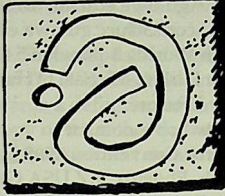


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### In Print

Stephen Dedman has a story, "Murder Planet", in *Science Fiction Age* March 1998. *Aurealis* 20/21 will be launched at Slow Glass Books on February 27.

### Pulps Fact

Chris Nelson notes that "The National Library of Australia has opened an exhibition of pulp fiction in their Visitor's Centre. The notice reads:

"Incorporating Carter Brown, Mills and Boon and other examples of popular paperback fiction [including sf], the exhibition is drawn largely from the collection of Gordon Clive Bleeck, an author who wrote pulp fiction over three decades -- from the 1940s to the 1960s.

"The exhibition features a fan letter [only 1?] and extracts from the journals and diaries of Bleeck, surrounded by his vividly covered paperbacks. These revealing personal documents record the discipline and hard work necessary to become a successful pulp fiction writer while meeting a publisher's demands. At the height of his career, Bleeck was turning out four 22,000 word novelettes every two months under one or more of his 22 pseudonyms!

The exhibition will be on display until June 1998."

A listing of his works is on the Net:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/1/auscoll/bleeck.html>

As an aside, I think that Graham Stone ran this listing in one of his SF News issues over a year ago. I don't know if he's been involved in the exhibition."

### In Electrons

Ion Newcombe announces the birth of Antipodean SF online, the 'downunder' e-zine devoted to short-short SF. It can be found at:

<http://www.nor.com.au/users/antisf/index.html>

### Bullsheets Media Watch

Damien Broderick reviews an assortment of scientific books in *The Weekend Australian* 21-22/2/98. Multiverse attracted attention from *The Saturday Age* 14/2/98 and other sources.

### A Swancon Cygnet

Perth fan Anna Hepworth notes the birth of Isaac Ford Hepworth Sunday, 22nd February, 3:45am 3.9kg/8lb 10 "everybody doing well, considering."

### Multiverse Three

Multiverse Three went very nicely and was enjoyable. According to Sharon's closing statements there were about 540 members and she expects the con to go into the black. Even without that the charities will split about \$2,000 from the charity auction.

Among highlights were the marriage proposal at the closing ceremonies (accepted), AUSFA's Sundance Bilson-Thompson getting his stomach autographed by Claudia Christian, Robert Llewelyn's talks, Danny Heap's videos and Sharon's gossip panel. It showed what the clubs can do if they get together.

The masquerade was disappointing, not from the point of view of the costumes, which included some real stunners, but from the point of view of the venue, which was sadly inadequate. It was fortunate that very few of the 540 attendees actually went. As it was, several attendees were unable to see the whole stage, and the lighting was poor.

The Aussiecon Three table didn't have any fliers, so I guess Medge didn't get any to take back to Adelaide.

### 1998 Ditmars

A nomination form for the 1998 Ditmars, to be presented at Thylacon Two, are now available. As Alan Stewart noted, they require one minor correction, that being that any bona fide Australian fan may nominate items for the awards. (Only members of Thylacon Two may vote in the final ballot.)

### DUFF Race is On

The 1998 Duff race, to send an Australian Fan to the USA for BucCONeer is now on. The contenders are Terry Frost and Susan Batho (Smith/Clarke). The Bullsheets recommends that you vote early and donate often.

### Medical Matters

Alan Stewart's biopsies seem to have revealed nothing but a couple more benign cysts. Excellent news.

Meanwhile Eric Lindsay reports "In self defence, I must report that Jean is overly optimistic in reporting my progress during my recovery while I am in the Westmead Hospital cardiac rehabilitation program. The nurses can

stop my bragging about how well I am going pretty much any time, by turning the machines to a higher setting.

