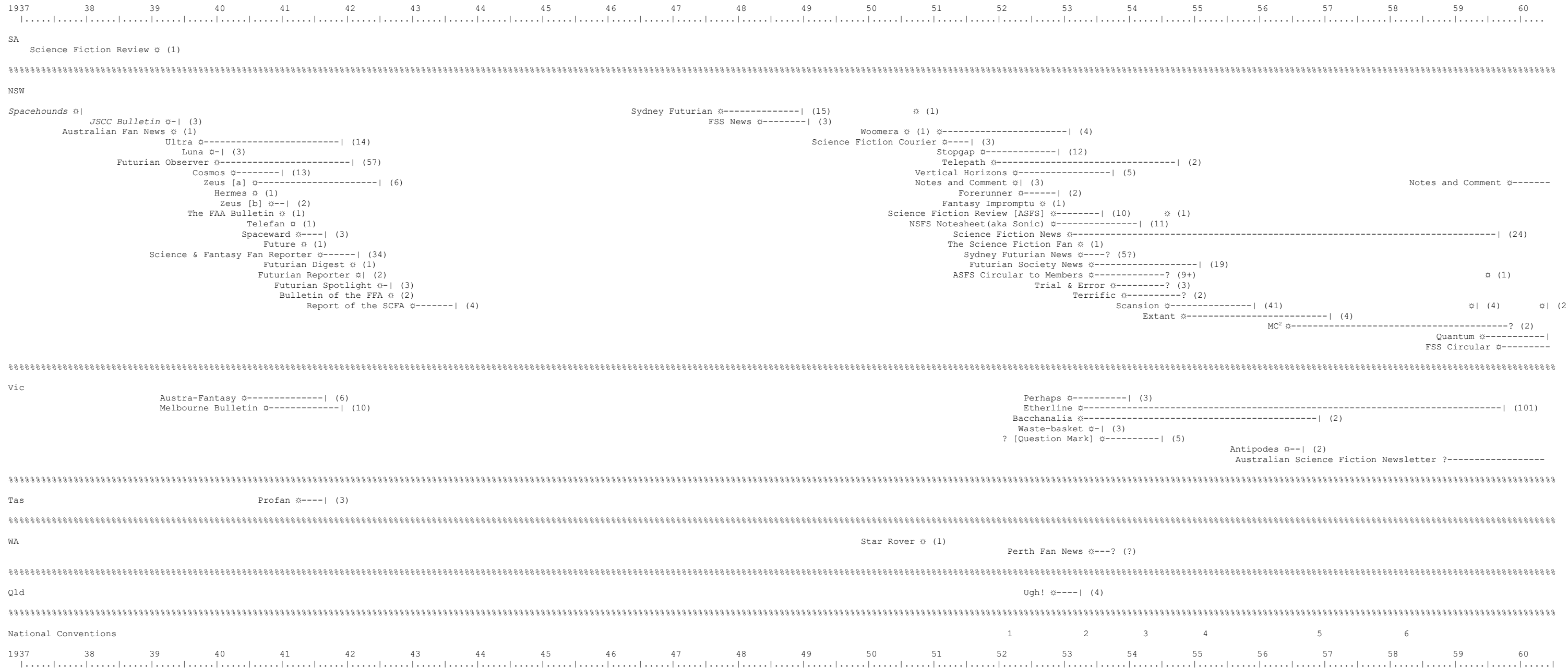


TIMELINE OF EARLY AUSTRALIAN FANZINES (2nd ed. 2020)



INDEX TO EARLY AUSTRALIAN SF FANZINES (*and related items*), 1937 -- 1960

<u>Title</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Began</u>	<u>Ended</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Editor(s), Publisher(s) / Organisation</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Antipodes	2	Jun 1956	Aug 1956?	Vic	Leo Harding	Subtitled on the second issue "the friendly fanzine from down-under", this was the last of Lee Harding's early zines.
ASFS Circular to Members	10?	May 1953	Jul 1959	NSW	Graham Stone / ASFS	ASFS = Australian (later Australasian) SF Society, created by Stone in 1951 to help fans across Australia & NZ connect.
Austra-Fantasy	6	Jun 1940	Sep 1941	Vic	Warwick Hockley	The first fan magazine published in Victoria. The first issue was carbon-copied, others hektographed or duplicated.
Australian Fan News	1	May 1939		NSW	Veney, Castellari & Russell / JASFCC	JASFCC = Junior Australian Science Fiction Correspondence Club. The first typed & mimeo'd Australian sf fanzine.
Australian Science Fiction Newsletter	4+	1959	>Jan 1960	Vic	Merv Binns / MSFC	Merv's first fan mag, with news of events and new publications available.
Bacchanalia	2	Apr 1953	Dec 1956	Vic	Race Matthews / AFPA	Began as a fantasy-oriented companion to Perhaps. Second issue possibly produced for Olympicon.
Bulletin of the FFA	2	Sep 1942	Sep 1942	NSW	Colin Roden / FFA	FFA = Futurian Federation of Australia. Two issues were published in Sept. 1942; no others are known.
