

THE AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION BULLSHEET

#31

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1995 Ditmar Awards

The voting forms for the 1995 Australian Science Fiction Achievement Awards have been completed. (See form attached.) Nominations are

Best Australian Long Fiction

Deersnake Lucy Sussex (Hodder) *Genetic Soldier* George Turner (William Morrow) *Permutation City* Greg Egan (Millenium) *Voices in the Light* Sean McMullen (Aphelion)

Best Australian Short Fiction

"Cocoon" Greg Egan (*Asimov's SF*, May 94); "Jinx Ship" Leanne Frahm (*The Patternmaker*); "Land's End" Leanne Frahm (*Alien Shores*); "Our Lady of Chernobyl" Greg Egan (*Interzone* 83, May 1994); "The Patternmaker" Dave Luckett (*The Patternmaker*)

Best Professional Artwork

Sean Tan: For artwork in *Aurealis* and *Eidolon*

Best Fanzine

Gegenschein Eric Lindsay; *The Mentor* Ron Clarke; *Sirius* Garry Wyatt; *Thyme* Alan Stewart

Best Fan Writer

Terry Frost; Ian Gunn; Graham Stone.

Best Fan Artist

Ian Gunn; Kerri Valkova

William Atheling Jr. Award For Criticism Or Review

Insufficient eligible nominations were received in this category for any nominees to appear on the voting form.

No Award is also an option in each category.

This is the first time that there has been only one nominee vying with No Award in a particular category. Given last year's rather dismal showing in the Best Professional Artwork category, it would seem that it is a category that needs some promotion if it is to appear on ballots in future. The lack of interest in the Atheling is of equal concern.

See the voting form for further details.

Fandom Invades TV(TV)

Danny Heap and Chris Masters were seen on ABC's TVTV (13/4/95) discussing horror, in a segment mainly centred of Freddie Kruger and the *Nightmare on Elm Street* movies. This was soon followed by artist

Nick Stathopoulos (19/4/95) discussing *Ren and Stimpy* and the work that he'd done for Hanna Barbera. Jan Wilson then appeared on the same show (25/4/95) explaining why being a Klingon allowed her to express the more violent side of her personality. Derek Screen had to content himself with an appearance on the Good Friday Appeal (Channel 7 14/4/95).

More Reproductive Systems

Perth fans John and Sarah McDouall have a daughter Sorchia Rhiannon, born March 28 at 6pm and weighing in at 8lb 11oz.

FFANZ Trip

Justin Reynolds reports that Donna Heenan "seemed to have a good time (at Conquest), but she was distressingly well behaved whenever I was around." Robin Johnson, who also attended, reports that the convention went well and that Roger Zelazny brought a surprise guest with him. At the convention, Conspiracy won the right to host the 1997 New Zealand NatCon. They are also bidding for the right to make it the 1997 Australasian Media NatCon, or would be if anyone could give them details of the 1995 Media NatCon at which the bid will be presented.

Convention Updates

Thylacon has changes to its contact e-mail address and phone number. (See listing.) Jean Weber provided the following information about two U.S. conventions for fanzine fans.

Continuum has changed its dates to October 13-15 1995 Ditto 8 November 3-5 1995 Seattle. Chaired by Alan Rosenthal and Janice Murray. \$30 Att. P.O. Box 75684 Seattle WA 98125-0684 USA e-mail: alanro@microsoft.com.

Corflu 13 March 15-17 1996. Nashville. Hosted by Lucy Huntzinger. \$40 Att \$10 Supp. 2305 Bernard Ave Nashville TN 37212 USA e-mail: huntzinger@phyv02.phy.vanderbilt.edu

Festival of the Imagination, the combined Lit/Media NatCon for 1996, have released their April Newsletter. In it they include details on two further guests, Neil Gaiman and Robin Pen. There are also address updates. They have also announced the categories for the 1996 Ditmars and ASFMA's. Those are

Ditmars: Best Long Fiction; Best Short Fiction; Best Publication (Periodical); Best Artwork; Best Non-professional Writer; Best Non-professional Artist plus the Atheling.

ASFMA's: Best Fan Writer; Best Fan Artist; Best Newsletter; Best Fan Fiction Zine; Best Amateur Audiovisual Production.

