

# THE INSTRUMENTALITY

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## Norma K Hemming Award

Designed to recognise excellence in the exploration of themes of race, gender, sexuality, class or disability in a published speculative fiction work, the Norma K Hemming Award is now open for entries.

The award is open to short fiction, novellas, novels, anthologies, collections, graphic novels and stage plays, and makes allowances for serialised work. Entry is free for all works, and entries may be provided to the judges in print or digital format.

Two prizes will be given, one for short fiction (up to 17,500 words) and one award for long work (novellas, novels, collections, anthologies, graphic novels and play scripts), with a cash prize and citation awarded.

Nominations are open to all eligible work produced in 2018.

“We encourage publishers and creators to carefully consider their work from the eligible period,” said award administrator Tehani Croft. “It is our goal to see all eligible material considered by the jurors. It is important to us that every person has the opportunity to see themselves reflected in fiction, and we hope that the Norma can have some part to play in making works dealing in themes of race, gender, sexuality, class or disability in speculative fiction more visible.”

Nominations for the 2019 awards, covering all eligible work published in 2018, are now open.

Entries will close on January 31, 2019. We encourage immediate entry for all work.

For more information and to stay up to date, please see the new Award website at <https://normakhemmingaward.org> or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NKHAward/> and Twitter [https://twitter.com/NKH\\_Award](https://twitter.com/NKH_Award)

For further information, please contact award administrator Tehani Croft at [nkh-award@asff.org.au](mailto:nkh-award@asff.org.au).

## ADVANCE NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held 20 January 2019. As is the function of an AGM, reports on the Foundation's activities throughout 2018 will be presented as will the Financial Statement. Also is the election of the Committee and Office Bearers.

Feel you could be a part of steering the ASFF into the 21st century? We are looking for committed and passionate people to join the Committee. You will be required to take on an existing project such as promotion or the Amateur Writing Competition or Committee Liaison to the awards or

perhaps you have an idea for a project for the ASFF which you could lead. Access to email and the internet is essential. Location not important - Skype!

Contact Rose Mitchell at [admin@asff.org.au](mailto:admin@asff.org.au) if you are interested.

## GUFF

The nominations are now open for the Get-Up and over Fan Fund. The winning GUFF delegate(s) will be attending worldcon in Dublin in 2019. Head to the [Fan Fund website](#) to find out how you can nominate. Nominations close 5 December.

## Conventions

**Want to list your convention, club or group on our Resources Page? Contact: [webmaster@asff.org.au](mailto:webmaster@asff.org.au)**

**[INDIE COMIC CON 2018](#)** 8 Dec Northcote Town Hall, Melbourne **Free event**

**[Nullus Anxietas 7-](#)** The Australian Discworld Convention - will be held in Melbourne on 12-14 April, 2019, and is themed on *Going Postal*. Check out their website for all details.

**[Swancon 2019](#)**. 19-22 April 2019, Perth. Guests Charlie Jane Anders, Annalee Newitz, and Jonathan Strahan.

**Speculative Fiction Festival** 29 June 2019. NSW Writers Centre. More details to follow.

**[Continuum 15: Other Worlds](#)**. Natcon 58 7-10 June 2019. Kate Elliot and Ken Liu Jasper Hotel, Melbourne

**[Dublin 2019 an Irish Worldcon](#)**. 15-19 August 2019, Dublin. Guests Diane Duane, Bill and Mary Burns, Ginjer Buchanan, Ian McDonald, Jocelyn Bell Burnell & Steve Jackson

**[ConNZeland](#)**. 29 July - 2 August 2020. Wellington NZ. Guests MERCEDES LACKEY AND LARRY DIXON, GREG BROADMORE, ROSE MITCHELL & Toastmaster GEORGE R. R. MARTIN

Swancon 2020 Australian National SF Convention Perth, Anzac Day long weekend.