



FFANZ 1992-1993

Australia to New Zealand

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 eight exchanges of fan representatives, involving five 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 1991. 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 1993 New Zealand National SF Convention (Defcon, in Wellington, June) if elected and have posted a \$10 bond and provided a voting platform, reproduced overleaf.

The Deadline. All votes must reach an Administrator by **13th April 1993**.

Send ballots and donations to:

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CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS

Ian Gunn and Karen Pender-Gunn

Two fans for the price of one! We're a couple of fanzine editing, club running, costuming, masquerading, art showing, fund raising, apahacking, letterhacking, illustrating, mail arting, award winning, trip reporting, con organising, fan gohing, cartooning, soft toy making, panel convening, huckstering, quiz mastering, fan writing, pun making, animating, junk collecting, auctioneering, dish washing, cat owning, book reviewing, film watching, guest speaking, t-shirt designing, printing, collating, fun loving kinda people - you name it, we've done just about everything in fandom except win a fan fund. We're also cute and cuddly and would love to finally meet all our New Zealand friends.

Nominators: Lyn McConchie, Craig Hilton.

Geoff Tilley

Comes a time when a man has to explore past the boundaries of his own backyard. I've never been outside Australia in my twenty-something years (not even Tasmania!), but I'd like that very first place to be New Zealand. I've been in Australian fandom since 1984, but overseas fandom (thanks to addresses in *Starlog*) since 1978. My interests are wide, as has been my involvement in fan activity. The mega-short list reads Dr Who, Thunderbirds, Buckaroo Banzai, Blakes 7, Animation and (can you escape it ?) Trek. My involvement with New Zealand started as a regular contributor to S.H.A.D.O. and correspondence with Jenner and Lindsay at the time. I've been outbid on unique audio and video Blakes 7 items by a New Zealander, more determined and financial than I; and I've been a supporting member to the occasional con, the latest being Forrycon. I'd like to visit New Zealand, and the fans, as I've seen all the marvellous photos; now I want to be able to take some of my own.

Nominators: Jenner Thompson, Jeannette Tipping.

Clive Newall

I've been around fandom (more or less) since the late 70s. Mostly just reading fanzines and going to cons until I became involved with *Thyme* in 1987 (in partnership with LynC). Gave that up a year or so ago, but in the meantime I joined ANZAPA (and have just completed a stint as co-editor). I'm currently on the committee of the Australian SF Foundation. I've been nominated for FFANZ because someone suggested it...and it seemed like a good idea at the time. Still does. (Although I could do without being harassed by the Australian administrator who wants this platform *today*.) So vote. For me.

Nominators: Linnette Horne, Marc Ortlieb.

FFANZ 1992-1993 Voting Form.

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

- () Ian Gunn and Karen Pender-Gunn
- () Geoff Tilley
- () Clive Newall
- () Write-in: _____
- () Hold Over Funds

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Signature: _____

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: _____