Since there is, for 1996, no Fanzine Award, *The Bullsheet* takes this opportunity to announce that it will present the inaugural Australian Fanzine Award in 1996. More

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details in future issues.

Upcoming Conventions

The Reunion #2 April 28-30th Ark Royale 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776 RelaxaCon? \$20 attending or \$15 for those feeding others. \$12 Day rate. Thylacon 1995 Lit NatCon. June 9-12. Hadley's Hotel, Hobart. GsoH Kim Stanley Robinson, Peter Nicholls and Grant Stone. \$75-00. Sup \$20-00. Voting \$5-00. P.O. Box 418, Sandy Bay, Tas 7005 (002) 313-779 e-mail cary_jl@postoffice.sandybay.utas.edu.au
Arcon Aussiecon Reunion Convention- celebrating twenty years of Australian Science Fiction. September 22-24 GsoH Robin Johnson & David Grigg Savoy Plaza Hotel Melbourne. P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill, Vic 3131 Att \$50-00. Att Ages 12-18yrs \$30. Supp \$20.
Continuum (Conquest 95) October 13-15 GsoH Jerry Hardin O.C.P. & Richard Arnold. Lennon's Hotel GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512
Condiment '95 1995 Media Natcon October 14 Melbourne Town Hall
Mudcon November 18-19 Winery tour/Convention. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
Mutagen '96 January 26-29 1996, Dr Who GsoH Peter Davison (O.C.P.) Chris Barrie (O.C.P.) Paul Cornell. Att \$90-00. GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001. (03) 534-2752
The Festival of the Imagination '96 (Confusion 96/Swancon 21) Lit/Media NatCon April 4-8 1996. Kings Hotel Perth. GsoH Bruce Sterling, Neil Gaiman & Robin Pen. Membership \$50 until May 31; \$60 from then until September 30; Supp \$20; Voting \$10. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 434 4167. E-mail julian@multiline.com.au
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.brandenburg@lincoln.ac.nz
Medtrek V Australia Day Weekend 1997 UWS Hawkesbury Richmond NSW Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention (bidding for the 15th Australasian SFMedia Con) March 28 to 31 1997. Airport Hotel Wellington N.Z. GsoH tba. PO Box 10104, Wellington, New Zealand. Email: concom@sans.vuw.ac.nz
GoH = Guest of Honour
O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting

Club Information

According to Lawrie Brown, the Canberra SF Society is currently without a venue. David Waldron is starting a Fantasy & SF Club in the Castlemaine area. Contact him at 18 Roderick Street Castlemaine 3350

Other Events

N.S.W.

The Winter Ball July 29 Elim House, Shaftesbury St Burwood (NSW). \$50. All bookings by July 20th to Susan Clark, 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776. Proceeds to the Linda Cox Chan Fund for Diabetes Research.
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, Alife Ferguson Community Centre, 30 Caldwell St Merewether P.O. Box 140, Kotara Fair 2289, ph (049) 57 5109 (049) 43 2666
Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club PO Box 161 Adamstown NSW 2289
Dr Who Fan Club of Australia PO Box 4 Epping NSW 2121 email: Kate.Orman@mq.edu.au \$9 per year Fanzine *Data Extract*
Gargoyle Club First Friday of month 7.00pm, Royal Exhibition Hotel Surrey Hills
Tavern Monthly booze-up for Doctor Who fans in Sydney. First Friday of month, 6 pm. Museum Hotel (just behind the Australian Museum)

Victoria

MSFC April 28 Post-Force-One Convention Quiz; 7-30pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005
Gallifrey April 29th 12pm to 5pm. Foot Rally. Meeting in the City Square Swanston Street.
Nova Mob May 3 Alan Stewart's Place Marc Ortlieb on Colin Kapp. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 429 8354
Dandenong Valley Science Fiction & Futurist Society May 4. 8pm Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. (059) 71-3645.
Time Trekkers May 5 7.30pm Bendigo Community Support Centre 46 Sternberg Street Bendigo. P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550
Star Trek Marathons May 6 6:30pm State Film Centre 1 Macarthur st East Melbourne (03) 758 1807
Austrek May 7 10am Village Cinema Airport West. Screening of *The Puppet Masters*. Bookings to Austrek GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 (03) 887 1701
Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 Fanzine *Babbling On*

Qld

Warp Speed April 29(Gold Coast) GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472
Conquest 95 May 7 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512
Quest Star Trek May 14 12noon - 4.00pm Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472

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Brisbane Dr Who Club May 21 P.O. Box 10308
Adelaide St Brisbane 4000

S.A.

