

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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### In Print

Dave Luckett's third children's novel *The Best Batsman in the World* (Omnibus) is now available in the shops. He has also sold a short piece, *The Wizard and Me* which is due out in May.

### Aurealis

Dirk Strasser's *Equinox* and *Aurealis #16* were launched at Slow Glass Books on March 22nd. This coincided with the announcement of the winners of the Aurealis Awards for 1995. This issue contains "The Embargo Traders" by Geoffrey Maloney, "The Unspoken Puppet" by Kynan Hale, "Ice Harvest" by Sue Isle, "Saint Angelen" by Ashlei Kellings and "The Poison Gods" by Aidan Doyle.

## AWARDS SPECIAL

### Aurealis Awards

These are panel awards given for excellence in Australian Speculative Fiction and run by Chimaera Publications. Winners in bold.

#### Science Fiction

##### Best Novel

***Distress* Greg Egan (Millenium)**  
*Mirrorsun Rising* Sean McMullen (Aphelion)  
*Set Piece* Kate Orman (Virgin)  
*The Unknown Soldier* Sean Williams & Shane Dix (Aphelion)

##### Best Short Story

**"Luminous"** Greg Egan (*Asimov's* September 1995)  
 "From Whom All Blessings Flow" Stephen Dedman (*Asimov's* April 1995)  
 "Mr Volltion" Greg Egan (*Interzone* #100)  
 "Wang's Carpets" Greg Egan (*New Legends* Legend/Random House)  
 "A Map of the Mines of Barnath" Sean Williams (*Eidolon* #16)  
 Panel: Martin Livings, Graham South, Jonathan Strahan

#### Fantasy

##### Best Novel

***Sabriel* Garth Nix (Moonstone/Harper Collins)**  
*The House of Balthus* David Brookes (Allen & Unwin)  
*Battle Axe* Sara Douglass (Harper Collins)  
*Mus of Kerbridge* Paul Kidd (TSR)  
*The Last Wizard* Tony Shiltoe (Pan Macmillan)

#### Best Short Story

**"Harvest Bay"** Karen Attard (*Eidolon* #19 )  
 "Angel Thing" Petrina Smith (*She's Fantastical* Sybylla)  
 "Sail On, Sail On" John T. Stolarczyk (*Aurealis* #15)  
 "The Blue Stream" Kaaron Warren (*Aurealis* #15)  
 "On the Other Side of Paradise" Andrew Whitmore (*Eidolon* #17/18)  
 Panel: Bill Congreve, Martin Livings, Sean Williams

#### Horror

##### Best Novel

***An Intimate Knowledge of the Night* Terry Dowling (Aphelion)**  
*My Beautiful Friend* Venero Armano (Arrow/Random House)  
*The House of Balthus* David Brookes (Allen & Unwin)  
*The White Garden* Carmel Bird (UQP)  
*The River Ophelia* Justine ettlar (Picador/Pan Macmillan)

#### Best Short Story

**"Olympia"** Francis Payne (*Olympia*, Bambada Press )  
 "Scaring the Train" Terry Dowling (*The Man Who Lost Red* Mirror/Danse)  
 "Entropy" Leanne Frahm (*She's Fantastical* Sybylla)  
 "Rock and Roll Has to Die" Philip Nielsen (*Dark House*, Mammoth/Reed)  
 "Skin Holes" Kaaron Warren (*Strange Fruit*, Penguin)  
 Panel: Leigh Blackmore, Bill Congreve, Steve Proposch

#### Young Adult

##### Best Novel

***Sabriel* Garth Nix (Moonstone/Harper Collins)**  
*Deucalion* Brian Caswell (UQP)  
*Witch Bank* Cathy Jinks (Puffin/Penguin)  
*The Third Day, the Frost* John Marsden (Pan Macmillan)  
*Ashling* Isabelle Carmody (Viking Penguin)

#### Best Short Story

No Award  
 Panel: Pam MacIntyre, Sean McMullen, Lucy Sussex

## FAAN Awards

At the Corflu banquet on March 17th the Fanzine Activity Achievement Awards were presented to:

**Best Fan Artist:** D. West  
**Runners-up:** Ian Gunn, Teddy Harvia, Dan Steffan.  
**Best Fan Writer:** Andrew P. Hooper  
**Runners-up:** Sharon Farber, Dave Langford, Simon Ounsley.

