

Special Thylacon Issue

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First reports suggest it was a small (~100) and enjoyable convention. The Tasmanian Government's tourist bounty (\$25 for every interstate or overseas member) should offset some of the costs and there may be a video of the convention for sale. Our ever reliable reporter Terry Frost mentioned as highlights of the convention Nick Stathopoulos threatening to expose himself to some drunks at the hotel and a pair committing what must be a sacrilegious act on the steps of the church opposite the convention hotel. No doubt these and more will be dealt with more explicitly in Terry's next fanzine. Robin Johnson reports that the unexpected presence of Karen Fowler was a pleasant addition to the convention.

1995 Ditmars—Frost Scores!

- The 1995 Australian Science Fiction Achievement Awards were awarded at Thylacon, the 34th Australian National Science Fiction Convention.
- Best Australian Long Fiction *Permutation City* Greg Egan (Millennium)
- Best Australian Short Fiction "Cocoon" Greg Egan (*Asimov's SF*, May 94)
- Best Professional Artwork Sean Tan: For artwork in *Aurealis* and *Eidolon*
- Best Fanzine *Thyme* Alan Stewart
- Best Fan Writer Terry Frost
- Best Fan Artist Ian Gunn
- William Atheling Jr. Award For Criticism Or Review No Award
- Special Committee Award Peter Nicholls

Chandler Award

The Australian Science Fiction Foundation's A Bertram Chandler Award for Outstanding Achievement in Australian Science Fiction was given to Wynne Whiteford at Thylacon

1997 NatCon

No bids were presented for the 1997 Australian National SF Convention. The decision has been held over until the 1996 NatCon in Perth. Terry Frost reports that there may be another Tasmanian Bid.

On the Air

Thylacon and one of its organisers, Michael O'Brien,

got a brief plug on 3LO 7/6/95

On The Box

Russell Blackford, in his *Industrial Relations guise*, appeared on Channel 9's *A Current Affair* on 6/6/95. To quote Terry Frost, "He looked like Robert Culp playing the villain in a bad episode of *Columbo*".

Upcoming Conventions

- 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. Gateway Hotel, Brisbane GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512 Att \$85 until August
- BasiCon 1995 Media Natcon October 14 venue tba \$20 Att (\$100 at the door.) Hucksters \$30. Banquet \$7 P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130
- Terror 95 Horror Convention. October 27-29 Caulfield Arts Complex Victoria. GsoH Richard Harland, Michael Helms & Big Bad Ralph. \$40 to 1/6/95; \$45 to 25/10/95; \$50 at the door. Hucksters \$75. P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melbourne 3004 (03) 9509 0766
- 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 NaiCon 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
- Road 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
- Australia in '99 Bid for the 1999 World Science Fiction Convention. \$10 pre-supporting rate. P.O. Box 99 Bayswater 3153.
- GoH = Guest of Honour
- O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting
- tba= to be announced.

THE AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION BULLSHEET

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Other Events

N.S.W.

Sydney Futurians June 16 7pm Room 1615, Tower Building, University of Technology, Broadway, Sydney. Time travel Discussion.

Kim Stanley Robinson June 17 Powerhouse Museum \$10. 12noon to 5pm. Other speakers include Professor Malcolm Walter.

Southern SF Group June 17 2pm Interplanetary Settlement 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595

Kim Stanley Robinson June 18 Museum of Modern Art Sydney

Terry Dowling June 22 6pm Galaxy Books. Reading from *An Intimate Knowledge of the Night*.

The Winter Ball July 29 Elm House, Shaftesbury St Burwood (NSW). \$50. Bookings by July 20th 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, Alice 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

Penrith SF Group (047) 322-179 or (047) 301-073

Australian SF Association GPO Box 4440 Sydney 2000

Dr Who Fan Club of Australia PO Box 4 Epping NSW 2121 email: Kate.Orman@mq.edu.au \$9 per year

Gargoyle Club First Friday of month 7.00pm, Royal Exhibition Hotel Surrey Hills

The Thursday Night Group Informal eating and nattering. 5-7pm Thursday Nights (Contact Galaxy Bookshop for details)

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 7-30pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick June 16 Fannish photos. June 23 Red Dwarf Quiz. P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Dandenong Valley Science Fiction & Futurist Society July 11 8pm Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199, 59/1-3645.

Gallifrey June 17 GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001

Skyforce June 17 Star Wars 1-5pm St Mark's Church Camberwell

Enterprise June 24 1-5pm Starfleet Olympics The Horticultural Society Hall P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre 3005

Star Trek Marathons July 1 6:30pm State Film Centre 1 Macarthur St East Melbourne (03) 9758 1807

Nova Mob July 5 Sean McMullen on Australian Children's TV SF in the 90s. Alan Stewart's Place. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 9429 8354

Winter Fete July 8 9am-3pm MSFC St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick. Tables \$15. (03) 9877-1093

Friday Night Mob Friday Nights 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering, K&Ms, Myer Arcade Melbourne

Gamma Quadrant Outpost A local chapter of the U.S. based Bajoran Alliance, (*Deep Space Nine*) P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130 k.pender-gunn@latrobe.edu.au

Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 Fanzine *Babbling On*

Qld

Brisbane Dr Who Club June 18 P.O. Box 10308 Adelaide St Brisbane 4000

11:21 (Qld X-Files Club) June 18 10am-4pm Metro Arts Building Edward St Brisbane Contact Flat 2, 10 Roseglen St Greenslopes 4120

Warp Speed (Sunshine Coast) June 24 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472

Conquest 95 July 2 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512
New Horizons July 2 British Sf 776 Cavendish Rd Holland Park 4121 (07) 349 2229

Quest Star Trek July 9 12 noon - 4.00 pm Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472

S.A.

Critical Mass July 5 8pm SA Writers' Centre, Second Floor, 187 Rundle Street, Adelaide. 6:30 Five Spices Restaurant The 'Nock July 11 6:30pm The Brechnock Hotel, King William St, Adelaide.

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)

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

A.C.T.

Kim Stanley Robinson June 16 lunchtime. Informal question & answer. Australian National University. \$4/ ticket. Phone (06) 249-4144 for further details.

Canberra S FS July 6 7:30pm, general meeting, venue TBA ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

The Sydney Futurian 7 Ron Clark P.O. Box K940 Haymarket 2000 ANZAPA 164 OBE Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 *New Scientist* #1980 (Okay, it's not Australian and it's probably not a fanzine, but it does have a letter column with a letter about Judith Hanna and a LoC from Dave Langford discussing obscure skiffy!)

BBS

Echo Base Hoth (03) 9563-1323. Psibaud, (03) 9804 3205, free single line stand-alone sf and education BBS *The Captain's Quarters* Star Trek (03) 9723 8344. Ausom's First Class BBS SF conference called Sci Fi (03) 9543 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/>

David Grigg

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~drgrigg>

VicNet

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/vicnet/sf/sfpage.html>

Deadlines

1995 ASFMA Nominations	July 14 1995
1996 FFANZ Nominations	August 11 1995
1996 FFANZ Voting	December 8 1995
1996 Ditmar Nominations	January 31 1996
1996 ASFMA Nominations	January 31 1996

Sources

Warp Speed, *Terry Frost*, *The Sydney Futurian*, *Alan Stewart*, *Robin Johnson*

E-Mail Problems

Apologies to those who've had e-mail to me bounced. I'm in the middle of changing my provider to VicNet, which should, fingers crossed, deal with the difficulty. AUSOM are a great club, but their e-mail gateway, via Deakin, seems prone to closing at the most awkward times.

Deadline For #35

Tuesday June 20th. Distribution Friday June 23rd.