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AVAILABLE to Australian Members of Aussiecon Two; Australian newszine editors, if I have their addresses; Members of the Australian National Science Fiction Association; to those people to whom I still owe a Christmas present; or for \$10-00 per year subscription. FREQUENCY - monthly. DEADLINE for #8 - 18/1/85.

TIGGER is a small vicious and totally uncalled for newszine designed to inform Australian fans who have joined Aussiecon Two of the way that the Convention is shaping up. It foolishly tries to answer any questions that the members might have. In addition to all of this, it offers its pages as a forum for discussions related to Aussiecon Two; advertises local fan events; and hopes to enable Aussiecon Two members to get into contact with each other. The editor reserves the right to edit letters and questions. If you don't want your letters quoted, please mark them DNQ. (Do Not Quote). Official editorial policy is that Yngvi is a louse. Since there have been no further nominations, the ballot has been closed, and Yngvi has been returned. No informal votes were lodged.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to those people who turned up at the Programming Meeting at Mandy Herriot & Phil Ware's place on Sunday December 9th. It was, we feel, a valuable meeting, which created contacts, and which provided us with a solid basis for further programming. Our thanks also to those who, though unable to attend, did send us ideas for programme items. We still need more suggestions, and more volunteers to run items. If you have ideas, please direct them to the Programming Sub-Committee - Mandy Herriot, Cath Ortlieb, and Mark Linneman, c/o the Aussiecon Two P.O. Box.

There will be another such meeting, at a date to be determined, probably in February. Keep an eye out for an announcement in the January TIGGER.

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My personal thanks to Adrienne Losin, who sent me a stuffed TIGGER to sit above my typewriter. I find it helps to look at it when I'm tempted to make some sort of sarcastic reply to someone. Not that it stops me from making the sarcastic comment, but it makes me feel better about making the comment....

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This may not quite be the place for it, but my thanks to those who spent lots of money at the Auction at Circulation Three, resulting in an added \$160 + to the Shaw Fund coffers. Any other donations gratefully accepted.

RUMOUR OF THE MONTH

DEPARTMENT STORY OF STREET

Aussiecon Two is chartering a railway carriage to bring people from Darwin to Melbourne for the convention.

(Courtesy Terry Stroud - heard at Circulation Three)

This is one of my favourites. The main problem with it is that there is no railway from Darwin linking with any railway into Melbourne. As far as I'm currently aware, the convention has no members in the Northern Territory. Does anyone know of any Northern Territory fans or fan groups?

That the Victoria Hotel is setting up an annex in Ballarat to cope with the overflow from Aussiecon Two.

Clearly a piece of malicious rumour mongering by the Ballarat North Fan Society .

JOHN PLAYFORD As regards Megan's policy on smoking, I agree with most of it. As an P.O. Box 542 occasional smoker, I can sympathise with both points of view. Certainly those who stay in a clouded area (smoke-wise) for lengthy Manuka periods of time have increased risks of cancer...but I think that ACT 2603 preventing a smoking section for panels would be a mistake, and a blanket "no smoking" policy would be an infringement of civil liberties. So long as films are smoke-free and non-smoking zones are available, why should we go overboard? After all, drinking can be somewhat hazardous for passers-by, if they interact adversely with drinkers, but we would not want to take prevention of the risk of accident to an extreme. The essential point is, I think, that non-smokers should have a reasonably smoke-free venue available to them, and that there should be give and take on both sides. (On the other hand, "Civil libertarians for cancer" sounds gross..... I'm working on Costigan at work at the moment and am very conscious of the fine line between cost and detriment in the area of civil liberties.)

I think you've missed Megan's point, which is that, in a small room, with inadequate ventilation, it is impossible to adequately segregate smokers from non-smokers, unless you put in a glass wall and airlocks. It's not merely the cancer aspect that is being considered, but the physical discomfort that smoky atmospheres can cause non-smokers. The drink analogy isn't really a good one. Under most conditions, one can avoid an angry drunk. It is impossible to avoid smoke in a room full of it, without resorting to scuba tanks.

ERIC LINDSAY I'll go along with Megan on the basically no-smoking nature of cons.

P.O. Box 42 Some provisions should (and must) be made for addicts, but let's not forget that, in its natural state, air is not polluted with ACT 2602 smoke.

