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# **Nebula Award Nominations**

This year's Nebula Award Ballot (open to members of the SFWA) is now out and includes, in the Novel Category, Jack Dann's The Memory Cathedral and Greg Egan's Permutation City. Jack's novella "Da Vinci Rising" also made it onto the ballot.

# The Year' Best Australian Science Fiction And Fantasy: Volume One

Jonathan Strahan notes that YBASFF97 will be available in April and will contain "The Sword of God" Russell Blackford, "Never Seen By Waking Eyes" Stephen Dedman, "Of Fingers and Foreskins" Sara Douglass, "Illium" Andrew Whitmore, "Blind Eye" Jack Dann, "The Mark of Thetis" Simon Brown, "The Sword of God" Russell Blackford, "Silver Fire" Greg Egan, "The Ghost of Mrs Rochester" Lucy Sussex, "Princess Melodia and the White Catherine" Beverly Macdonald, "Passing the Bone" Sean Williams, "A Man and His Dreams" Marele Day, "The Ichneumon and the Dormeuse" Terry Dowling, "Schrodinger's Dog" Damien Broderick, "The Phoenix" Isobelle Carmody, and "Doctor Tilmann's Consultant: A Scientific Romance" Cherry Wilder. Interesting to note that no Aurealis stories made the cut.

# A Weird Colonial Girl?

Paul Voermans & Fiona McHugh announce the birth of Natalic Claire Louise Voermans 3770 g (8lb 5oz) on 18 February 1997 @ around 10:30 pm utterly gorgeous many fingers and toes. Mother and child just dandy.

# It was Fifty or Sixty Years Ago ....

In a long and detailed report on aus.sf, Julian Warner dealt respectively with the sixtieth birthday of Lee Harding and the fiftieth birthday party of Aussiecon Three GoH Bruce Gillespie. The list of people present at each event would push this issue of the Bullsheet into a higher postal category. Suffice to say congratulations to both on notching up yet another decade. Fortunately Natalie Claire Louise

Voermans, who was present at Bruce's party, decided to wait until the next evening to arrive otherwise it might have been a real birth day party.

#### Aussiecon Three

Perry Middlemiss reports "Roy Ferguson has agreed to run the Hugo Awards for Aussiecon Three, reprising the sterling work he did in the same area in 1985. Acting as. general dogsbody, eligibility checker and general lugger of things heavy, is Justin Ackroyd. Eric Lindsay has been appointed by the Board of Aussiecon Three to head the Projections and Contingency Planning Division. This is an Executive Committee position with responsibility for the areas of Budget Administration, Contingency Planning and Risk Analysis. In some ways it reflects the more traditional role of "Treasurer" but as Eric is based in Sydney and as we will require our "treasurer" to be Melbourne-based in order to carry out the day-to-day banking requirements of the convention, we have decided to create the new area of "Finance". For the time being I will fill that role (continuing my Treasurer's role from the bidding phase) until we can find someone better suited."

# **Ben Bova Book Signings**

Ben Bova will be at Slow Glass Books, 305 Swanston St Melbourne on March 18, 6-00 to 7-00pm. In addition he will be doing signings at Minotaur March 19 12.30 to 1.30 and in Sydney at Galaxy Books March 20 6.00 to 7.00 and Dymocks SF & Fantasy March 21 12.30 to 1.30.

#### **Artists**

Starwalking are compiling an art folio to celebrate 20 years of Star Wars. Deadline May 1 1997. Details from Michael Wilson c/o Star Walking P.O. Box 427 Northcote Vic 3070. Austrek are running an art show on August 2 in Hawthorn. Deadline July 1 1997. Contact Litza Waters c/o GPO Box 5066AA Melbourne 3001

## Altair

Robert Stephenson reports on a new magazine, *Allair*. Details available at

http://www.ozemail.com.au/~robsteph/altair.htm including 1st edition competition guidelines. Standard guidelines will be posted mid year to save on confusion.

#### Convention Information

James Overton reports "[Telecon exists] but it's set back to the start of June when I'm bringing out Ed Bishop from UFO. I'm producing a video he's appearing in over here called Damon Dark: Shadowfall and the Con is to help support the video. I'll have all the relevant details out soon. I'll let you know the minute I have the complete picture." Starwalking has produced a preliminary ballot for the Obie Awards, to be presented at Force 2 in June. The categories, in both professional and amateur divisions are Writing, Costumes, Art, Audio/Visual and Hard/Soft Craft. Nominations close on March 14 (Contact Marjorie Cammer F.O. Box 2012 Rosanna 3084) Swancon 23 Please note the addition.

