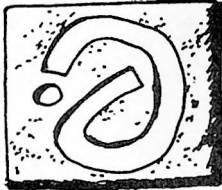


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No Bullsheet – Honest!

Welcome to my last issue of The Australian Science Fiction Bullsheet. When I started this publication in January 1994, I professed myself that, when it stopped being fun, I'd stop doing it. Sadly, recently the BS has become an obligation, rather than a pleasure. If I may quote a limerick "He said, with a yawn
Now the novelty's gawn
It's merely a pain in the arse."

The Bullsheet started life as a good two cent fanzine. (That's what it cost me to print each sheet of the first twenty four mimeographed issues.) It was an Internet fanzine from the beginning too. I've enjoyed doing it, but I don't have Dave Langford's staying power. It was nice to briefly overtake him in number of issues produced. I'd like to thank all those people who encouraged me over the span of the Bullsheet's existence, particularly David L. Russell, Lucy Sussex, Yvonne Rousseau and Alan Stewart, and my thanks as always to Justin Ackroyd, for helping me to keep things in perspective. Sorry Justin, I never did manage to put together an issue that was soft or absorbent, and it never did tear at the perforations.

As for the title, it's up for grabs. If anyone feels like taking it, go ahead. It's yours.

I will be maintaining my Australian SF Site on Vicnet, <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/> including the Calendar, fiction listings, and the Clubs and Conventions listings, but there won't be a fortnightly newsletter. So if you're doing anything scientificfictional in Australia, please keep me informed.

In Electrons

An e-mailed newspiece from Kate Orman reports on various things relating to her and Jonathan Blum's writing projects. "Jon has a two-part article in Doctor Who Magazine #308

and #309, titled "Where Have All The Monsters Gone?" Kate's story "Cactus Land" (Realms of Fantasy, August 2000) got an "honorable mention" in The Year's Best Science Fiction, edited by Gardner Dozois. Kate's script "Hidden Face" is now in post-production at Timebase, a UK-based fan video group. A short piece by Kate about lactose intolerance appeared in *Argus* issue 12 (July 2001), a small, free publication available in cafes around Canberra and Sydney.

Russell Blackford notes "Reason has now published my essay "Live Long! Live Free!" (largely based on a much longer piece called "Life Extension and its Enemies", published in *Quadrant* magazine a couple of years ago). Some of you might like to check out the site. It's a pretty neat piece of web design:
<http://www.longevitymeme.org/index.cfm>

In Print

The Slow Glass Books Catalogue 152 lists the following Australian New Releases: Jill Dobson *A Journey to Distant Mountains* (UQP); Dale Elvy *First Hunter* (Harper Collins); Jennifer Fallon *Harshini* ((Harper Collins); Paul Kidd *Queen of the Demonweb Pits* (Wizards of the Coast); Simon Haynes *Hal Spacejock* (Bowman Publishing); Robert Hood *Black Sun Rising* (Hodder & Stoughton); Catherine Jinks *The Rapture*(Pan); Caiseal Mor *The King of Sleep* (Simon & Schuster); Sean Williams *The Stone Mage and the Sea* (Harper Collins).

Bullsheet Media Watch

Mark Loney notes "John Baxter had an article in the Panorama section of *The Canberra Times* 25/8. It was a lengthy review of the latest French sex scandal book - by a French woman prominent in the arts who has written a biography about her fairly extraordinary sex life." Lucy Sussex reviews Justin D'Ath's *Echidna Mania* in *The Sunday Age* 9/9/2001. Tantoblin mentions, regarding media coverage of Frecon "There was also a mention & pictures in the *St George & Sutherland Shire Leader* (local paper). I was almost tempted to come & have a look with all that promotion..." Vanessa reports "The *Canberra Sunday Times* 2/9/2001 has an article on Gayle Lovatt & Gaslight books (amongst other things, major sponsor of CSF Con). Also reviews of 4 SF books done by Colin Steele." "science fiction guru" Damien Broderick gets an extended mention in the *New Scientist*'s Antipodes column 1/9/2001.

FFANZ Candidate Is A Card

Lucy Sussex reports "Little Ted, former teddy bear to the Warner family children and FFANZ candidate, has a new role - featured as part of a range of greeting cards developed by Dora Levakis, a Melbourne artist."

Convention News

Ted Scribner notes, regarding Conning Tour: "I have had 131 hits on my Conning Tour page <http://members.optushome.com.au/aussff/ConTour.html> but nary a cheque for the deposit. If I haven't got at least 20 starters by Tuesday 2 October I'll have to call it off. I haven't had any queries either so, unless Vanessa has had some, then everyone understands the position and has decided either not to go or to wait for the last minute to pay. Well, the last minute is Friday 28 September."

