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## Notice of Annual General Meeting 1991

**Date:** *Sunday, 20th January 1991*

**Time:** *2:30 pm*

**Place:** *137 Green Street  
Ivanhoe  
Melbourne*

**Agenda:**

- 1) Opening of Meeting;
- 2) Apologies;
- 3) Minutes of previous AGM;
- 4) President's Report;
- 5) Secretary's Report;
- 6) Treasurer's Report;
- 7) Election of Committee of Management;
- 8) General Business;
- 9) Close of Meeting.

**Notes:** All members of the Committee of Management must resign at the AGM but they are eligible to stand for re-election. Nominations for the following positions will be accepted by the Committee of Management until Sunday, 13th January 1991:

- a) President;
- b) Vice-President;
- c) Secretary;
- d) Treasurer;
- e) THREE ordinary members.

Nominations must be made by two members of the society and endorsed by the nominee.

Light refreshments will be provided at the close of the meeting.

## Correspondence

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The amateur sf stories that we did not list last issue brought some reaction from:  
In Volume 2 No. 5 of *THE INSTRUMENTALITY*, you were correct in that fiction appearing in the Newsletter of the Canberra Science Fiction Society does not receive payment.

It should be acknowledged however that these appearances are part of the requirements of the CSFS's Short Story Competition. Prizes are awarded annually at our annual convention, Circulation.

It should also be acknowledged that the CSFS produces an annual anthology, SINGULARITIES, containing the best stories submitted to the CSFS's Short Story Competition. All contributors to SINGULARITIES receive payment.

This year we have published 50 stories in our newsletter. The Society receives no outside funding, and we have utilised all our resources in promoting original Australian science fiction and fantasy.

I would add that I don't consider that the works received by our Society are amateur. There are several names in your short fiction listing that have been published within both SINGULARITIES and our monthly newsletter.

Garry Wyatt,  
Editor, Canberra SF Society Inc.

*[While we certainly have no desire to denigrate amateur fiction, perhaps it is advisable to point out to you that THE INSTRUMENTALITY 2.5 actually said 'This listing does not include a number of amateur (ie unpaid) short fiction stories ...' (our underlining). Our dictionary listing for amateur in this sense says, 'A person who engages in an activity ... as a pastime rather than professionally or for gain.' Your first paragraph kills any claim that the stories published in the Newsletter are written professionally, whatever their quality and whoever their author. Some may later be sold professionally (e.g. to SINGULARITIES?) without affecting their status in this prior publication.*

*[The main reason we/I did not list all the available amateur fiction alongside the available professional fiction is simply lack of space, time, and energy. Our/my informant about the CSFS Newsletter told us/me she had about 45 stories listed, and was ready to read them out over the phone -- at which point we/I begged off. We have not, personally, seen even a single issue of your Newsletter. If we repeat our listing next year, and if you supply us with the relevant list for that year, no doubt we will feel more inclined to insert those stories in our listing. GRH]*

## Ditmar-Eligible SF

Below is an updated (but still non-inclusive) list of Australian sf possibly eligible for nomination for the Ditmar Awards. This listing still does not include a number of amateur (ie unpaid) short fiction pieces published in magazines such as THE MENTOR, THE CANBERRA SF SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, and various other fan- and club- zines. It still contains uncertainties and possible errors. (Such as: should we include the stories from SINGULARITIES 1 (publication date unknown by us as we go to press). If you have further information, please contact the ASFF.

Our sources are many, but include Sean McMullen, Lucy Sussex, Alan Stewart, LynC, EIDOLON 3, personal slogwork, and others. The Editor has not personally seen many of the below works and so cannot personally vouch for every listing. Final error-checking was abbreviated in order to 'catch' a ride with THYME. Sorry.

