

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: mortlieb@vicnet.net.au).

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BasiCon

BasiCon fulfilled all its aims. It ran an enjoyable one day convention. It had no financial problems. Everyone came away from the banquet feeling full. No one sent malicious phone calls to the convention hotel. There were no problems with the Guests of Honour and, if it felt a bit more like a one day meeting of the Melbourne Science Fiction Club than a Media NatCon, well, one can't complain at that either. Congratulations to Ian Gunn, Karen Pender-Gunn, Glenn Tilley and the catering corps for a delightful day. (The real irony here is that BasiCon was exactly the sort of convention that arch-jitfan Eric Lindsay would have enjoyed and advocates for a small Australian Worldcon. The formalities were accommodated with a minimum of fuss leaving people free to enjoy themselves. All it lacked was a bar.)

At the business session, BasiCon 2 won the right to hold the 1997 Australian Media NatCon by 12 votes to 11, annoying no end the two New Zealand fans who, due to a delayed flight arrived an hour and a half after the voting.

1995 ASFMAS

- Best Fan Writer Chris Ballis
- Fan Artist Steve Scholz
- Best News Zine *The Communicator* (Edited by Derek Screen)
- Best Fiction Zine *Strange Matter* (Edited by Sian O'Neale)
- Best Audio Visual Constantinople Masquerade Video by Carol Tilley

1995 Media NatCon Masquerade

- Best Costume (Under \$10) *The Edited Perjanor* Jane Tiseli
- Best Presentation *Zen Costume* Karen Pender-Gunn
- Best Innovation *Chux Berry & Buddy Holly* Sharon Tapner & Derek Screen
- Best Costume *I Resident* James Allen

Australasian Fannish Email Directory

Perry Middlemiss reports "After a number of delays and inconveniences, some avoidable and some not, the first version of the Australasian Fannish Email Directory is now available, and can be accessed at: <http://www.peg.apc.org/~larrikin/sf/directry.htm> If you are already listed and wish your entry to be either deleted or amended, or if you are not listed and wish to

be, please email me at either of the following addresses. PMiddlem@vcrpmrkt.telecom.com.au larrikin@acslink.net.au"

New Awards

The magazine *Aurealis* has been soliciting judges from the fan and professional community for a proposed new set of Australian Science Fiction awards, to be administered by *Aurealis*. There are eight proposed awards, consisting of Long Fiction and Short Fiction in each of the areas SF; Fantasy; Horror and Young Adult.

Convention Updates

Martin Livings reports "The Festival of the Imagination has just received correspondence from one of its guests of honour, Bruce Sterling. He has told us the happy news that his wife is pregnant, and the sad news that the newest Sterling is due in April 1996. Therefore Bruce Sterling will not be able to come to the Festival of the Imagination 1996, much to our disappointment.

However, this does not imply that the Festival of the Imagination 1996 is not going to occur; indeed, work on it is progressing smoothly, and both members and prospective members should not be deterred by the unfortunate but unavoidable loss of Bruce Sterling as a guest. Neil Gaiman is still confirmed to come, and has stated his enthusiasm for the convention even in the absence of his friend Bruce. The Festival committee is currently attempting to acquire another guest of similar stature to Bruce, and more details will be forthcoming once we have them ourselves.

For more details, including Bruce's and Neil's correspondence with the Festival, see the next Festival of the Imagination 1996 newsletter, due out this month, or the Festival Web Site <http://midnight.com.au/~mjl/foti1996.html> once it has been updated with this new information, again this month sometime. "

Upcoming Conventions

- Mudcon November 18-19 Winery tour/Convention. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
- Multiverse I November 25 9-00am to 6-00pm Melbourne Uni Student Union \$15 P.O. Box 1044, Bundoora 3083
- The Festival Of The Imagination '96. Lit/Media NatCon April 4-8 1996. Kings Hotel Perth. GsoH Neil Gaiman & Robin Pen. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 361 8210 or (09) 381 7534. E-mail richards@inet.net.au <http://midnight.com.au/~mjl/foti1996.html>
- The Reunion #4 April 20-22 1996 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
- Parliament Of Dreams May 3-5 1996 (Babylon 5) GoH Jerry Doyle (Garibaldi)(O.C.P) Radisson Hotel, North Quay, Brisbane Att (until 1 December) \$95 (full) / \$75 (concession) (07) 3266-4040 or (07) 3375-1775 PO Box 492, Corinda, QLD 4075
- Constellation NZ Natcon: Queens Birthday Weekend 1996
- The Christchurch City Travelodge, NZ GsoH Michael

Moorcock, Peter Jackson, 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 \$40 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
BasiCon 2 1997 Media NatCon Melbourne Uni Student Union \$20. Date and other details tba. P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130
Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention 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.

Other Events

N.S.W.

