



The Monotreme

Aussiecon Three Newsletter

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 rigueur.
- 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)

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.

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]

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