for the "pretty-coloured liquids" found at hotel bars.

Being an inquisitive chap at heart, I feel it is time to put faces to the few names I know in Australia, and names to the faces of the ones I don't!

Nominators: Tim Jones, Roger Weddall

Linnette Horrie

There is a large puddle of water between Australia and New Zealand. I cannot drain it, but if I am allowed the Stewardship of FFANZ, I would do my best to reduce the distance between Australian and New Zealand fandom. It would also be nice to see where Ned Kelly's gang roamed, meet an emu and visit with all my friends from ANZAPA.

Nominators: LynC, Lyn McConchie

FFANZ 1991-1992 Voting Form.

I vote for (list 1, 2, 3, ...)

- () Rex Thompson
() Linnette Horne
() Write-in: _____
() Hold Over Funds

I enclose \$ _____ as a donation to FFANZ.
(Make cheques payable to Alan Stewart or FFANZ).

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

If you think you might not be known to the administrators and that your vote might thus be disqualified, please give the name and address of a fan or a group of fans to whom you are known: _____