## BOOKS:

- |                   |                                                                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Carmody, Isabelle | The Farseekers<br>(Novel, Viking Kestrel)                                            |
| Chandler, A. B.   | From Sea To Shining Star<br>(Coll., Dreamstone)                                      |
| Dowling, Terry    | Rynosseros<br>(Coll., Aphelion)                                                      |
| Farakas, ???      | The Adonis Strategy<br>(Novel)                                                       |
| Kelleher, Victor  | Brother Night<br>(Novel, Julia McCrae)                                               |
| Lord, Gabrielle   | Salt<br>(Novel, McPhee Gribble)                                                      |
| Love, Rosaleen    | Total Devotion Machine &<br>(Coll., Women's Press, UK)<br>(Available Australia 1990) |
| Middleton, Martin | Circle of Light<br>(Novel, Pan)                                                      |
| Sussex, Lucy      | My Lady Tongue &<br>(Coll., Heineman Aust)                                           |
| Taylor, Keith     | The Search For The Starblade<br>(Novel, Ace, US 1990)                                |
| Turner, George    | A Pursuit of Miracles<br>(Collection, Aphelion)                                      |
| Whiteford, Wynne  | The Specialist<br>(Novel, Ace, US 1990)                                              |
| Whitmore, Andrew  | Fortress of Eternity<br>(Novel, Avon, US 1990)                                       |

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## SHORT FICTION

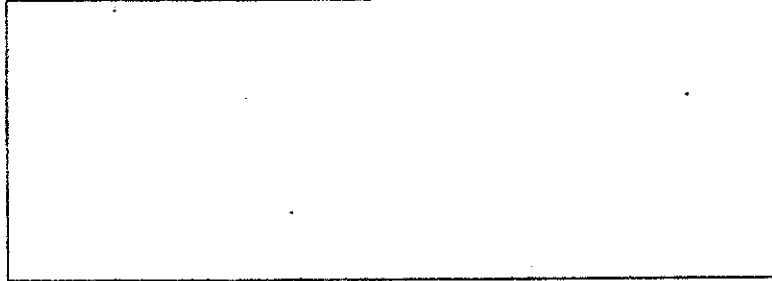
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|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Booth, P. Raymond    | The Number Who Loved (Syzygy 1)                                                                            |
| Broderick, Damien    | The Sea's Newest Shore (Aurealis 2)                                                                        |
| Brown, Simon         | Rain From the New God (Aurealis 2)                                                                         |
| Bursztynski, Sue     | A Fishy Tale (Family Circle, 22apr90)                                                                      |
| Byrne, Jeremy G      | Tizzy's Tail (Eidolon 2)                                                                                   |
| Chandler, A. Bertram | The Long Way (From Sea To Shining Star)<br>Hindsight (a/a)<br>Man Alone (a/a)                              |
| Carboli, Anatol      | Welcome To The Club (Thyme Fiction 3)                                                                      |
| Collins, Paul        | At The Focus (with S. McMullen) (Eidolon 3)<br>One Day Soon (Aurealis 2)<br>Three Great Lies (True Blue 9) |
| Dedman, Stephen      | ...But Smile No More (Aurealis 2)<br>Spin (Strange Plasma 2 / Eidolon 2)                                   |

