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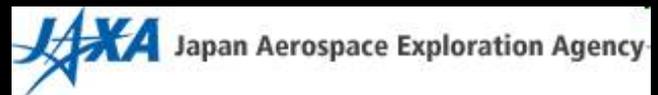
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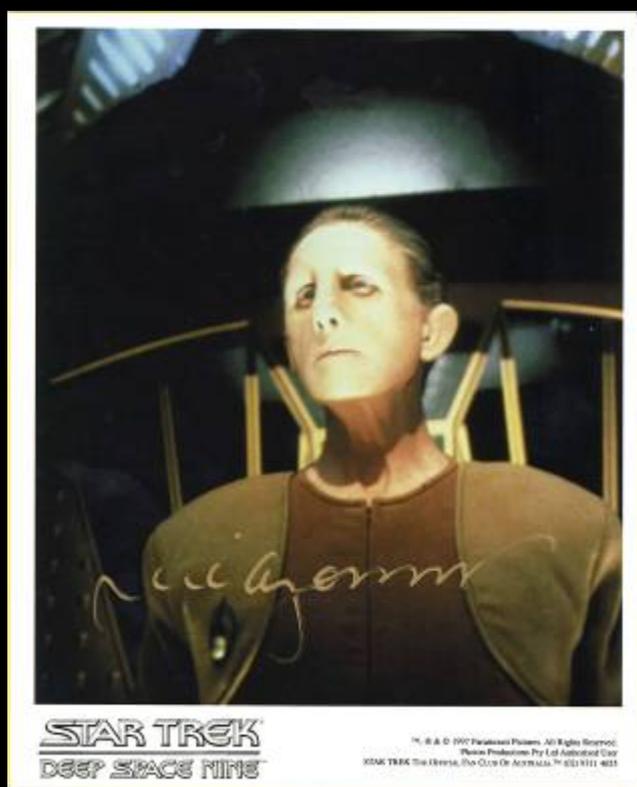
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Once again it was an early start getting up at 4.00am to make the plane to Melbourne.

We turned up at First Contact Conventions to see Paul McGann, Doctor Who number 8 and Dominic Keating, Malcolm Reed from Star Trek: Enterprise.

Having seen Malcolm before we thought that it would be nice, yes nice to see him again but we were looking forward to seeing Paul as he was A Doctor Who, (even if it was the movie one). Now we had heard that Paul was quite shy, so we were expecting a quiet time with him and to hear some of what we had already heard from Dominic at past conventions. How wrong were we!



Before we got to the con talks we were able to interview both Paul and Dominic. So we sat down with Dominic thinking that we would be there for a short chat. Again how wrong we were! Forty minutes later and with cheek muscles sore from laughing it was like having our own personal convention. Dominic's interview was so funny and so interesting with little need to do any editing that we will have to do a part one and two for our podcast. He even has quite a singing voice which you will get to hear as well as listen to a very funny man. It will be coming up soon so keep checking www.womentalkscifi.com to make sure that you don't miss out.

The Doctor Who fan club of Victoria had finished their interview with so we swapped seats and although unable to spend as much time with Paul as we had with Dominic what we had heard about him being shy was wrong! Paul was great to talk too and you can catch his interview at [Paul McGann Interview](#). Paul is from a very theatrical family as he and his three brothers are all actors. Did you know that they had a hit record a good few years ago? Go on have a search and see if you can find it!

With interviews in our recorders we carry two each, "to be sure, to be sure, to be sure, to be sure" that we get that interview for you. With a little time to wait for the convention talks we headed off to talk with our friends from Gifts for the Geek and Flaming Star Collectables. Catching up to see what merchandise was available. (Remember readers can get a discount with Gifts for the Geek, send an e-mail to us to get the discount code).



Finally we sat and Paul and Dominic hit the stage both engaging the audience and us. This was a one-day trip for us so at the end of the con it was off to the airport to come home. The day may have started at 4.00 am and ended at 11.30 pm but tired as we were it was a great day. Thanks to Scotty from [First Contact Conventions](#) for the great





James Marsters

When we travel all over the country to different conventions it is not only the guests that we love meeting but also the many people that we chat to along the way.

In April we travelled to Melbourne for the Supanova event. A 4am flight to Melbourne and excited about the weekend ahead. Dropping our bags off at the hotel we were off to the Melbourne Showgrounds for a day filled with fun and autograph buying.



Alex Meraz

Again the guest list for these events was star studded, James Marsters (Spike from Buffy), Mary McDonnell (Laura Roslin from Battlestar Galactica), Gareth David-Lloyd (Ianto Jones from Torchwood), Corin Nemec (Jonas Quinn from Stargate SG-1), Alex Meraz (Paul from the Twilight Saga) and Larry Bagby (Buffy) just to name a few.