# **Upcoming Conventions**

Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention March 28 to 31 1997. Airport Hotel Wellington N.Z. GsoH: Pat Cadigan (confirmed) Danny John-Jules & Robert Llewellyn (O.C.P). Dan McCarthy. Australian address PO Box 1044, Bundoora, Victoria 3083. Full NZ\$60 / AU\$54. Supp NZ\$15 / AU\$14. PO Box 10104, Wellington, New Zealand.Email: concom@sans.vuw.ac.nz

Highlander Down Under April 26-27 1997 Mercure Hotel Brisbane GoH Peter Wingfield Features a Ceilidh. \$75 as long as a \$25 deposit is paid by 1/3/97. GPO Box 2004 Brisbane Qld 4001 (07) 3282 4220 email

sonjav@powerup.com.au (please put HL Downunder in subject line)

Holodiction Sydney May 10, Darling Harbour. Expo and Convention with Armin Shimmerman (Quark) and Tim Russ (Tuyok) Phone 02 9311-3841

Holodiction Melbourne May 11. Carlton Hotel. Armin Shimmerman (Quark - DS-9) and Tim Russ.(Tuvok -Voyager) Phone 02 9311-3841

TeleCon '97 June 1997 Dates and venue to be confirmed Melbourne. GsoH include Ed Bishop (UFO, Capt. Scarlet)), Louise Pajo (UFO, Dr Who), Tom Oliver, Charles Tingwell, Val Lehman, Colette Mann, Adrian Sherlock. \$100 or \$150 at door. Cheques payable to James Overton. 12 Hamilton Street Crib Point, 3919 Victoria. email -

jamieo@peninsula.starway.net.au.

Force 2 (Star Wars) June 7-9 1997 GsoH Jeremy Bulloch (O.C.P.), Kenny Baker (O.C.P.) & Steve Sansweet. Edmund Barton Conference Centre 488 South Rd Moorabbin Vic \$125 (\$150 at the door) P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070 HolodictionBrisbane June 8 Mercure Hotel. Rene Ouberjonois (Odo - DS-9) Phone 02 9311-3841 Holodiction Perth June 15, Enquire about venue. Rene Ouberjonois. (Odo - DS-9) Phone 02 9311-3841 Best of Both Worlds'97 June 20-22 1997 Sydney Masonic Centre. Confirmed GsoH Andrew J Robinson (Garak: DS9); Jeffrey Willerth (Kosh: Babylon 5); Richard Arnold (Star Trek consultant); Jim Lockett ( Director, Official B5 Warner Brothers Fan Club, US) 2-Day Ticket \$140, Banquet (limit 150) \$50, Cocktail Party (limit 150) \$35. Friends of Science Fiction. P.O Box 797 Fairfield, NSW, 2165 (02) 9523 8385 fsf@nlc.net.au

http://www.nlc.net.au/~fsf/bobw/

Holodiction Adelaide <u>Iune 22</u>, Enquire about venue. Robert Picardo (Doctor) and Rene Ouberjonois. (Odo) Phone 02 9311-3841

Holodiction "Mini Convention" June 29 Rene Ouberjonois

and Robert Picardo in Sydney. Phone 02 9311-3841

Event Horizon I I luly 18-20 1997 Mercure Hotel, Brisbane GoH Michael O'Hare (Commander Sinclair, Babylon 5) full membership \$95 supporting \$30 until March 31 776 Cavendish Rd Holland Park 4121 Qld http://www.eastwind.com.au/eh2/index.html

Email E.Parry@hum.gu.edu.au or johnc@eastwind.com.au

BasiCon 2 September 27-28 1997 Media & Mainstream

NatCon YWCA Cato Conference Centre Melbourne \$20 attending membership (\$100 at the door). P.O. Box 567

Blackburn 3130. http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/basicon.htm

ConScience October 4 - 5 1997 Mecure Hotel, North Quay, Qld GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001 (07) 3355 5938

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Swancon Twenty Three 24th-27th April, 1998 (Anzac Day long weekend) Orchard Hotel, 707 Wellington St, Perth. GoH: t.b.a. Guests: Tess Williams, Grant Stone. Dead GoH: Jules Verne Fan Guest: Gina Goddard.

Membership \$60.00 until 31st August http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/swancon

E-mail: swancon23@ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au

Aussiecon Three 1999 World Science Fiction Convention.

September 2-6 1999 World Congress Centre, Melbourne
GsoH George Turner, Greg Benford and Bruce Gillespie.

Aussiecon Three, GPO Box 1212K, Melbourne, 3001, Australia

http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/staff/eric/ain99 email julian@aussiecon3.worldcon.org GoH = Guest of Honour

O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting tha= to be announced.

