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Playford Collection

Nick Playford's collection of speculative fiction, *The Prisoner Gains A Blurred Skin* was launched by Blackpepper Press on December 6th.

Alternate Sticky Moments?

Danny Heap and Alternate Worlds have parted company. Meanwhile Cerey Handfield is burning up the information super-highway as an Internet Access salesperson. Your humble correspondent visited Adelaide with the intention of looking into the fabled Known Space Bookshop, only to find that it doesn't open until 12 noon on a Saturday. Mumble! I did see the door. I made up for the disappointment with a pleasant afternoon tea with Roman Orszanski, Sue Peukert, Dylan, John Foyster, Yvonne Rousseau, Brian Forte and Helen, and Dianne DeBellis. What is this? The social pages?

Convention Updates

Survival '94 managed to lose all three of its GsoH just prior to the convention. (To lose one guest of honour, Mr Proctor, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose all three looks like carelessness.) **Arcon** (The Aussiecon Reunion Convention) will have Robin Johnson and David Grigg as its GsoH. Robin chaired the first Aussiecon, and David chaired Aussiecon Two. **Thylacon** seems to be returning from the brink of extinction, with a new snailmail address P.O. Box 397 Sandy Bay 7006 and an email address cnelson@mariner.amc.edu.au. **Force 1** has a different address and has added Jon Berg to its GsoH list

Upcoming Conventions

Voyager Star Trek 30/12/94-1/1/95, GsoH Dwight Schultz, Jonathan Del Arco & Nichelle Nichols. Hilton on the Park Mel-

bourne \$85/3day \$40 Banquet G.P.O. Box 474 Rosebud 3939. 059-82-25-20 or voyager@wusette.dialix.oz.au
Novacon '95 Dr Who. 13-15 January 1995. Radisson Hotel Newcastle. GsoH John Levine, Katy Manning & Nicholas Courtney \$70 P.O. Box 140, Kotara Fair 2289 iandix@scorch.hna.com.au
Event Horizon Blakes 7 Carindale Hotel, Carindale Brisbane 27-29 January 1995 GsoH Gareth Thomas O.C.P. Event Horizon, P.O. Box 492, Corinda QLD 4075 (07) 349-2229 \$80 until 26/1/95; \$115 at the door; Supp \$15 kat@welkin.apana.org.au
Concinnity '95 January 27-29 1995, Regent Hotel Melbourne, GsoH Robert O'Reilly & Ian Gunn. GPO Box 9726, Melbourne, 3001.
Swancon '95 W.A. regional April 13-17 1995, Perth Sheraton Hotel. GsoH Pat Cadigan. Att \$70. P.O. Box 318 Nedlands 6009
ConQuest '95 NZ Nat Con 1995, April 14-17. Airport Quality Hotel, Auckland GsoH: Roger Zelszny, Vonda McIntyre, Richard Taylor, Keith Smith P.O. Box 26-311 Auckland, NZ. E-Mail: ncates@chenov1.auckland.ac.nz
Force One (1st Star Wars NatCon) 15-17 April 1995, Melbourne Sheraton, GsoH Steve Sansweet, Hugh Fleming, Jon Berg. \$110. PO Box 427 Northcote 3070. 03 416 8998
Thylacon 1995 Lit NatCon, June 9-12 1995, Wrest Point Hotel Casino, Hobart. GsoH Kim Stanley Robinson, Peter Nichols and Grant Stone. \$60-00 to 1/2/95 then \$75-00. Sup \$20-00. Voting \$5-00. P.O. Box 397 Sandy Bay 7006 cnelson@mariner.amc.edu.au.
Arcon Aussiecon Reunion Convention-celebrating twenty years of Australian Science Fiction. September 22-24 1995 GsoH Robin Johnson & David Grigg Savoy Plaza Hotel Melbourne Marc Ortlieb P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill, Vic 3131 Att \$50-00.
Mutagen '96 January 26-29 1996, Dr Who Att \$90-00. GPO Box 9106 Melbourne 3001.
Festival of the Imagination/ Confusion 96/Swancon 21 Lit/Media NatCon Easter 1996. University of W.A. Supp \$15.
Constellation NZ Natcon: Queens Birthday Weekend 1996 The Christchurch City Travelodge, NZ GsoH Michael Moorcock, James Dignan \$50.00 during 1994/5 P.O. Box 29-119, Fendalton, Christchurch NZ. Email: c.brendenburg@lincoln.ac.nz
GoH = Guest of Honour
O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting

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Other Events

U.S.W.

