



DOWN UNDER FAN FUND

DUFF 1988

Australasia to North America

DUFF: The Down Under Fan Fund was created in 1972 to encourage closer ties between fans in Australasia and North America. With host countries alternating each year, there have been 15 exchanges of fan representatives since, supported entirely by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates visit a major SF convention in the host country and visit 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 donations and contributions of fans and always welcomes material for auction, and donations of money. There will be auctions of DUFF material at future cons. Contributions can be brought to the con or sent to the local administrator. Anyone may contribute, even if ineligible to vote, and donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Cheques should be made out to Lucy Huntzinger (in North America) or Duff Australia (in Australasia). Money should always be sent in the administrator's home currency.

VOTING: Any fan who has been active in fandom before January 1987 may vote. Ballots must be signed and accompanied by a donation of at least \$2. Each person is allowed only one vote. If you think your name may not be known by the administrator, please include the name of a fan (not to include any of the candidates) or the name of a fan group who can vouch for you. We will not count unverifiable votes.

ALL VOTES MUST REACH AN ADMINISTRATOR BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 4, 1988.

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 of the lowest ranking candidate are dropped, and the second place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second and third, etc places, especially if you choose to write-in a candidate. (You are not required to fill in more than your name, address and first choice.)

CANDIDATES: Each candidate has posted a \$10 bond, provided written nominations, and has promised (barring acts of God) to travel to the 1988 World SF Convention, Nolacon 2, in New Orleans, 1-5 September 1988. In cases of multiple candidacies DUFF pays for one set of fares, accommodation and expenses. Platforms and ballot form are on the following page.

DUFF 1988 CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS

CATHY KERRIGAN: I've been around Oz fandom for ten years now, sometimes on the fringe, sometimes in the centre, mostly in between. My interests in SF are fairly eclectic, ranging from Blakes Seven to Ray Bradbury, from Asimov to Zelazny, from Oz sf to criticism, from fanzines to conventions. Since 1984, I've produced my own zine, Cathseye, plus I've been den mother to Nova Mob. If you would like to find out more about Oz fandom, I'm the person to see. In turn, I'd love it if you'd help me find out more about American fandom.

Nominators: Merv Binns, Martin Bridgestock, Angus Caffrey, Brian Earl Brown, Alexis & Doll Gilliland.

TERRY DOWLING: It would be a great honour to represent our Oz fan community in New Orleans in 1988, to have the chance to be an ambassador of Goodwill-and-Wonder-from-Down-Under. Also, truth to tell, it would be a special pleasure to get even with the Yanks, to play Mr Squiggle songs in the land of Howdy Doody, Alf, Captain Kangaroo and the Muppets! Sock it to 'em, I say!

Nominators: Jack Herman, Carey Handfield, Justin Ackroyd, Harlan Ellison, Gay Maldeman.

ADMINISTRATORS: Lewis Morley, Marilyn Pride, Nick Stathopoulos,
54 Junior St, Leichhardt, NSW, 2040, Australia.

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DUFF 1988 VOTING FORM

I vote for (list 1,2,3...)

Cathy Kerrigan _____
Terry Dowling _____
(Write-in _____) _____
Hold over funds _____
No Preference _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

If you think you might be unknown to the administrators, please give the name of a fan or group to whom you are known:

