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## Australian Science Fiction Achievement Award (Ditmar) Nominees

The 1999 Ditmars will be presented at Aussiecon Three as part of the SpawnCon Two program. The nominees are listed below. All Australian members of Aussiecon Three, plus anyone who pays the \$10 SpawnCon Two Voting Membership may vote for the awards. Ballots are available from me, with Aussiecon Three PR 4., or at <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfz/ditvot99.htm>

**Best Australian Long Fiction** (32 nominees 173 nominations)  
*Pilgrim* Sara Douglass, *Feral* Kerry Greenwood, *The Centurion's Empire* Sean McMullen, *The Tilecutter's Penny* Caseal Mor

**Best Australian Short Fiction** (58 nominees 230 nominations)  
"The Marsh Runners" Paul Brandon, "The Evil Within" Sara Douglass, "Dream Until God Burns", "The Truth About Weena David Lake, "Queen of Soulmates" Sean McMullen, "To Avalon" Jane Routley

**Best Australian Magazine or Anthology** (13 nominees 171 nominations): *Altair* Rob Stephenson, *Aurealis* Paul Higgins & Dirk Strasser, *Dreaming Down-Under* Jack Dann & Janeen Webb, *Eidolon* Jonathan Strahan & Jeremy Byrne, *Fantastic Worlds* Paul Collins, *MUP Encyclopedia of Australian Science Fiction* Paul Collins

**Best Australian Fanzine** (19 nominees 80 nominations)  
*The Captain's Log* Rose Mitchell, *Ethel the Aardvark* Ian Gunn, *Interstellar Ramjet Scoop* Bill Wright, *Metaphysical Review* Bruce Gillespie, *Out of the Kaje* Karen Johnson, *Thyme* Alan Stewart

**Best Australian Fan Artist** (19 nominees 57 nominations)  
Ian Gunn, Robert Jan, Dick Jensen, Marco Nero, Kerri Valkova

**Best Australian Professional Artwork** (9 nominees 83 nominations): Emma Barber Cover *Cannibals of the Fine Light/Cover A View Before Dying*, Marc McBride Cover *Fantastic Worlds*, Marilyn Pride A3 PRs Nick Stathopoulos Cover *The Melting Man/Cover Dreaming Downunder*, Shaun Tan *The Rabbits*

**William Atheling Jr. Award for Criticism or Review** (16 nominees 55 nominations): Damien Broderick Reviews in *The New York Review of Science Fiction*, Paul Collins *MUP Encyclopedia of Australian Science Fiction*, Stephen Paulsen Contributions to *MUP Encyclopedia of Australian Science Fiction*, Jonathan Strahan Reviews in *Locus*, Janeen Webb & Andrew Enstice Aliens & Savages (Harper Collins) Sean Williams & Simon Brown No Axis No Boundary (In *Altair* 1)

Total number of Nominating Ballots 109. The categories eliminated were Best Australian Fan Writer (17 nominees 46 Nominations) and Best Australian Audio-Visual Presentation (4 nominees, 10 Nominations)

## George Turner Prize Shortlist

Random House has announced the shortlist for the \$10,000 George Turner Prize.

Wendy A.J. Adnams-Hodges *The City of Dreams*  
Adam Browne and Sam Sejavka *Autopsy Turvy*

Hal Colebatch *Millenium Troopers*  
Narelle Harris *Witch Faith*

Dave Luckett *Subversive Activity*  
Maxine McArthur *The Centre Far*

Christopher McDonough *When the Angels Fall*  
Joel Shepherd *Full Circle*

Andres Vaccari *Prey*

The judging panel consists of Peter McNamara, Leigh Blackmore and Louise Thurtell. The winner will be informed

on May 7 and there will be a combined presentation and launch at Aussiecon Three.

## Children's Book Council Shortlist

Lucy Sussex notes that Shaun Tan, and John Marsden's *The Rabbits* has been nominated in the Picture Book Of The Year Category.

### In Print

Lucy Sussex's "Queen of Erewhon" will be the token Antipodean entry in the September F&SF.

Edwina Harvey reports "The following were published in Harbinger Issue 1- "Bianca the Untaken" Brendan Carson; "The Dragon Ring" Edwina Harvey; "Re-Creation" Robert N Stephenson; "Residual Contract" Ion Newcombe; "Aliens are Equal" Kurt von Trojan; "The Last Time Keeper" Tony Plank; "Writer's Block" Lawrence M. Shoen; "Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Stay Where You Are!" Andrew Collings."

## The SpawnCon Two Short and Funny Science Fiction Story Contest

SpawnCon Two, in association with the Australian Science Fiction Foundation, will be running a short short story competition for works of humorous science fiction. The first prize is \$150. For further details, see the Spawncon Two Flier or check the SpawnCon Two web page <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sf0z/spawncon.htm>

## Bullsheet Media Watch

Bruce Barnes has a speaking role in recent Just Jeans advertisements. Craig Charles has been playing the Melbourne Comedy Festival to mixed reviews - most being mixed up between how bad he is and how vulgar. Horror writer Robert Hood featured in an ABC documentary.