Critical Mass May 3 8pm SA Writers' Centre, Second
Floor, 187 Rundle Street, Adelaide. 6:30 Five Spices
Restaurant

AUSFA, c/- Clubs Association, University of
Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5001.

W.A.

UniSFA - University of Western Australia Science
Fiction Association. See Web page or e-mail
(nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au) Simon Oxwel for
more details.

The West Lodge Doctor Who Fan Club. First Saturday
of the month at the Collins Street Centre, South Perth.
Entry Fee \$1.50 members, \$3.00 non-members. Snail-
Mail : P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley 6050 E-Mail :
nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au

A.C.T.

Canberra Science Fiction Society (CSFS) May 4,
7:30pm, general meeting, venue TBA Secretary, Ken
Ward, ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square
ACT 2608

Tas

No current information

Fanzines

Black Light #15 BBC Telefantasy Damian Christie who
still hasn't learned to put the fanzine address anywhere
obvious in the zine. (GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001 in
case you've forgotten fellas) **Kalien** Perzine James Allen
P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 **Babbling On #1**
Babylon 5 James Allen & Glen Tilley P.O. Box 41 West
Brunswick 3055 **Mimezine Flashback** Genzine Terry
Frost 26 Head St Balwyn 3103 e-mail
hlector@werple03.mira.net.au. Another name change
for Terry's excellent idiosyncratic fanzine. **Ethel the**
Aardvark #60 Paul Ewins for the MSFC P.O. Box 212
World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 **Ultrawarp #12**,
Michael Cloonan for Time Trekkers P.O. Box 934
Bendigo 3550. \$10/six. **Roman Orszanski** reports that
August 30th is launch for *AFR* Issue 1.

BBS

Echo Base Hoth (03) 563-1323. **Psibaud**, (03) 804 3205,
free single line stand-alone sf and education BBS **The**
Captain's Quarters Star Trek (03) 723 8344. **Ausom's**
First Class BBS SF conference called *Sci Fi* (03) 543 3411

Web Pages

Unisfa

<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/unisfa/>

Damien Warman

<http://smug.student.adelaide.edu.au/~damien/>

Sundance Bilson-Thompson

<http://smug.student.adelaide.edu.au/~kickaha/>

Deadlines

1995 Ditmar Votes	June 10 1995
1996 Ditmar Nominations	January 31 1996
1996 ASFMA Nominations	January 31 1996

Sources

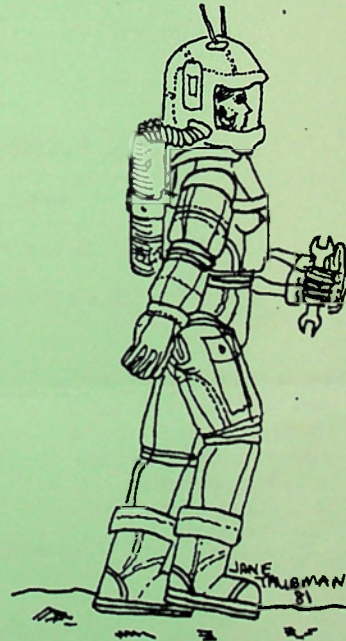
Warp Speed, *Lawrie Brown*, *Black Light*, *Jean Weber*, *Ethel the Aardvark*, *Cath Ortlieb*, *UltraWarp*, *Justin Reynolds*, *Robin Johnson*, *Kate Orman*, *Roy Ferguson*. *Festival of the Imagination*, *Justin Ackroyd*

