

THE AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION BULLSHEET

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(The Fanthologies are distributed each year at Corflu the annual North American fannish convention. They contain what is considered to be the best fan writing and fan art for the year specified.)

WHAT'S ON THE REMAINDER TABLE

Damien Broderick's *Striped Holes*, *The Judas Mandala* and *The Black Grail* have been seen on the remaindered tables around Melbourne as has Katherine Cumming's *Katherine's Diary*, which includes photographs of Katherine in her Aussiecon Masquerade costume in 1973 and with Terry Dowling and Van Ikin.

BUSHFIRE INFO

Assorted reports from Nick Stathopoulos to Justin Ackroyd and Ali Eayn and from e-mail sent by Jean Weber suggest that none of the fans in the Sydney area were directly affected by the bushfires. Lewis Morley & Marilyn Pride were evacuated at one point and the fires did get uncomfortably close to Falconbridge.

CONVENTION NEWS

Constantinople has distributed a flier giving details of its art show. For information contact the address below. Queensland author Leanne Frahm will be making the trek south to be at Constantinople.

According to a note on aust.sf, unless membership numbers increase rapidly in the next couple of weeks, the media Goff Colin Baker could be in doubt. The Deadline for Ditmar & ASFMA Award Nominations is 31/1/94. Any member of Australian fandom may nominate. Voting is limited to Constantinople members.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

Starfest

Media February 5-6 (Melbourne) February 12-13 (Brisbane) Melbourne Southern Cross Hotel Brisbane Mavtair Crest Hotel. Gsoff George Takei & Dave McDonnell. Attending \$50. Bookings through Bass in Melbourne or Ticketworld in Brisbane.

INTRODUCTION

I figure that what Australian fandom needs is a good 10c newszine and this is what you have in your grubby little hands now. The aim of *The Australian Science Fiction Bullsheet* is to get science fiction news to people on a fast and frequent basis. My current plans are to publish fortnightly. I do not see *The Bullsheet* as a rival to *Thyme* more as a supplement. *Thyme* has the space to go into detail. This zine will be a bare bones newsheet, with aims of achieving the heights of Leigh Edmonds' *Fanew Sletter* or Dave Langford's *Ansible*. A text version of *The Bullsheet* will be posted to aust.sf for those who prefer their information in an electronic format and who are too cheap to pay the cost of stamps.

This issue will concentrate on Melbourne news but I'd love to hear from other states and include material from there. Don't be shy drop me a line either by mail or e-mail.

The PROFESSIONAL NEWS area will be unashamedly Australian SF Professional News. There are other zines that will keep you in touch with overseas news among the best being *Thyme* which also includes *Australian SF News* and Ian Gunn's *Arctichoke*. Well worth subscribing to.

LONEY TO EDIT FANTHOLOGY

Ex-Western Australian & Victorian fan Mark Loney has been invited to edit the 1990 Fanthology for Corflu '94. He is interested in people nominating material to be included. Nominations of fanzine articles or art to be included are required by February 21st to Mark Loney. The Space Wastrel, 4005 Buchanan Street Hyattsville MD 20781-2117 USA. Copies of the nominated material would be appreciated.

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The Place to Be

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1994 Media/General Natcon. 1-4 April.
Southern Cross Hotel Melbourne **GsoH**
William Gibson. Colin Baker. Bruce
Gillespie. Narelle Harris. Current attending
rate \$110. P.O. Box 212. World Trade Centre.
Melbourne. 3005

InterA.C.T.

Media convention. 22-25 April 1994
National Convention Centre Canberra.
Attending Rate \$50-00 until 31/3/94 GPO
Box 2050 Canberra ACT 2601

Confusion '94

Western Australian convention
incorporating Swancon 19
15-17 July 1994. Perth International Hotel
GoH Gerry Anderson. Attending Rate \$50-
00 until January 31st. P.O. Box 190. Mt
Lawley. 6050

Concinnity '95

27-29 January 1995 Melbourne Venue &
GsoH to be announced. Attending Rate \$50-
00 until 7/4/95 GPO Box 972G Melbourne
Vic 3001

OTHER EVENTS

Nova Mob Melbourne SF discussion group
meets on the first Wednesday of every
month except Jan & Dec Eating at the
Erawan Restaurant 205 Swan St Richmond
at 8-00pm followed by the meeting at Alan
Stewart's house

Wednesday February 2nd. Setting of the
program for 1994

Critical Mass Adelaide SF discussion
group meets on the first Wednesday of
every month from 8-00pm at the SA
Writers' Centre. 242 Pirie Street. Adelaide
Dinner before hand at the East End Coffee
House

The Melbourne Science Fiction Club
meets every Friday night at 7.30 pm. St
David's Hall. 74 Melville Rd. West
Brunswick

St Valentine's SF/Fantasy Ball
Saturday 12th February 1994. William
Angliss Restaurant. Little Lonsdale Street
Melbourne. \$35/ticket

THREADS P.O. Box 257. Brunswick West
3055

The Friday Night Mob

An assortment of Melbourne fans meet for
natter and the like at E&Ms in the Myer
Arcade every Friday night. from about 6-
00 p.m. We're the noisy mob located on the

two large tables closest to the cash
register

Roger Weddall Memorial Picnic

This will be held by the lake in the
Botanical Gardens on Sunday January 23rd
at about lunchtime. The venue is usually
on the peninsula directly opposite the
kiosk

Australian Science Fiction

Foundation A.G.M. January 30th
2-00pm 137 Green Street Ivanhoe

AUSTRALIA IN '99 NEWS

Not much to report to date. A flier is in
preparation and should be distributed with
the next *Bullsheet*. Pre-supporting
membership is available for \$10-00 from
Australia in '99. P.O. Box 99. Bayswater.
3153

FANZINES

Thyme #95. Alan Stewart. P.O. Box 222.
World Trade Centre. Melbourne 3005
\$12/year. Includes *Australian Science
Fiction News*, *Artychoke* & *Ansible*

APAS

February: **ANZAPA** deadline 4/2/94

FAN FUNDS

Tim Jones has won **FFANZ** and will be at
Constantinople
Phil Ware has received the **DUFF** ballot
from Dick & Leah Smith. It is being
checked by the candidates before being
circulated. Copies will go out with the
February 4th copy of *The Bullsheet*. The
candidates are Ren Clarke. Alan Stewart.
Donna Heenan and Lucy Sussex & Julian
Warner.

SOURCES

Thyme *Constantinople Flier* *Confusion*
'94 Flier *THREADS Flier* *Ali Laya* *Justin*
Ackroyd *Perry* *Middlemiss* *Alan Stewart*
Phil Ware *Leanne Frahm*

DEADLINE FOR *2

Tuesday February 1st. Distribution date
Friday February 4th. Fliers for good
fannish causes distributed with *The
Bullsheet* for free. Commercial fliers
distributed for a consideration