



The Monotreme

Aussiecon Three Newsletter

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.