



Thursday Sept 2 am: Number One

The Monotreme

Aussiecon 3 Newsletter

WELCOME

Welcome to **The Monotreme**, the daily newsletter of Aussiecon 3. The newsletter will appear twice per day during the convention, with the final issue on Monday morning.

It will contain news of what is happening at the convention, suggestions for making your stay in Melbourne as enjoyable as possible, and reports of the most interesting happenings. Most importantly the afternoon edition will contain information about the open parties that are being held that night. Parties are one of the most important features of a world con and you should not be shy about attending, even if you don't know anyone.

The newsletter will be distributed at around 9:00am and 5:00pm from a number of points around the convention centre.

You are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Boxes for

submitting contributions will be situated at the distribution points. Or you can come down to the Monotreme office on Level Three, just behind the information booth and type it up on one of our computers (but not between 7:00am and 8:30am, nor between 2:00pm and 4:00pm!)

Volunteers are also needed to help with the newsletter. Come and see us at the office. We need reporters, typists, people who can do layout on a Mac using PageMaker, people to look after the printing, people to look after the distribution and make sure the distribution boxes are kept topped up with newsletters.

We also welcome suggestions

for doing our job better. Use the contribution boxes mentioned above, or come and see us, but again not during the production period (as mentioned above).

Costume Parade Entries

If you intend to be part of the costume parade, remember that entry forms must be submitted by Saturday 5:00pm. Entry forms are available at the Information Desk. Hall costumes do not need to be registered. There will be a meeting of potential Costume Parade entrants on Saturday morning. See the Costume Parade Noticeboard or Fridays Monotreme for more details. See Marc Ortlieb or Mitch if you have any questions.

Costume Parade Photographers

If you wish to register as a Costume Parade Photographer, please complete the form available from the Information Desk and submit it by 5:00pm on Saturday.

Marc Ortlieb

monotreme

(noun) A member of the Monotremata, an order of primitive egg-laying mammals restricted to Australia and New Guinea and consisting of only the platypus and the echidna. (From New Latin Monotremata, order name : MONO- + Greek trêma, perforation.)

American Heritage Dictionary

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Trivia Quiz

Each issue will contain five questions with the answers in the next issue. This is for fun only, and to impress your friends. There are no prizes. Do not submit answers. No correspondence will be entered into.

Q 01. What do these science fiction/fantasy writers have in common?

John Jay Wells; Philip Briggs; Andrew North; Simon Lang; William Lamb.

Q 02 Can you match the husband and wife (or ex-husband and ex-wife) pairs?

Isaac Asimov; James Blish; Avram Davidson; Edward Hamilton; Henry Kuttner; Frederick Poul

Catherine Moore; Virginia Kidd; Leigh Brackett; Grania Davis; Judith Merrill; Janet Jeppson

Q 03 Which novels are these the opening lines from?

(a) "At 19.00 hours, ship's time, I made my way to the launching bay."

(b) "Once upon a time there was a Martian named Valentine Michael Smith."

(c) "I had reached the age of six hundred and fifty miles."

Q 04 Can you supply the missing names for these initials?

J. R. R. Tolkien; C. L. Moore; A. E. van Vogt; George R. R. Martin; E. C. Tubb.

Q 05 What do David Book, Gordon Eklund, William Rotsler, David Brin and Arthur C. Clarke have in common?

Banquet

Aussiecon Three is running a banquet on Friday at 8:00pm. The Banquet costs \$50 for a three course meal, with drinks available at bar prices. Tickets are available from the Registration Desk

Damon Dark

Episodes of the new science fiction series DAMON DARK will screen at the convention (see Program) It is also being shown on Melbourne's Channel 31 next Thursday night at 11, and will continue for five weeks. It's the best low budget SF series since Dr.Who/Blakes 7/The Tomorrow People were discontinued by narrow-minded TV execs who thought all SF fans want to see is flashy big budget FX and no brains (Ala INDEPENDENCE DAY, etc).Mind you, I am rather biased about the series, as I made it! Cheers!

Adrian M Sherlock,
PRODUCER.



TONIGHT'S PARTIES

The afternoon issue will contain Party Announcements for that night. Here's a bit of a preview of what to expect.

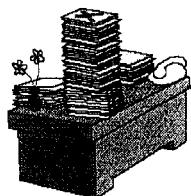
The Bay Area in 2002 Worldcon bid plans to hold its final two bid parties in the Centra Hotel, Bridge 2 Room, on Thursday and Friday nights of Aussiecon Three, from 9 PM onward. I'm not sure we're going to party like it's 1999, but I'm sure you'll see a lot of happy members of the bid committee celebrating the end of three years of campaigning to bring the 2002 Worldcon to the San Francisco Bay Area. (Stop by our bid table to confirm time and location.) Remember to vote in the site selection election and to deliver any ballots you may be carrying for friends to the site selection table by the 5 PM Saturday deadline.

Room assignments and schedules are subject to last-minute changes -- watch for party flyers and other announcements.

Kevin Standlee

What's On in Melbourne?

The best way to find out is to buy the Melbourne Age newspaper on Friday. It has a supplement called the EG (for Entertainment Guide) which is the nearest thing we have to **Encore** or **Time Out**. It lists everything that's on in terms of music, theatre, cinema and many other areas. The Age also publish a **Good Food Guide** and a **Cheap Eats** guide, which are both useful and obtainable at news agents.



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Straczynski Delayed

John Michael Straczynski, the creator of Babylon 5, has been delayed because his plane had engine trouble and had to turn back.

However our special guest is still on his way and is now expected to land at Tullamarine some time on Friday morning. Some of his

planned sessions will need to be cancelled or rescheduled. Fans will need to watch program announcements carefully.

THE TEN RULES OF GOOD WRITING

- Always avoid any and all alliteration.
- Prepositions are not words you should end sentences up with.
- Avoid clichés like the plague.
- Try to never split an infinitive.
- The use of foreign words and phrases is not de rigeur.
- No-one should ever generalise.
- The passive voice is to be avoided.
- Who needs rhetorical questions?
- Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.
- Inveterately substitute diminutive asseverations for sesquipedalian circumlocutions.
- Proofread carefully to make sure you haven't anything out.

DAVE LANGFORD is trying desperately to give away copies of the Hugo-shortlisted fanzine **ANSIBLE** - #145 (August '99) and #146 (September, produced specially for Aussiecon).

Stop him and ask for one ...

Stop Press

Mark Protection Committee meeting now 6:00pm Thursday (not 5:00pm)

Evening Childcare
The childcare centre
will be open on
Friday night 3 Sept
from 6:30-10:30pm

Cost \$10 per hour
[It is also open Friday
morning and afternoon]

Women of Other Worlds

The launch of a new book which examines the intersection of popular literature and feminist thought will take place tomorrow (Friday) at 7:00pm in You Yangs 1. The book, **Women of Other Worlds**, edited by Helen Merrick and Tess Williams, has been described by Van Ikin as "exciting as it is challenging". It presents an international sampler of work from all aspects of feminist SF: fiction, poetry, criticism, fan-writing and even a recipe.

15 Volunteers Urgently Required

15 good-natured people are urgently needed to fill day membership processing shifts (of 2 hours) at the registration desk.

Skills Required:

- Basic computer skills
- Customer service

Duties Include:

- Membership liaison
- Handling of money and Electronic Funds Transfer
- Initial consultation for problems that arise
- Escalation of problems to Day Managers

If you can help, please contact Rose Mitchell or leave your details at the Volunteer Desk

Trivia Quiz

Q 06 What do these sf writers have in common?

Henry Kuttner; Jack Vance; Murray Leinster; Ron Goulart; Isaac Asimov

Q 07 In which books did the following dedications appear?

- (a) "By special request this book is dedicated to everybody in the world, except Viv."
- (b) "In Memory of Scottie, Who was Nathaniel."
- (c) "This book is for Bill Butler and Harrods of Knightsbridge for entirely opposite reasons."

Q 08 How old was George Turner when he published his first sf novel?
32? 42? 52? 62? 72?

Q 09 What record of Robert Silverberg's did Ron Ellick break in 1959?

Q 10 Complete these titles with one each of the four seasons.
The Door into XXXX (Heinlein)
XXXX Among the Ice (Verne)
Helliconia XXXX (Aldiss)
The XXXX People (Bradbury)

Answers to Q01-05 (Monotreme 1)

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A 01 They are all pseudonyms for female writers.

A 02 Isaac Asimov - Janet Jeppson
James Blish - Virginia Kidd
Avram Davidson - Grania Davis
Edward Hamilton - Leigh Brackett
Henry Kuttner - Catherine Moore
Frederick Pohl - Judith Merrill

A 03 (a) Solaris (Lem)
(b) Stranger in a Strange Land (Heinlein)
(c) Inverted World (Priest)

A 04 John Ronald Reuel Tolkien;
Catherine Lucille Moore; Alfred Elton van Vogt; George Raymond Richard Martin; Edwin Charles Tubbs.