Cosmos	13	Apr 1940	Jan 1941	NSW	Molesworth, Veney & Castellari	An all-letter zine which ranged from 2 to 12 pp. Begun by Molesworth, Veney & Castellari edited some issues when Vol was ill.
Etherline	101	Mar 1953	Sep 1959	Vic	Ian Crozier / AFPA, later MSFC	Longest-running title of the 1950s and a regular source of news on fan activity around the country.
Extant	4	Apr 1956	Feb 1957	NSW	Michael Baldwin & Bill Hubble	Fourth issue was not distributed until 1975.
The FAA Bulletin	1	Jan 1941		NSW	Eric Russell / FAA	FAA = Futurian Association of Australia, later renamed Futurian Federation of Australia by Molesworth.
Fantasy Impromptu	1	Aug 1952		NSW	Vol Molesworth	Small, immaculate typeset single sheet (folded) with short news items.
Forerunner	2	Spr 1952	Aut 1953	NSW	R. Douglas Nicholson	Published fan fiction, intended as the <i>forerunner</i> of a fully professional Australian sf magazine.
FSS Circular	45+	1959	>Jan 1960	NSW	Graham Stone / FSS	FSS = Futurian Society of Sydney. Circulars included news, auctions and lists of members.
FSS News	3	Feb 1949	Nov 1949	NSW	Eric Russell (#1), Vol Molesworth / FSS	Short-lived foolscap replacement for Sydney Futurian with a nice title block drawn by Stirling Macoboy.
Future	1	May 1941		NSW	Eric Russell / FSS	"Official Organ of the Futurian Society" for one issue. 12 pp. of articles, fiction and meeting minutes.
Futurian Digest	1	Feb 1942		NSW	Vol Molesworth / FSS	"To the boys in khaki...they may use it as a correspondence corner". The boys were busy at the time, so this was a one-shot.
Futurian Observer	57	Jan 1940	Mar 1942	NSW	Veney & Castellari / FSS	A single foolscap page of news & satire, fortnightly until March 1941, when 5 issues at a time became the norm.
Futurian Reporter	2	Mar 1942	Apr 1942	NSW	J. Keith Moxon	Subtitled "a theological fortnightly" on first issue. Moxon was attending a missionary college and challenged sf fans on science.
Futurian Society News	19	May 1953	Jan 1955	NSW	Brian Finch; later Bob Thurston / FSS	Finch edited during 1953, Thurston for the rest of the issues.
Futurian Spotlight	3	Jul 1942	Sep 1942	NSW	Molesworth & Stone / FSS	Each was a single sheet.
Hermes	1	Aug 1940		NSW	Eric & Ted Russell	A companion to Ultra. Further "out soon" mentions of Hermes appeared, but this is the only issue known. A newsheet.
JSCC Bulletin	3	Apr 1939	Jun 1939	NSW	Vol Molesworth & Ken Jeffereys / JSCC	JSCC = Junior Science Correspondents' Club. Two issues were carbon-copied, 1 duplicated. Not seen as an sf zine, even by Vol.
Luna	3	Dec 1939	Feb 1940	NSW	Vol Molesworth / FSS	A good mix of news, articles, fiction and letter columns featured in Vol's first sf fanzine.
MC ²	2	1956	1958?	NSW	Pete Jefferson & Roger Sebel	Two younger Sydney fans produced the first issue, similar to Lee Harding's Perhaps. Jefferson alone did the second.
Melbourne Bulletin	10	Oct 1940	Dec 1941	Vic	Warwick Hockley & Keith Taylor	Companion to Austra-Fantasy. Both used much content from Sydney fans, but the Melbourne fans' use of multi-colour illos set new standards.
[Melbourne SF Group newsletter]	?	?	?	Vic	Bob McCubbin / MSFG	Vol Molesworth mentions a MSFG newsletter produced irregularly by Bob McCubbin before Etherline, but no issues are known.
Notes and Comment [a]	3	Apr 1952	May 1952	NSW	Molesworth & Ken Martin / FSS	First series. Contents varied.
Notes and Comment [b]	4	late 1959	1964	NSW	Graham Stone / FSS	Second series. Single issues appeared in 1959/60, 1962, 1963 and 1964.
NSFS Notesheet [a.k.a. Sonic]	11	Oct 1952	Mar 1954	NSW	Michael Bos & Richard Mowle / NSFS	NSFS = North Shore Futurian Society, formed after the first convention. Fanzine had Sonic added to its title from #7 ca. August 1953.
Perhaps	3	Feb 1953	Jan 1954	Vic	Leo Harding / AFPA	Lee Harding's first fanzine, with contributions from an impressive mix of Australian and overseas fans.
Perth Fan News	?	Apr 1953?	?	WA	Ralph Harding / PSFG	Fanzine of the Perth SF Group, but both are known of only from mentions in some contemporary zines.
Profan	3	Apr 1941	Sep 1941	Tas	Don Tuck	Tassie's first. Tuck went on to write the first encyclopedia of science fiction.
Quantum	8	Jun 1959	Jun 1960	NSW	John Baxter	First of a new generation of fan publications, Quantum gave way to Bunyip later in 1960.
