

the ROCKET ROD AETHER RANGERS present:

WHAT'S DOWN UNDER FAN FUND?

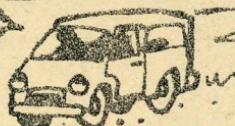
COMIX and STORIES

The Down Under Fan Fund has exchanged science fiction fans between Australia & North America since 1972. Back then, Aussie fans decided they wanted to meet face-to-face some of the fans they knew thru fanzines, apas, E-letters....

DINKIN TIME THEY STOPPED
THINKIN WE'RE ALL FUNNY ANIMALS!

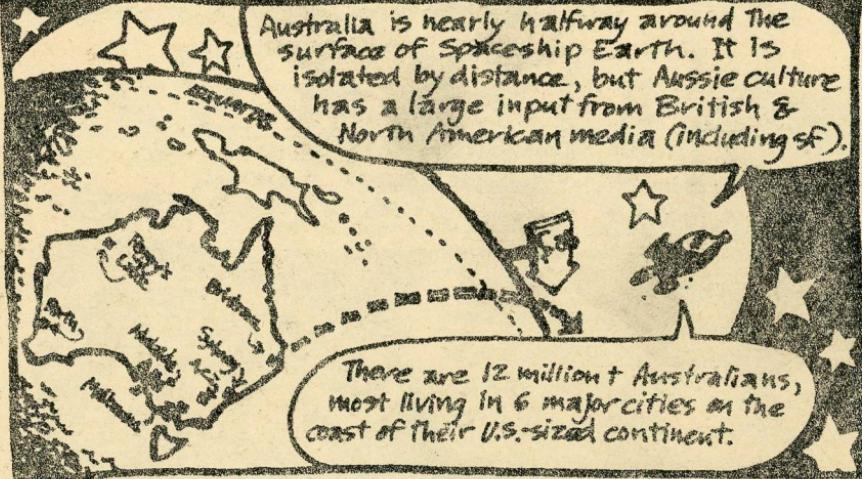


How important is this personal contact between fans? You probably know someone who might drive 12 hours to get to an sf con to meet friends....



...California is about 12 hours away from Australia by jumbo jet across the Pacific Ocean. It's a bit more expensive than driving, tho....

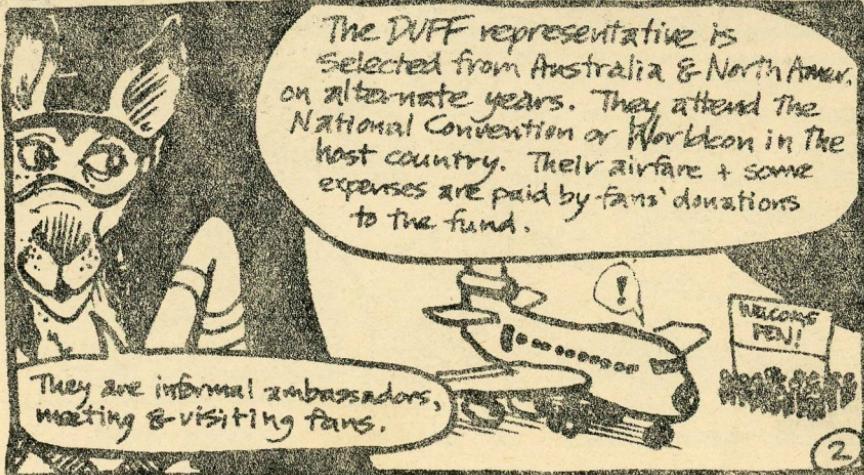
Australia is nearly halfway around the surface of Spaceship Earth. It is isolated by distance, but Aussie culture has a large input from British & North American media (including sf.).



Aussie sf fans organized in the 1930's, had national cons in the 50's, hosted the excellent 1975 Worldcon in Melbourne, and are bidding for the 1983 Worldcon in Sydney. They are energetic fans, friendly hosts & active con-goers. A national con has about 250+ members.



The DUFF representative is selected from Australia & North Amer. on alternate years. They attend The National Convention or Worldcon in the host country. Their airfare + some expenses are paid by fans' donations to the fund.



Returning home, DUFF representatives have shared their experiences & encouraged fan contacts thru informal talk, fanzines, con panels, slideshows, published (& unpublished) trip reports, etc.... DUFFers have also helped administer the fund.

They seem to have changed since the Ausolet trip....

Pubs and "HOTELS" of Sydney

- ① The Standard Hotel
- ② Royal Prince
- ③ Tuckerbottle
- ④ Drago

AUSTRALIA
IN 83!

Now about
place in
boxes...

It's down under
So Down Under you must
Must Go... ☺ ☺ ☺

DUFF Representatives are selected from 2 or more candidates by votes from fans who have donated to the fund.

Billon Box

Down to
see... Down Under

The Down Under Fan Fund is financed by donations from fans. Donations came with votes for candidates, from auctions, & for trip reports, badges, & fanzines.

\$27.95 going twice...

ANNE JEN'S
Beechberry
JAM
Gallons

Donations also come in from individuals, clubs, & conventions.

There are other fan funds.
(Hi, Stu!) For example:

TAFF (the Trans-Atlantic FanFund)

has been exchanging hostages
between British & North American
fandom since the 1950's. Wow!

GUFF is a new exchange between
Australia & Britain.

There have been special funds
for individual fans, too.

GIVE TO THE
ACRONYM FUND

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