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AND THE NEW AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATOR OF GUFF IS.

The total number of GUFF ballots received, in the UK and in Australia, was 136.

First preferences were as follows:

Name	Australia	UK	Total
Ackroyd	58	6	64
McCormack	15	3	18
Weber	11	17	28
Weddall	16	7	23
Hold Over Funds	3	0	3

After Hold Over Funds votes were redistributed, the totals were:

Ackroyd	65
McCormack	19
Weber	29
Weddall	23

McCormack received the lowest number of preferences, so her votes are now transferred to the voters' next choices, with the following result:

Ackroyd	71
Weber	37
Weddall	24
No Preference	4

As Ackroyd now has a majority of votes he is now declared elected to the post of Australian GUFF administrator.

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As part of his induction to office Mr Ackroyd will have to consult with the UK Administrator of GUFF, Mr Joseph Nicholas. It has been arranged that this consultation will take place at the 1984 EASTERCON/EUROCON in Brighton, England. GUFF will naturally meet the cost of Mr Ackroyd's travel.

GUFF is always grateful to those who support it by donations. NOREASCON 2, various Australian conventions, and Harry Andruschak and George Turner have made generous donations of money or goods for sale.

And then there's the good old reliable voters. The following is the honour roll of Australian (received) voters.

Justin Ackroyd, Darryl Aesche, Paul Anderson, Ted Andrews, Michele Armstrong, Christine Ashby, Derrick Ashby, Asms, R A Avent, Judith Baker, Danny Bartel, Melissa Barbour, Sally Beasley, Mervyn Binns, Peter Burns, Dennis Callegari, Sharon Carver, Judy Clarke, Michael Clarke, Susan Clarke, Ken Colbert, Glen Crawford, Julia Ferguson, Roy Ferguson, Leanne Frahm, G Franklin, Julian Freidin, Henry Gasko,

Greg Gates, Bruce Gillespie, Seth Goldberg, William Good, Patricia Heffron, Jack Herman, Mandy Herriot, Greg Hills, Irwin Hirsh, Kim Huett, G Hughes, Ben & Lesley James, S James, Lindsay Jamieson, Chas Jensen, Chris Johnston, Zebee Johnstone, Mark Joiner, John Kermond, Cary Lenehan, Marjorie Lenehan, John Lewis, Eric Lindsay, Mark Linneman, Adriennee Losin, Lync, Kevin McCaw, Shayne McCormack, John Macdonald, Jan McDonell, Cathy McDonnell, Frank McEwen, James Macfarlane, Sean McMullen, John McPharlin, Peter Maher, Glen Matthews, Eileen Millington, Lewis Morley, Ken Moylan, Andrew Murphy, Ruth Murphy, C R Newall, John Newman, Warren Nicholls, Shane Pickup, Ann Poore, Ian Porter, Marilyn Pride, Blair Ramage, Graeme Riddle, Steve Roylance, Sue Schott, Ron Serduik, Karen Small, Gerald Smith, Kit Stevens, Paul Stevens, Paul Stokes, Torbjorn von Strokirch, Terry Stroud, James Styles, Andrew Taubman, Jane Taubman, David Thornell, Jane Tissell, Peter Toluzzi, Susan Tonkin, Colin Waddell, S A Waldron, Kay Walker, Phil Ware, Alex Wasiliew, Derrick Watson, Jean Weber and Roger Weddall!

The GUFF ACCOUNT currently stands at approximately \$1452.98 (approximate because of F.I.D. and other 1984ish things). Of this amount approximately \$1400 will go to Justin for airfare. It might be worth noting here that a fair chunk of the \$1400 is money left over from the 1979 campaign. (Speaking of which, CHRIS PRIEST was also a generous donor to GUFF AUSTRALIA this time around - should have been in that list up there.)

AN OLD GUFFER'S NOTES

A couple of new tricks have been invented since I last ran a Fan Fund from the Australian end. Firstly, it is fairly clear that \$2 as a minimum vote isn't really very appropriate in the present airfares climate, although it may have been back in the old times. I would recommend that the minimum donation be raised to \$5 or \$10, given the large proportion of voters who only give the minimum. Giving less than the minimum is a new trick, but administrators like me overcome that by giving only a fractional vote. Ho hum.

Speaking of making it difficult, Despite the clear instructions about how to make cheques payable, some of them dodged around it - this is even more difficult if 'or bearer' is crossed out.

And speaking of Dodgy. Well, the Dodgy Brothers were out in a small force this time. Generally speaking, the idea of giving a name & address of a fan or fan group who can testify to a voter's bona fides is to help the administrator ensure that you meet the voting qualifications. I suppose it should be clear that the person you are voting for is scarcely a suitable reference, nor is a fan group which estivates over the voting period much use. I would recommend that future administrators take the money and discard the votes in such cases.

And a word about voting qualifications, especially since the recent DUFF administrators don't seem to understand these nor listen to argument. You may vote if you have some association with fandom prior to a specific date (usually a couple of years prior to the voting deadline). (The muddle-headed DUFF administrators insist that you be active after a certain date - for example by voting, perhaps?) The idea here is that you do have some interest in fandom, demonstrated over a period of time, and do not merely happen to be someone who is sleeping with the candidate's sister-in-law at the time of voting. Over and Out. John Foyster

PS to Melbourne fans. The Nova Mob meets at 8 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at 21 Shakespeare Grove, St Kilda. In February, George Turner will be talking about the reviewing of SF.