

DUFF 1976

DUFF, the Down Under Fan Fund, was created in 1972 to encourage closer ties between fans on both sides of the Pacific. Due to the generosity of fans, after three races which resulted in the exchange of American and Australian fans, DUFF is now an established fan charity. DUFF is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. This year's race will send an Australian fan to the 1976 World Science Fiction Convention to be held in Kansas City, USA.

VOTING Any fan who has been active in fandom since at least September 1st, 1974 may vote in the DUFF race, if their vote is accompanied by a donation of at least \$1.00 (Australian), \$1.50 (US) or the equivalent. Donations in excess of the minimum will be gratefully accepted. Only one vote per person is allowed and you must sign the ballot form. If you think your name might not be known to the administrators, please include the name of a fan or fan group (that you think will be known to the administrators) who would be willing to verify your eligibility to vote for DUFF. Unverified ballots cannot be counted. Details of the voting will be kept secret but a list of those who voted will be sent to anyone who is interested.

DUFF uses the Australian balloting system which guarantees an automatic run off and a majority win. You rank the candidates in the exact order you wish to vote. If the leading first place candidate does not get a majority, the first place votes of the lowest ranking candidate are dropped and the second place votes on those ballots are counted. This process goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places on your ballot.

With this, the fourth DUFF race, we are introducing (as an optional extra) an Optional-Australian Ballot (and, by the way, setting an example to all good Australian politicians). The above instructions for voting apply unless you really don't want to vote for anybody but your choice. Just put a 1 next to that person and ignore the rest. Of course some people reckon that's the easy way out and that putting numbers all over is much more fun. It also means you might get to vote more than once -- which is a bonus for you.

DONATIONS DUFF exists solely on the contributions of fans and is always in need of donations of money or auction material. Anyone may contribute, even if they do not qualify to vote. Copies of the report of the 1972 trip, "Lesleigh's Adventures Down Under (And What She Found There)" are available from the administrators for \$1. Copies of the report of the 1974 trip, "Emu Tracks Over America" is also available for \$2.50 (Aust.) or \$3.00 (US). Money orders and cheques sent as donations should be made out to the administrators, not DUFF.

CANDIDATES Each candidate has promised, barring acts of God (so called), to travel to the 1976 Worldcon, MIDAMERICON, in Kansas City, USA. They have posted a bond of \$5 and provided nominations and platforms which are reproduced on the other side of this sheet along with the ballot.

DEADLINE All votes must reach the administrators by the 31st March, 1976.

Send ballots and contributions to	
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JOHN ALDERSON

John J. Alderson has become widely known for his fanzine CHAO and his fan writings, but he is said to be an even nicer bloke to meet with his fine taste in wine, women and song. Some say his ideas are strange, but you should hear his stories, which are stranger still... did you hear the one about the friend of John's who is married to a mermaid... Actually, John is a farmer, wine-maker, historian, editor; the things he has done are legions, the things he claims to have done, impossible.

Meet the last bushranger!

Shayne McCormack, Sue Clarke, John Bangsund, Andy Porter and Pauline Palmer

SHAYNE McCORMACK

A number of fannish events have survived the intervention of Shayne McCormack. President of the Sydney S.F. Foundation she publishes fanzines, gets in the way of Convention Committees and has generally been active in fandom since 1969. She started reading at the age of six, gave up Golden Books for SF at Twelve, and has never looked back. John Alderson, Eric Lindsay, Keith Curtis, Don C. Thompson and Alan Huff

CHRISTINE McGOWAN

I have no idea when I started reading science fiction (I learned to read at six), but I have been involved in fandom since 1969; I think that I am pretty well known to most Australian fans -- I was Fan GoH at Q-CON II -- but I imagine that I am only a name in the AUSSIECON program book to the rest of fandom. Now that the Worldcon is over I intend to pay overseas fanzines the attention they deserve.

I am (at the time of writing) 23 years old, and a qualified barrister and solicitor. I am also unemployed, and have been for some time, so that even if I did find work this month I doubt if I could afford the trip to Kansas City unaided. I'm hooked on worldcons, but I want to go to one which I am not involved in running! Naturally, if selected I undertake to produce a trip report at least the equal of EMU TRACKS.

Valma Brown, Don Ashby, Peter Darling, Hank and Lesleigh Luttrell

PAUL STEVENS

Good evening! My name is Paul J. Stevens and I am standing for DUFF. My platform is several lengths of floorboard, and some 2x4 bracing and a handful of 6" nails. My reasons for wanting to travel to the USA are: (1) Everybody has urged me to please leave Australia, (2) I enjoy room parties, (3) I want to study the American SF fan in its native habitat, (4) I want to go SMOOTH with Tucker, (5) I have a nice personality and I believe in spreading myself around, (6) It's too dangerous to visit Ireland. OTHER pertinent facts about me are that I'm 34 years old, single, like reading SF, watching horror movies, meeting fans and selling books.

Bill Wright, Ron Graham, Mervyn Binns, Bob Tucker and Jack Chalker

I vote for (list 1,2,3,4)

John Alderson _____

Signature _____

Shayne McCormack _____

Name (please print) _____

Christine McGowan _____

Address _____

Paul Stevens _____

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