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It is not very often in Australia that you get to meet the actor who plays one of your favourite TV characters. I have now had the pleasure of meeting Kate Mulgrew twice, this time at the First Contact Convention in Melbourne!! I must admit I was a little tentative about meeting her again. I was hoping that I would enjoy Kate Mulgrew the person as much as I did the first time I met her. When you have such a vested interest in a TV character you really don't want to know that the actor does not live up to your expectation. I was not disappointed; Kate Mulgrew was as entertaining in 2011 as she was in 2000.

So what is it about the character of Janeway that I enjoy? Where do I begin? It is not so much that I admire the character of Janeway, I want to be JANEWAY!!

She is a woman of great courage, passion, ability and she is in charge of a Starship!! I want to be in charge of a Starship, however I want one that is not lost in the Delta Quadrant





OzTrek6 didn't start off very well for the 14 of us travelling from Adelaide! Sitting in a plane on the airport tarmac for two hours waiting impatiently for fog to clear in Melbourne so we could take off and get there before we missed anything.

Yes we did miss something. We didn't arrive at the venue until midday missing the Skype link up with Leonard Nimoy, however the day did improve from then on.



Tim Russ was first on stage in the afternoon. He is at ease with his fans and tells great stories about his time on set. His Q&A ended with a short comedy film that he wrote and directed called 'Plugged' starring other Star Trek alumni Gary Graham, Dominic Keating and Ethan Phillips. Tim has directed a range of short films that can be purchased via his website.



Kate then entered the room and had us immediately laughing. She talked about the show, about her life, about her skills as an actor.

Near the end of her Q&A Tim Russ gate crashed and it was wonderful to see the friendship the two of them share.



The day (shortened by our delayed flight) was over as we all walked out with photos and a number of autographs in hand, ready to save up for the next Con.



The advert in the Travel brochure says:

‘ WARNING! If you’re scared of UFOs don’t come to Wycliffe Well’.

Whether you believe in UFOs, love Science Fiction or just want to see something ‘out of this world’ then Wycliffe Well, Northern Territory, Australia is the place to visit! In the middle of nowhere is an imposing building covered in alien paintings, surrounded by alien statues and filled with souvenirs with an alien bent.



Where is Wycliffe Well, you may ask? It is 390km north of the town of Alice Springs, Alice as it is affectionately known is right in the middle of Australia. During July 2011 Eugenia travelled to the town with our friend Therese’s parents to spread her ashes in the UFO centre of Australia!! Therese loved the world of Science Fiction and always wanted to go to Roswell. This was the closest to Roswell we could find in Australia.

Her ashes were scattered near the lake to the singing of ‘Star Trekkin’ watched on by her favourite Ferengi Quark and grey alien toy. The little grey alien now has pride of place in the alien display cabinet just off the restaurant area





Arc, who is the owner of the Caravan Park, has had an interest in UFOs since he saw an unidentified flying object at the age of 11. This experience has led him to set up a Caravan Park in the UFO capital of Australia. People from all around Australia and the world come to see this tribute to extra-terrestrials. There was to be an Australian UFO conference at the park in March 2011 but the flooding in Queensland also caused floods in Wycliffe Well and the conference had to be cancelled.

Check out the photos but they are only a small selection of the many pieces of artwork that decorate the vans, fences and buildings in the caravan park.



OctaCon~11



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October 8th 2011

SA Writer's Centre

2nd Floor 187 Rundle Street, Adelaide

Registration commences at 9.30am

Membership \$10/\$5 at door

10.00 ~ 4.00

The Third in a series of small conventions. This one will look at carious aspects of Joss Whedon's creations.