As at 12th February, I was doing 5 minutes on an exercise bike on gear 8 (they don't go any higher ... but they could ask me to pedal faster than 50 a minute), 9 minutes on a stepper machine on setting 5 (out of 12) which the machine (which contains dwarf buildings) says is the equivalent of climbing a 68 floor building (I walk up 12 flights of steps at work each morning, and can assure you that I do not look a picture of health by the time I get to my office, so I don't believe their machine). I do anything between 7 and 10 minutes on a 7 kph treadmill at a 14 degree slope, and do five minutes on a rowing machine at a stroke every 2.75 seconds.

This probably is a little higher than the average heart patient, but you have to recall that two weeks prior to my heart attack I spent a week at Comdex in Las Vegas, walking anything up to 25 kilometres a day, with no sign of problems. Exercise doesn't change the fundamental problem, of the coronary arteries getting blocked, although it certainly increases what you can do with whatever heart muscle has not been killed off by the original heart attack."

### Aussiecon Three

A panel was run at last week's MSFC meeting, and rumour has it that a new flier is almost ready. There is still no sign of the updated web page, nor of an adequate supply of PR 1s. We hear that there are t-shirts and that, in fleeting visits to Australia, Stephen Boucher has been seen wearing one. Unfortunately, such was his red shift that the colours were not clear.

### Upcoming Conventions

**Hyper-Con '98** Star Wars March 7th 1998 8:30 am to 5pm  
Masonic Centre cnr Castlereagh and Goulburn Streets  
Sydney GoH Jeremy Bulloch

HyperSpace, PO Box 804, Kensington NSW 2033

Email : advertel@mpx.com.au

<http://www.wr.com.au/maclead/>

**Highlander DownUnder II** March 28-29 1998 Mercure Hotel, Brisbane GoH Peter Wingfield (O.C.P.) \$85 full, \$70 concession. Day reg is \$50 & \$40 concession. 11 Perrett St Bundamba Qld 4304 sonjav@powerup.com.au

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~tunnack/hldu2.htm>

**CSO (Dr Who NatCon)** 24-26 April 1998 GsoH John Nathan-Turner, Gary Downie, Keff McCulloch, Dolore Whiteman, Tracey Wilson Airport Motel, Kingsford Smith Drive. Email [timelord@mail.cth.com.au](mailto:timelord@mail.cth.com.au) for further details on how to attend.

**Swancon Twenty Three** April 24-27, 1998 (Anzac Day long weekend) The Hotel Grand Chancellor (formerly Orchard Hotel), 707 Wellington St, Perth. International GoH: Lois McMaster Bujold Local GoH: Tess Williams Guests: Jack Dann, Stephen Dedman, Craig Hilton, Sue Isle, Dave Luckett, Grant Stone, Janine Webb, Sean Williams Dead GoH: Jules Verne Fan Guest: Gina

Goddard. Membership \$70.00 until March 31 \$75 thereafter until the con. GPO Box 429 Perth WA 6841

<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/swancon>

E-mail: [swancon23@ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au](mailto:swancon23@ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au)

**Best of Both Worlds 3** Babylon 5 Convention May 2-3 1998

GsoH: Mira Furlan, Michael O'Hare, Stephen Furst, Joshua Cox, Sandy Bruckner

<http://www.bobw.com.au>

**World Horror Convention 1998** May 7-10 1998 Embassy Suites North Phoenix, AZ USA GsoH Brian Lumley; Bernie Wrightson; Tom Doherty; John Steakley; Tom Savini.P.O. Box 61565, Phoenix, AZ USA 85082-1565

**Construction (New Zealand NatCon)** May 30 - June 1 1998

West Plaza Hotel Wellington GoH Neil Gaiman P.O. Box 11559 Manners St Wellington New Zealand

**Thylacon 2** (1998 Australian National Science Fiction Convention) June 5-8 1998 Hadley's Hotel, Hobart GoH

Leanne Frahm Attending \$65 until the end of 1997

Supporting or child-in-tow \$20 Thylacon 2, PO Box 55,

Battery Point, TAS 7004.