### Fan Funds

Paul Kincaid has won Guff and will represent Great Britain in the The Aussiecon Three Test. The following results come courtesy of Joseph Nicholas.

#### First Round

	UK	Aus	Total
Steve Davies	29	2	31
Julian Headlong	20	6	26
Paul Kincaid	20	7	27
No Preference	2		2

#### HoldOver Funds

	UK	Aus	Total
Second Round			
Steve Davies	38	3	41
Paul Kincaid	31	12	43

Meanwhile, Janice Gelb has won DUFF. Janice Murray (Janice the First) reports  
North America: Lise 58, Janice 154, Andy 76, No Preference

7, Hold Over

Funds 2, Write-In 1 (for Jeanne Mealy). Total voters: 298  
Australasia: Lise 9, Janice 15, Andy 6, Write-in 1 (for Moshe Feder). Total voters: 31

Totals: Lise 67, Janice 169, Andy 82, No Preference 7, Hold Over Funds 2, Write-in 2. Total voters 329.

Therefore, Janice Gelb wins on the first count. Thank you all for generating a lot of interest and a whole lot of votes in this race.

There has been nothing heard on the FFANZ front.

## A Born Masochist

Perry Middlemiss reports "Just a quick note to let you know that William Perry LeGarey Middlemiss was born on Saturday 3rd April 1999. Both mother and son doing well and now both home from hospital after three days due to the brave new world we find ourselves in under our illustrious conservative political leadership.

The labour took 4 hours 45 minutes, William came through at 8lb4oz and slept practically the whole of his first night home. Will wonders never cease!

Those of you who wonder about strange people who would even consider chairing a worldcon can now add an even stranger category - those who renovate a house and have another child during the charring process. I accept that it is only copious quantities of Guinness that is helping to maintain my equilibrium, ie parallel to the floor:

## Aussiecon Three

Perry Middlemiss notes "I will be appearing on the Space Show radio program (88.3 Southern FM) on Wednesday 21st April - 7pm. I've been informed that while this program is mainly space and science based there is a fair cross-over between the space and sf audiences.

I've taken it upon myself to offer an attending membership as a phone-in prize for a question based on Greg Benford's Timescape which I am currently re-reading.

Tune in if you dare. Melbourne only I'm sorry to say."

## Space Time Buccaneers

Karen Pender-Gunn reports "I am pleased to announce the printing of "Space\*Time Buccaneers", Ian Gunn's 7 year graphic comic epic. You have been waiting for it and here it is for you to purchase and aid the Ian Gunn Memorial Fund. 100 pages packed full of fun from the fertile brain of Ian Gunn. Costs: \$12 if I hand it to you in person, \$14 if it is posted within Australia, and \$15 if posted outside Victoria. PO Box 567, Blackburn Victoria 3130

## Strangely It Moves

Elaine Walker reports that A Touch of Strange has finally moved to Shop 11, Greater Union Cinecentre Arcade, Corner of Barrack and Murray Sts Perth

## Icon Reports

People seemed to enjoy Icon, in Perth over Easter. Jeff Watkins reported "Thank-you to the Committee of Swancon 24 for a spectacular Easter Weekend. I truly feel that this has been one of the best if not the best con I have been on. Thank-you to JAFWA and all its members for supporting Ippongi Bang (and crew), getting her out here and showing that Aussies are fun too! What a show!!! To all those Con Goers whom I met, conversed, and enjoyed the con with, thank as well. A Great Con is nothing without the right audience. I have one question, why do things like this have to end? Terry Frost reports "Good con. Anti-Fan (Paul Stevens) turned up for a day, but he usually does before a Worldcon." Sue Ann Barber noted "great social con (program sucked), great room parties, need sleep soon"

## Convention News

Just to note that the Bullsheet supports the Toronto in 2003 WorldCon Bid. We Commonwealth countries must stick together.

