

AUSTRALIAN GUFF NEWSLETTER

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It's been a long time since anyone has seen anything in the form of a GUFF newsletter. You can blame the apathy towards writing from which I'm suffering at the moment. "How's the trip report going?" is a question I frequently hear, especially from Marc Ortlieb, alias "Dad".

[Impudent Nagging Typist's Aside: The question is usually side-stepped. Still, we have yet to see a GUFF trip report, and so I guess Justin can quote two precedents: Messrs Foyster and Nicholas.]

As you would have heard, seen, et al, Eve Harvey won the 1985 GUFF race and attended AUSSIECON TWO, wowing the fans with her charm and quaint accent. What haven't been revealed are the names of those Australians who voted and donated. They were:

Marc Ortlieb	Cath Ortlieb	Kevin Moylan	Sally Beasley
Roy Ferguson	Carey Handfield	David McDonnell	Steve Royslance
Mark Linneman	Christine Ashby	Derrick Ashby	Peter Burns
David Grigg	Jack Herman	Irwin Hirsh	Robin Johnson
Mark Lawson	Eric Lindsay	LynC	John Newman
Ann Poore	Joe Schluter	Alan Small	Gerald Smith
James Styles	Rick Taylor	Jean Weber	Roger Weddall
Lucy Zinkiewicz.			

Money raised over the period Feb 9th 1984 - Jan 31st 1986 totalled \$1211.53 which breaks down, to the nearest dollar, as follows:

EUREKACON - Auction and sales	\$ 230-00
SWANCON X	\$ 13-00
CORFLU (\$U.S.100-00)	\$ 153-00
Voting Donations	\$ 85-00
Kim Huett	\$ 5-00
ADVENTION '85	\$ 19-00
AUSSIECON TWO Auction and sales	\$ 435-00
AUSSIECON TWO Fanzine sales	\$ 60-00
Interest	\$ 211-00
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Special thanks go to: Marc Ortlieb for his work at Eurekacon and for administering GUFF while I was on my trip; Carey Handfield for being at SWANCON X and ADVENTION '85 when I couldn't afford to get there; the committee of CORFLU for a most pleasant surprise; Kim Huett; Jean Weber; Lee Harding; Jack Herman and DUFF; the people who ran the fanzine table at AUSSIECON TWO; the voters; the helpers at the auctions and those who spent money at the auctions.

The Australian account now stands at \$1477-59, which is about 75% of a fare for the next GUFF winner, who will travel to Conspiracy '87, the 45th World Science Fiction Convention, to be held in Brighton, England from August 27 to September 2nd 1987.

[INTA Justin would also like it noted that he is the Australian agent for Conspiracy, and that he will be happy to send you information about the convention and to take membership money.]

1987 GUFF RACE

GUFF is a fan fund that exchanges European and Australasian fans. So far there have been four winners - John Foyster, Joseph Nicholas, Justin Ackroyd and Eve Harvey. The next race will send an Australasian fan to the U.K. for CONSPIRACY the 1987 World Science Fiction Convention. Nominations are now open.

In order to become a candidate you must have three Australasian and two European nominators. These five must get a letter saying that they are nominating you to one of the GUFF administrators by the nominating deadline, which is two weeks before Easter, March 17th. In addition the candidate must get a one hundred word platform, a ten dollar bond and a letter stating that they will, come hell or high water, get to Conspiracy if they win, to the administrators by that time.

Voting will commence at SWANCON XI, the Australian National Convention over the Easter Weekend 1986, and will close on January 31st 1987.

At the moment GUFF is looking for donations of books, fanzines, or anything that can be sold to raise money. AUSSIECON TWO wiped out the stocks, so please send all your unwanted auctionable stuff to Justin Ackroyd - address below.

The U.K. side of GUFF has under a hundred pounds at present, so, if you get the urge to send material over there, I'm sure Eve will sell it to a worthy person.

Administrators' Addresses are:

Justin Ackroyd, GPO Box 2708X, Melbourne, Vict 3001, AUSTRALIA

Eve Harvey, 43 Harrow Rd, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 3QH, UNITED KINGDOM.

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THE FLIGHT OF THE KANGAROO

Since there's a bit of space here, please note that Christine Ashby's DUFF report - THE FLIGHT OF THE KANGAROO - is now available, and a bloody good read it is too. Follow Christine as she discovers all those little things the tourist brochures don't tell you about the United States.

To get your copy, complete with Chris Johnston cover, send \$5-00 to either:

Jack Herman, Box 272, Wentworth Building, Sydney University, NSW 2006,
or Marc Ortlieb, P.O. Box 215, Forest Hill, Vict 3131.

All proceeds go to the Down Under Fan Fund.