Gargoyle Club First Friday of month
7.00pm, Royal Exhibition Hotel Surrey Hills
Futurian Society of Sydney 3rd Friday of
month 7pm Room 1615 University of
Technology Sydney

Sydney Dr Who Fan Club 4th Sunday of
month Sefton District Girl Guides' Hall, P.O.
Box 381, Chester Hill, 2162 (02) 727-4272

**Newcastle Doctor Who Science Fiction
Club** 3rd Sunday of the month, Alice
Ferguson Community Centre, 30 Caldwell St
Merewether P.O. Box 140, Kotara Fair 2289,
ph (049) 57 5109 (049) 43 2666

W.A.

In-Friends STING/DS9/Babylon 5 videos
Fridays 6:30pm Building 17 Edith Cowan
University Mt Lawley. Phone 310-7122
UniSFA shay@tartarus.uwa.edu.au

Victoria

Doctor Who Club Victoria December 10
Christmas Party, Ridley College, 10am-7pm,
GoH Mark "Turlough" Strickson. \$10
members, \$12 non-members

**Dandenong Valley S.F. & Futurist So-
ciety** Dandenong Library Conference
Room, December 12 8-00 pm, Ann McGann 63
Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199

Gallifrey RBC SF December 17 Bingo night
St Michael's Church Hall, North Carlton.

Enterprise Star Trek December 17 6.30pm
Christmas Party \$5.00 The Horticultural
Society Hall 31 Victoria St P.O. Box 466 World
Trade Centre Melbourne 3005
trek@wusette.dialix.oz.au

Star Trek Marathons The Glasshouse
Theatrette, RMIT Union 360 Swanston St
6:30pm first Sat of the month.

A.C.T., S.A., Qld, Tas

No current information

Fanzines

Enac #2 John Foyster GPO Box 3086 Rundle
Mall Adelaide 5000 johnfoys@bearnie.tafe.sa.
edu.au

The Mentor #35 Ron Clarke P.O. Box K940
Haymarket N.S.W. 2000.

Or So You Say #10 Shayne McCormack 49
Orchard Road Bass Hill N.S.W. 2197

BBS

Echo Base Hoth (03) 563-1323. **Psibaud**,
(03) 804 3205, free single line stand-alone

science fiction and education BBS **Unisfa**
<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/unisfa/>.
Damien Varman [http://smug.student.
adelaide.edu.au/damien/home.html](http://smug.student.adelaide.edu.au/damien/home.html)

Deadlines

Guff March 31st 1995

Jove Nods. Bullsheet Happens
Sorry Dennis, please note that Dennis spells
his surname Callegari and Katharine Shade
spells her first name with an 'a'.

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Recommended Reading

The Lottery & The Patternmaker (Omnibus
Books) compiled by Lucy Sussex. Though
aimed at an adolescent audience, these
anthologies showcase some of the best of the
current batch of Australian sf writers. I
particularly enjoyed both title stories,
Leanne Frahm's *Jinx Ship*, Greg Egan's *The
Walk* (reprinted from *Asimov's*) and Dirk
Strasser's *Steering the Waters*.

Sources

*Ali Kayn, Kate Orman, Jane Tisell, Justin
Ackroyd, Ron Clarke, Katharine Shade.*

Information Required

Club secretaries. When you sort out your
annual programs, please send me a copy. I'm
particularly in need of info from W.A.,
Canberra and Queensland.

In addition I'm looking for places to
send hard copy of *The Bullsheet*. Currently
Slow Glass Books in Melbourne are my only
distribution point. Could fans in other states
recommend bookshops or clubs with freebie
tables?

It strikes me that what we need is a
fannish contact point in each major city;
somewhere where visiting science fiction
fans know they can get the latest
information on what is happening and
somewhere where conventions and clubs
can distribute publicity. Can anyone suggest
places like that in their city? (Replies will be
published in future *Bullsheets*.)

Deadline For #24

(Sorry this one was late.) Tuesday December
20th. Distribution date Friday December 23rd.
The Bullsheet will then go into a Christmas
recess until early February. (I use the school
duplicator for hardcopy.)