Panels and talks include:

The ethics of Dollhouse

Buffy Season 8

Galactic Empires:

Firefly Star Trek Star Wars

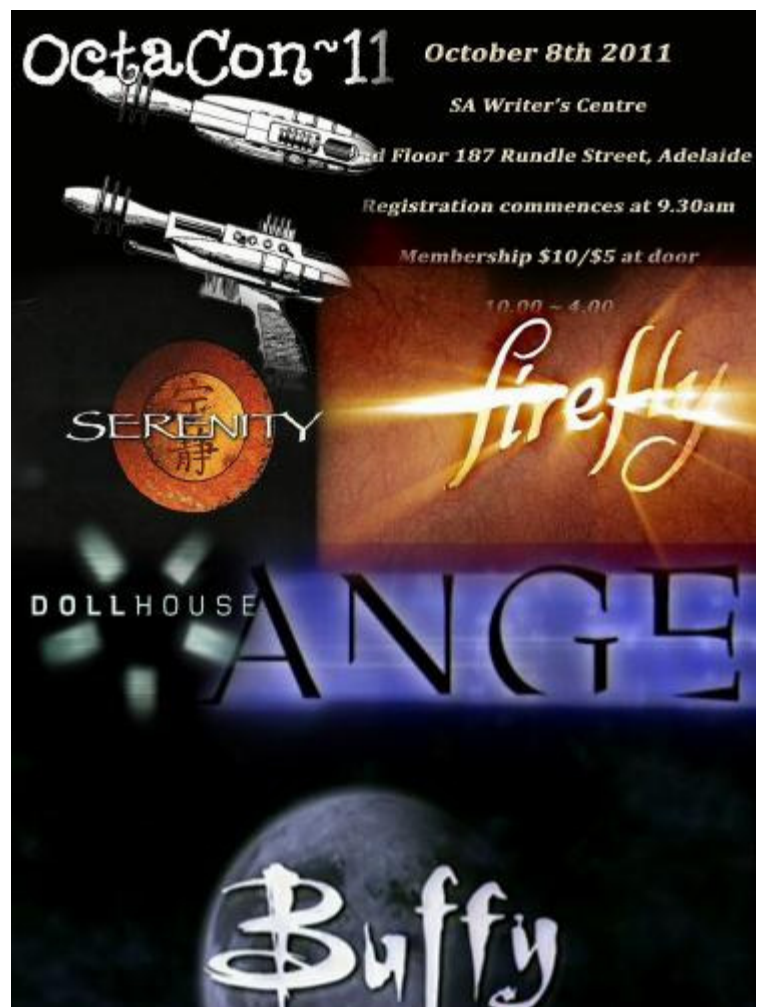
Spike vs Angel

We'll look at Podcasting with special guests Gerri & Eugenia from Women Talk Sci Fi and Peter from 80 Page Giant.

Interested then come along on Saturday!

Registration from 9.30am

A day long SF convention celebrating the works of Joss Whedon



DOCTOR WHO COMPETITION

NOT ONE PRIZE BUT TWO.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Competition 1 (DVD)

Tell us the name of the first Doctor Who story that Sarah Jane Smith Appears in? The first one picked from the hat will win!

And the Winner is:

Rylan McCracken

Victoria

Competition 2 (Autograph)

Tell us in 25 words or less why you would like to own a TARDIS?

And the Winner is:

