

DUFF 1981 North America-Australia

DUFF The Down Under Fan Fund was created in 1972 to encourage closer ties between fans in Australia and North America. With host country alternating each year, there have been 8 exchanges of fan representatives since then, supported entirely by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF representatives visit a major sf con in the host country and visit with fans they might otherwise never meet in person. DUFFers are treated as special guests and are always well looked after.

DONATIONS DUFF exists solely on the contributions of fans and always welcomes material that is auctionable and donations of money. There will be auctions of DUFF material at future conventions. Contributions may be brought to a convention or sent to the local administrator. Any one may contribute, even if ineligible to vote, and donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to: "Down Under Fan Fund".

VOTING Any fan active in fandom since January 1980 may vote. Ballots must be SIGNED and accompanied by a donation of at least \$2.00 (US or AUST). Each person is allowed only ONE VOTE. If you think your name may not be known to the administrators, please include the name of a fan or fan group who can vouch for you. We will not count unverifiable votes. ALL VOTES MUST REACH AN ADMINISTRATOR BY 15 JANUARY, 1981.

With only two candidates, the one who receives a majority will win. DUFF uses the Australian preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic run-off and a majority win. You rank the candidates in order of preference (1,2,3). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first place votes for the lowest ranking candidate are dropped and the second place votes on their ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for 2nd and 3rd place on your ballot if you choose to write in a candidate.

CANDIDATES Each candidate has posted a \$5.00 bond, provided signed nominations and platforms, and have promised (barring Acts of God) to travel to the 20th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SF CONVENTION, ADVENTION, Queen's Birthday Weekend, June 1981 in Adelaide, South Australia. Platforms and ballot are reproduced on the reverse side of this form or attached to it.

NORTH AMERICAN ADMINISTRATORS: KEN FLETCHER and LINDA LOUNSBURY,
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CANDIDATE PLATFORMS

JOYCE SCRIVNER lived in Australia during grade school; now, older and wiser (having discovered fandom), she'd like to see if it's still there. (Her ANZAPA membership and correspondence with Australian fans give her reason to suspect so.) Since 1973, besides writing for FAPA, WOMEN'S APA, SPINOFF, TAPS, and the CULT, doing her perzine GYPSY and fan history zine OF SUCH ARE LEGENDS MADE, attending some 60 cons and working for many of them (including Mpls in '73), a chief pastime has been activity for DUFF and TAPP--organizing auctions and huckster tables and otherwise publicizing, fundraising, aiding and abetting. We think she's a natural DUFF candidate and an ideal administrator, and we hope you will too.

NOMINATED BY: JOHN FOYSTER, IRWIN HIRSH, JAN BOGSTAD, MIKE GLICKSOHN, JEANNE GOMOLL, and RUSTY HEVELIN.

JON SINGER A number of my friends have suggested that I would do very well at a great remove from my current haunts (...or perhaps that they would do very well if I were at a great remove.)

I have taken this advice under consideration, with the results you see before you.

Please help me indulge my longterm ambitions with regard to marsupiality by sending me to a place where I can find a nice old gum-tree stump to dig a burrow under. We can sit and do our oneshots in the evenings...

(I was going to make a lousy pun between 'ballot' and 'Ballarat', but I decided to spare you the pain...)

NOMINATED BY: ERIC LINDSAY, MAREA OZANNE, FRED HASKELL, ALAN BOSTICK, LINDA BUSHYAGER, and SUZLE TOMPKINS.

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Administrators must receive this ballot by 15 January, 1981!

I vote for: (list 1,2,& 3) SIGNATURE _____

JOYCE SCRIVNER _____ NAME (print) _____

JON SINGER _____ ADDRESS _____

WRITE-IN _____

Donation _____

If you think you are not known to the administrators, please give the name and address of a fan or fan group to whom you are known:

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