

A slack but frequent little science fiction newsletter produced for the Australian National Science Fiction Association by Marc Ortlieb, P.O. Box 215, Forest Hill, Vict, 3131, AUSTRALIA (e-mail: Marc_A_Ortlieb@fc.ausom.oz.au or mortlieb@vicnet.net.au). Postal subscriptions \$6-00 for ten issues. (Cheques made out to Marc Ortlieb please. Stamps accepted). Available for items of gossip. E-mail copies free. Ask to be put on the mailing list, or grab it from aus.sf on Internet or the Ausom FC BBS 9543 3411

Campbell Award for Egan

Greg Egan's *Permutation City* has won the Centre for the Study of Science Fiction's John W. Campbell Award. In addition, Greg's Hugo-nominated story "Cocoon" topped Novelette Category in the *Asimov's* 9th Annual Readers' Poll. The latter was announced in the September '95 *Asimov's* which features Greg's story "Luminous". Meanwhile, Lucy Sussex reports "Cathy Tasker, the editor who was behind the Harper Collins (oz) Moonstone imprint of juvenile sf, has been sacked. What this does to the list I dunno. She can't have gone because of the sales figures, because the books haven't been out very long."

Workshoppers Collaborate

Lucy Sussex reports "Cupid, though he sometimes shoots slowly, shoots surely. Writers Philippa Maddern and Ted Mundie are getting married twenty years to the month after their first meeting, at the workshop run by Ursula Le Guin at the Worldcon, Melbourne, 1975. " My apologies, by the way, for failing to note the recent marriage of Janine Webb to Jack Dann.

Loney Returns

Having spent a while in Washington D.C., working for unnameable Australian government agencies, Mark Loney is returning to Australia, via Ditto 8 (U.S. Fanzine Fan Convention). He'll be dropping in on Melbourne in late November before taking up residence in Canberra.

Assorted Fan Information

Perry Middlemiss is enlisting support for the Timebinders Fan History Project in Australia. The aim is to preserve old fanzines and fan history on disk and in sites on the Internet. Gil Poznanski featured extensively in an article on the Internet in *The Age Saturday Extra* 29/7/95. Among those lucky few off to The Scottish Convention are Stephen Boucher, Becky Tully, Danny Heap, and GUFF winners Ian Gunn and Karen Pender-Gunn, all of whom have been loaded down with promotional materials for the Australia in '99 WorldCon bid.

Convention Information

The ARCon Memory Book, being edited by Jean Weber, will feature a piece by Ursula K. Le Guin. Jean says it's something in the way of a sequel to her speech at Aussiecon in 1975.

Upcoming Conventions

Starfest August 26 World Congress Centre. Guests Marina Sirtis & Dave McDonnell. Pre-bookings \$35 (\$20 for children) c/o Austrek GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne Vic 3001 \$42 at the door.

The Reunion #3 August 25-27 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776.

Mini-Convention September 9-10 Trek Australis

Ashfield Catholic Club, 7 Charlotte St Ashfield

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 GoH 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 SF Media 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

THE AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION BULLSHEET

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4th August 1995

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.

Other Events

Thanks to all those who sorted me out over the Sydney Dr Who Fan Club. The correct details appear below.

N.S.W.

Trek Australis August 13 11am-2pm Ashfield Catholic Club, 7 Charlotte St Ashfield

Southern SF Group August 19 12.30 pm Lunch at the Mortdale Hotel Bistro; talk "Series, are they a pain in the ..." (02) 534-3595 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595

Sydney Dr Who Fan Club The Sydney Doctor Who Science Fiction Fan Club hopes to meet the fourth Saturday of every month but that occasionally doesn't happen. Our next meeting dates are August 19th, September 23rd, October 28th, November 25th. Entry is \$5 for members \$6 for non-members. At the Anglican Church Hall, 2 Rochford Street Erskineville (Near Newtown) 9:30 to 4:00 \$15.00 made payable to Neil Hogan GPO Box 2870 Sydney NSW 2001.