Upcoming Conventions

Armageddon Pulp Culture Expo September 15-16 The Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington New Zealand Guests include Richard Biggs, Marjean Holden, Gigi Edgley, Wayne Pygram, Sean Schemmel, John Romita Jr, Richard Arnold. entry only \$10nzd www.pulpexpo.com

Conquest September 21-23 Quest Hotel Brisbane GsoH Richard Hatch, Richard Biggs, Richard Arnold & Marjean Holden \$215 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001 wraggs@bigpond.net.au
Multiverse One day Convention September 30 2001 Cancelled

Force 3.75 October 13 9.30am to 6.30pm Star Walking Convention The Second Star Walking Star was fan film festival. University of Melbourne, Charles Pearson Theatre, Education Resource Centre \$12 Star Walking members \$15 Multiverse members \$20 non-members

[starwalking@starwalking.net](http://www.starwalking.net) <http://www.starwalking.net>
BOBW 12 October 20-21 2001 Stargate SG-1 Convention Michael Shanks, Tony Amendola Alexis Cruz Colin Cunningham. The Gazebo Hotel Rushcutters Bay Sydney <http://www.bobw.com.au> alc@nlc.net.au PO Box 215 Forestville NSW Australia 2087 ph (02) 9453 0290 Fax: +61 2 9975 6043

Conning Tour: A relaxacon. November 2-5 2001. Topview Motel and Milton-Ulladulla Bowling Club, Ulladulla NSW. \$30 + \$30 deposit for accommodation payable by 28 September. Contact Vanessa saxifrage10@yahoo.com.au or Ted krenon@optushome.com.au. Web Page: <http://members.optushome.com.au/aussff/ConTour.html>. E. A. Scribner 12 Richmond St Cronulla NSW 2230

Freecon November 10 North Sydney Library Contact Garry Dalrymple garry-peter.dalrymple@tfnsw.edu.au

Borderlands: The World Within November 24-25 2001 Emerald Hotel, Mount Street, Perth GsoH Chris Lawson, Jeremy Byrne and Tess Williams Memberships: \$53, \$45 conc Contact soxwell@central.murdoch.edu.au <http://bofderlands.murdoch.edu.au/>

BOBW 13 November 24 & 25, 2001 Buffy The Vampire Slayer and Earth: Final Conflict Convention Anthony Stewart, Leni Parker, Anita La Selva, Eugene Roddenberry Jr <http://www.bobw.com.au> alc@nlc.net.au PO Box 215 Forestville NSW Australia 2087 ph (02) 9453 0290 Fax: +61 2 9975 6043

Write (Con January 18-20 2002. Guest speakers: Simon Brown, Marilyn Pride and Lewis Morley Venue: Barker Lodge Motel, Barker St, Kensington (N.S.W.) Membership: \$20 Edwina Harvey e.harvey@unsw.edu.au 12 Flinders St, Matraville, NSW. 2036 <http://members.optushome.com.au/aussff/Writecon.html>

Costume Con 20 - February 15-18 2002 Melbourne LaTrobe University \$A130 Jan 1st 2001 - Dec 31st 2001 \$160 Jan 1st 2002 - Feb 15th 2002 \$A50 Daily Admission The Australian Costumers' Guild PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 stlskin@netspace.net.au

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>
Museum Freecon March 16-17 2002 Sydney Garry Dalrymple garry-peter.dalrymple@tfnsw.edu.au
Swancon 2002 March 28 - April 1 2002 The Kings Perth Hotel Fan GoH John McDouall others tba \$80 until June 30 2001. \$110 thereafter. P.O. Box G429 Perth WA 6841 2002@sf.org.au <http://www.swancon.com>

Auckland Armageddon Pulp Culture Expo April 12 -14 2002 Aotea Centre www.pulpexpo.com
Canberra SF Convention May 2002 Vanessa Jacobsen saxifrage10@yahoo.com.au

Con with the Wind 2002 New Zealand NatCon May 31 to June 3 West Plaza Hotel Wellington GsoH Joe and Gay Halde-

man Dan Hennah Lucy Sussex Yvonne Harrison Alan Robson CON With The Wind PO Box 11-559 Manners St Wellington Attending 580 Supporting \$30 Wellington. enquiries@con-with-the-wind.sf.org.nz <http://con-with-the-wind.sf.org.nz/>

Convergence 41st Australian National Science Fiction Convention June 7 - 10 2002 GsoH Joe Haldeman, Sean Williams Lucy Sussex, Gay Haldeman and Race Mathews Toastmaster Jack Dann Cato Conference Centre Melbourne. Full Membership until October 31 2001 \$130. Student (13-16 years) \$80. Child (5-12) \$25. Supporting \$25. GPO Box 1212k Melbourne Vic 3001 Web: <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~converge/> email: contact-convergence@egroups.com.