- Dix, Shane  
The Moment (Thyme Fiction 4)  
The Stranded Biped (Sing.II)
- Dowling, Terry  
Colouring the Captains (Rynosseros, above)  
In The Dark Bush (Aurealis 1)  
Larrikin Wind (Eidolon 1)  
Mirage Diver (Rynosseros)  
The Robot is Running Away From The Trees  
(a/a)  
Spinners (a/a)  
So Much For The Burning Queen (a/a)
- Egan, Greg  
Axiomatic (Interzone 41)  
The Caress (Asimov's, Jan 1990)  
Eugene (Interzone, Jun 1990)  
The Extra (Eidolon 2)  
Learning To Be Me (Interzone 37)  
The Moral Virologist (Pulphouse 8)  
The Safe-Deposit Box (Asimov's, Sep 1990)  
The Vat (Eidolon 3)
- Enever, Paul  
Box Ex Machina (Thyme Fiction 2)
- Frahm, Leanne  
Reichelman's Relics (Amazing, Jul 1990)
- Frew, Wendy  
Enclosed Values (Thyme Fiction 3)
- Hughes Gillies, Penelope  
Reflections on the Sea of Arrioch (Sing.II)
- Kelleher, Victor  
Old Nick's Buttons (Meanjin, Jan90)
- Kennett, Roger  
The Homecoming (Thyme Fiction 3)
- Kewley, Jodie  
The Tree (Aurealis 2)
- Isle, Sue  
Nightwings (Aurealis 1)  
To Here The Midnight Fled (Thyme Fiction 2)
- Love, Rosaleen  
Bat Mania (In The Total Devotion Machine &c)  
The Bottomless Pit (a/a)  
The Children Don't Leave Home Any More (a/a)  
Dolphins and Deep Thought (a/a)  
Hovering Rock (Aurealis 2)  
If You Go Down To the Park Today  
(Total Devotion Machine &c)  
No resting Place (a/a)  
Power Play (a/a)?  
Tanami Drift (a/a)?  
The Tea Room tapes (a/a)  
The Total devotion Machine (a/a)  
Tremendous Potential For Tourism (a/a)  
Turtle Soup (Eidolon 3)  
Where Are They (T.D.M.&c)
- McHugh, Evan  
Searching For the Big Bang  
(The Australian, 10apr90)
- McKenzie, Keira  
Feather Dancer (Eidolon 1)
- McMullen, Sean  
A Rich Fantasy Life (Inter Alia)  
At The Focus (with P. Collins) (Eidolon 3)  
While The Gate Is Open (F&SF, Feb 1990)
- McNicol, James  
A Day At The Beach (Sing.II)
- Mabbett, Ian  
Immortality (Thyme Fiction 4)
- Maddern, Philippa  
The Subconscious Computer (Eidolon 2)
- Maloney, Geoffrey  
Age of Democracy (Eidolon 3)  
5 Cigarettes and 2 Snakes (Aurealis 1)  
Green Wall Dreaming (Thyme Fiction 4)
- Meredith, Jane  
Fortune Seekers (Sing.II)
- Paulsen, Steven  
Two Tomorrow (Eidolon 3)
- Pryor, Michael  
Talent (Aurealis 1)
- Ranscombe, Pauline  
Infernal Hallucinations (Aurealis 2)
- Rosenberg, Barry  
Have I Got A Planet For You (Sing.II)
- Russell, Joi S  
Matter of Mind (Aurealis 1)  
Sharing Space (Thyme Fiction 2)
- Scriven, Richard  
Lucky At Last (Eidolon 1)
- Seymour, Frankie  
Time The Healer (Sing.II)
- Sherman, S.  
Story Teller (Sing.II)
- Spenter, Dianne M  
Do We Love? (Aurealis 1)
- Sussex, Lucy  
Go-To (My Lady Tongue &c)  
God and Her Black Sense Of Humour (a/a)  
The Man Hanged Upside Down (a/a)  
Red Ochre (a/a)
- Tansey, David  
... And They Shall Wander All Their Days  
(Aurealis 1)  
Colony World (Sing.II)  
Kept On Ice (Thyme Fiction 3)
- Trueman, Peter  
The Hunt (Aurealis 2)
- Turner, George  
Generation Gap (A Pursuit of Miracles)  
I Still Call Australia Home (Aurealis 1)
- Verran, James  
The Dive (WotFuture Vol 6)
- Walker, David  
Viral Infection (Sing.II)
- Weitzel, Vern  
Forever (Sing. II)
- Wodhams, Jack  
The Token Pole (Analog, feb90)
- Woodman, Steve  
The Anomalous Analogy (Sing.II)
- Xanthos, Maurice  
Glaring problem (Thyme Fiction 2)

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