##### Best Fanzine:

Apparatchik  
**Runners-up:** Attitude, BLATI!, Mimosa.  
 As far as I am aware, this is the first time an Australian has appeared in the final count.

## Australian Science Fiction Achievement Award (Ditmars) Nominations

These will be voted on by members of the Festival of the Imagination, the 1996 Natcon in Perth. A \$10 voting membership is available. The deadline is 6.00pm April 6. Postal votes must be postmarked on or before 31 March 1996 and received by last mail on Thursday, 4 April 1996.

Those who look at it closely will note that Ian Gunn has only been nominated in four categories. This is inexcusable. It's time Ian got off his arse and wrote a novel and published a book of post-semiotic deconstructionalist analysis of Thomas the Tank Engine. (The failure of *Artychoke* to make the Best Fanzine ballot can only be ascribed to Alan Stewart's placing of the zine at the very end of *Thyme*.)

**Best Long Fiction**

*An Intimate Knowledge of the Night* Terry Dowling (Aphelion); *Mirrorsun Rising* Sean McMullen (Aphelion); *Sabriel* Garth Nix (Moonstone/Harper Collins); *She's Fantastical* Lucy Sussex & Judith Buckrich (Sybylla); *The Unknown Soldier* Sean Williams & Shane Dix (Aphelion)

**Best Short Fiction**

"Entropy" Leanne Frahm (*She's Fantastical* Sybylla); "Schrödinger's Fridge" Ian Gunn (*Aurealis* #15); "A Sky Full of Ravens" Sue Isle (*She's Fantastical* Sybylla); "Angel Thing" Petrina Smith (*She's Fantastical* Sybylla); "A Map of the Mines of Barnath" Sean Williams (*Eidolon* #16 February 1995); "The Perfect Gun" Sean Williams (*Eidolon* #17/18, June 1995)

**Best Publication/Fanzine (Periodical)**

*Eidolon* (J. Byrne, R Scriven & J Strahan); *Ethel the Aardvark* Paul Ewins; *The Metaphysical Review* Bruce Gillespie; *Pinkette* Karen Pender-Gunn; *Thyme* Alan Stewart

**Best Artwork**

*Thyme* 106 (Cover) Ian Gunn; *An Intimate Knowledge of the Night* (Cover) Nick Stathopoulos; *Eidolon* 19 (Cover) Shaun Tan

**Best Non-Professional/Fan Writer**

Terry Frost; Ian Gunn; Cheryl Morgan; Alan Stewart

**Best Non-Professional/Fan Artist**

Ian Gunn; Steve Scholz; Kerri Valkova

**William Atheling Jnr Award**

*Reading by Starlight* Damien Broderick (Rutledge); "The Hunt for Australian Horror Fiction" Bill Congreve, Sean McMullen & Steven Paulsen (*The Scream Factory* 16 November 1995)

**Australian Science Fiction Media Achievement Award Nominations**

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What? Ian Gunn has only been nominated in two

categories here. He must be descending into mainstream bofdom. (Note, should you detect the flavour of sour grapes in any references to Ian Gunn and awards....you could be right.)

**Best Australasian Fan Fiction Zine**

*Ethel the Aardvark* ~~Paul Ewins~~ Ka Farag Gatri ?, *The Mentor* Ron Clarke, *Strange Matter* Sian O'Neale

**Best Australasian Fan Newsletter**

*Gallifreyan Graffiti* ? *Oscillation Overthruster* Sue Ann Barber, *Thyme* Alan Stewart

**Best Australasian Media Fan Writer**

Terry Frost, Ian Gunn, Cheryl Morgan, Karen Pender-Gunn, Grant Watson

**Best Australasian Media Artist**

Ian Gunn, Tracy Hamilton, Darren Reid, Colin Sharpe Kerri Valkova

**Best Australasian Amateur Audio/Visual Production**

Basicon Opening Ceremony (E.B.H. [Channel 31]) Opening/Closing Ceremonies: Force One (D.Heap & H Gibbens)

The Dalek Tapes (Albert Q.)

**Upcoming Conventions**

The Festival Of The Imagination '96. Lit/Media NatCon April 4-8. Kings Hotel Perth. GsoH Storm Constantine, Neil Gaiman, Jack Dann, Janeen Webb. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 361 8210 or (09) 381 7534. E-mail richards@iinet.net.au.