When we arrived it took us a while to orientate ourselves. The Melbourne Supanova is spread over a few buildings which is different to the Sydney event that is in one area. It didn't take long to find 'the boys' from Gifts for the Geek and also friends Deanna and her mother Michelle who had travelled to Melbourne for the event. (See Deanna's report in this issue).

The line up for James Marster's autograph was always long and it took some effort but we managed to get our autographs signed and of course we could not leave the con without having our picture taken with him! He is verrrrry nice close up!



Gareth David-Lloyd



Corin Nemec

Time was flying fast and before we knew it was 2pm and time to listen to Mary McDonnell. She was very entertaining. Her passion for Battlestar Galactica certainly came across. It was just a pity that we weren't able to take any photos of her during the talk.

Not only is it the guests we enjoy meeting but also other fans who share the same interest as us in Sci Fi. People like Veronica and Karen who love to Cos play at these events and Sara, one of the many wonderful volunteers who we chatted to as we were waiting in line just to name a few. On the tram back to the hotel we sat and talked a person from Canberra another from Melbourne and one from Tasmania dressed as Wolverine this genre does bring together all ages.



Larry Bagby

supanova

pop culture expo



Sunday was another full day with the James Marster's talk and then our interviews with Larry Bagby (Buffy), Corin Nemec, Alex Meraz and Gareth David-Lloyd. Keep checking our podcast site www.womentalkscifi.com for upcoming interviews.

The costumes that people wore are amazing and the amount of time and effort put into what people wear is mind blowing. Costumes such as, The Mad Hatter, Darth Maul, and the

Weeping Angels, The Mad Hatter and wolverine being personal favourites.

Corin kidnapped a camera crew and interviewed people over the two days and you can catch them at YouTube <http://il.youtube.com/watch?v=q1p0ADZb8es>. He had a great time speaking to all the guests as you will see and he was also pleasure to interview.

Gareth David-Lloyd was also a fun guest and is nothing like the serious Ianto in the Torchwood series we were lucky to be able to interview him and you can hear our interview with him. www.womentalkscifi.com/podcasts/Podcast23-IantoJones-FromCoffeeMakerToAlienHunter.mp3. When coming to conventions some guests bring their own photos for autographs and Gareth brought a whole 60 with him because he did not think that Torchwood was that popular down under. Lucky Daniel from Supanova was able to get many more to satisfy all the fans who wanted an autograph. Gareth went home knowing how popular in Australia he and Torchwood really are.

Karl Urban also there and as always friendly, approachable and someone who understands that his fans are important to his career.

Our thanks go to Daniel and Lionel from Supanova and Jason and Darren from 'Gifts for the Geek' for the opportunity to interview the guests.

Make sure you go to a Supanova event when it is in a capital city near you check them out at www.supanova.com.au.





At Supanova in Melbourne we met some Aussie actors and producers who have made an all Aussie horror Sci Fi movie called The Dark Lurking. Bret Kennedy and Anthony Edwards told us how the movie came about and how they made it on a very limited budget. Bret and Anthony are part of a group of Australian artists who would like to see an active and busy Sci Fi film industry in Australia. The Dark Lurking is the First Feature Production from Australian Production Company FILMWERX 77.

So what is the movie about?

2017: Something has gone terribly wrong at outpost 30, a secret international research facility one mile beneath a remote part of the Earth's surface. All communications are gone, all means of escape destroyed and an extremely dangerous horde of creatures is on the loose.

For eight survivors, their one possible escape route is through thirteen levels of terror that will lead them to the surface.

The Dark Lurking is an adrenaline fuelled action thriller in the tradition of such horror classics as Aliens and The Evil Dead.

Entirely shot in Queensland, Australia and is written and directed by Greg Connors and is Greg's debut feature film.

To find out more, check out the movie at www.thedarklurkingmovie.com

Whilst the movie is at some cinemas around the country the DVD is available from their website.



A Fangirl's First Convention



Check out the look on her face!

Supanova Pop Culture Expo; aka Geek central! Had everything from Dr Who and Torchwood, Stargate, Ben 10, Twilight, and much, much more. The Con was officially started with my mum, my uncle, myself and John waiting in line to pick up our tickets, and my mum asking me who every single cosplayer in the vicinity was. I could name some of them, but even as an anime/manga and sci-fi fan I was at a loss for the majority, only able to stare in awe at how much time and effort had been put into the costumes. Luckily the tickets line was moving extremely fast at this point and we quickly got our stamps and moved on to hear an announcement for anyone wanting to listen to James Marsters' Q&A. Getting a seat at the back we settled in and soon enough, James took to the stage, answering questions about working on *Buffy*, *Angel*, *Torchwood*, and *Dragonball: Evolution*. For the record- John Barrowman is 'better' than Sarah Michelle Gellar (insert room of screaming fangirls, myself included, here).