[http://www.trump.net.au/~s\\_newman/thylacon2/](http://www.trump.net.au/~s_newman/thylacon2/)

**PhanCon 98**. Literary sf/fantasy convention July 11-12

Parramatta Gazebo Hotel. Guests Terry Pratchett, David Gemmell and Sara Douglass. For info kit email

[kemil@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kemil@ozemail.com.au) or phone 1800 817 298.

**BucCONeer** 56th World Science Fiction Convention.

August 5 - 9 1998, Baltimore Convention Center and Inner Harbor hotels, Baltimore, Maryland, USA. GOHs: C.J.

Cherryh, Milt Rothman, Stanley Schmidt, and Michael

Whelan, Special Guest: J. Michael Straczynski, Toastmaster:

Charles Sheffield. Attending \$130 Supporting \$30 Children

4-12 \$65 (Rates apply until 15 June, 1998). BucCONeer, P.O.

Box 314, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701 USA. E-mail:

[bucconeer@bucconeer.worldcon.org](mailto:bucconeer@bucconeer.worldcon.org)

URL: <http://www.bucconeer.worldcon.org>.

**Conquest 98** October 9-11 1998 Mercure Hotel Brisbane

GsoH. Peter Jurasik (Londo), Walter Koenig (Bester)

Richard Arnold GPO Box 13676 Brisbane Qld 4001

**Force Three** June 12-14 1999 3rd National Star Wars

Convention Karralyka Centre Ringwood Vict GsoH tba

\$150 until 1/6/99. P.O. Box 427 Northcote Vic 3070 (03)

9416-8998 <http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking>

**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 email [julian@aussiecon3.worldcon.org](mailto:julian@aussiecon3.worldcon.org)

<http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/staff/eric/ain99>

**Chicon 2000** The 58th World Science Fiction Convention

August 31 to September 4 2000 - Hyatt Regency Chicago IL

GsoH Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton, Jim Baen, Bob and Anne

Passovoy, Toastmaster: Harry Turtledove

P. O. Box 642057, Chicago IL 60664, fax: 312-946-3779

<http://www.chicon.org/>

GoH = Guest of Honour

O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting

tba= to be announced.



**Club News**

Damien Warman notes "Critical Mass is alive and well. The current schedule has

March 4, Susan Love, Some aspects of translation  
April 1, Damien Warman, Award Winners 1996 and  
November 4, Jacq Felis, Towards a definition of fantasy.

I'll happily send a copy of the rather occasional newsletter to anyone who asks; my contact details remain Damien Warman

PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000  
dmw@pobox.com ph (08) 8267 5374"

**A.C.T.**

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Next Gen [http://bohmanu.edu.au/Clubs/Next\\_Gen/](http://bohmanu.edu.au/Clubs/Next_Gen/)

**N.S.W.**

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Smeg Radio 2RRR Wednesday nights between 7pm and 8pm.

Sydney DW SF Fan Club GPO Box 2870 Sydney 2001 neelix@eagle.asstdc.com.au

Australian SF Association GPO Box 4440 Sydney 2000  
Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club 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  
Futurian Society of Sydney Room 1615 University of Technology Broadway

<http://www.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html>  
Friends of Science Fiction Star Trek, The X-Files, Babylon 5, Doctor Who P O Box 797 Fairfield NSW 2165 Email fsf@nlc.net.au <http://www.nlc.net.au/~fsf/> Fanzine *Friends of Science Fiction Newsletter*

Lost in Space Australia P.O. Box N9 Petersham North NSW 2049

NSW Uni SF Club zine 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](mailto:ianm@mpx.com.au)

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

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

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. Maloney's 614 George St, City

The Other Thursday Night Group The Elysee Coffee Lounge (corner Pitt and Bathurst Streets) THEN dinner.