<http://www.iinet.net.au/~mjl/festival/>

The Reunion #4 April 20-22 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

Parliament Of Dreams May 3-5 (Babylon 5) GsoH Jerry Doyle (Garibaldi) (O.C.P) Andrea Thompson (Talia). Carindale Hotel, Carindale, North Quay, Brisbane (07) 3266-4040 or (07) 3375-1775 PO Box 492, Corinda, QLD 4075

Conquest 96 September 27-29 GsoH Marina Sertis, Majel Barrett & Richard Arnold. Mecure Hotel Brisbane. GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001.

Whovention III - Continuity 13th National Dr Who Convention October 4-7 GsoH Elisabeth Sladen, Tony Howe. Rydges North Sydney \$100. P.O. Box 148 Gladesville NSW 2111 Dallas.Jones@sydpcug.org.au

Mutagen tba GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001

Constellation NZ Natcon: Queens Birthday Weekend 1996

The Christchurch City Travelodge, NZ GsoH Michael Moorcock, Peter Jackson, James Dignan P.O. Box 29-119, Fendalton, Christchurch NZ. Email: c.brandenburg@lincoln.ac.nz

Medtrek V January 25-27 1997 UWS Hawkesbury Richmond NSW GsoH Marilyn Pride & Lewis Morley \$50 until June 30. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

**BasiCon 2 1997** Media NatCon venue tba \$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. GoH: Pat Cadigan (confirmed) Danny John-Jules & Robert Llewellyn (O.C.P). Dan McCarthy. Australian address PO Box 1044, Bundoora, Victoria 3083. Full NZ\$55 / AU\$50 until 3/6/96, thereafter NZ\$60 / AU\$54. Supp NZ\$15 / AU\$14. PO Box 10104, Wellington, New Zealand. Email: concom@sans.vuw.ac.nz  
**Force 2 (Star Wars) June 7-9 1997** Edmund Barton Conference Centre 488 South Rd Moorabbin Vic P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070  
**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.

**Futurian Society of Sydney**  
<http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html>  
**Southern Science Fiction Group April 20** (book crawl and lunch) 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595.  
**Skyforce Sydney June 1** The Faculty of Nursing, 88 Mallet Street Camperdown.  
**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: neelix@eagle.asstdc.com.au \$9 per year  
**Gargoyles 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 (Wk)(02) 213-8641 for details)  
**Tavern** Monthly booze-up for Doctor Who fans in Sydney. First Friday of month, 6 pm. Museum Hotel.  
**Parramatta SF Discussion Group!** 1st Thursday of the month 7pm Infinitas Bookshop, 5/1 Horwood Place, Parramatta. (02 633 5682) ianm@mpx.com.au  
**Sydney DW SF Fan Club** Anglican Church Hall 2 Rochford St erskinville GPO Box 2870 Sydney 2001  
 neelix@eagle.asstdc.com.au

Victoria

**MSFC March 29** Babylon 5 , **April 12** Cards, **April 19** Food **April 26** Comics 7.30 pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005  
**Time Trekkers April 12** 7.30pm 46 Sternberg Street Bendigo P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550.  
**Nova Mob April 3** Lucy Sussex "Aurealis Awards" 13 Frederick St Brunswick. (Note change of venue.)  
**Austrek** GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 e-mail austrek@tbsa.com.au  
**Dandenong Valley Science Fiction Society April 10** SF as Religion. 8.00pm, Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 05971-3645.  
**Enterprise April 27** AGM & Quark's L&F Emporium Away Mission Starfleet Cadet Training Port Campbell P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583 7404  
**Skyforce (Star Wars) April 13** St Mark's Church Hall, cnr Burke Rd & Canterbury Rd Camberwell. 1.00 to 5.00pm P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070  
**The First Annual Costumer's Ball June 22** 6.30pm Dallas Brooks Hall 300 Albert St East Melbourne. \$42/head (\$38 for members) P.O. Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3205 (03) 9557-7088  
**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 5th Melbourne. P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melb. 3004.  
**The Quantum Leap Fan Club Newsletter The Leaper** PO Box 315, Northcote VIC 3070

Qld

11:21 (Qld X-Files Club) Contact Flat 2, 10 Roseglen St Greenslopes 4120  
**Warp Speed April 27** 6.00pm Brisbane Wesley Central Mission Hall  
**The Return of the Cosmic Cotillion March 30** 7.00pm. The Irish Club Brisbane S20  
**Richard Arnold Day March 31** 10.30am The Hotel Mercure, Brisbane S35  
**Warp Speed April 27** 6.00pm Brisbane Wesley Central Mission Hall

# THE AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION BULLSHEET

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## S.A.