Sydcon

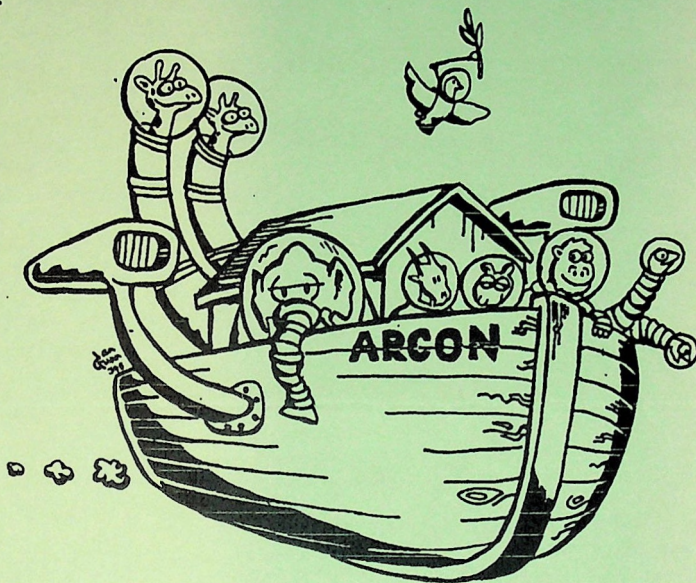
Kate Orman reports that Sydcon, about which I mused in *The BS* #30, was a gaming convention with a writers' panel, the latter explaining why it got a listing in *The Australian* writers' section.

Deadline For #32

Tuesday May 9th. Distribution Friday May 12th.



(Artwork—an old piece by Jane Taubman)
Arcon is looking for people who have slides of fannish
events. Please contact us if you are willing to let your
slides be shown at the convention.



ARCon

The Aussiecon Reunion Convention

September 22-24th 1995

Savoy Plaza Hotel Melbourne

GsoH Robin Johnson & David Grigg

No, you don't have to have been at either Aussiecon to attend. Turn up for an old style friendly Melbourne Science Fiction Convention.

Attending
Adult \$50 (More at the door)
12-18 \$30
Under 12 Free
Supporting \$20

For more information contact

ARCon
P.O. Box 215
Forest Hill
Vic 3131

E-Mail

Marc_A._Ortlieb@fc.ausom.oz.au

1995 AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION ACHIEVEMENT (DITMAR) AWARDS

The 1995 Australian Science Fiction Achievement Awards (popularly known as the Ditmars) are for works done in 1994 by Australians.

To vote for the Ditmar Awards you must be an attending, supporting, or voting member of Thylacon, the 1995 Australian National Science Fiction Convention.

A special voting only membership is available for \$5 if you cannot attend the convention. Take this option by enclosing \$5.00 with this voting form and ticking the following box:

ENCLOSED IS \$5.00 FOR VOTING ONLY MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to join Thylacon as a normal attending or supporting member please use the general application form.

You must complete the following:

NAME: -----

ADDRESS: -----

SIGNATURE: -----

The optional preferential voting system is used so please number, from 1, your choices in each category that you wish to vote in. It is not necessary to vote in all categories or number all nominees in a category.

All ballots must reach the Awards Subcommittee by Noon, Saturday 10th June 1995 (at Thylacon).

Send Postal Votes to:

DITMAR VOTES
PO BOX 418
SANDY BAY
TASMANIA 7006

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1995 AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION ACHIEVEMENT (DITMAR) AWARDS VOTING FORM

BEST AUSTRALIAN LONG FICTION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Deersnake</i> | Lucy Sussex | Hodder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Genetic Soldier</i> | George Turner | William Morrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Permutation City</i> | Greg Egan | Millenium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Voices in the Light</i> | Sean McMullen | Aphelion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO AWARD | | |

BEST AUSTRALIAN SHORT FICTION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> "Cocoon" | Greg Egan | <i>Asimov's SF</i> , May 94 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Jinx Ship" | Leanne Frahm | <i>The Patternmaker</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Land's End" | Leanne Frahm | <i>Alien Shores</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Our Lady of Chernobyl" | Greg Egan | <i>Interzone 83</i> , May 1994 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "The Patternmaker" | Dave Lockett | <i>The Patternmaker</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO AWARD | | |

BEST PROFESSIONAL ARTWORK

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sean Tan | For artwork in <i>Aurealis</i> and <i>Eidolon</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO AWARD | |

BEST FANZINE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gegenschein</i> | Eric Lindsay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Mentor</i> | Ron Clarke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sirius</i> | Garry Wyatt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Thyme</i> | Alan Stewart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO AWARD | |

BEST FAN WRITER

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Frost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ian Gunn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graham Stone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO AWARD |

BEST FAN ARTIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ian Gunn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kerri Valkova |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO AWARD |

WILLIAM ATHELING JR. AWARD FOR CRITICISM OR REVIEW

Insufficient eligible nominations were received in this category for any nominees to appear on the voting form.