A 05 They have all collaborated with Gregory Benford.



PARTIES & OTHER EVENTS

Party On

Nieuw Amsterdam in '04 /
Beaker People Liberation Front
6pm, Sat, Upper Deck Bar,
Centra on Yarra.

MFW+SFA, Inc.

Executive Committee Breakfast
meeting - 8am, Sat, Terrace
Pacific Inn.

Anime Party

The Melbourne Anime Society
invites all anime fans to join
them after 8pm on Sunday in

Bridge Room 1 in the Centra for
a bit of a party. Banzai!!!

Minneapolis in (18)73 invites
all attendees of Aussiecon 3 to
celebrate our continuing bid. We
will party in the All Seasons
Grand Hotel room 501, starting
at 10pm, Thursday, September 2,
1999.

Knock, speak "friend" and
enter.

Decorations will be sold later
during the fan fund auction.

Co-sponsored by Fanac in support
of Fanhistoricon 9.5.

Site Selection and Bidding

You may vote for the 2002 WorldCon in the You Yangs Exhibition hall (level 3) 10:00am - 6:00pm until Saturday. Since there doesn't seem to be a Meet the Bidders/Fannish Inquisition on the program, you need to find them here (or at their parties).

Bids

Parties

Roswell in 2002 under investigation
San José in 2002 9pm Thur & Fri, Bridge 2, Centra
Toronto in 2003 9pm Fri, Pacific Terrace Inn,

Spencer Room

ConCancún in 2003 unknown

Charlotte in 2004 no party

Nieuw Amsterdam in 2004 6pm Sat Upper Deck Centra

Cons

Conolulu Westercon 2000 no party

Costume Con no party

Chicon 2000 Sunday, Bridge 2, Centra

Millenium Philcon 2001 ditto

A cafe has been set up in the You Yangs Exhibition Hall at great
expense to the convention. Open 10:00am - 5:00pm

Robert Sacks



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RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Full House - Eating Late

So you forgot to eat at lunch? We did. 3pm rolled along and the cafe at the convention had just closed, so we kept walking towards the promising 'food court' signs.

We can certainly recommend the 'Full House'. Being late callers, it and the 'World Trade Deli' were a welcome sight. The staff were friendly and plied us with lots of food at an incredibly reasonable price.

Miyabi Japanese Restaurant

Flinders Street, just past King; Mon-Fri 11:30-3:00, Tues-Fri 5:30-10:30).

Everyone in our group ordered something different, and everyone was happy. If you think Japanese cuisine has to be slimy, Miyabi will disabuse you of the notion.

PS The staff was very friendly.

Another Beer Mate?

I am on assignment for *All About Beer Magazine* to write about Australian brew pubs and craft beers. I would welcome advice from any Australians who can recommend the best brewpubs and craft breweries in Australia (particularly in Adelaide and Sydney).

Martin Wooster

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I believe

Friday night Jewish services will be held at 6:30pm in the Howqua 4 room. All Jewish fans are invited to attend this mixed-seating service.

Christian Fandom will meet on Friday night at 8:30pm in the Howqua 4 room.

Important

People holding parties are responsible for cleaning up the room afterwards. This applies not only to the Centra but also to the party room at the All Season's Grand [Room 501]. Do the right thing and consider the group holding the party after yours.

Trivia Quiz

Q 11 What do these sf writers have in common?

Donald Wollheim; Michael Moorcock; Marion Zimmer Bradley; Lisa Tuttle; Harlan Ellison; Chelsea Quinn Yarbro; Ray Bradbury.

Q 12 By what names are the following novels more commonly known?

Asimov: *The 1,000 Year Plan*
Bester: *The Stars My Destination*
Bradbury: *The Silver Locusts*
Poul & Kornbluth: *Gravy Planet*
Wyndham: *Re-Birth*

Q 13 Which of the following writers has not written work that could be classified as science fiction?

Rudyard Kipling; Neville Shute; Joseph Conrad; E. M. Forster; Sinclair Lewis; Howard Fast.

Q 14 What do these novels have in common?

Van Voigt: *The Weapon Makers*
Moore: *Judgement Night*
McCaffrey: *Dragonrider*
Simak: *Cosmic Engineers*
Zelazny: *Doorways in the Sand*

Q 15 What films do these lines come from?

- (a) "For me, it started last Thursday."
- (b) "Any good quantum mechanic could fix that."
- (c) "An intellectual carrot? The mind boggles."

ANSWERS

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- A 06** They have all also published mystery novels.
- A 07** (a) *Promised Land* (Brian M. Stapleton)
- (b) *City* (Clifford D. Simak)
- (c) *Count Brass* (Michael Moorcock)
- A 08** Sixty-two [62].
- A 09** He became the youngest person to win a Hugo (Best Fanzine). Silverberg had won Best New Writer in 1956.
- A 10** *Helliconia Spring* (Aldiss)
The Door into Summer (Heinlein)
The Autumn People (Bradbury)
Winter Among the Ice (Verne)

Events and Announcements

A3-INFO: List get together

There will be a gathering of A3-Info list contributors (plus a few other I suspect) on Friday Sept 3 at the screening of *Damon Dark* — from 4pm-6pm. It isn't an official gathering — just an excuse to make some new friends.

The Banquet doesn't start until 7pm, so maybe we could wander to a bar/restaurant in the Convention Centre and have a chat for half an hour or so after *Damon Dark* finishes. Then anyone going to the Banquet can go there and anyone left (including me) can party on down.

Robert

Party

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Kevin Standlee

Buttoned out

After their black-rimmed, sidewise-flagged buttons ran out, the Nieuw Amsterdam in '04 bid then handed out the last of their neat, light-coloured, off-grey batch. However an improved design is in the works and Robert Sacks promises to hand-deliver them at selected conventions, or mail them to you, if only you'll buy a pre-supporting membership of course.

Jan van 't Ent

50 THINGS YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW IF IT WERE NOT FOR HOLLYWOOD [Part One]

- 1 IF staying in a haunted house, women should investigate any strange noises wearing their most revealing underwear.
- 2 IF being chased through town, you can usually take cover in a passing St Patrick's Day parade at any time of the year.
- 3 ALL beds have special L-shaped top sheets that reach up to armpit level on a woman but only waist level on the man lying beside her.
- 4 ALL grocery shopping bags contain at least one stick of French bread.
- 5 IT'S easy for anyone to land a plane, providing there is someone in the control tower to talk you down.
- 6 ONCE applied, lipstick will never rub off - even while scuba diving.
- 7 THE ventilation system of a building is a perfect hiding place. No one will think of looking for you in there and you can travel to any other part of the building without difficulty.
- 8 YOU'RE likely to survive any battle in any war unless you make the mistake of showing someone a picture of your sweetheart back home.
- 9 SHOULD you wish to pass yourself off as a German officer, it will not be necessary to speak the language. A German accent will do.
- 10 THE Eiffel Tower can be seen from any window of any building in Paris.
- 11 PEOPLE on TV never finish their drinks.
- 12 A MAN will show no pain while taking the most ferocious beating but will wince when a woman tries to clean his wounds.
- 13 THE chief of police is always black.
- 14 WHEN paying for a taxi, never look at your wallet as you take out a note, just grab one at random and hand it over. It will always be the exact fare.
- 15 IF you lose a hand, it will cause the stump of your arm to grow by 15cm.
- 16 KITCHENS don't have light switches. When entering a kitchen at night, you should open the fridge door and use that light instead.

[from Jane Simon in *Yes* magazine]



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Straczynski Arrives

Bravely battling the skies across the Pacific, and despite engine failure, JMS and his wife, Kathryn M Drennan, arrived safely in Australia. JMS promptly went to work attending an autograph signing for an hour and a half, to the great delight of his fans. They are both keeping all their other scheduled engagements.

1998 Golden Duck Awards

The 1998 Golden Duck Awards for excellence in children's Science Fiction will be presented during the "Other Awards" ceremony, Sat 5pm in You Yangs I.

Hal Clement Award for Best Young Adult Book: **Larry Segreff** for *Alien Dreams* (Baen Books)

Middle Grades Award: **Kevin J.**

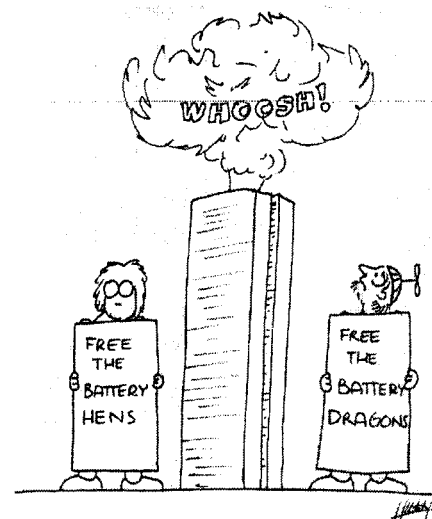
Anderson & Rebecca Moesta for the series *Star Wars:® Young Jedi Knights* (Berkley Publishing Group)

Picture Book Award for Best Children's Illustrator: **Emma Chichester Clark** for *Noah and the Space Ark* (by Laura Cecil; published by Carolrhoda Books)

Special Contribution Award: **Garth Nix** for promoting excellence in Australian children's Science Fiction Literature.