The Australian Costumers' Guild have won the right to host the 2002 World Costuming Convention, details as follows. "Costume Con 20-2002 Friday 15th to Monday 18th February Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre \$A50 Full membership \$A100 until Dec 31st 2000 \$A130 until Dec 31st 2001 \$A160 until Feb 15th 2002" Contact the Costumers' Guild (address in Events)

## Upcoming Conventions

Grail Quest *June 10-14 1999* Conference/festival centred on the legend of King Arthur. Sydney University \$200 Contact: Sophie Masson [sophiemasson@bigpond.com](mailto:sophiemasson@bigpond.com) or Cathy Simpson at [grailq@healey.com.au](mailto:grailq@healey.com.au)  
Friends of Science Fiction *June 13 1999* GsoH Aron Eisenberg, John Cook & Chuck McKenzie \$35 FSF members, \$45 for non members. Tickets available from FSF, P.O. Box 797 Fairfield, NSW 1860, (02) 9523 8385 or from Galaxy Bookshop Sydney and Phantasia at Penrith.  
Force Three *June 12-14 1999* 3rd National Star Wars Convention Karralyka Centre Ringwood Vict GsoH Michael Stackpole, Timothy Zahn, Don Bies & Iain McCaig \$150 until 1/6/99. P.O. Box 427 Northcote Vic 3070 (03) 9416-8998 <http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking>  
Aussiecon Three The 57th World Science Fiction Convention. *September 2-6 1999* World Congress Centre, Melbourne GsoH George Turner, Greg Benford and Bruce Gillespie. Special Guest J.M Straczynski. Aussiecon Three, GPO Box 1212K, Melbourne, 3001, Australia Attending \$225 Supporting \$45 Child in tow \$45 email [info@aussiecon3.worldcon.org](mailto:info@aussiecon3.worldcon.org) <http://www.aussiecon3.worldcon.org>  
Spawncon Two The 38th Australian National Science Fiction Convention. *September 2-6 1999* World Congress Centre, Melbourne P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131 <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/spawncon.htm>  
Conquest 99 Reflections *October 1-3 1999* Special Guest Richard Arnold \$135 until March 31st, \$175 thereafter.

GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001. [pbuddaaa@zip.com.au](mailto:pbuddaaa@zip.com.au) ph 0412-649-727

Swancon 25 (39th National Australian Science Fiction Convention) *April 20th-24th, 2000*. Guests and venue [tba.swancon25@megabyte.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:tba.swancon25@megabyte.murdoch.edu.au)  
Chicon 2000 The 58th World Science Fiction Convention *August 31 to September 4, 2000* - Hyatt Regency Chicago IL GsoH Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton, Jim Baen, Bob and Arne Passovoy, Toastmaster: Harry Tutledove \$US135.00 for residents of North America \$US125.00 rate for bona fide residents of other continents P. O. Box 642057, Chicago IL 60664, fax: 312-946-3779 <http://www.chicon.org/>  
The Millennium Philcon The 59th World Science Fiction Convention *August 30 to September 3, 2001* The Pennsylvania Convention Center & Philadelphia Marriott Hotel GsoH Greg Bear, Stephen Youll, Gardner Dozois, George Scithers Toastmaster: Esther Friesner. \$US 125 Attending until April 5 1999. Supporting \$US 40 Suite 2001, 402 Huntingdon Pike Rockledge, PA 19046 USA [phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com](mailto:phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com) <http://www.netaxs.com/~phil2001>  
GoH = Guest of Honour  
O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting  
tba= to be announced.

## Club News

Multiverse are holding a day with Craig Charles (Lister from Red Dwarf) on April 24th from 10:00am till 6:00pm Craig will be appearing for the full day doing guest talks and Question and Answer Sessions, signing autographs, running our auction and filling us all in on the current season of Red Dwarf, amongst other things. Venue The Cato Conference Centre, 489 Elizabeth Street Melbourne (YWCA building near the Victoria Market) \$25 per person. Please pay on the day from 9:30am. Cash or Money Order only. NO CREDIT CARDS! <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~multivrs/> or email at [multivrs@vicnet.net.au](mailto:multivrs@vicnet.net.au)

The Australian Costumers' Guild are busy at present. In addition to winning the World Costuming Convention, they have the following on the boil.

"Regency Ball Saturday June 5th 1999 Northcote Assembly Rooms (Northcote Town Hall) 7pm to midnight 22 guineas (\$55) per person Enquiries: Wendy Purcell, phone (03) 9568 0708 Ticket sales close Friday May 28th.

Fourth Annual Costumers' Ball, Saturday, 28 August, 1999 Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre \$55 for International Costumers' Guild members, \$65 for others (bookings close Monday, 23 August) Doors open 6:30pm; costume parade/masquerade 7:30 (greenroom open from 4:00pm). Parade entry free to all attending - you must be a guild member to enter; numbers are limited so get in early; entry is by pre-registration only; for rules and regs, contact the parade director, Christopher Ballis on Tel: (03)9457 4061 E-mail: [stilskin@netspace.net.au](mailto:stilskin@netspace.net.au) Snailmail: PO Box 322, Bentleigh, 3204, Australia "  
Karen Johnson has taken over the Austrek fanzine, The Captain's Log from Rose Mitchell, who is finding that Aussiecon Three is taking up all her fannish time.