It was still only 11 in the morning when James finished speaking, so deciding that now would be the best time, we lined up to buy photo and autograph passes for Gareth David-Lloyd- and by we lined up, I mean mum lined up. I went off to line up to withdraw money from the only ATM there, which decided to break down as I reached the front of the line; back to waiting in line with mum again. As the time grew nearer and nearer to Gareth's Q&A, and the line seemed to not move at all, I again left mum in the line and went to where I was told it would be happening- only for nothing; later to be told it was in a different area. Running to the room he was in, I was able to listen to the last 20 or so minutes. I left the room with a smile on my face, which just got bigger when I was able to get my photo with a Batman (the BEST superhero ever and my hero) cosplayer!

It was now close to 1, the time when I was told Gareth would be taking photos, so we all lined up for my photo (we were about fifth from the front!), and by now I was getting excited. Another hour of waiting in lines passed, when finally, just before two, he walked into the photo booth and I could see him, Gareth David-Lloyd, Ianto Jones, just metres away and the line began to move. It came to my turn, and I handed my ticket over to the volunteers, and went and cuddled up with Gareth, and by cuddled, I mean really cuddled! It went too quickly for my liking, and as I left I said I love you, to be told he loves me too (I fangirled here). The photo was printed within five minutes and so we walked over to join the autograph line; I was shaking and barely breathing by now. Gareth didn't take long to finish photos and come over to the autograph area, so it was quickly my turn again. I squeaked (yes squeaked) out a 'hi', and handed my photo over, and said my name for him to write, and then mum had to take over the talking role. As we walked away, he called me sweetie which just set me off fangirling again. This time I couldn't breathe at all, and could only stand there, saying 'OH MY GOD OH MY GOD!'



The only thing left to do was to look into the vendors' hall, and see what was for sale. There was so much there, from so many of my favourite Sci-Fi shows, movies, animes and games. At every stall I found something that I wanted to buy, yet I dragged myself away to move onto the next stall and the next item I wanted. Somehow we by-passed the 'Gifts for the Geek' stall, and missed an opportunity to buy a life size Captain Jack Harkness cut out, as they were sold out by the time we found out where they were. I did however feel the need to buy something, when I found a Yoshi plushie from Super Mario Brothers.

As the weather began to really become warm, and having done everything that we all wanted to, we left the Melbourne Showgrounds and Supanova, to return back home where we watched *Sanctuary*, *Warehouse 13* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. It was the perfect ending to the perfect day.

Deanna Black

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As most of you are aware we are from Adelaide in South Australia and recently our State was involved in some new Space history. On the 13th June 2010 the Japanese space capsule Hayabusa returned to earth and landed at the Woomera testing range at 11.21pm local time. The Japanese Aerospace Agency (JAXA) launched the capsule on the 9th May in 2003 and it has clocked 2 billion kilometers in its travels. The aim of the mission was to meet up with the asteroid Itokawa and although the second craft to have landed on an asteroid it is the first one to return home with a sample. It landed on the asteroid in 2005 and started its journey home in 2007 and finally landed in June. To check out more information see <http://www.isas.jaxa.jp/e/enterp/missions/hayabusa/index.shtml>



Hayabusa and asteroid Itokawa (concept drawing)



Hayabusa re-entry to earth in Australia from the ground



Hayabusa re-entry to earth in Australia from the air



Map of Australia where Hayabusa landed

Photos courtesy NASA and JAXA

Women Talk Sci Fi Podcasts
Podcast 22 Interview with Alex Meraz from Twilight
Podcast 23 Interview with Gareth David-Lloyd from Torchwood
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Look who is coming to Adelaide and Perth

The Hub Productions Presents

Christopher Judge
Corin Nemec

Corin's appearance is sponsored by our friends at Gifts for the Geek.
www.giftsforthegeek.com.au

Saturday the 28th August in Adelaide
Sunday the 29th August in Perth

[Click here to go to The Hub Productions website for ticketing information](#)



Look who is coming to Melbourne and Sydney

Marina Sirtis
Michael Dorn

Saturday the 21st August in Melbourne
Sunday the 22nd August in Sydney

[Click here to go to First Contact Conventions website for ticketing information](#)



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