Sense of Community in Science Fiction Fandom: Don't miss out on your say.

An innovative research project is being undertaken during Aussiecon 3, the 57th World Science Fiction Convention. The research will examine sense of community in science fiction fandom. Do we have a strong sense of community and what things underlie our sense of community? So here's your chance to say how you feel about being a member of SF Fandom, the good and the bad. All you have to do is fill out the questionnaire included in the convention info pack and then return it to the sealed boxes at the research table in the dealers room. There will be a researcher at this table, to ask anything you want to know about the project. The research is being sponsored by the University of Southern Queensland and the principle researcher is a fan herself, Dr Lucy Zinkiewicz. Please take the opportunity to let the world know what fandom means to you.



POMPEII ON THE YARRA

If you go outside the hotel after dark (look, you wouldn't want to go outside in the light anyway, you might crumble and blow away) you may see one of the sights of Melbourne. Every hour, the pillars outside the Crown casino start belching fire into the sky. It's really very impressive if you haven't seen it before. It's still pretty impressive even if you have seen it before. For those of us from the more tightly regulated parts of the world, the main question was "how on earth did they get permission to do that in a built up area?" Other reactions so far range from "Wow!" (G. De Cesare) to "I wonder how they do that? I'll have to experiment with some propane when I get home" (Noel Collyer). Now you know which neighbourhood to avoid.

Those interested in a written version of much of the material in Thursday's Y2K panel can check www.benbest.com/computer/y2k.html. An update to this material will be added in mid-September.

Banquet Tickets still available

Registration Desk \$50

**Site selection balloting
open until 6:30pm
tonight.**

**"Vote early and vote
often."**

Trivia Quiz

- Q. 16 What do these novels have in common?
Player Piano; Last and First Men;
A Canticle for Leibowitz; Fahrenheit 451; A Voyage to Arcturus.
- Q. 17 What have actresses Yvonne de Carlo, Elsa Lanchester, Natasha Kinski and Gale Sondergaard all done?
- Q. 18 What are these and where would you find them?
Tyreans? Chulpex? Ixtl?
Czill? Ixchel?
- Q. 19 What do Gordon Aghill, Eric Rodman, Dirk Clinton, Gerald Vance, Calvin M. Knox, Alexander Blade, David Osborne and Hall Thornton have in common?
- Q. 20 Who created these alien worlds?
Pyrus? Belzagar? Tralfamadore?
Wormorn? Anarres?

Answers

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- A. 11 They have all edited fanzines.
- A. 12 Asimov: *The 1,000 Year Plan - Foundation*
Bester: *The Stars My Destination - Tiger! Tiger!*
Bradbury: *The Silver Locusts - The Martian Chronicles*
Poul & Kornbluth: *Gravy Planet - The Space Merchants*
Wyndham: *Re-Birth - The Chrysalids*
- A. 13 None of them. They have all written works classifiable as science fiction. [Being question 13, this was a trick question.]
- A. 14 They were originally *Astounding/Analog* serials.
- A. 15 (a) *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*
(b) *Forbidden Planet*
(c) *It Came From Outer Space*

PARTY NEWS

Party On

The Gaylactic Network hosts a party for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered fandom and their friends at the All Seasons Grand room 409 Friday night from 8 to 11pm. Come find out about next month's Gaylaxicon 1999 in the USA!

-Barrett Brick

Party Off

The Bay Area in 2002 Worldcon bid party previously announced for 9pm Friday in Centra Bridge 2 is cancelled. Bay Area in 2002 bid chairman Kevin Standlee apologized for the cancellation this morning, saying: "We regret that the amount of money it took to hold three 6-hour bid parties at NASFiC last weekend was not enough to hold one 3-hour party here last night. We think it would be a disservice to our pre-supporters and (should we win the election) the members of the 2002 Worldcon to spend the additional A\$ 3000 we estimate it would cost to provide the amount of food and drink fans expect to see at a party the size of ours."

Party Afterlife

There will be a cryonics/life-extension room party on Friday evening in the Holiday Inn on Flinders from 8pm - 2am in room 807.

Site Selection and Bidding (corrections)

Roswell in 2002 was in the darkened part of the San José party.
San José in 2002 - Friday party cancelled.
ConCancún in 2003 - 9pm, Fri, Bridge 2, Centra
Millennium Philcon - Sun, Bridge 2, Centra

San José and Roswell in 2002 parties.

The party opened early, per Kevin Standlee's belief that that is the right way to do things. Since they blew their budget, there will not be a Friday party. He will bid no more forever. Pity. The party featured fannish fortune cookies, tortilla chips, make your own burritos, and liqueur coffees.

The Roswell bid occupied a darkened part of the room, "Area 51."

Robt Sacks

Special thanks to Jan van't Ent, Steve Davies, Emilly McLeay, Karen Herbes & the above-mentioned reporters for the preparation of The Monotreme.



Thursday Night's Parties

by Scott Bobo and Kurt Baty

Welcome to Oz, eh? It's not Toto's Kansas anymore.... But we did find the way to San Jose in 2002. Tom Whitmore welcomed us to their bid party in the scenic Bridge 2 suite in the Centra overlooking the Yarra River. We understand they had such a wonderful time hosting their party last night that they blew the budget. We can sympathize. We were hoping to catch the pyrotechnic display across the river in the Crown Casino complex, but their last blast occurred at midnight. This show is right out of "Wizard of Oz" so you won't want to miss it. It's on the hour from 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

So we eased on down the road to the Riverside Apartments on Flinders to visit the folks hosting the Perth Natcon party for 2001. Their sommelier skills impressed us in their selection of Western Australian wines. Scott missed out on the Chardonnay, but the Reisling was, like the weather here, fine. The cheeses and Tim Tam biscuits complemented the wines nicely. We enjoyed their warm Western Oz hospitality and were sent off in good spirits to visit the fans hosting the never-ending Mpls in 73 party. The party venue was the fifth floor of the Grand, truly a grand old railroad hotel. The hall vistas are epic and Australian in scale. The multilevel suite provided an excellent platform from which to enjoy the Mnstfers' hospitality and goodies. More cheese and crackers. And more tonight! See you around the parties.

The Washington Science Fiction Association is holding a meeting Friday at 9.00am in Room 141 of the Centre. Join us and meet some of the fans from the Washington, DC area.

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Saturday 4 Sept am: Number Five

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Special Limited Time Offer

Aussiecon 3 is providing special opportunities to go "behind the scenes" of the convention. Instead of just seeing the excitement, you can be a part of it! Meet unusual people from all over the world! Participate in obscure rituals whose meanings are lost in the mists of fanhistory! Learn how to add spiffy titles like "registrar" or "masquerade usher" to your resumé! To take advantage of this special offer, drop by Volunteer Registration (a.k.a. the Gopher Hole) in the Press ~~Gang~~ Room on level 2. Distinctive ribbons will be given free to the first thousand volunteers! Sign up now! SMOFs are standing by.

Tom Becker

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1703 to attend Aussiecon Three

Aussiecon Three had 1703 attending members as of Friday afternoon. This includes 47 children in tow and 39 day registrations. 1203 members have already arrived with the rest expected to join us over the weekend. Some typical reactions from participants have been:

"This is a nice, small WorldCon, where you can meet everyone."
"Go walkabout in the city for a while, and JMS will be here."
"Now the Voodoo board has been set up, we can get together."
"Come over to vote for the next WorldCon as well, will you?"
"Wonderful programme, I just need more time to attend it all."
"Sorry, my fifteen minutes in the internet lounge start now..."
"I'm going over to volunteer, are you?"

THE COSTUME PARADE

Ignore all rumours: **The Costume Parade is on!** Sunday 8pm - 10.30pm. Featuring performances by Joe Haldeman, Dave Luckett, Danny Heap, and Nick Stathopoulos. (More contestants still welcome.)

If you require special seating due to either mobility or vision, please complete the sign-up sheet at the information desk.

Photographers' passes will be available from the information desk on Sunday morning.

The contestants' walk-through will be Sunday 6pm; the Green Room opens 4pm. Information for contestants will be available Sunday morning.

Urgently needed: 4 volunteers with all black clothing to act as pushers/catchers - just come to Volunteer Registration to sign up.

