

THE DUFF BALLOT 1998

Australasia to North America

The Down Under Fan Fund (DUFF) was created in 1972 to exchange fannish representatives between North America and Australasia. DUFF is supported by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates attend Worldcon® or a national convention in the host country and visit fans they might otherwise never meet in person. Delegates are responsible for raising funds and administering DUFF until a new delegate from their continent is elected, and are expected to publish trip reports which can be sold to aid the fund.

Donations: DUFF exists solely on the donations and contributions of fans and fan organizations. Please give generously. Anyone may contribute, and donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made payable to Janice Murray (in North America) or Perry Middlemiss (in Australasia). Money should always be sent in the administrator's home currency.

Voting: DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic runoff and a majority win. The voter ranks 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 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, third, etc. places, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (The voter is not required to fill in more than their name, address and first choice.) Ballots must be signed and accompanied by a donation of at least \$4 in United States currency or \$6 in Australian currency. You must return the entire ballot (both sides). Each voter may vote only once.

Voters' eligibility: Anyone who has been active in fandom on or before January 1, 1997 may vote. "Active in fandom" means involved in fannish pursuits such as fanzine writing or reading; convention running or attending; amateur film/video production; or club participation. Voting is limited to natural persons. If you think you may be unknown to the administrators, please give the name of a fan or fan group (other than a candidate or nominator) who can vouch that you meet this criteria.

Candidates: Three Australasian and two North American fans have stood as nominators for each of the two candidates. Each candidate has provided a \$25 bond; a brief written platform and a description of previous North American travel; and promised (barring acts of God) to travel to BucConeer, in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, August 5th to August 9th, 1998, and to serve as administrator of the fund until a new Australasian delegate is elected.

Deadline: Ballots must be postmarked by **April 16, 1998** & reach an administrator by **April 23, 1998**.

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Anyone doing so should substitute their name here:

Janice Murray

1998 DUFF Candidates' Platforms

SUSAN CLARKE

Susan Clarke (or Susan Smith Clarke), now known as Susan Batho, is part of the Blue Mountains Conclave of Fans. Mother of four, she has chaired five national conventions amongst others. Winner of FanQ Awards in the US for writing and editing; ASFMA AWARDS in Australia for writing and editing; plus a special Ditmar Award for Service to Australian SF Fandom, and the 1997 Chandler Award. Fanwriter and professional author she is currently doing a PhD in creative writing. Editor and co-editor of over 400 zines in the past 25 years. Currently edits an original fantasy zine; ReviewZine and eight other media titles.

Previous North American Travel: 1988 to NOLACON with the Sydney in '91 Worldcon Bid committee, and two visits to Media*West*Con.

Nominators: Australasia : Justin Ackroyd, Sue Bursztynski, Eric Lindsay.
North America : Joyce Scrivner, Chris Barkley.

TERRY FROST

I've been in fandom since 1979, written dozens of fanzines of steadily increasing readability and broadening subject matter, and hold the record for the longest losing streak in the history of the Ditmar awards - a record which was broken in 1995 when I got the gong for Best Fan Writer. I want to visit America because I can't believe that so many people drive on the wrong side of the street and have money all the same colour.

Previous North American Travel: None.

Nominators: Australasia : Bruce Gillespie, Lucy Sussex, Jean Weber.
North America : Mike Glycer, Jeanne Mealy.

Send this entire ballot with US\$4 or A\$6 (or more) donation to an administrator.

Please print clearly and legibly. List in order of preference (1, 2, 3, etc.):

Susan Clarke Name: _____

Terry Frost Signature: _____

Write-In Street: _____

Hold-Over Funds City: _____ State/Province: _____

No Preference Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation (Your generosity is appreciated): _____ Reference: _____