**AUSFA**, c/- Clubs Association, University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5001.  
**Sastrek** Star Trek™ P.O. Box 369 North Adelaide S.A. 5006 (08 337 8759). (Please note the correction)  
**Critical Mass** April 3 Writers Centre  
dwarman@maths.adelaide.edu.au PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000

## 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. P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley 6050  
E-Mail : nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au  
**Westrek** Star Trek Club of Western Australia Inc. Last Friday of month 6:45p.m. (except December second Friday)  
Labour Centre Building, 82 Beaufort Street Perth. Hall . P.O. Box 307 Bentley WA 6102 Phone: (09) 356 1757  
Email: evans@pf.adied.oz.au  
**The Neutral Zone** Star Trek Last Friday of every month. 6.30pm. Murdoch University, ECL Lecture Theatres 1 and 4. PO Box 1169, Bibra Lake, WA, 6163. Phone (09) 434 4167, email: nzone@iinet.net.au

## A.C.T.

**Canberra SFS** April 4 7:30pm Woden Library. April 18 7pm Reid TAFE Restaurant (numbers by 7 March).ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

## Fanzines

**Thyme #108** Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre, Melbourne 3004. Includes *Australian SF News # 68*  
**Merv Binns and Artichoke #15** Ian Gunn. *Emerald City #8*  
Cheryl Morgan 100610.3413@compuserve.com

## Web Pages

**AFR**  
[http://www.peg.apc.org/~roman/af/af\\_1/af\\_1.htm](http://www.peg.apc.org/~roman/af/af_1/af_1.htm)  
**Australia in '99**  
<http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/staff/eric/ain99>  
**Kathryn Andersen**  
<http://connexus.apana.org.au/~kat/refract.html>  
**Australasian Fannish Email Directory**  
<http://ncc1701.apana.org.au/~larrikin/sfandom/fandom/directory.html>  
**Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club**  
<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~bab5oz/bab5oz.html>  
**Sara Douglass**  
<http://www.quake.net/~autopen/saradoug.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/dwfca.html>  
**Eidolon**  
<http://www.midnight.com.au/eidolon>  
**Festival of the Imagination 1996**  
<http://www.iinet.net.au/~mjl/festival/>  
**Futurians**  
<http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html>  
**Ibn Qirtaiba**  
<http://odyssey.apana.org.au/~terminus>  
**Ithorians (Star Wars)**  
<http://www.cs.mu.oz.au/~eydc/ITHOR/>  
**Eric Lindsay**  
<http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/eric/sf.html>  
**MedTrek 5**  
<http://www.ar.com.au/~medtrek>  
**Perry Middlemiss**  
<http://ncc1701.apana.org.au/~larrikin/welcome.html>  
**The Neutral Zone**  
<http://www.iinet.net.au/~nzone/>  
**Kate Orman**  
<http://www.ocs.mq.edu.au:80/~korman>  
**Ozsf**  
<http://pyromania.apana.org.au/~coljac/ozsf.html>  
**Quantum Leap**  
<http://www.cs.mu.oz.au/~eydc>  
**Quantum Leap push server animation**  
<http://www.cs.mu.oz.au/~eydc/push.html>  
**SF Times**  
<http://www.spirit.com.au/acm/sftimes.html>  
**Star Wars**  
<http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~saxton/starwars>  
**UniSFA**  
<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/clubs/unisfa>  
**VicNet**  
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~vicvol/sfoz/sfpage.htm>  
**X-Files**  
<http://www.iinet.net.au/~brianp/xfiles/>

## Deadlines

FotI Short Story Competition	March 30
Ditmar Voting	6.00pm April 6
ASFMA Voting	6.00pm April 6
1996 DUFF Voting	April 15 1996

## Sources

Alan Stewart, Aurealis, FotI, Sally Beasley,

**Deadline For #52**  
Tuesday April 23rd.  
Distribution Friday April 26th.  
(School Holiday Break)