Shopping Alert for Costumers: Austral-Asian Artz & Antix, 340 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill sells Kimono (used) for \$20, Obi \$15. Open 10am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday, and 11am to 4pm Sunday. Telephone (03) 9481 0051. Take the Epping or Hurstbridge lines to Clifton Hill and walk left on Hoddle to North Terrace (go right) and follow Turnbull to Queens.

Trivia Quiz

Q 21 What do all these writers have in common?

L. Sprague de Camp; Lin Carter;
Andrew J. Offutt; Poul Anderson;
Robert Jordan.

Q 22 Where would you find the following lost worlds?

Burroughs' *The Land That Time Forgot?*

Rider Haggard's land of *She?*

Wyndham's land of *The Secret People?*

Conan Doyle's *The Lost World?*

Hilton's *Shangi-La?*

Q 23 Which novels are these the opening lines from?

(a) "All this happened, more or less."

(b) "His wife held him in her arms as if she could keep death away from him."

(c) "Two thousand million years or so ago two galaxies were colliding or, rather, were passing through each other."

Q 24 What do the films *The Wizard of Oz*, *Alien*, *Dark Star*, *Food of the Gods* and *2001: A Space Odyssey* have in common?

Q 25 What happens in all of these novels?

Burkett: *Sleeping Planet*

Finney: *The Body Snatchers*

Silverberg: *Nightwings*

Dick: *The Game Players of Titan*

Simak: *They Walked like Men*

Answers

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A 16 They were all first novels by their respective authors.

A 17 Played female monsters in movies.

A 18 They are all aliens:

Tyreans - Tiptree Jr: *Up the Walls of the World*

Chulpex - Davidson: *Masters of the Maze*

Ixtl - Van Vogt: *The Voyage of the Space Beagle*

Czill - Chalker: *Midnight at the Well of Souls*

Ichhel - L'Engle: *A Wrinkle in Time*

A 19 They are all pseudonyms used by Robert Silverberg.

A 20 Pyrrus - Harrison: *Deathworld*
Belzagar - Silverberg: *Downward to the Earth*

Tralfamadore - Vonnegut: *Slaughterhouse-Five*

Wormorn - Martin: *Dying of the Light*

Anarres - Le Guin: *The Dispossessed*

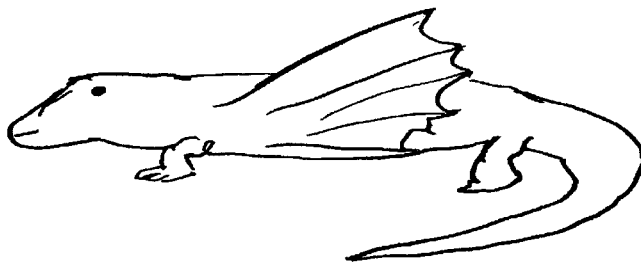


WSFS Business Meetings

The Business Meeting is the governing body of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society whose annual meeting you are attending. All attending members of the convention are welcome to participate. The Main Business meeting will be held on Saturday in Bellarine 5 at 9 am.

This section of the meeting will discuss such matters as:

- amending the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo by dividing it into short form and long form;
- changing the rules of the Hugos to make it easier for non-North American authors to be nominated; and
- changing the rules of the bidding process to make it easier to bid for worldcons.



Picture by Jamie from the children's cartoon workshop

Canberra FanHistory

Karen Herkes and Carol Bott from Canberra are compiling a historical outline of Canberra fandom for the ACT Science Fiction website. We would really appreciate hearing from anyone with Canberra stories and memories to share. Please contact Karen or Carol here, or write Karen Herkes, 7 Ahern Place, Monash 2904 or history@act-sf.8m.com - the website is due for launch later this month at <http://act-sf.8m.com>.

Special Thanks to Jan van 't Ent, Steve Davies, Emily McLeay, Karen Herbes for the preparation of Monotreme

Site Selection Hours

The Site Selection table will be open in the Concourse (behind the You Yang rooms) Saturday 10 am until 6 pm

Voting for the 2002 Worldcon costs A\$50, US\$30. Voters receive a supporting membership to the 2002 Worldcon plus the right to convert to a full attending membership at the lowest possible rate.

It closes Saturday at **exactly** 6 pm. Unless you love standing in line, please consider voting before 2 pm.

The sites bidding are San Jose, California and Roswell, New Mexico.

Pocket Programme Outdated

Best use the daily programme schedules, available at the information desk, that are more accurate than the information in the pocket programme book. We're sorry to say that after the various changes in the programme, that nicely laid-out grid isn't 100% reliable anymore.



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Anno in Hospital!

Unfortunately, Hideaki Anno, creator of Neon Genesis Evangelion, is unable to attend Aussiecon, as he is in hospital. He fell down an escalator, injuring his leg and his head seriously enough to require seven stitches. The blow to his head has resulted in severe headaches and doctors have prescribed bed rest, and additional, more detailed examinations.

Some panels and talks have been cancelled, although the anime involvement in Aussiecon will continue. More information can be found on the anime society flyer at the info desk.

Business Meeting

The Site Selection Business Meeting will be held on Sunday in Bellarine 5 at 9 am. All members of the Con are welcome to attend, speak and vote.

The Main Business meeting voted to ratify the abolition of North American Bidding zones but rejected a proposal to alter the bidding process to two-years in advance, rather than three.

Sunday's meeting will hear the results of the 2002 Site Selection ballot and from the committees holding the cons in 2000, 2001, and 2002.

It will also discuss such matters as:

- amending the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo by dividing it into short form and long form;
- changing the rules of the Hugos to make it easier for non-North American authors to be nominated; and,
- changing the site selection process to restrict the exclusion zone around cities.

Jack R Herman

There is a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous at 9am in You Yangs 5 every day of the convention. Anyone is welcome.



Aussiecon 4 in '07 Worldcon bid

Contact: bid chair Rose Mitchell, committee members Greg Turkich, Danny Heap, and Nick Price, advisor Perry Middlemiss.

Contact: 553 Victoria St, Brunswick West VIC 3055 AUSTRALIA or mitchell@vicnet.net.au

Attention: All Hugo nominees, or their acceptors, who haven't filled in their attendance letters.

The Hugo Committee need to know if you are attending the pre-Hugo reception at 6.30pm tonight. Please let them know before 5:30pm. You can find the letters at Program Ops (behind the Centra escalators in Otway 1).

Program news

Role playing (Evilcon '99 etc.), and the General auction have been cancelled. Gaming rooms: Howqua 1 and You Yangs hall. Contact David Cotts at "Board not bored" stand in the dealers room for times and details or check the daily schedule sheet.

A Fannish Remembrance

This item has been scheduled (10am Sunday in Bellarine 1) so we can remember our dearly departed fannish friends, those who have passed away during the last year.

The structure will be an informal session. If you'd like to get up and briefly mention a friend you'll be most welcome. Any queries regarding this item should be left for Irwin Hirsh at the Information Desk.

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION FOUNDATION

Could members please see Cath Ortlieb (usually found near or at the Information Desk) to collect a special issue of *The Instrumentality*.

Anyone wishing to join the A.S.F.F. is welcome to talk to Cath as well.

For Sale: size 16 Aussiecon II T-shirts for \$5 from the Foundation.

Send a card

Cherry Wilder, noted NZ/Australian/German SF author, has her birthday on 3 Sept. There is a card at the Information notice board. She's not able to make it to Aussiecon Three and would appreciate kind messages from friends and well-wishers.

Trivia Quiz

Q 26 What do these movie actors have in common?

Jack Palance; George Hamilton;
John Carradine; Christopher Lee;
Louis Jourdan; William Marshall.

Q 27 What were Mortimer Dart, Weston, Vaughan, Mark Lebbreau and Hellstrom?

Q 28 Where would you find the following imaginary cities?
Bellona? Diaspar? Todos Santos? Urbmon 116? Trantor?

Q 29 Which is the odd pair out and why?

Joan Vinge and Vernor Vinge
Catherine Crook de Camp and L. Sprague de Camp
Marion Zimmer Bradley and Paul Zimmer

Karen Anderson and Poul Anderson
Judy Watson and Ian Watson

Q 30 What happens in all of these novels?

Spinrad: *The Iron Dream*
Leiber: *The Big Time*
Dick: *The Man in the High Castle*
Deighton: *SS/GB*
Norton: *The Crossroads of Time*

ANSWERS

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A 21 They all wrote Conan the Barbarian stories after Robert E. Howard died.

A 22 Burroughs' *The Land That Time Forgot* - near the South Pole.

Rider Haggard's *She* - Africa.

Wyndham's *The Secret People* - under the Sahara Desert.

Conan Doyle's *The Lost World* - on a plateau deep in the South American jungle

Hilton's *Shangri-La* - the Himalayas

A 23 (a) *Slaughterhouse Five* (Vonnegut)

(b) *To Your Scattered Bodies Go* (Farmer)

(c) *Tripanetary* (Smith)

A 24 There is at least one scene in each movie in which a chicken plays a significant role.

