the DUFF ballot

1990–91
North America to Australia

DUFF

The Down Under Fan Fund was created in 1972 to encourage closer ties between fans in Australasia and North America. With host countries alternating each year, there have been 18 exchanges of fan representatives since, supported entirely by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates visit a major SF convention in the host country and visit with fans they might otherwise never meet in person. DUFFers are treated as special guests and are always well looked after.

Donations

DUFF exists solely on the donations and contributions of fans, and always welcomes donations of money and material for auction. There are auctions of DUFF material at appropriate cons, and often mail auctions through the DUFF newsletter. Contributions can be brought to the con or sent to the local administrator. Anyone may contribute, even if ineligible to vote, and any donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to *John D. Berry* (in North America) or *Greg Turkich* (in Australasia). Money should always be sent in the administrator's home currency.

Voting

Any fan active in fandom before January 1990 may vote. Ballots must be *signed* and accompanied by a donation of at least $2 (in either Australian or United States currency). Each person is allowed only one vote. You must return the entire ballot. If, at the time of voting, you think your name may not be known to the administrator, please include the name of a fan (not to include any of the candidates) or fan group who can vouch for you. We will not count unverifiable votes.

DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic runoff and a majority win. You rank the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3...). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second, third, etc., places, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (You are not required to fill in more than your name, address, and first choice.)

Candidates

Each candidate has posted a ten-dollar bond, given a brief written platform, provided the names, addresses, and signatures of three North American nominators and two Australasian nominators, and promised (barring Acts of God) to travel to Suncon '91, the 1991 Australian National Convention, in Brisbane, Queensland, on March 29–31, 1991.

Administrators

North America: John D. Berry, 525 Nineteenth Avenue East, Seattle, Washington 98112
Australasia: Greg Turkich, 8 Protea Street, Greenwood, Western Australia 6024

Deadline: ***All votes must reach an administrator by January 15, 1991.***

Janice Murray It's all Clifford Wind's fault. In 1980 he gave me a DUFF ballot to frank through the newsletter I was editing for the Northwest Science Fiction Society. Since then I've been fascinated with Australian and New Zealand fandoms. I joined ANZAPA and I devour every Aussie or Kiwi fanzine I can get my hands on. Ah, to have the opportunity to drink a beer or six or twelve with these warm, friendly fans. To discuss the important issues of our day: fanzines, conrunning (from Corflu to World Fantasy Con), con-bidding (why do we do it?) and Life (and Thyme).

Nominated by Lucy Huntzinger, Marilyn Pride, Alan Rosenthal, Stu Shiffman, and Jean Weber.

Art Widner I like Oz and Ozzies so much that I scraped myself up from a bloody coral road (my blood!) after a nasty bike spill in Bora Bora, and staggered on to Aussiecon II. Then I got knocked out by the Melb'n Flu and was forced home before I could make more friends and see the rest of the place. That's pretty good for an Oldphart of 68. I've hosted several Ozzies since and never met one I didn't like. I'm 73 now, and think I've earned the chance to finish what I started. It's my Last Hurrah.

Nominated by Don Fitch, Dick Lynch, Lewis Morley, Pat Mueller, and Roger Weddall.

Send your completed ballot and voting fee to one of the administrators:

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I vote for (list 1, 2, 3, etc.):

___ Janice Murray
___ Art Widner
___ *Write-in:*
_____
___ Hold Over Funds
___ No Preference

(Please print your name & address clearly & legibly)

Signature:
Name:
Address:

If you think you may be unknown to the administrators, please give the name of a fan or fan group to whom you are known:

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