**Qld**

Conquest March 1 Red Cross Centre 397 Adelaide St GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001

Queensland Star Trekkers (Quest) March 8 GPO Box 2084 Brisbane 4001 Email [water@thehub.com.au](mailto:water@thehub.com.au)

Brisbane Dr Who Fan Club March 15 Queensland Rail Institute Center, Brisbane Central Station PO Box 10308, Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000. email [timelord@closer.brisnet.org.au](mailto:timelord@closer.brisnet.org.au)

<http://www.cth.com.au/usr/timelord/bdwfc.htm>

Highlander March 15 Red Cross Centre 397 Adelaide St Postal address 11 Perrett St Bundamba Qld 4304

[sonjav@powerup.com.au](mailto:sonjav@powerup.com.au) Newsletter *The Buzz*

Vortex April 5 Red Cross Centre 397 Adelaide St G.P.O. Box 2004 Brisbane 4001

Cosmic Cotillion(Vortex) May 30 7.00pm Irish Club - Elizabeth Street, Brisbane Contact Kevin on 07-3356 5472

Camp Khitomer 3 June 6-7 GPO Box 2084 Brisbane 4001 Email [water@thehub.com.au](mailto:water@thehub.com.au)

Brisbane Skyforce Contact Nick - (07) 3369 9744, PO Box 5732 West Hill QLD 4101

FSFA C/O Leela Cosgrove 3 Sollis St. Geebung Brisbane Q 4034

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The Space Ranger Fan Club Dinners at least once a month 104 Muir Street, Labrador 4215 (07)55322812

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**S.A.**

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Sastrek P.O. Box 369 North Adelaide S.A. 5006 (08 337 8759). [Sastrek@bigfoot.com](mailto:Sastrek@bigfoot.com)

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*, annual fanzine *Jethryk*

**Victoria**

MSFC February 27 Meglomania March 6 Barbecue March



# THE AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION BULLSHEET

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February 27 1998

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Aurealis Awards February 27 7.00pm Slow Glass Books  
305 Swanston Walk Melbourne  
Star Trek the Exhibit February 27 to July 19 Science  
Works Spotswood  
Enterprise February 28 12 noon to 5-00 pm Science Works  
Visit P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005  
(03) 9583 7404 enterprise@minerals.csiro.au  
Nova Mob March 4 Mark Sherrifs 13 Frederick St  
Brunswick.  
Time Trekkers March 6 St Luke's, 46 Sternberg St  
Bendigo P.O. Box 334 Bendigo 3550.  
Doctor Who Club of Victoria March 7 'Zoo Evening'  
3:00pm sharp, Northern entrance GPO Box 4782UU  
Melbourne 3001 email: borad@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au  
Dandenong Science Fiction Society March 11 Ann  
McGann P.O. Box 706 Frankston Vic 3199 015 510 159  
luddite@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au  
Phryne Fisher Club March 28 12.00 noon, visit to  
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Phryne's car. 2 Booker Street Spotswood. P.O. Box 41 West  
Brunswick 3055  
Skyforce (Star Wars) April 11 1-5 pm Melbourne Uni,  
Copeland Theatre, Economics and Commerce Building  
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<http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking>  
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<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>  
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<http://www.geocities.com/Tokyo/Flats/1129/>  
Nova Mob 13 Frederick St Brunswick.  
Red Dwarf Fan Club P.O. Box 1044 Bundoora 3083  
The X-Files Fan Club of Australia Locked Bag 1013,  
Flemington, 3031. Fanzine *The Field Journal*.

W.A.

Swancon 23 Pizza Night March 10 6.30pm City Pizza Hut  
Hay St Perth  
Swancon 23 Quiz Night March 25 7.00pm Sandringham  
Hotel Belmont  
Freeform 23: The Convention March 29 1. pm 1 Archdeacon  
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World Trade Centre Vic 3005  
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Joseph Nicholas 15 Jansons Rd South tottenham London  
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enough copies of Halfway House while moving. It has new





# 1998 Australian Science Fiction Achievement Award Nomination Form

All Australian Fans are encouraged to nominate Australian original material published in the Calendar Year 1997.

Nominations close March 20, and voting ballots will be distributed by Easter.