A 25 The earth is invaded.

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FRIDAY NIGHT'S PARTIES

We started ranging far north last night, dropping in on Toronto's 2003 bid party. Their hostess greeted us and briefly explained the party's layout, directing Scott to the bar (straight away). It was all very professional; Toronto knows their party protocol! They, too, had a spread of cheeses and biscuits. We noticed the Cryonics group were skilled at extending the life of a party. Rumor has it they were still lively at 2am.

We skipped the trams, opting instead to walk the block back to the Centra to bask in a change of tropical scenery at Cancun's 2003 bid party. We admired the ingenuity of their tinsel palm trees hanging from the ceilings. Now that's portability! The hotel provided them with a wonderful array of cheeses and veggie and fruit platters. Their sangria was lip-smacking inventive. Teddy Harvia proudly described the first-wave crowd as epic. Judging from the remnants, we couldn't dispute this claim.

So up to the Centra hotel bar we trooped, since both bid parties were shut down by their hotels. This was certainly the place to hang out after 1:00 a.m. If you were lucky enough to catch the midnight fireworks at the casino, the Centra bar was a fitting conclusion to the evening. Party on, gang. We'll see you tonight!

By Kurt Baty and Scott Bobo

Upcoming Parties

Beaker People Liberation Front with Nieuw Amsterdam '04, 6pm, Sat, Upper Deck bar, Centra.

There will be a Cryonics/life-extension room party on Saturday evening in the Holiday Inn on Flinders from 8pm until 2am in room 807.

Buccooner '98 with Chicon '00 and the Millennium Philcon - 9pm Sunday - Bridge 2, Centra.

Party Food

Coles Express Groceries etc., 24 hrs, 7 days. Bottom of Elizabeth St, across from McDonalds. (Near the main entrance to Flinders St. Station)

In need of nourishment?

Randomly select any group of fans to form a dinner party and you inevitably get a chorus of dietary problems and preferences, ranging from "If I eat shellfish I will turn green and die," to "I don't like meat from animals with four legs or anything starting with the letter p."

Well, such a group descended on the Dragon Boat Restaurant the other night, downstairs in the Centra, and they coped wonderfully. We ordered their standard banquet. By the time they had made all the necessary substitutions to cope with our eating habits and allergies, there was nothing standard about it. But we all had a great time, loads to eat, and nothing was too much trouble for the staff. Thoroughly recommended.

Eat cute dead animals at the Jarrah Room, just past the Holiday Inn up Spencer St. Yabbies, kangaroo, crocodile, emu (and loads of plant matter I never heard of before) all feature on the menu.

Yabbies are a fresh water crustacean, not unlike a small lobster. Milder than prawn and containing negative calories, according to Mr P. D. He demolished several and found that the energy derived from eating them was greater than that required to get the little buggers out of their shells. The kangaroo was not unlike venison, a little dry as it is almost completely fat-free. At no time was anyone heard to say "Actually, it tastes like chicken."

The restaurant thoughtfully provided a rack of didgeridoos behind the door. Several patrons got up and had a bit of a didge while waiting for their food, to work up an appetite. Just as well, because portions are generous: you should have seen the size of the chocolate macadamia cake.

Lucrezia Borgia & Friends

Othello's

A group of four of visited Othello's, a Greek restaurant on the South Riverwalk just a little past the Crown Casino. The food was wonderful and the service was excellent and friendly. The prices were quite reasonable as well.

We especially recommend the Mezo platter as an appetizer, and the moussaka, lamb souvlaki and mixed grillplate as main courses.

Chris O'Halloran

An American comments on Australian breakfasts: "If they can burn tomatoes, why can't they fry bacon?"

Special thanks to Sonja Jackson, Jan van 't Ent, Steve Davies, Emily McLeay, Karen Herkes & the above-mentioned reporters for the preparation of Monotreme



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Other Awards

The Ditmars (given by the Australian National Convention):

William Atheling Jr Award for Criticism or Review: Paul Collins, MUP Encyclopedia of Australian SF

Professional Artwork: Nick Stathopoulos, covers of "The Man who Melted"/"Dreaming Down-Under". (The winner then awarded it instead to Shaun Tam, for "The Rabbits".)

Fan Artist: Ian Gunn

Australian Fanzine: Bruce Gillespie (Fan Guest of Honour), "Metaphysical Review"

Australian Magazine or Anthology: "Dreaming Down-Under", edited by Jack Dann & Janeen Webb

Australian Short Fiction: "The Truth About Weena", David Lake

Australian Long Fiction: "The Resurrected Man", Sean Williams

(The Committee wishes to thank Lewis Morley for the design of these awards.)

Given by the Australian Science Fiction Foundation:

The Chandler Award for Contribution to Australian SF: Graham Stone

Story Competition: 1st-Richard Womack, 2nd-Dave Lockett, 3rd-David Eggins

Sidewise Award for Alternate History
Long Form: Stephen Fry, "Making History"

Short Form: Ian MacLeod, "The Summer Isles"

E. Everett Evans Big Heart Award (given by Forrie Ackerman)

Peter Hassall of New Zealand

Chris Collier of Australia (Anyone with information about Chris Collier should contact the committee.)

The Golden Duck Awards:

Picture Book: "Noah and the Space Ark", illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark

Middle Grades: The Series "Star Wars: @ Young Jedi Knights", Kevin J Amderson & Rebecca Moesta

Special Contribution: Garth Nix, promoting excellence in Australian children's

Science Fiction Literature

Hal Clement Award for Young Adult Book: "Alien Dreams", Larry Segreff

Seiun Awards (given by the Japanese National Convention):

1998 Novel: "Fallen Angels", Niven, Pournelle, & Flynn

1998 Short Story: "The Death of Captain Future", Allen Steele

1999 Novel: "The Time Ships", Steven Baxter and "Red Mars", Kim Stanley Robinson

1999 Short Story: "This year's last class picture", Dan Simmons

Robt Sacks

Site Selection Report: 2002 Worldcon

There were 820 valid votes cast, 796 with preferences. The quota for selection was thus 399 votes.

Filed bids	San Jose	666
	Roswell	120
Write-ins	Minn. in '73	3
	San Francisco	2
	Rottneist Is.	1
	"No Dams"	1
	None of the Above	3
		796
	No Preference	24
		820

San Jose won 81% vote, Roswell 15%. San Jose had a clear majority of the mail vote and of each days vote.

There were 307 mail votes, 513 on-sites. The on-site category includes approximately 125 votes hand-carried by others.

Saturday saw the fewest votes tallied of any day. but there was a fairly even distribution. Counting took 41 minutes.

Mark Linneman
Site Selection
Administrator

CON JOSE WINS!

Con Jose, the 2002 Worldcon, will be selling memberships (and conversions from voting, pre-supporting etc.,) from noon on Sunday, (You Yangs Hall)

Guests of Honor for Con Jose are:

Vernor Vinge

David Cherry

Bjo & John Trimble

Ferdinand Feghoot

Toastmaster is Tad Williams

Kevin Standlee

Special Rate

Join the British Science Fiction Association and the Science Fiction Association at a special reduced rate of 15 months for the price of 12. Leaflets and further information are available around the convention and from Andrew M Butler. (email ambutler@enterprise.net after 21 September 1999)

Costume Parade Entrants

REMINDER! You need to report to the Green Room by 7:30pm today

Continuation of Fan Fund Auction:

Howqua 4, 1-3pm -Terry Frost

Magic the Gathering

A booster draft tournament will be held today at 1.00pm in the YouYangs Hall. Format will be Urza's Cycle, each player will receive a booster of saga, detsiny and legacy. Admission is free - limited to 32 players. Please register at the Magic stand in the You Yangs Hall beofr 1.00pm

Trivia Quiz

Q 31 What do these writers have in common?

Forrest J. Ackerman; Arthur C. Clarke; Harlan Ellison; Stephen King; Fritz Leiber.

Q 32 What were Mike, Proteus, Extro, Domino and Shalmaneser?

Q 33 Insert the correct date into these novel titles and put them in chronological order:

Daybreak _____ AD (André Norton)

Norman Conquest _____ (J. T. McIntosh)

_____ (George Orwell)

Crisis _____ (Charles Eric Maine)

Revolt in _____ (Robert Heinlein)

Year _____! (James Blish)

Q 34 Which novels are these the opening lines from?

(a) "In the night-time heart of Beirut, in one of a row of general-address transfer booths, Louis Wu flicked into reality."

(b) "The volcano that had reared Taratua up from the pacific depths had been sleeping now for half a million years."

(c) "He was one hundred and seventy days dying and not yet dead."

Q 35 Who wrote the story "The Crypt of Fleeting Hope", published by Penguin in 1996 in *Dreamweavers* (ed Paul Collins)?

ANSWERS

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A 26 They all played Dracula in film or TV, as also did Bela Lugosi, but that would have been a give-away.