SHAYNE T KEENAN I would like to put forward the following ideas/suggestions/
21 Albert St questions:

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a) Has some important person - Premier, Prime Minister or the

like been invited either to open Aussiecon Two or to have some special part in the convention?

b) Perhaps Mr Barry Jones, MP and Minister of Technology could/would make an ideal speaker on Australia's attempts at advanced technology. All press coverage seems to indicate that he is an ideal speaker.

NEWS, INFORMATION

& CONVENTIONS

THE PAUL STEVENS' SHOW Paul is threatening promising to produce another Paul Stevens' Show for Aussiecon Two. These shows usually consist of short revue type items of a science fictional nature. If anyone is interested in contributing sketches to such a show, or would like to volunteer to be involved in such a show, please contact Paul Stevens, c/o SPACE AGE BOOKS, 305 Swanston St, Melbourne, Vict 3001.

THE MASQUERADE Further information concerning the Masquerade, including details on registration, will appear in P.R. #3, which should be out in mid-February. If you have any urgent enquiries, contact our Masquerade Director, Paul Stokes, P.O. Box 130, Marden, S.A. 5070.

BERMUDA TRIANGLE IN '88 A flier from the committee bidding for the Bermuda Triangle as the site of the 1988 Worldcon has been received. It suggests hiring a cruise ship and touring the Caribbean. Their policy about Fast Bowling has not been spelled out.

ADVENTION '85 - The 24th National Australian Science Fiction Convention. Easter, 5th - 8th April 1985. Theme - A Celebration of Australian Science Fiction. Correspondence 95 Second Ave Joslin, S.A. 5070. The Townhouse, Adelaide. Membership \$15-00 attending, rising to \$25-00 on January 1st 1985. \$5-00 supporting.

The convention's first progress report has been released, and it gives details of the committee and hotel rates (though current rates and not necessarily the rates as of the convention dates.) There are a few comments about programming, but nothing on Guests. In all rather thin on info.

CON AMORE - A Science Fiction Media-Literary Convention. 8-10th June 1985. Theme - With Enthusiasm. Correspondence P.O. Box 231, Cannon Hill, Qld 4170. Park Royal Hotel, Alice St, Brisbane. Membership \$30-00 attending until the door; \$10-00 supporting. Room Rates \$65-00 per Double/Twin. Third person \$10-00 extra.

GoH - David Gerrold; Judson Scott; Susan Clarke; Dennis Stocks.

This includes details on Dealers' Room, Room Bookings, Committee, Programme Book, Auctions, Meals, a mini-writer's workshop with David Gerrold, and the Transfinite A.V..

QUASAR SCIENCE CLUB This is evidently a new South Australian club with interests in science fiction, science fact, horror, fantasy and gaming. It intends to produce a quarterly magazine. For further information, contact Wes Lockhart, 6/26 East Parade, Kingswood, S.A. 5062.

SWANCON X 26-28 January 1985, Correspondence, P.O. Box 318, Nedlands, W.A. 6009. Venue - Airways Hotel Apartments, Adelaide Tce, Perth. Membership -\$20-00 attending, \$5-00 supporting, \$15-00 disadvantaged. Likely to rise after January 1st. Room rates \$40-00 single; \$45-00 double; \$50-00 family. Book via the convention address. (Information on this courtesy of THYME. If you want all the news that fits, subscribe. It costs \$5-00 for eight issues. Address P.O. Box 273, Fitzroy, Vict 3065.)

FAN FUNDS If you don't yet have a DUFF voting form, they are available from Jack Herman, Box 272, Wentworth Building, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, or from Tigger. GUFF candidates from the U.K. to Australia have yet to be formally announced. Real Soon Now. FFANZ, bringing a Kiwi to Aussiecon Two is suffering from the trans-Tasman time warp that results in letters taking three months to get from New Zealand to Australia. Real Soon Now.

- Q: If I have bought an attending membership in AUSSIECON TWO, and then find that I am unable to attend, is it possible to get the money refunded?
- A: Basically no. Firstly your membership will still be providing you with progress reports, the programme book, and the right to vote for the Hugo Awards and for the 1986 Worldcon Site. In addition, by taking out an attending membership you have told us that you intend to attend the convention, and, in planning our facilities, we have taken the level of attending memberships into account.

There is however one possibility, and that is, if you decide not to attend, you may be able to transfer your attending membership to someone else. (Please note - the convention will not arrange that for people.) Further details on how you may go about this will be published in a Progress Report.

Q: Is it true that all the attending memberships for Aussiecon Two have been sold? A: No.

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