# Other Events

# A.C.T.

Canberra S FS ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Canberra Doctor Who Fan Club c/o Huw Buchtmann, 12 Joske Place, Latham, ACT, 2615 Meetings first Saturday of each month (not December!) Produces newsletter Dishrags to Drashigs

#### N.S.W.

Sydney Skyforce March 15 1-5pm Sydney University
Contact Hector - 0411 363 5021 PO Box 804 Kensington
NSW 2033 Email hbocaz@mail.usyd.edu.au
Ben Bova Signing March 20, 6-00 to 7-00pm Galaxy Books
Ben Bova Signing March 21, 12-30 to 1-30 Dymocks SF &
Fantasy

Australian SF Association GPO Box 4440 Sydney 2000 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

Dr Who Fan Club of Australia PO Box 4 Epping NSW 2121 email: neelix@eagle.asstdc.com.au \$9 per year Friends of Science Fiction Star Trek, The X-Files, Babylon 5, Doctor Who PO Box 797 Fairfield NSW 2165 Email

fsf@nlc.net.au Fanzine Friends of Science Fiction Newsletter Futurian Society of Sydney

http://tanelorn.socs.uts.edu.au/~iwoolf/writings.html Lost in Space Australia P.O. Box N9 Petersham North NSW 2049

NSW Uni SF Club newzine Sub Space Relay (02) 481-9419 Newcastle Science-Fiction Club First Sunday of every month, Alice Ferguson Community Hall 30 Caldwell St, Merewether. Call Craig 049 871413 for more details. 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

Parramatta SF Discussion Group 1st Thursday of the month 7pm Infinitas Bookshop, 5/1 Horwood Place, Parramatta. (02 633 5682) ianm@mpx.com.au Penrith SF Group (047) 322-179 or (047) 301-073 Skyforce Sydney The Faculty of Nursing, 88 Mallet Street Camperdown

Southern Science Fiction Group Contact 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595.

Sydney DW SF Fan Club Anglican Church Hall 2 Rochford St Erskineville GPO Box 2870 Sydney 2001 neelix@eagle.asstdc.com.au

Tavern Monthly booze-up for Doctor Who fans in Sydney. First Friday of month, 6 pm. Museum Hotel. The Thursday Night Group Informal eating and nattering. 5-7pm Thursday Nights. Ali Baba Cafe on George St. Wagga Doctor Who Fan Club c/o Keith Walker, 52 Perseverance St, West Wyalong, NSW, 2671

## Qld

Conquest March 2 Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane GPO Box 13676 Brisbane Qld 4001

Hyperion <u>March 8</u> 5.30 pm - 10 pm Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane (07) 3341 0307

Queensland Star Trekkers (Quest) March 9 12.00 to 4.00 pm Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane GPO Box 2084 Brisbane 4001

Highlander <u>March 16</u> 10 am to 4.00 pm Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane

Vortex March 23 QUT (ITE Building Room 303)G.P.O. Box 2084 Brisbane 4001

War Council (Babylon 5) March 23 Metro Arts 109 Edward St Brisbane (07) 3355 5938

Cosmic Cotillion April 5 The Irish Club Elizabeth Street (07) 3356 5472

Brisbane Skyforce April 12 10am - 6pm University of Queensland Contact Nick - (07) 3369 9744, PO Box 5732 West Hill QLD 4101 Email water@thehub.com.au New Alliance April 20 P.O. Box 7446 East Brisbane Qld 4169

Brisbane Dr Who Fan Club April 20 PO Box 10308, Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000. email abmartin@ozemail.com.au

Kitomer II: The Wrath of Karl April 25-27 Wivenhoe dam FSFSA C/O Leela Cosgrove 3 Sollis St. Geebung Brisbane

Q 4034

The Space Ranger Fan Club Dinners at least once a month 104 Muir Street, Labrador 4215 (07)55322812
Terminal Pyramids The Wide Bay DW and B7 Fan Club 51 Rocky St Maryborough QLD 4650 (071) 215 180 (Daniel Pattell)

Trilogy (Dr Who) PO Box 2459, Southport, QLD, 4215 David Mark Sasche sdavid@gc.design.net.au. Fanzine Entropy Will meet monthly on the Gold Coast. UQTrek The University of Queensland's first and only club for the Appreciation of Star Trek contact Perryn Fowler cs324423@student.uq.edu.au

## S.A.

AUSFA, c/- Clubs Association, University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5001.
Critical Mass PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000 dwarman@maths.adelaide.edu.au
Sastrek Star Trek<sup>TM</sup> P.O. Box 369 North Adelaide S.A. 5006 (08 337 8759). carl@adam.com.au
South Australian Doctor Who Fan Club PO Box 3227, Adelaide, SA, 5000 (08) 294 8337 (Jeremia Boddey, president) Monthly meetings. Fanzine Chameleon Factor; newsletter Wall of Lies

# Victoria

1996 Aurealis Awards <u>February 28</u> at 7.00pm. Slow Glass Books, 305 Swanston St Melbourne
MSFC <u>February 28</u> Instant Fanzine Night <u>March 7</u> Lego
Starship Building & Pancakes <u>March 14</u> Astroboy, Prince
Planet & other Japanese Animations. 8.00pm St David's
Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212