A 27 Mad scientists.

A 28 Bellona - Delany: *Dhalgren*

Diaspar - Clarke: *The City and the Stars*

Todos Santos - Niven & Pournelle: *Oath of Fealty*

Urbmon 116 - Silverberg: *The World Inside*

Trantor - Asimov: *Foundation*

A 29 Marion Zimmer Bradley and Paul Zimmer are sister and brother, the others are wife and husband.

A 30 Hitler wins WW II!

Books on a slow boat

Old Earth Books, who are listed as selling books in the dealers room, will not be selling. The freight company put the boxes on a ship rather than air freight. So, see the Lensman books at Slow Glass Books sometime after 19 Sept.

Michael Walsh (Pacific Terrace Hotel)

And the winners are . . .

Aussiecon Three—in conjunction with Baltimore Worldcon 1998, Inc, and Conucopia, the 1999 North American Science Fiction Convention—conducted a science fiction contest for young people. The winners were announced at a ceremony on Saturday afternoon:

Junior: Alexander Wells, *The Past for the Future*, age 8, 5th grade, Sydney NSW

Middle: Stephanie Hing, *The Valiant Survivor*, age 12, 7th grade, Sydney NSW

Senior: John Lee, *Why the Dinosaurs Really Died Out*, age 16, 11th grade, Melbourne VIC

The finalists were:

Jarrold Brayshaw, *Vengeance*, age 13, 9th grade, Perth WA;

Jaden Elphick, *War*, age 14, 9th grade, Perth WA;

Stefan Goldfinch, *The Controller Sundial*, age 10, 6th grade, Clovelly NSW;

Alex Hing, *The Indestructable Artificial Man*, age 9, 5th grade, Sydney, NSW;

Lauren Jones, *The Visitors*, age 15, 9th grade, Sydney, NSW;

Nathan Land, *The Zeus Project*, age 16, 11th grade, Eltham Nth, VIC;

Leigh Maddock, *The Boundary of the Universe*, age 13, 8th grade, Narre Warren, VIC;

Fraser Raeburn, *Bio-Disease*, age 11, 6th grade, Sydney, NSW;

Leah Rintoule, *Away with Fairies*, age 12, 7th grade, Melbourne, VIC;

Hugh Robertson, *Space Safe 2200*, age 11, 6th grade, Sydney, NSW;

Michelle Sawyer, *Daughter of a King*, age 16, 12th grade, Seymour, VIC;

Paul Vizzari, *The Greed*, age 14, 8th grade, Eltham North, VIC; and,

Judd Wilkinson, *The Eyes*, age 16, 11th grade, Eltham North, Vic.

Mobile Phones

If your mobile phone rings while you are attending a program item, could you please leave the room before answering.

Thank You

Wynne Whiteford

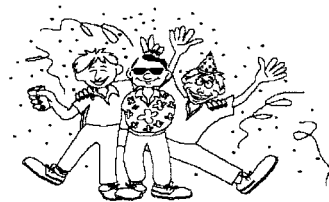
Much loved Australian author Wynne Whiteford who wrote Thor's Hammer, Breathing Space Only, and Sapphire Road, is seriously ill. He has a punctured lung with complications. Well-wishers can contact the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria.

"Time is running out"

. . . have you had your say about sense of community in science fiction fandom?

If you want to share your thoughts don't forget to fill out the questionnaire that was in your con pack and drop it the marked box at registration or at the research table in the dealers room. Remember, if you have any questions about the research project Trish is at the research table everyday from 10am to 6pm.

PS If you don't want to fill out the survey please drop it back to the research table so that it can be recycled. Stay green!!



Lets Party!!

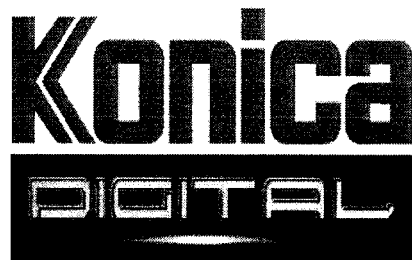
Bucconeer (1998 Worldcon), Chicon 2000 (2000 Worldcon), The Millennium Philcon (2001 Worldcon), and the 2002 Worldcon will be jointly hosting a Past & Future Worldcons party on Sunday night in Centra Bridge 2 at 9 PM.

This party will combine: the Thank You Party from Bucconeer; the Victory Party for the winning 2002 Worldcon Bid; and, the promotional parties for Chicon 2000 and The Millennium Philcon.

Room assignments and schedules are subject to last-minute changes—watch for party flyers and other announcements.

Kevin Standlee

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Gopher Party

If you have volunteered at Aussiecon Three, please come to the appreciation party on Monday at 5:30 pm in You Yangs 5. There will be refreshments and a drawing for fabulous prizes, including supporting and attending memberships contributed by the next 3 Worldcons! Your chances for winning a prize will be based on the number of hours you have worked. If you would like to drop by Volunteer Registration, they can help you improve the odds in your favour.

TOUR FOR TUESDAY

Puffing Billy Steam Train
Fergusson's Winery for lunch
Healesville Sanctuary—considered to be one of the best places to see Australian wildlife.

Total cost will be about \$65. (Regular price for the tour is A\$104) You only need to pay for the coach (about \$25) in cash. The remainder will be paid at the various attractions.

The tour will start at 8.45am (hotel pickups begin at 8.00AM). Return drop off at the hotels will begin at 5.30PM. Leave us a message at the Terrace Pacific Hotel, room 331 if you would like to go, or sign up at the info desk. Please leave your name, hotel, and room number.

Val and Ron Ontell.

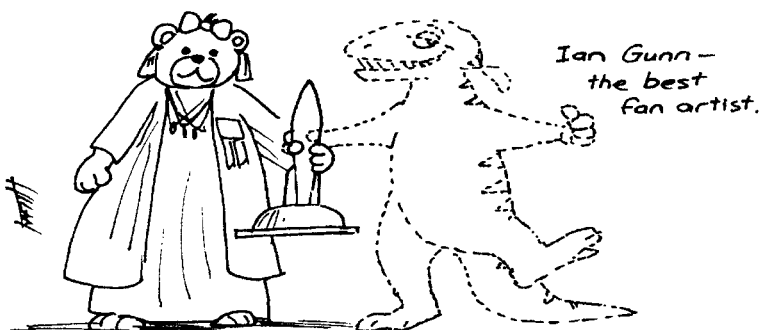
The Hobbit

Based on the book by J R R Tolkien, a production of The Hobbit will be touring around Australia from September 27. It is directed by Christine Anketell and passes through every capital city bar Darwin. More information can be found on flyers around the convention and at the information desk.

Ian Gunn Memorial

Ian Gunn's memorial was held today at 11am. With the Hugo and other awards proudly on display, Karen Pender-Gunn, Craig Hilton, Tim Richards, Lucy Zinkiewicz, Narrelle Harris, and Teddy Harvia all spoke about Ian. Karen shared with us both photographs and videos (who could forget that Obelix!). It reminded us of just how much Ian could make us laugh.

Thank you Ian, we'll always remember you.



Roswell To Fund SETI

Roswell in 2002 will be accepting donations for SETI, the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, at the Con José table and at the Once and Future WorldCon Party.

James M. Briggs

Virtual Worlds

2:30pm Monday, Howqua 3

Virtual Worlds Demo and Walkthrough
Because the launch of the Awaba Virtual World for Australian schools has been postponed for perhaps a month, we will be having a demonstration of 8 virtual universes and as many virtual worlds as time allows.

We hope to be able to have the universe chat (voice and text) to people in the virtual worlds, and may have some surprise celebrities in the worlds too.

WSFS Report

The WSFS business meeting was concluded today.

1. The site selection result was presented.
2. The motion to split the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo into Long-form and Short-form failed.
3. The motion to extend Hugo eligibility to two years was moved to committee to report next year at Chicon.

Pat McMurray—Secretary

Note: There will be no WSFS Business Meeting on Monday.

Doreen Valiente, RIP

People in the craft might wish to know that Doreen Valiente has died. The obituary can be found at:

www.witchcraft.org/doreen.htm

Brian Burley

Fan Fund Auction

Thanks to everybody who bought things at the Fan Fund Auction and to everybody who helped with it.

Terry Frost

Cherry Wilder's Birthday

Don't forget to sign Cherry Wilder's birthday card at the Notice Board.

