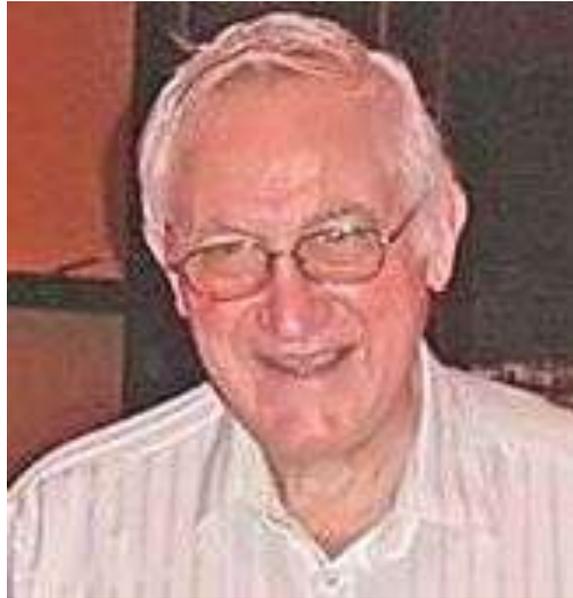


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DUFF 2013 South-to-North race to send Aus/NZ's finest to LoneStarCon 3
[a reminder to vote for Bill Wright for DUFF 2013, before voting closes on June 10th, 2013]



Bill Wright in his prime at Age 32. The occasion was the 8th Australian Science Fiction Convention held in the MSFC club rooms at Somerset Place, the first (and only) Aussie Natcon Bill ever ran.



This is a more recent photograph of Bill Wright taken in October 2011 at a dinner with graphic artist Dick 'Ditmar' Jansen and friends at the Rosstown Hotel in the Melbourne (Australia) suburb of Carnegie.

Photographs are courtesy of Mervyn and Helena Binns, respectively.

Campaign poem:

by Tim Train
Melbourne's premier pub poet

Vote for Bill!
He's all Wright!
He's totally not bad!
If you don't then others will
And you will WISH you had!

About Bill Wright:

Bill Wright has been a member of the Melbourne Science Fiction Club since the late 1950s. In 1969 he ran the 8th Australian National Science Fiction Convention in the MSFC club rooms.

He was a member of the Australia and New Zealand Amateur Publishing Association from 1969 to 1979 and from 1996 to 2012, and in 1970 became a founding member of the Nova Mob, a Melbourne-based SF literary discussion group that still holds regular monthly meetings. He was secretary of the *Australia in 1975* movement formed in the late 1960s to bid for an Australian city to host the 33rd Worldcon in 1975.

In 1971, Bill was given a highly visible bit part in John Litchen's hugely popular bid movie *Aussie Fan*, starring Paul J Stevens as Anti-Fan, filmed in Melbourne in 1972. The film was shown extensively in North America to promote *Australia in 1975*. The bid was successful, resulting in **Aussiecon**, the 33rd Worldcon, held in Melbourne in August 1975.

On retirement in 2002 Bill joined the board of the Australian Science Fiction Foundation where his principal task is to administer the Chandler† and Hemming* awards.

† The **A. Bertram Chandler Award** is Australia's highest fan award, named after acclaimed mid-twentieth century Australian SF author Arthur Bertram Chandler (1912 – 1984) and given for outstanding achievement in science fiction.

* The **Norma K Hemming Award** for excellence in the exploration of themes of race, gender, sexuality, class and disability in speculative Fiction is a jury award first presented at Aussiecon 4, the 67th Worldcon in Melbourne in 2010.

In 2004-5 Bill Wright ran the Australian end of the Bring Bruce Bayside Fan Fund that enabled the Doyen of Australian fanzine editors Bruce Gillespie to attend the Corflu and Potlatch conventions in California in 2005. And in 2007, Bill founded Meteor Incorporated, an incorporated association formed to gather funds to acquire premises and hire qualified staff for a bricks and mortar science fiction institution and research archive in Australia owned and managed by the Australian science fiction community.

For more interesting stuff about Bill Wright, DUFF and Fan Funds, please visit: <URL to campaign e-zine not yet available>

About DUFF

The **Down Under Fan Fund** (DUFF) is a permanent fan fund set up in 1972 to foster ties between science fiction communities in North America and Australia. Supported by contributions from all over the world, DUFF sends a delegate from North America to Australia–New Zealand, or the other way, in alternating years, attending the World Science Fiction Convention if it is on the receiving side, otherwise the national convention, with any further fannish travel that can be managed, meeting fans, making friends, radiating goodwill, publishing a trip report, and becoming the DUFF Administrator in turn until the next cycle on the delegate's home side. Trip reports are sold to support the Fund.

About DUFF 2013



South to North ⇨

In 2013, the race is South to North to send an Australasian delegate to LoneStarCon 3, the 71st Worldcon in San Antonio, Texas, on Aug 29-Sep 2, 2013. Nominations were accepted until 31st March 2013. To be eligible candidates had to have three ANZ and two North American nominators, to provide a written platform, and to contribute a donation of at least \$25 (AU\$, NZ\$, US\$ or C\$). Voting will open in Late April and will likely close on June 10, 2013. The winner will be the DUFF laureate representing the Australian & New Zealand SF communities at LoneStarCon 3.

You may obtain a ballot form...

- by writing to, e-mailing or phoning one of the a DUFF administrators, either

North America DUFF Administrator

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Los Angeles, CA 90057 USA
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Australia-New Zealand DUFF Administrator

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- by downloading an entry form from:

<http://www.difference.com.au/fandom/duff2013.pdf> or

<http://www.difference.com.au/fandom/duff2013.rtf> (Australia/New Zealand)

or <http://ozfanfunds.com/duff/2013duffballot.pdf> or

<http://ozfanfunds.com/duff/2013duffballot.rtf> (North America, Europe, etc.)

See the ballot form for voting and payment processes. Voting closes on Monday June 10, 2013. The winner will be announced in June 2013 by the administrators named above.

About Fan Funds generally

Fan Funds have been around since the early 1950s when the Trans Atlantic Fan Fund was formed to send a European fan to North America and vice versa in alternate years. DUFF was second cab off the rank in 1972, followed by GUFF (the Get Up and Over Fan Fund or the Going Under Fan Fund, depending on the direction of travel from Australia-NZ to Europe or vice versa, and FFANZ (the Fan Fund of Australia and New Zealand). There are also Intra-national fan funds. Examples are the Canadian Unity Fan Fund (CUFF) and the National Australia Fan Fund (NAFF) that take fans from one region to a major convention in another region. Still other funds are "one offs" that raise money to bring a specific fan to a specific convention. For example, the Tucker Bag fund brought the late Bob Tucker from the U.S.A. to the 1975 Aussiecon, and the Bring Bruce Bayside fund enabled Australian fan Bruce Gillespie to attend the Corflu and Potlatch conventions in California in 2005.