Chucky Wall

Tasmania



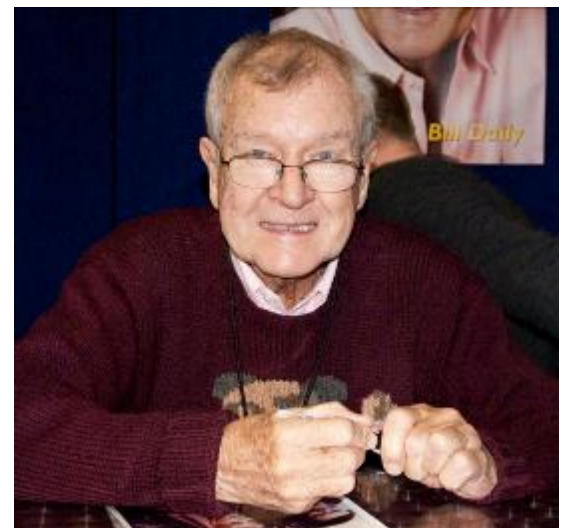
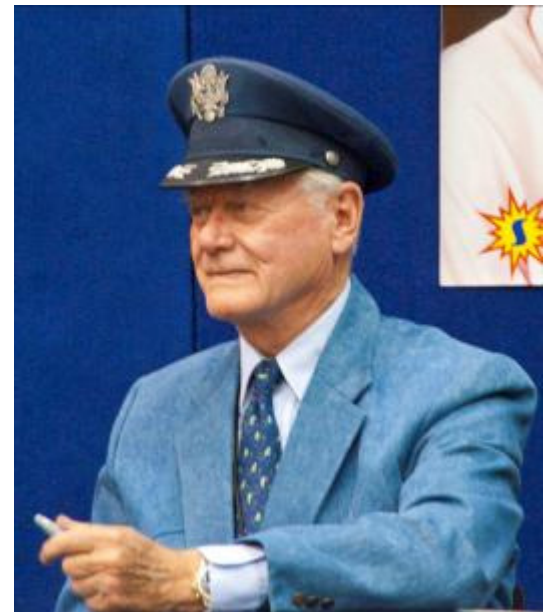


Supanova Sydney in June was another highlight for the year. The bigger expos are a lot of fun with guests galore and so much to see and buy. Every type of guest from voice artists to comic artists to actors from our favourite TV shows old and new where there to meet and talk to.

Even though it is a slightly longer trip than our trips to Melbourne it is always fun catching up with friends and enjoying the chatter around Sci Fi and Fantasy.

This Supanova had an array of actors across 50 years of TV and movies. From Tom Felton (Harry Potter's Malfoy), Julie White (Transformers movie mom), Whedonverse actors James Marters, Amy Acker and Sean Maher, Stargate actors David Nykl, Corin Nemec and Gareth David Lloyd from Torchwood (but we have interviewed him before see [Podcast 23](#)) . AND the original I Dream of Jeannie cast Barbara Eden, Larry Hagman and Bill Daley.

To see actors from your favourite shows is always a buzz but to meet actors who have been part of your childhood like Barbara, Larry and Bill from I Dream of Jeannie was a joy. We had the opportunity to interview all three of the cast! We never thought that would be possible and it was quite a shock when we were told that we could interview them! We also interviewed lots more of the guests (it was a great con!) and these will be available for download from our website Women Talk Sci Fi and itunes in the near future. Our continuing thanks go to Daniel and Lionel from Supanova www.supanova.com.au for offering interviews with their guests thanks for your continuing support.



Bill spoke to us for nearly 40mins talking about his experiences on the Jeannie set as well as his other shows and acting career. Barbara still looking amazing for a woman in her 70s and was very gracious to each of her fans. Larry had fun changing his hat from the Air Force cap of Major Nelson to the Stetson hat worn by J.R. Ewing.



James Marsters and Tom Felton autograph and photo lines were always full and the organisers had to put masking tape on the floor to mark out areas just like the airport terminal to allow the maximum amount of people in the least amount of space to line up!! Everyone waited patiently and was rewarded with a warm smile and autographed photo from the guests.



Our interview with Julie White spanned the two days of Supanova!! We chatted about the Transformer movies, her Tony award-winning role on Broadway and her self-confessed geekyness. She was a lot of fun and loved to write on children's autographs 'Be kind to your Mom!'



Supanova is a great experience and an easily affordable great day out at around \$20.00 per day. You get to see some of your favourite TV stars and listen to them in Q&A sessions.



Daniel is also taking Supanova to a town near you as he expands his shows to more cities all around Australia so keep checking his website for information about an event in your town!



As always, tired but with Interviews recorded we make it to the airport and head back to Adelaide with many memories of a wonderful weekend.

From Science Fiction to Science Fact!



Chester Gould forever changed the Dick Tracy comic strip in 1946 when he introduced the two-way wrist radio, which has become the icon and a centrepiece of the comic strip and Sci Fi ever since.