ConVention Photos

Should anyone be unable to think of anything interesting to look at on the Internet, there are a few photos from the convention at:

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~mcardle/aussiecon3.html> *Edward McArdle*

Trivia Quiz

- Q 36 What do these writers have in common?
Robert Bloch; Harlan Ellison; Larry Niven; Norman Spinrad; Theodore Sturgeon.
- Q 37 What were Sybil Sue Blue, Anthony Villiers, Elijah Bailey, Rick Decard and Lord d'Arcy?
- Q 38 Can you supply the missing names for these initials?
Clifford D. Simak; Ursula K. Le Guin; Philip K. Dick; Vonda N. McIntyre; Joan D. Vinge.
- Q 39 What do the films *Seven Days to Noon*, *On the Beach*, *Dr Strangelove* and *The Omega Man* have in common?
- Q 40 Which writers wrote these opening lines to their stories:
"I knew she was a virgin because she was able to ruffle the silken mane of my unicorn."
"He drank ice crystals laced with midnight and watched their world burn."
"In the third year of my death, I met Piretta."

ANSWERS

Note: These answers have been compiled from totally unreliable sources, therefore no complaints will be accepted nor correspondence entered into.

- A 31 They have all appeared, however briefly, in one or more movies.
- A 32 Computers.
- A 33 1984 (George Orwell)
Crisis 2000 (Charles Eric Maine)
Year 2018! (James Blish)
Norman Conquest 2066 (J. T. McIntosh)
Revolt in 2100 (Robert Heinlein)
Daybreak 2250 AD (André Norton)
- A 34 (a) *Ringworld* (Niven)
(b) *Childhood's End* (Clarke)
(c) *Tiger! Tiger!* (Bester)
- A 35 The editor. [I had to get that one in!]

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SATURDAY

NIGHT'S PARTIES

We stopped in to wish Stephen a happy birthday and enjoy the hospitality at the Alt.Polycon5 party. We met Claire McKenna, who explained to Kurt the finer points of passionfruit soda appreciation while Scott sampled the Strongbow cider (alcoholic!). These folks hosted a solid and well-attended room party. So we exited, charged for the next party, and met the folks hosting the BDSM SIG party. They displayed a traveling collection of leather paraphernalia for our edification. We missed the demo, however, always anxious to discover the next party. . .

Again, the merry hum and buzz of conversation attracted us to the Upper Deck Bar. Here we discovered a melange of parties, each hosted by groups such as the BPLF and the Nieuw Amsterdam in '04. Entertainment was provided by mundanes in the hall dancing in a chorus line while singing "New York, New York." How did they make the connection?

Scott Bobo and Kurt Baty

Tourist Suggestion— Meet Dingo Puppies!

For those of you who like exotic animals, or just love dogs, I can recommend a visit to the Dingo Farm, just north of Melbourne (about 1 hour's drive). There are well over 100 dingoes on the location, which has been featured in several 'Discovery' style documentaries. This is a particularly good time to visit, since the dingoes have puppies only once a year and this is that time. It is more of a visit to a working reserve and home than a tourist site, yet, Bruce Jacobs will teach you much about dingoes as he leads you around.

By the way, Bev is allergic to dogs but showed no reaction to spending time with dingoes. For us it was one of the highlights of Australia. Admission \$8 AUS.

Take the M79 to the Castlemaine exit, follow that exit road to Chewton, and look for the sign that reads *Dingo Farm*. (The last road after the sign is an unpaved trek, but gives a sense of the Victorian country-side).

Roy Pettis and Beverly Nicholas.

First Ever Kiwi Hugo

Congratulations to Andrew Niccol, writer of the script for the Truman Show. The awarding of the Hugo for Best Dramatic Presentation is the first Hugo to a NZ writer.

Murray MacLachlan



Greg Benford

11/16/99

Special Thanks to:
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Sexually explicit material

In response to a request from some of the less salubrious members of the committee [with initials like JR] we present the following rhymes. Unfortunately the chair insisted that certain words be censored in the interests of propriety.

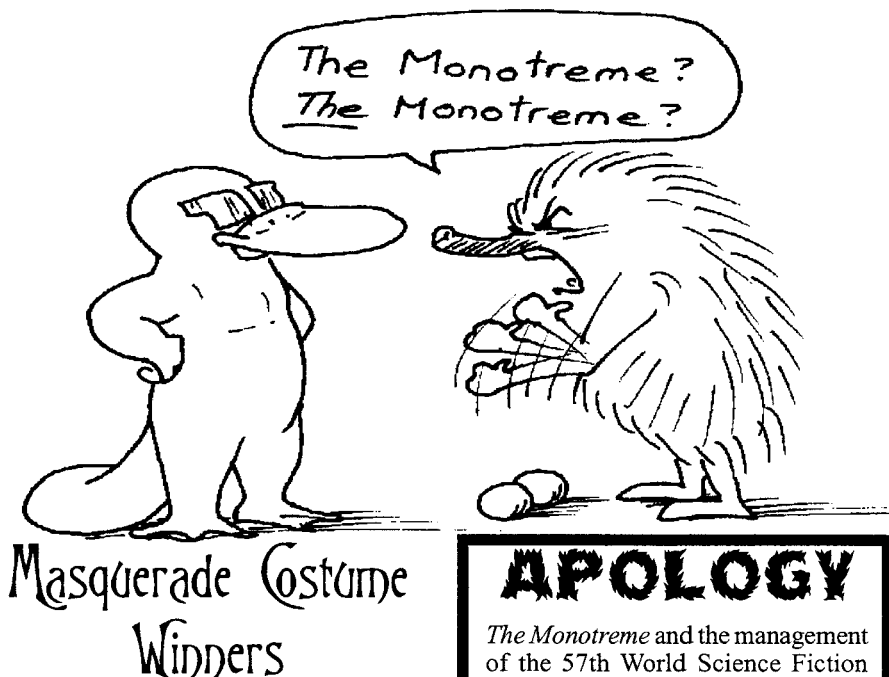
Little Miss Muffet sat on a [REDACTED]
Eating her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
Along came a [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] her
And [REDACTED] Miss Muffet [REDACTED].

Peter, Peter, [REDACTED] eater,
Had a wife and couldn't [REDACTED] her.
He put her in a [REDACTED]
And there he [REDACTED] her very well.

Three blind mice, three blind mice,
See how they [REDACTED], see how they [REDACTED].
They all [REDACTED] a farmer's wife.
She cut off their [REDACTED] with a carving
knife.
Did you ever see such a [REDACTED] in your
life
As three [REDACTED] mice.

Join the World

ConJosé, the 2002 Worldcon, will be selling memberships (and conversion from voting, pre-supporting etc) in the area near where site selection was (You Yangs Hall).



The winners of the main prizes at last night's Masquerade were:

Best in the Show: Robert Jan Experienced

Best in Category: Gail Adams; **Best Instant Gratification:** Chris Purdy; **Best Comedy Performance:** Widya Santoso

Beginners
Best Presentation: Karen, David & Megan; **Best Costume:** Trish Ostwald, Lynette Mayer;

Young Fans
Best Ecologically Sensitive Attitude: Adam McCaw; **Best Contrast of Good & Evil:** Michael & Natalie Ortlieb; **Best Choreography:** Shayna Lynn Waitsman

APOLOGY

The Monotreme and the management of the 57th World Science Fiction Convention apologise unreservedly to all Echidnas at the convention and categorically refutes any suggestion or implication in our masthead that Platypuses are the only monotremes in existence and acknowledges without reservation that Echidnas are also bona fide monotremes.

The Editor would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted in the production of the nine issues of this newsletter and especially Jan van 't Ent, Emilly McLeay, Sonja Jackson, Mark Loney and Steve Davies and Craig Hilton for the great cartoons.

Ian Robinson

Konica has publishing staff in awe

When it was first suggested that all the printing for Aussiecon Three be done 'in house' on a single photocopier to be supplied by Konica, the publications staff reeled back in horror. How could a single machine handle the huge volume of photocopying needed for the convention?

However, we decided to give it a go. We needn't have worried. The Konica 7040 kindly lent to us has faithfully churned out ten issues of *The Monotreme* and five days of daily program updates, as well as numerous other jobs, large and small, needed to keep Aussiecon Three running smoothly, a grand total of over 100,000 copies!

So huge thanks are due to Konica.

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Saturdayday Sept 4: Special Hugo Edition

The Monotreme

Aussiecon 3 Newsletter

1999 HUGO WINNERS

- Best Novel of 1998
To Say Nothing of the Dog by Connie Willis
- Best Novella of 1998
"Oceanic" by Greg Egan
- Best Novelette of 1998
"Taklamakan" by Bruce Sterling
- Best Short Story of 1998
"The Very Pulse of the Machine" by Michael Swanwick
- Best Related Book of 1998
The Dreams Our Stuff is Made Of by Thomas M. Disch
- Best Dramatic Presentation of 1998
The Truman Show (Paramount)
- Best Professional Editor of 1998
Gardner Dozois
- Best Professional Artist of 1998
Bob Eggleton
- Best Semiprozine of 1998
Locus edited by Charles N. Brown
- Best Fanzine of 1998
Ansible edited By Dave Langford
- Best Fan Writer of 1998
Dave Langford
- Best Fan Artist of 1998
Ian Gunn
- John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer of 1997 or 1998
(Not a Hugo. Sponsored by Dell Magazines.)
Nalo Hopkinson

Complete voting details, and details of nominations and "also rans" are available from the 1999 Hugo Awards web site:

<http://www.cse.rmit.edu.au/~rdsrf/hugos/>



Monday 6 Sept pm: Number @

The Monochrome

Spoof
Aussiecon Three/Newsletter

BEER RUNS OUT!

