

FFANZ 2015

The Fan Fund for Australia and New Zealand was created to strengthen the ties between Australian and New Zealand fandom. FFANZ assists fans with travel to the Natcon of the other nation, and assists with as many of the attendant costs of travel as practical, as well as facilitating connections between fans.

This year's FFANZ race is an eastward bound one, facilitating travel by an Australian fan to the 36th New Zealand National Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Convention, **Reconnaissance**, to be held in Rotorua from the 3rd - 6th of April 2015 (Easter Weekend). It is expected that after the trip the winner takes over as administrator of the fund, engages in fundraising for the fund, and that they promote links between the two fandoms via a trip report or other means.

All members of Australian and New Zealand fandom are eligible to vote. The voting process contributes to the fundraising, so in order to vote you must pay \$5NZD, \$5AUD or \$5USD. If you wish to pay via direct deposit or Paypal, please **make contact** with the administrator, Edwina Harvey, via email (celestialcobbler@hotmail.com). Postal votes can be sent to FFANZ, c/- 63 Albatross Close, Whitby, Porirua, in New Zealand or to Edwina Harvey, FFANZ c/- 12 Flinders St, Matraville, NSW, 2036 in Australia. Cheques should be made out to the administrators, Edwina Harvey in Australia and Dan Rabarts in New Zealand. Ballots may also be handed directly to any of the Administrators in person.

If you vote by PayPal there is no need to return a completed Ballot Form. To donate and vote, you can PayPal your donation (minimum NZ \$5) to e-mail address at: rabarts@gmail.com, mentioning in the comments field which voting option you support.

Voting concludes Sunday the 15th of December, 2014.

This year there is one candidate. They have provided a statement to support their candidacy.

David McDonald

David McDonald is a Melbourne based writer who edits a magazine for an international welfare organisation. When not on a computer or reading a book, he divides his time between helping run a local cricket club and working on his novel. In 2013 he won the Ditmar Award for Best New Talent, and in 2014 won the William J. Atheling Jr. Award for Criticism or Review and was shortlisted for the WSFA Small Press Award. His short fiction has appeared in anthologies such as **The Lone Ranger**

Chronicles from Moonstone Books and **Epilogue** from Fablecroft Publishing. David is a member of the Australian Horror Writers Association, The International Association of Media Tie-In Writers, and of the Melbourne based writers group, SuperNOVA.

David has been in fandom for a number of years, and has been nominated for a number of awards for his fan writing on Doctor Who and for his participation in the Aussie Snapshot - a comprehensive overview of the Aussie spec fic scene.

He has served on the committee for two Continuums, including helping with programming for Continuum X, and was also involved with this year's Conflux convention.

He is committed to helping raise the profile of Australian speculative fiction, both through the Snapshot and through the Galactic Chat podcast, and looks forward to exploring the NZ scene and promoting Aussie fandom there.

Nominated by Norman Cates (NZ) and Cat Sparks (Aus).

You may also choose to vote 'Hold over funds' if you think that a delegate should not be selected this year.

Voter's Name:

Method of payment:

Cash []
Paypal []
Direct Deposit []
Cheque []

Please indicate your vote by placing a tick in the box indicating your preferred choice:

David McDonald []
Hold over funds []