## Events

Note that there is an annual calendar available on the Vicnet SF web site at  
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/1999cal.htm>

### N. S. W.

**Southern Science Fiction Group** *May 8* 2pm / 141 Chapel Road South Bankstown Message sent and received. If you were sending a message out to the galaxy about us - what would you say? What worries you out of the TV and radio signals we have sent out that intelligent life may use to judge us by and what are you happy with? Postal Address 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 9534-3595. [elvey@mcme.com.au](mailto:elvey@mcme.com.au)  
**Friends of Science Fiction** *May 9* Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John St Lidcombe [fsf@nlc.net.au](mailto:fsf@nlc.net.au) P.O Box 797 Fairfield NSW 1860 Phone/ Fax (02)9523 8385

### Queensland

**Vortex** *May 2* Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane GPO Box 2004 Brisbane Qld 4001  
**Highlander Down Under** *May 16* Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane PO Box 198 Brisbane Albert St Qld 4002 [sonjav@powerup.com.au](mailto:sonjav@powerup.com.au)  
**Conquest** *June 6* 10:00am Valentine Verses Virus & SGM Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001  
**New Alliance** *June 6* PO Box 12083 Elizabeth St/BC Brisbane Qld 4002

### South Australia

**Critical Mass** *May 5* Damien Warman tba Writers Centre Adelaide PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000 [dmw@pobox.com](mailto:dmw@pobox.com)

### Victoria

**MSFC** *April 23* British SF *April 30* Michael Moorcock Night *May 7* Food Night & Author Night Kerry Greenwood 8:00pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005  
**Friday Night Mob** *April 23* Anzapa distribution *April 30* *May 7* 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. Myers Cafeteria Melbourne  
**Enterprise** *April 24* AGM and Committee Elections. Postal Address P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 [enterprise@minerals.csiro.au](mailto:enterprise@minerals.csiro.au) <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~enterprise/> (03) 9515 3226 (7pm to 10pm only)  
**Australian Costumers Guild** *April 25* Ross House in Flinders' Lane Melbourne PO Box 322 Benteleigh Vic 3204 [stilskin@netspace.net.au](mailto:stilskin@netspace.net.au)  
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>  
**Austrek** *May 1* 2:00pm Trivia & wet t-shirt competition. St Mark's Church Hall Cnr Canterbury & Burke Rds, Camberwell GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 03 9489 8743 <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~austrek/> [austrek@vicnet.net.au](mailto:austrek@vicnet.net.au)  
**Nova Mob** *May 5* 13 Frederick St Brunswick.

**Dandenong Valley Science Fiction Group** *May 12* 8.00pm Video Night , Meeting Room Dandenong Library Stuart St Dandenong Ann McGann P.O. Box 706 Frankston Vic 3199 Phone Daniel 9544 9775 e-mail [luddite@hotmail.com](mailto:luddite@hotmail.com)  
**Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club** *May 16* Noon A.G.M. Hall 1, St Thomas Anglian Church Moonee Ponds Contact [xfive@ballarat.starway.net.au](mailto:xfive@ballarat.starway.net.au)  
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~babylon5/> P.O. Box 610 Ballarat 3353 Phone: (03) 5334 6343 (Before 9pm)  
**Skyforce** *June 5* Melbourne Uni, Copeland Theatre, Economics and Commerce Building 1:00pm to 5:00pm P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070 [kryten@werple.net.au](mailto:kryten@werple.net.au)  
<http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking.htm>

## Web Changes

### New

**Andrew Whitmore's**  
<http://www.anson.com.au/whitmore>

### Moved

**Kathleen Ager**  
<http://www.wn.com.au/kager>

## Jove Nods Bullsheet Happens

Damien Warman noted "Tiny fixes: Juliette's surname is Woods and I was in the NEC Cup Go tournament; I think the Australian Go Association's big competition will be in Sydney soon. Got to do the right thing by the sponsor :) (I won a nice VCR for "fighting spirit"; now all I need to do is find out "fighting spirit" is...)"

## Deadlines

<b>Bullsheets #119</b>	<b>May 4 1999.</b>
<b>Obie Nominations</b>	<b>April 30 1999</b>
<b>Chandler Award Nominations</b>	<b>May 1st</b>
<b>ANZAPA 188</b>	<b>June 7 1998</b>
<b>SpawnCon Short Story</b>	<b>August 13 1999</b>
<b>Ditmar Votes</b>	<b>August 27 1999</b>

*This Fanzine Supports The Minneapolis in '73 WorldCon Bid The Toronto in 2003 WorldCon bid and Aussiecon Three.*

*Other Allegiances are still for sale.*

*Heading Art by Sheryl Birkhead Other Art by Bill Rotzler*

## Literature

Leanne Frahm notes "Wow! Claudia Christian (whom I take it has something to do with Star Trek) charges \$20 per autograph!!!! That means Justin Ackroyd owes me about \$1000!!! I can hardly wait to get to Melbourne to collect it..."