Sydney Dr Who Fan Club October 28th Anglican Church Hall, 2 Rochford Street Erskineville 9:30 to 4:00 GPO Box 2870 Sydney NSW 2001.
Valentine's Ball February 17 1996 7.00pm Elim House Burwood NSW Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
The Winter Ball August 31 1996 7.00pm Elim House Burwood NSW Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
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: korman@laurel.ocs.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 October 27 7.30 Cuppas & Cookies **November 3 Star Trek™ Quiz November 10** AGM & Committee elections. St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Enterprise October 28 Spocktoberfest P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 583 7404
Red Squadron Halloween Costume Party: Out For Blood October 28 7.00pm 2 Tracy Court Delacombe. (053-361076 for details).
Nova Mob November 1 Peter Nicholls Alan Stewart's Place. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 9429 8354
Time Trekkers November 4 10am Bendigo Community Support Centre 46 Sternberg St Bendigo P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550.
Star Trek™ Marathons November 4 6:30pm State Film Centre 1 Macarthur St East Melbourne (03) 9758 1807
ESSMC (Eastern Suburbs Scale Modelling Club) 4&5 November 1995 Invitational Team Challenge and Model Display. Box Hill Town Hall, Sat 10.30 am to 6.00 pm, Sun 10.30 am to 5.00 pm Adult: \$3.00 Child under 18 \$1.50, Family \$6.00, Concession \$2.00 Enquiries - (03) 9898 6913
 The display depicts the diversity of the hobby; metal, plastic and resin models, miniature engineering, model railways, radio control flight, wargaming, computers in modelling and many other aspects including a HUGE Science-Fiction display.
Enterprise vs Dr Who Club Zone 3 Competition November 9 10am to late Zone 3 1/24 Carrick Dr Tullamarine \$20. (03) 9583-7404
Dandenong Valley Science Fiction & Futurist Society November 21, 8pm Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 5971-3645.
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*
The X-Files Fan Club of Australia P.O. Box 402, Niddrie 3042., Fanzine *The Field Journal*.
Doctor Who Club of Victoria GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne VIC 3001. \$12 per year. Fanzine *Sonic Screwdriver*. Meetings Second Saturday of the month. email: borad@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au
Australian Horror Society 1st Thursday of the month, 7.30 pm back room Maori Chieftan Hotel, Moray St Sth Melbourne. P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melb. 3004.
aus.sf Melbourne Dinner There are plans for the annual aus.sf dinner in late November or early December. If interested, contact Joan McGalliard jem@netspace.net.au
Gallifrey is no longer holding meetings

Qld

Warp Speed (Brisbane) October 29 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472
Conquest 95 November 5 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512
Quest Star Trek™ November 12 12 noon - 4.00 pm Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472
New Horizons December 17 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.

Critical Mass November 1 8pm SA Writers' Centre, Second Floor, 187 Rundle Street, Adelaide. 6:30 Five Spices Restaurant
The 'Nock November 8 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.

Canberra S FS November 7 Film night Pacific 6 Cinemas, Tuggeranong ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

The Communicator #13 Star Trek™. Derek Screen for Enterprise PO Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne
 3005 *Ultrawarp* #15 Media. Michael Cloonan for Time Trekkers P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550. *Strange Matter* #14 Dr Who. Sian O'Neale 185 Kooyong Rd Toorak 3142 *So You Say* #13 Media. Shayne McCormack 49 Orchard Rd Bass Hill N.S.W. 2197 *Busswarble* #26 Perzine. Michael Hailstone 14 Cecil Road Blackheath NSW 2785. *Emerald City* #2 Perzine (and a first-a fanzine with no snailmail address.) Cheryl Morgan 100610.3413@compuserve.com *Refractions* #1 Media. Kathryn Andersen for Alternity P.O. box 516 Boronia 3155

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

AFR
http://www.peg.apc.org/~roman/af/af_1/af_1.htm
 Australasian Fannish Email Directory
<http://www.peg.apc.org/~larrikin/sf/directry.htm>
 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
<http://www.yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au/~borad/dwcv-home.html>

Dr Who Fan Club of Australia
<http://www.ocs.mq.edu.au:80/~korman/dwfa.html>
Festival of the Imagination 1996
<http://midnight.com.au/~mjf/foti1996.html>
Ibn Qirtaiba
<http://odyssey.apana.org.au/~terminus>.
Eric Lindsay
<http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/eric/sf.html>
Kate Orman
<http://www.ocs.mq.edu.au:80/~korman>
Perry Middlemiss
<http://www.peg.apc.org/~larrikin/welcome.htm>
Quantum Leap
<http://www.ecr.mu.oz.au/~eydc>
UniSFA
<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/clubs/unisfa>
VicNet
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/vicnet/sf/sfpage.html>

Deadlines

1996 DUFF Nominations	October 31 1995
1996 FFANZ Voting	December 8 1995
1996 Ditmar Nominations	January 31 1996
1996 ASFMA Nominations	January 31 1996
1996 DUFF Voting	April 21 1996

CoAs

Mark & Vanessa Loney report that, from 1 November their addresses will be PO Box 181, Campbell ACT 2612 AUSTRALIA loney@helotrix.defcen.gov.au. Mark's old e-mail address will be held open for a while. Michael Hailstone 14 Cecil Road Blackheath NSW 2785.