Relaxa.Con 14-17 June 2002, Whitsunday Terraces Resort, Airlie Beach, Queensland. Run by Eric Lindsay and Jean Weber. For more information, see

<http://www.ericlindsay.com/relaxa.con/>
Con Jose The 60th World Science Fiction Convention August 29 to September 2, 2002. San José McEnery Convention Centre GsoH Vernor Vinge, David Cherry, Bjo & John Trimble, Ferdinand Fehgoth Toastmaster Tad Williams. P.O. Box 61363 Sunnyvale CA 94088-1363 U.S.A. Conjose@sfsfc.org <http://www.conjose.org/> Attending membership A\$320. (Supporting A\$60). **Australian agent:** Terry Frost, 4/8 Walker St, West Brunswick, VIC 3055. Cheques payable to "60th World Science Fiction Convention."

Golden Jubilee Syncon: Scheduled for October or November 2002.

EmotiCon 2003 New Zealand NatCon Easter Auckland. enquiries@emoticon.sf.org.nz

Torcon III The 61st World Science Fiction Convention August 28-September 1, 2003 Metro Toronto Convention Centre GsoH George R. R. Martin Frank Kelly Freas Mike Glycer with Toastmaster: Spider Robinson and GoHst of Honour: Robert Bloch the spirit of Toronto Worldcons P.O. Box 3, Station A, Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W 1A2 Supporting Membership \$US40; Attending Membership \$US115. Email: info@torcon3.on.ca Website: <http://www.torcon3.on.ca>

ConTour 2004 May 31 to June 3 2004 Proposed as New Zealand's 25th National Science Fiction Convention Rotorua, enquiries@contour.sf.org.nz

GoH=Guest of Honour

O.C.F.= Other Commitments Permitting

tba=to be announced.

Events

There is an annual calendar available on the Vicnet SF web site at <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/2001cal.htm>

Club News

Darrell Pitt webworld@tpg.com.au notes "Just a reminder, Sydney Science-Fiction and Fantasy Writers are still meeting on the second Sunday of each month at. People who write science-fiction, fantasy or horror are welcome to attend. My number is 9476 8230 if anyone needs to contact me.

The informal Melbourne Friday Night Mob seems to have become very much a hit or miss affair, especially now that Myers Cafeteria has stopped selling meals of an evening. If you're looking for fans on a Friday night, the MSFC is a safer bet. I suspect that there will, for the time being, be people at Myers on ANZAPA collection and distribution nights but I'm not sure.

Steven Cooke notes that SFSA is planning a quiz night for the last week of October probably on the 27th

A.C.T.

Canberra Speculative Fiction Guild September 19 ACT Writers' Centre Gorman House, Braddon ACT. les.peterson@detya.gov.au <http://csfg.cumulonimbus.com>

New South Wales

Southern Science Fiction and Fantasy Group September 15 Contact Bradley Row bradrow@netspace.net.au
Sydney Futurians September 21 7pm University of Technology, Sydney Room 1615 <http://hinus.socs.uts.edu.au/~iwoolf/futurians.html>

SF Movie Marathon *September 30.* (Note the changed date.)
 Greater Union Mosman 9 Spit Road Mosman
 johnbortolin@primus.com.au
Sydney Science-Fiction and Fantasy Writers October 14 2-5
 pm Hornsby library. Contact Darrell Pitt 9476 8230
 webworld@tpg.com.au
Friends of Science Fiction *October 14* 10:30am to 6:00pm Lid-
 combe Catholic Club, 24 John St Lidcombe P.O Box 797 Fairfield
 NSW 1860 membership@fsf.com.au
 http://www.fsf.com.au
Skyforce *October 21* Lidcombe Catholic Workmen's
 Club, 24 John Street, Lidcombe (Opposite Lidcombe Railway
 Station) P.O. Box 427 Northcote Vic 3070 Phone 05 005 53347
 (05 055 JEDIS)

Queensland

Conquest *October 7* GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001

South Australia

SFSA *September 15* 3pm-10pm Adelaide High. Steven Cooke
 (donquay@chariot.net.au) or P.O. Box 3227 Kundle Mall Ade-
 laide SA 5000

