



The Monotreme

Aussiecon Three Newsletter

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.

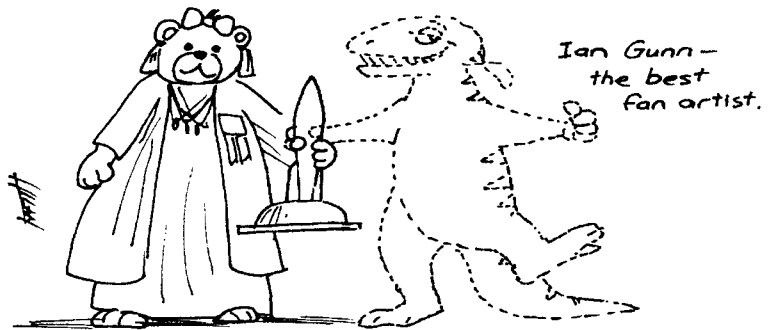
The Hobbit

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>
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