Much to the surprise of everyone, the Centra has run completely out of beer. An ashen-faced member of bar staff told our reporter "I can't understand it. Nobody even considered the possibility that science fiction fans might drink beer. Of course we tried everything to stop them, like only opening silly hours, stocking unpopular brands and charging the earth. It didn't work. They just descended on us like a horde of locusts and drank the lot. We haven't made so much money in years. I'll have to resign, I can't stand the shame."

Item Moved

It's been moved. It's now in the Latrobe Theatre at 4pm

Maybe-Zone Rule passes

An unexpected coup during this morning's business meeting has led to the passing of the controversial "maybe-zone" rule. This previously unheard of amendment to the WSFS constitution empowers a group known only as "The Cabal" to decide whether or not a site is allowed to bid. The amendment was forced through during a temporary suspension of the rules due to sustained automatic weapons fire.

A bound and gagged WSFS chairman, found left in a nearby alleyway, would only say "mmmph!!" in response to our questions.

Programme Out Of Date - Shock!

You probably haven't noticed, but a few minor problems have happened with the programme. We recommend that you don't use your pocket programme. No, not even as a doorstop unless you want your door turning up at a panel in the wrong room in the middle of the night. In order to cope with the problem, we are distributing program change sheets. These are also completely inaccurate, but it makes us feel better. To be certain of making your item, we will be cloning Janice Gelb and positioning her round the convention at regular intervals, just ask her and you will be told where to go..

Roswell Demand Enquiry

A representative of Roswell in 2002 today demanded a public investigation of the reasons why they lost the vote. "A number of completely credible witnesses say they saw black helicopters flying out of Kevin Standlee's room on the night of the vote. The fact that San Jose packed the vote with devil worshippers is proved by the significant number of votes polled. It's well known that 120 is the number of black magic."

"This is indisputable evidence of a conspiracy between the CIA, God and Ben Yalow. We were promised that we would be allowed to bring in unlimited amounts of food to bribe persuade the voters that we were the only credible bid. And what happens? We get charged vast amounts of money by the Centra Military Industrial Communist conspiracy run by Tim Illingworth, Ian Robinson and Marc Ortlieb (the triumvirate on the Yarra). We are not going to stand by and allow this sort of thing to happen! We will complain to the highest authority! Joyce Scrivener will hear of this! (cont.. page 3)

Item Moved

Sorry! It's had to be moved again. Can't understand it. We were sure we had a place for it but it turned out that someone was already using the security office for something else.

WSFS Report

The WSFS business meeting was concluded today.

1. The no-zone proposal was replaced by the maybe-zone proposal.
2. The motion to split the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo into Long-pointy bit, base and four fins failed.
3. The motion to extend Hugo eligibility to seventeen years was moved to committee to report in total obscurity.

Pat McMurray

Note: There will be no WSFS Business Meeting on Tuesday.

Item Moved

It's been moved again. It's now in Bellarine 2 at 11 am.

Voting

No more voting misery! Having trouble remembering to vote for the Hugo? Can't make out how the Australian ballot system works anyway? Obscure fanzines you've never heard of getting on the ballot? Plokta International is now offering a new service to our millions of readers worldwide. Just send us your membership number and for a minimal fee we will fill in and return your ballot form for you!

It's easy to vote the Plokta way!

Item Moved

Oops! It's been moved again. It's now in You Yangs 1 at 3 pm. Also we've had to change some of the participants. We just haven't decided who yet.

Lost Badge?

Lost your badge? We have found a badge, T-shirt and wallet in the security office. The name on the badge is Greg Turkich. Anyone daft enough to pretend to be Mr Turkich can pick them up from us.

Trivia Quiz

- Q 100** What is the number of committee members who have been thrown out of program items when their mobile phones went off?
- Q101** Just how many votes can you buy for \$1500 Australian?
- Q102** Just how many fonts can you use in one issue of *The Monotreme*?
- Q103** Just how many stupid jokes can we make about the Centra and the Convention Centre? (*hint: you may have to use mathematical notation*)
- Q104** Which prominent Melbourne fan was observed being extremely prominent indeed in a public place during the masquerade. For a bonus, what is the minimum sentence for this offence?
- Q104** Why didn't we get a volunteer hero medal? Or a hugo? Answers on a postcard....
- Q106** Why are there two questions 104 in this trivia quiz? Why is there a quiz anyway? Who am I? What am I doing here? When can I go home? Aaaargh!



PARTIES

Last Nights parties certainly were a surprising lot. The biggest one, in the Centra was the combined worldcons party, comprising of all – yes all – of the bids for PlutoCon, HellCon, krjg. There would have been no need to spring for dinner before this party, as the food there was very impressive. Of course, it may have been a better idea to have been less impressed and eaten safer food. The food was the original food, bringing a touch of originality to the party, but when we're talking Pluto in 2099 and Minneapolis in 1873, the range of diseases available is stunning. It was a very impressive display and very very expensive. Fandom is going to beggared for years by the cost of these parties.

Tourist Suggestion—Meet Drop Bears!

(After the Con)

For those of you who like exotic animals, or just love teddybears, I can recommend a visit to the Kennett Reservation, just north of Melbourne. This lovely wooded area is the last refuge of Australia's famous drop bears, which have been featured in several documentaries not to mention novels by famous authors such as Terry Pratchett and [*try and think of some other authors to put in here: Ed*].

This is a particularly good time to visit, since the drop bears are thin at this time of year and are likely to do a lot less damage when they drop onto your head.

All visitors are advised to wear protective clothing and steel helmets. Photographs are strictly forbidden for reasons which are too well-known to go into here.

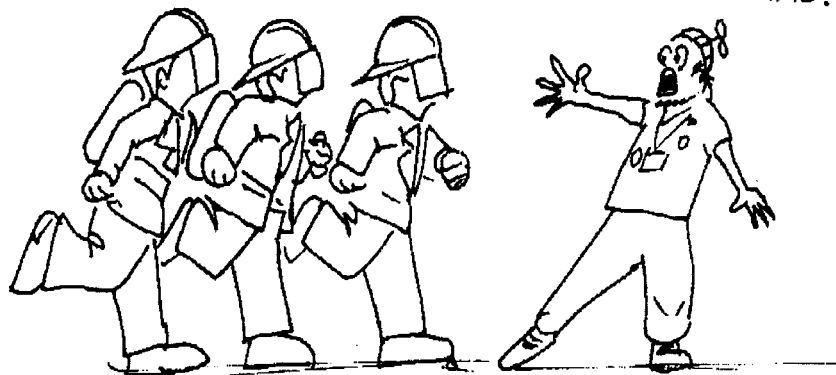
Sott Hobo and Gurt Baby

ANSWERS

Note: These answers have been compiled from totally unreliable sources, therefore no complaints will be accepted nor correspondence entered into.

- A 90** He was discovered having sex with a sheep in the SFWA suite and was ejected because the sheep was not an established writer.
- A91** They have all been thrown out of room parties for throwing up over the host/hostess (or in the case of (b), over the chairman).
- A92** Robert Sacks is not a sexually transmissible disease.
- A93** The other clones are called Outermisss, Innermisss and Renaldo the Sheep. They have each been spending an hour on duty followed by three in a specially designed padded cell.
- A94** Dave Langford's second-best Hugo. He was later arrested for gross indecency and offences involving three gallons of custard and a wombat.
- A95** Pat McMurray, King Alfred's College, Winchester, England, sometime during WinCon V.
- A96** Alan Stewart narrowly beat Karen Pender-Gunn with a total of 26 ribbons to 15, including the very rare Chair, Sofa and bad haircut ribbons

COME QUICKLY!
THE BUSINESS MEETING –
IT'S GONE CRITICAL!



10:00 Saturday Sept 4

Hobson

Item Moved

Oh no! It's been moved again. It's now in the bar at midnight. But only until we find somewhere else to put it. There's a virtual reality panel in Howqua 5... seventeen hugo-winning authors in the broom cupboard on the fifth floor.... a panel on neo-Keynesian economics in the Batman theatre.... look why don't you just pick a room, sit down and we'll reschedule it to there sooner or later.

This spoof edition of the newsletter was sponsored by Plokta, the fanzine that likes to say "Give us a Hugo you bastards!" Just remember, that's P, L, O, K, T, A and you might, just might, no promises now, end up with all of your teeth

Many prominent fans were asked to work on the Monochrome. You know who you are you cowards! The only ones foolish enough to turn up were Steve Davies and Emilly McLeay.