Victoria

MSFC *September 14* Author Night Scott Westerfeld *September*
21 Annual Fan Olympics *September 28* Costumer's Guild 8:00
 pm St. David's Uniting Church Hall, 74 Melville Road, West
 Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005
 http://www.vicnet.net.au/~msfc/
 M.S.F.C@yahoo.com
Friday Night Mob ? 6:00-7.30pm. Informal eating and natter-
 ing. Myers Cafeteria Melbourne
Doctor Who Club of Victoria *September 15:* Sci Fi Melbourne
 Walk GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne VIC 3001
 aswan@optusnet.com.au
 http://www.vicnet.net.au/~dwcw
Multiverse *September 20* Atlantis: The Lost Empire Hoyts Ci-
 nema Chadstone Shopping Centre multiverse@multiverse.org.au.
Enterprise *September 22* 1:00-5:00pm What does it mean to be
 a Star Trek Fan? Ella Latham Theatre Royal Children's Hospi-
 tal P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005
 http://www.vicnet.net.au/~enterprise/
 enterpris@vicnet.net.au
Nova Mob *October 3* Jan Mond on Stephen King and why he
 wants to have his babies (with parsley) 13 Frederick St Bruns-
 wick
Austrek *October 6* 2:00pm St Mark's Church Hall Cnr Canter-
 bury & Burke Rds, Camberwell GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne
 3001 http://www.vicnet.net.au/~austrek/
 austrek@vicnet.net.au
Skyforce *October 13* 1:00 to 5:00pm Charles Pearson Theatre
 Education Resource Centre University of Melbourne P.O. Box
 427 Northcote Vic 3070 starwalking@starwalking.net
 http://www.starwalking.net
The Australian Costumers' Guild *November 3* Derby Day
 Picnic (based on the 1887 painting "The Lawn at Flemington")
 PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204 stlskin@netspace.net.au
 http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/
Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club *November 24* 1:00pm
Christmas Trip to the Zocalo P.O. Box 437 Sunshine Vic 3020
 chrisap@bigpond.com or mystery@netstra.com.au
 http://www.vicnet.net.au/~babylon5/

Fanzines

Bite the Wax Tadpole #1 Kim Huett 29/63 Pearson St Holder
 ACT 2611 Australia 2pp
 Nova Express 21 Lawrence Person P.O. Box 27231 Austin TX
 78755-2231 USA 42pp lawrenceperson@jump.net
 http://www.sflit.com/novalexpress/
Slow Glass Books Catalogue 152 Cheryl Louch Slow Glass
 Books GPO Box 2708X Melbourne Vic 3001 Australia 28pp
 http://www.slowglass.com.au

Electronic Fanzines

Ansible 170 Dave Langford 94 London Road Reading Berkshire

RG1 5AU U.K. ansible@cix.co.uk http://www.ansible.co.uk/

Deadlines

GUFF nominations	September 30 2001
NAFF nominations	October 1 2001
Borderlands Competition	October 12 2001

This Fanzine Supports The Minneapolis in '73 WorldCon Bid and the next Australian WorldCon Bid.

Sending Art by Sheryl Birkhead Other Art by Bill Rotzler

Worldcon Stuff

Hugo winners

Best Novel:
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling (Bloomsbury; Scholastic/Levine)
Best Novella
 "The Ultimate Earth" by Jack Williamson (*Analog Dec 2000*)
Best Novelette
 "Millennium Babies" by Kristine Kathryn Rusch (*Asimov's Jan 2000*)
Best Short Story
 "Different Kinds of Darkness" by David Langford (*F&SF Jan 2000*)
Best Related Book
Greetings from Earth: The Art of Bob Eggleton by Bob Eggleton and Nigel Suckling (Paper Tiger)
Best Dramatic Presentation
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Best Professional Editor
 Gardner Dozois
Best Professional Artist
 Bob Eggleton
Best Semiprozine
Locus edited by Charles N. Brown
Best Fanzine
File 770 edited by Mike Glyer
Best Fan Writer
 Dave Langford
Best Fan Artist
 Teddy Harvia
John W. Campbell Award
 Kristine Smith (2nd year of eligibility)

Site Selection

Boston won the right to host the 2004 Worldcon Nor-eastcon Four will be held September 2-6 2004 with Guests of Honour Terry Pratchett, William Tenn, Jack Speer and Peter Weston. SnailMail address P.O. Box 1010 Frammingham MA 01701.info@mcfi.org

Sidewise Award

The winners of this year's Sidewise Award for Alternate History were announced at MilPhil on Friday, August 31.
Best Long Form: Mary Gentle, *The Book of Ash* (Gollancz, 2000; Avon 1999-2000)
Best Short Form: Ted Chiang, "Seventy-Two Letters," *Vanishing Acts*, edited by Ellen Datlow, Tor 2000.

Feel free to play your own fortynightly newszine on the blank page four.