World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005
Austrek March 15 2.00 pm Coffee & Conversation Virtual
Access Cafe 129 Maroondah Highway Ringwood GPO Box
5206AA, Melbourne, 3001 Phone: 03 9887 1701 (Answering

machine only)
Enterprise March 7-10 Ballarat Camp Pax Hill Scout
Camp Ballarat P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne
3005 (03) 9583 7404 enterprise@minerals.csiro.au
Neva Mob March 5 13 Frederick St Brunswick.
Dandenong Science Fiction Society March 12 Ann
McGann P.O. Box 706 Frankston Vic 3199 015 510 159
Ben Bova Signing March 18, 6-00 to 7-00pm Slow Glass
Books, 305 Swanston St Melbourne
Ben Bova Signing March 19,12-30 to 1-30Minotaur
Skyforce (Star Wars) April 12 Copeland Theatre Economics
& Commerce Building Uni of Melbourne 1.00 to 5.00 pm
P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070
Email Address: darren.maxwell@tmca.com.au

Email Address: darren.maxwell@tmca.com.au
Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club P.O. Box 41 West
Brunswick 3055 Fanzine Babbling On Email James
Allen@vut.edu.au or bfive@VNET.ibm.com
Australian Costumers Guild P.O. Box 322 Bentleigh Vic
3204 email stilskin@netspace.net.au
Australian Horror Society P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melb.

Big SF (Star Trek/ general SF) Ballarat P.O. Box 178

Wendouree 3355 Doctor Who Club of Victoria GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne 3001 email: borad@vovo.cc.monash.edu.au Fellowship of Middle Earth Monash University F & SF Society FOME c/o The Union, Monash University, Clayton Victoria 3168 fome@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au or eleni@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au http://yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au/~fome/ Friday Night Mob Friday Nights 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. K&Ms, Myer Arcade Melbourne Gallifrey GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001 Daniel Klein 0419 379 842, AH:(03) 9850 7275 Goulburn Valley Sci-Fi Club bi monthly 4th Sunday of the month. Willowmere Receptions Kyabram. P.O. Box 186 Kyabram 3620 Phryne Fisher Club P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 Red Dwarf Fan Club P.O. Box 1044 Bundoora 3083 Time Lords c/o Lee Zachariah 3 Selwood Crt, Mornington, VIC, 3931. Newsletter Eternity (was TARDIS) Time Trekkers P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550. The X-Files Fan Club of Australia Locked Bag 1013, Flemington, 3031. Fanzine The Field Journal.

#### W.A.

The Neutral Zone February 28 Murdoch University's ECL Lecture Theatres #1 and #4. 6.30pm. PO Box 1169, Bibra Lake, WA, 6163. Phone (09) 434 4167, email: nzone@iinet.net.au Fanzine The Final Frontier Newsletter The Defector

Jump Point March 8 Murdoch University Economics, Commerce & Law Building - Lecture Theatre 1 The Babylon 5 club of W.A. Email info@jumppoint.net.au http://www.jumppoint.net.au/

UniSFA - University of Western Australia Science Fiction Association. e-mail doi@tartarus.uwa.edu.au The West Lodge Doctor Who Fan Club. P.O. Box 190 Mt

Lawley 6050 E-Mail: null@ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au http://www.ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au/~null/WestLodge/West

Lodge.html

Westrek Star Trek Club of Western Australia Inc. Last Friday of month 6:45pm. (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

# **Fanzines**

Timing Malfuncton #1 Sian O'Neale for the Supreme Council of Time Lords 185 Kooyong Rd Toorak 3142. The Communicator #21 Derek Screen for Enterprise P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne Vic 3005 Srat Walking The Newsletter #28 Jan Wilson, Shane Morrissey & Michael Wilson for Star Walking P.O. Box 201 Rosanna Vic 3084 The Captain's Log #234 Rose Mitchell for Austrek GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne Vic 3001 ANZAPA 174 Marc Ortlieb (O.B.E.) P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131. A 139 page mailing featuring Bill Wright's Interstellar Ramjet Scoop

which has superb fractal art and an article on generating it by Dick (Ditmar) Jenssen. ANZAPA currently hasvacancies for four more members, no waiting list.

# **Web Pages**

For a full listing,
http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/zines.htm
New
aus.sf.babylon5
http://mama.minmet.uq.oz.au/~alice/bab5/bab5.html
Deep Space Nine
http://www.crc.net.au/~madcat/ds9.htm

#### **Deadlines**

Paul John Statham Memorial
OBIE Nominations
DUFF voting
ANZAPA 175
DITMAR & ASFMA nominations
Starwalking Art Folio
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