Sources

Warp Speed, *Martin Livings*, *Geoff Chan*, *Tim Jones*, *Mark Loney*, *Alan Stewart*, *Kathryn Andersen*, *The Communicator*

Deadline For #43
 Tuesday November 7th. Distribution Friday November 10th.

Aussiecon Memory Book Still Available

Copies of the Aussiecon Memory Book, available from P.O. Box 215, Forest Hill 3131. \$10 plus postage.



FFANZ 1995/96

The Fan Fund of Australia and New Zealand 1995-96 race: New Zealand to Australia

Please read these notes before completing the voting form which follows

The 1995-96 New Zealand FFANZ winner will travel to Perth at Easter 1996 (5-8 April) and represent New Zealand fandom at Swancon 21/Confusion 96, the 1996 Australian Literary and Media Natcon. They will also spend some time visiting Australian fans during their trip. Upon their return, they will be responsible for administering the fund in New Zealand until the next New Zealand candidate is chosen, and writing, producing, and selling a Trip Report describing their trip.

Australian Crawl, the report on Tim Jones' and Kay Gubbins' trip to Constantinople in Melbourne last Easter and subsequent travels in Victoria and NSW, is now available. For a donation of \$5 to FFANZ, you get a 32-page report featuring everything from ferrets to philosophy, from William Gibson to pit bull carriers. Get your copy now!

Unfortunately, due to the late withdrawal of a candidate and the administrator's inability to find a replacement in the time available, there is only one candidate for this year's race. 'Unfortunately' here is no reflection on the candidate concerned - it would just have been nice to have a race! However, as there are other options besides voting for the nominated candidate, I have gone ahead and produced this voting form.

Voting is done using the 'Australian preferential' system; that is, rather than placing a tick or a cross next to the option you prefer, you vote by ranking the voting options in order. You can therefore rank the available options from 1 to 4. However, you do not have to rank all the options, so you can simply place a '1' beside your preferred option and leave the others.

The options are as follows:

Evan McCarthy - vote for the nominated candidate.

Write-in - vote for a candidate of your preference, whom you've named in the space provided. A successful write-in candidate will be approached and asked if they wish to take up the trip and its responsibilities.

Hold over funds - vote for the funds not to be allocated to a trip this year. In other words, this is the equivalent of 'No Award' in an awards ballot.

No preference - this option has no effect on the voting, but is there if you wish to make a donation without choosing any of the other options.

The voting fee

The minimum voting fee is \$2 in the currency of the country in which you cast your vote. However, you are encouraged to donate more. Remember, Perth is a long way from New Zealand!

Candidate's platform: Evan McCarthy

Who am I? Most noticeably, I am the editor of Phoenixine, the monthly newsletter of Wellington's Phoenix SF Society. This task prevents me getting too heavily involved in other fan-ish extravaganzas, such as running conventions. I've twice been on convention committees in my earlier days in Dunedin. My SF interests are mainly in the literary area, with special attention to 1950s-70s magazine SF. I'll save the story of my collection for another time. Outside of fandom I work in the Public Library. I'm married; my wife Jo will be travelling with me if I win. See you in Perth!

Nominators: Alan Stewart (Australia), Ross Temple (New Zealand)

Voting Form

Remember: Give numeric preferences besides the options you wish to vote for. Don't tick! The minimum voting fee is \$2 in the currency of the country concerned. If you're receiving this by email, you'll need to print it out and return the form by post with the voting fee etc.

- () Evan McCarthy
() Write in (Candidate: _____)
() Hold over funds
() No preference

Please return this ballot, together with your voting fee, to one of the two Administrators:

Tim Jones
87 Ellise St
Wellington 6001
NEW ZEALAND

Donna Heenan
PO Box 99
Bayswater, Vic 3153
AUSTRALIA

Votes must be received by Friday 8 December 1995. You are encouraged to reproduce and distribute this form, as long as it is copied verbatim (including the Notes overleaf).

Voter's name and address: _____

If you don't think you will be known to the FFANZ Administrator to whom you are sending this form, please give the name of a fan or fan group who will be known to the Administrator and who can vouch for you.

Checklist (yes, you can tick here!)

- My voting fee is enclosed.
--- I enclose a donation to FFANZ of \$ _____.
--- I enclose \$5 for a copy of the 1994 FFANZ Trip Report, Australian Crawl (Make cheques payable to 'FFANZ')