? [Question Mark]	4	Aug 1953	Jul 1954	Vic	Bruce Heron, Kevin Wheelahan, Ian Crozier	"?" was the only character on each cover, but this was spelt out as "Question Mark" in the zine. Editor(s) changed over time.
Report of the SCFA	4	Jan 1943	Sep 1943	NSW	Colin Roden	SCFA = Southern Cross Futurian Association, successor to the FFA. The SCFA moved away from sf, into good causes and theatrics.
Scansion	47	Jul 1954	>Jan 1960	NSW	Sydney SF Group	Each issue was edited by a different member of the Sydney SF Group. Short-lived revivals occurred in 1959 and 1960.
Science & Fantasy Fan Reporter	34	Aug 1941	Mar 1942	NSW	Colin Roden; Eric Russell, Graham Stone	This was an excellent source of news for its run. Published with blue ink on light blue paper, it looked very distinct.
Science Fiction Courier	3	Mar 1951	Aug 1951	NSW	Graham Stone / ASFS	First fanzine for ASFS members. Printed, but soon replaced with the roneo'd Stopgap to allow for quicker distribution.
The Science Fiction Fan	1	Mar 1953		NSW	Graham Stone / ASFS	A "proposed publication. Its future depends on the response of ASFS members." Mostly reprints of reviews by fans (1938-1952).
Science Fiction News	24+	Jan 1953	Aug 1959	NSW	Graham Stone / ASFS	Printed issues were the spiffiest of their day, but the money ran out. Revived in the 1960s.
Science Fiction Review	1	Feb 1939		SA	John Devern [John Dauvergne Gregor]	Australia's first -- from Adelaide! Hand-written, duplicated with black covers, less than 20 copies produced.
Science Fiction Review [ASFS]	11	Oct 1952	Aug 1954	NSW	Rex Meyer; Graham Stone / ASFS	Meyer edited a run which ended July 1953; Stone produced one more in August 1954.
Sonic <i>see</i> NSFS Notesheet						
Spacehounds	10	late 1937		NSW	Castellari, Veney, Ron Brennan & Ron Lane	A set of sf stories written and drawn over 10 weeks in a school notebook, long since lost. Unique fanac, yes, but not a fanzine.
Spaceward	3	Apr 1941	Sep 1941	NSW	Vol Molesworth (#1,2), A. Haddon (#3) / FFA	Arthur Haddon used a (poorly) home-made silk-screen to create issue 3; it was so illegible he refused to distribute it.
Star Rover	1	Nov 1950		WA	Roger Dard	Western Australia's first by the best known Australian fan overseas at the time.
Stopgap	11	Oct 1951	Dec 1952	NSW	Graham Stone / FSS	Literally, Stone's intended temporary fanzine for ASFS until he could produce Science Fiction News.
Sydney Futurian	16	Sep 1947	Sep 1950	NSW	Vol Molesworth / FSS	First post-war fanzine and a good start -- a pity the FSS didn't maintain it. A single printed issue appeared in September 1950.
Sydney Futurian News [varies]	5?	Mar 1953	Aug 1953?	NSW	Kevin Dillon	Short-lived zine providing news and listings of latest publications available in Sydney
Telefan	1	Mar 1941		NSW	Vol Molesworth	Another one-shot letterzine from Molesworth.
Telepath	2	Dec 1951	Oct 1954	NSW	Arthur Haddon	Haddon's first attempt to match First issue typeset, second was duplicated.
Terrific	2	1953	1953	NSW	D. Kenyon / NSFS	NSFS = North Shore Futurian Society, something of a rival to the FSS in the 1950s.
Trial and Error	3	1953	1954	NSW	Doug Stanborough	A lesser-known fanzine devoted to amateur fiction.
Ugh!	4	Jun 1950	Apr 1953	Qld	William Veney	First from Queensland, but from a very experienced Sydney fan sent north for his job.
Ultra	14	Oct 1939	Dec 1941	NSW	Eric & Edward Russell	The most substantial early fanzine, some issues exceeding 30 pages. First two were carbon-copied; the rest, roneo'd.
Vertical Horizons	5	Apr 1952	Oct 1953	NSW	Rosemary Simmons / "the Femme Fan Group"	The "Femme Fan Group" was composed entirely of women. Their zine brought a new perspective to Sydney fandom, but did not last.
Waste-basket	3	Jun 1953	Aug 1953	Vic	Leo J. Harding	Intended by Harding as an outlet for material not used elsewhere.
Woomera [first run]	1	Aug 1950		NSW	Nick Solntseff & Mike McGuinness	The first independent post-war title.
Woomera [second run]	4	Feb 1951	Feb 1953	NSW	Nick Solntseff	When you've thought of a great title for your magazine, why waste it? Excellent in appearance and content.
Zeus [a]	6	Aug 1940	Spr 1942	NSW	Castellari, Dwyer, Smith, Levy, Veney	Had a 6-person publishing committee which altered over the life of the magazine.
Zeus [b] [a.k.a. pseudo-Zeus]	2	Nov 1940	Feb 1941	NSW	Ken Dwyer	A disgruntled Ken Dwyer produced two "pseudo" issues on his own after resigning from the FSS.