## Categories

1. Best Long Fiction

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2. Best Short Fiction

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3. Best Dramatic Presentation

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4. Best Artwork/Artist

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5. Best Fanzine

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6. Best Fan Writer

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7. William Atheling Award (reviews)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form to Thylacon 2 Awards P.O. Box 55, Battery Point, Tas 7004 no later than March 20 1998.

## 1998 DUFF Candidates' Platforms

### SUSAN CLARKE

Susan Clarke (or Susan Smith Clarke), now known as Susan Batho, is part of the Blue Mountains Conclave of Fans. Mother of four, she has chaired five national conventions amongst others. Winner of FanQ Awards in the US for writing and editing; ASFMA AWARDS in Australia for writing and editing; plus a special Ditmar Award for Service to Australian SF Fandom, and the 1997 Chandler Award. Fanwriter and professional author she is currently doing a PhD in creative writing. Editor and co-editor of over 400 zines in the past 25 years. Currently edits an original fantasy zine; ReviewZine and eight other media titles.

Previous North American Travel: 1988 to NOLACON with the Sydney in 91 Worldcon Bid committee, and two visits to Media\*West\*Con.

Nominators: Australasia : Justin Ackroyd, Sue Bursztynski, Eric Lindsay;  
North America : Joyce Scrivner, Chris Barkley.

### TERRY FROST

I've been in fandom since 1979, written dozens of fanzines of steadily increasing readability and broadening subject matter, and hold the record for the longest losing streak in the history of the Ditmar awards - a record which was broken in 1995 when I got the gong for Best Fan Writer. I want to visit America because I can't believe that so many people drive on the wrong side of the street and have money all the same colour.

Previous North American Travel: None.

Nominators: Australasia : Bruce Gillespie, Lucy Sussex, Jean Weber;  
North America : Mike Glycer, Jeanne Mealy.

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Anyone doing so should substitute their name here: **Marc Ortlieb**

Reference:



# THE DUFF BALLOT 1998

## Australasia to North America

The Down Under Fan Fund (DUFF) was created in 1972 to exchange fannish representatives between North America and Australasia. DUFF is supported by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates attend Worldcon or a national convention in the host country and visit fans they might otherwise never meet in person. Delegates are responsible for raising funds and administering DUFF until a new delegate from their continent is elected, and are expected to publish trip reports which can be sold to aid the fund.

**Donations:** DUFF exists solely on the donations and contributions of fans and fan organizations. Please give generously. Anyone may contribute, and donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made payable to DUFF (in North America) or Perry Middlemiss (in Australasia). Money should always be sent in the administrator's home currency.

**Voting:** DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic runoff and a majority win. The voter ranks the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3 ...). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second, third, etc. places, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (The voter is not required to fill in more than their name, address and first choice.) Ballots must be signed and accompanied by a donation of at least \$4 in United States currency or \$6 in Australian currency. You must return the entire ballot (both sides). Each voter may vote only once.

**Voters' eligibility:** Anyone who has been active in fandom on or before January 1, 1997 may vote. "Active in fandom" means involved in fannish pursuits such as fanzine writing or reading; convention running or attending; amateur film/video production; or club participation. Voting is limited to natural persons. If you think you may be unknown to the administrators, please give the name of a fan or fan group (other than a candidate or nominator) who can vouch that you meet this criteria.

**Candidates:** Three Australasian and two North American fans have stood as nominators for each of the two candidates. Each candidate has provided a \$25 bond; a brief written platform and a description of previous North American travel; and promised (barring acts of God) to travel to BucConeer, in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, August 5th to August 9th, 1998, and to serve as administrator of the fund until a new Australasian delegate is elected.

**Deadline:** Ballots must be postmarked by **April 16, 1998** & reach an administrator by **April 23, 1998**.

Send this entire ballot with US\$4 or A\$6 (or more) donation to an administrator.

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Please print clearly and legibly. List in order of preference (1, 2, 3, etc.):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Clarke    | Name:        |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Frost     | Signature:   |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write-In        | Street:      |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hold-Over Funds | City:        | State/Province: |
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