In the 1990 movie, as in the comic, TV series, and earlier feature films, Tracy relies on his wristwatch communicator to catch the bad guys.

Wrist communication devices are no stranger to the science fiction/spy genre. Growing up, many children wanted to have a wrist watch that not only told the time but you could speak to someone and maybe even see them on a small screen.

Avon in Blake's 7 sported a nifty wrist communicator. Admiral Kirk traded his famous flip communicator from the series for a wrist communicator in the first Star Trek movie. Mind you by the time The Wrath of Khan movie screened the wrist watch had been given the flick and the standard communicator was back!





Knight Rider enthusiasts will remember the watch Michael Knight used to communicate with his very clever car KITT. How 'cool' did children of the 80s think it was to own a watch like that! (Personally, I'd rather the car!!)

Watch phones and walkie-talkies have been available for a few years, and there has been a boom in designs in the last year. The problem is that they've been large and awkward.



This has changed as LG introduces its LG-GD910. The GD910 offers 3G and HSDPA, which LG claims will give the wrist phone download speeds of up to 7.2 Mbps. It has a 1.43 inch colour LCD touchscreen and a built in video camera above the screen for video conferencing.

This, combined with Bluetooth, MP3 playback, voice dialling and text-to-speech capabilities makes it an impressive piece of technology. However in all the specs that I've read about this gadget nowhere does it mention that you can use it to tell the time?? LOL





Minister of Chance *New Audio Drama*

For those of you that know me (Gerri) you will know that I am an audio book freak. Having a busy lifestyle does not allow me much time to sit down and read as much as I would like. So, the world of audio is my friend, I can "read" doing anything, washing, driving or even just cleaning the bathroom LOL!! I have listened to many books and other audio this way i.e. podcasts and radio shows (lots available in iTunes) so I feel that I have some experience in listen to good quality and engaging audio.

The new audio series The Minister of Chance is one of them. So far, they have only released 2 eps and a prologue but that is enough to let me know I will continue to enjoy it.

So what and who is The Minister of Chance, well for those of you who are Doctor Who fans you may be aware that he is a Timelord! He made his appearance in a BBC webcast production in 2001 with the 7th Doctor and was played by Stephen Fry. I won't go into detail here but click on the link to find out more [Click Here](#).

So what about this new production? Made by Radio Static it is the first audiodrama to be made available on iTunes or you can get it directly from [The Minister of Chance](#) website.

The production quality is excellent with rich multi-layered sound. This gives you the ability to build a comprehensive picture with your imagination. The actors including Julian Wadham, Jenny Agutter, Paul McGann and Sylvester McCoy provide believable characterisations and the script is so far engaging, and at times funny, thanks to Lauren Crace portrayal of Kitty. The plot is set in a world where science is banned and magic is the main event. This is an innovative project and if you have just been a passive listener to items such as music this is a great introduction to the world on drama or books on your ipod or MP3 player.

At approx \$AUD 3.39 per episode you will have many hours of entertainment that you can listen to again and again and if you want to listen to it [click here](#).



Women Scientists that you might not have heard about!

THEANO


(b. 546 BCE)

Theano was the wife of Pythagoras. She continued to run his school after his death and is credited with writing the treatise on the Golden Mean -- (as in basic algebra). She worked in the areas of physics, medicine and child psychology (and we think that some of this as new!) She was a great astronomer/mathematician in her own right. her most important contributions are the theorem of the Golden Mean and Golden Rectangle. It seems that Pythagoras had many women attend his school and they published under his name. So who really came up with Pythagoras' Theory?

CLEOPATRA

(b. 200 AD?)

Cleopatra (not the one that all the movies are about!) was a foundational figure in alchemy she was supposedly one of four women that knew how to make the philosopher's stone. Cleopatra was mentioned with great respect in Arabic literature in or about 988. She is also known for many emblems of philosophy and religion, for instance the serpent of Eden as a symbol of knowledge, and the snake eating its tail, the eternal return. She also provided descriptions and drawings of the technical process of furnaces.



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