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) 543 603 (049) 43 2666 e-mail shadow@scorch.hna.com.au

Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club PO Box 161 Adamstown NSW 2289. Fanzines *The Babble-on Babylon 5* and *Gold Channel*

e-mail shadow@scorch.hna.com.au

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. Ali Baba Café on George St. (Contact Graham Batho (02) 807-2573 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 Friday nights. P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Time-Trekkers August 4 Bendigo Community Support Centre 46 Sternberg St Bendigo P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550

Star Trek™ Marathons August 5 6:30pm State Film Centre 1 Macarthur St East Melbourne (03) 9758 1807

Austrek August 6 2pm Coppin Hall 313 Punt Road Prahran. Star Trek™ Games GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne Vic 3001

Dandenong Valley Science Fiction & Futurist Society August 11. 8pm Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 5971-3645.

Enterprise August 26 Collectors showcase The Horticultural Society Hall 31 Victoria St P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 583 7404

Nova Mob September 6 Ali Kayn Alan Stewart's Place. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 9429 8354

A Night at the Opera September 23 6.30 pm 5th Annual S.F. Ball. Royal Parade Hotel Parkville. \$34/ticket. P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre 3005

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*

Doctor Who Club of Victoria GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne VIC 3001 email:

borad@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au. \$12 per year. Fanzine *Sonic Screwdriver*. Meetings Second Saturday of the month.

Qld

Conquest 95 August 5 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512

Quest Star Trek™ August 13 12 noon - 4.00 pm Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472

Brisbane Dr Who Club August 20 P.O. Box 10308 Adelaide St Brisbane 4000

Warp Speed (Toowoomba) August 26 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472

Warp Speed (Brisbane) August 27 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472

New Horizons September 3 British Sf 776 Cavendish Rd Holland Park 4121 (07) 349 2229

11:21 (Qld X-Files Club) Contact Flat 2, 10 Roseglen St Greenslopes 4120

S.A.

The 'Nock August 8 6:30pm The Brechnock Hotel, King William St, Adelaide.

Critical Mass September 6 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)

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.

Canberra S FS August 3, 7:30pm, general meeting, venue TBA August 17, 7:30pm, Wig and Pen, Canberra House, Canberra ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

Thyme #104 Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222, World Trade Centre, Melbourne 3005. E-mail s_alanjs@eduserve.its.unimelb.edu.au Comes with *Australian Sf News* #64 Alan Stewart & Merv Binns, *Artychoke* #13 Ian Gunn and Dave Langford's *Ansible* #96 in which Peter Nicholls quotes me as saying "Who is this mad old fart?" when he stood up at the Constantinople Business Session in 1994. For the record, I am and was fully aware of which mad old fart Peter is. Even if I didn't recognise him the lingering odour of cigar smoke gives him away. *Oscillation Overthruster* 002 News & assorted info. Sue Ann Barber P.O. Box 1169 Bibra Lake 6163. E-mail activeim@perth.dialix.oz.au

BBS

Echo Base Hoth (03) 9563-1323. The Captain's Quarters Star Trek™ (03) 9723 8344. Ausom's First Class BBS SF conference called Sci Fi (03) 9545-5215.

Web Pages

Ibn Qirtaiba is the name of an SF fanzine new to the World Wide Web. It covers both written and media SF and includes reviews, interviews, fiction and feature articles. Issues 1 to 9, originally published in hard copy, are currently available, and new issues exclusive to the Web are soon to come. Submissions of articles or letters are welcome!

Ibn Qirtaiba is Netscape 1.2 enhanced and graphics-intensive. If you have trouble accessing it at a reasonable speed, try turning off "auto load images". If this still doesn't help, try visiting again in about the middle of August, when the bandwidth of the magazine's current server will be upgraded. Please contact Jeremy Malcolm <terminus@odyssey.apana.org.au> if you are willing to mirror Ibn Qirtaiba.

Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club
<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~bab5oz/bab5oz.html>
 David Grigg
<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~drgrigg>
 Doctor Who Club of Victoria
yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au/~borad/dwcv-home.html
 Dr Who Fan Club of Australia
modjadji.anu.edu.au/steve/dwfca/dwfcawww.html
 Ibn Qirtaiba
<http://odyssey.apana.org.au/~terminus>
 Perry Middlemiss
<http://www.peg.apc.org/~larrikin/welcome.htm>

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

Deadlines

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, *Lucy Sussex*, *Justin Ackroyd*, *Cath Ortlieb* (BS 36), *Neil Hogan*, *Grant Stone*, *David J Richardson*, *Thyme*

Deadline For #38

Tuesday August 15th. Distribution Friday August 18th.



Australia in '99 News

The Bid currently has around ninety local pre-supporting members.

We will be running a "bidding party" at the MSFC meeting on September 1st, to give people an idea of what running the bid involves.

The bidding committee and other interested parties meet monthly at Alan Stewart's place.

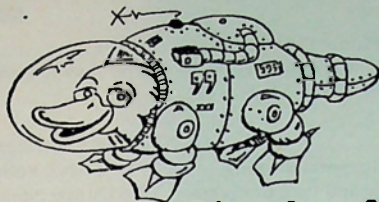
A second issue of *Platypussary*, along with a new flier are in the pipeline and will be available within the next month.

We currently need more presupporting members and more people to join LACON III in order to vote Australia in the site selection ballot.

Contacts:—

P.O. Box 99 Bayswater 3153 for more information on the bid. (\$10 for a presupporting membership)

L.A. Con III Eric Lindsay & Jean Weber 7 Nicholl Ave Ryde NSW 2112. (\$A42 supporting membership which entitles you to vote for Australia in '99.)



Australia in '99

The Bid to bring the 1999 World Science Fiction Convention to Australia

- FACT!:**— Australia is bidding for the right to stage the 1999 World Science Fiction Convention.
- HOW?:**— It's much like the Olympics in one way, except that there's no central committee to influence. Every member of the 1996 World Science Fiction Convention in Los Angeles will have the right to vote for the site for the 1999 WorldCon.
- WHY?:**— The World Science Fiction Convention is the premier event on the science fiction calendar.
The World Science Fiction Convention gives Australian Science Fiction Fans an unrivalled opportunity to meet Science Fiction Professionals and fans from all over the world.
- WHO?:**— The two previous Australian WorldCons—Aussiecon and Aussiecon Two— attracted overseas professionals including Ursula K. LeGuin, Robert Silverberg, Wilson (Bob) Tucker, Jack Chalker, Gene Wolfe, Frank Herbert, Anne McCaffrey, Ted White, Bob Shaw, David Brin, Hal Clement, Larry Niven, Fred Pohl, Forest J. Ackerman, Stanley Schmidt, Ben Bova, Lou Aronica, Malcolm Edwards, Ed Bryant, Phyllis Ann Karr, M. Coleman Easton, Clare Bell and Alexis Gilliland. Australian Worldcons allow overseas professionals to visit Australia (They then write a story here and claim the cost of the trip on their tax returns.)
- WHAT?:**— CAN YOU DO?
- First
We need your money. Bidding for a WorldCon is expensive. For \$10 you can become a pre-supporting member of the bid and will receive information on the bid as it progresses.
- Second
We need you to join L.A.Con III as a supporting member and vote for the bid when the site selection ballots are posted to you. Voting also costs you money, but makes you a supporting member of the 1999 WorldCon regardless of who wins.
- Third
We are going to need lots of help when we win the bid. Give us an idea of what you can do, what your interests are and what you'd like to try.
- WHERE:**— The WorldCon would be held in Melbourne. We are currently negotiating with the World Trade Centre.
- WHEN:**— Late August/early September 1995.

COMMITTEE, ADVISORS AND AGENTS Alan Stewart, Donna Heenan, Stephen Boucher, Marc Ortlieb, Eric Lindsay, Jean Weber, Sian O'Neale, Gigi Boudville, Dick & Leah Smith, Tim Jones, Ian Gunn, John Foyster, Barb de la Hunty, Carey Handfield, Justin Ackroyd, Perry Middlemiss.

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