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Being huge Doctor Who fans it was a dream come true to meet someone from the shows early years. In August we had the pleasure to help Gifts for the Geek, Darren and Jason [www.giftsforthegeek.com.au](http://www.giftsforthegeek.com.au) host 'The Time Travelling Scot' Convention with special guest Frazer Hines in Adelaide. Frazer was a companion to the 2nd Doctor Patrick Troughton from 1966 – 1969 and then reprised his role in a cameo on 'The Five Doctors' in 1983 and then a full story 'The Two Doctors' with 2nd Doctor Patrick and 6th Doctor Colin Baker in 1985.

Having watched Doctor Who re-runs from an early age memories of Jamie were dim but we both agree that even at such a young age we loved seeing the man in the kilt on the TV. Thanks to Doctor Who novels, DVDs and Big Finish audio (for newer stories) we can relive the fun and at times scary episodes that involved Jamie, Victoria and Zoe with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctor. A number of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctor stories were wiped by the BBC and we live in constant anticipation that somewhere in the world someone does not realise they are storing BBC copies of the missing episodes. Only recently two episodes, Galaxy 4 Part Three and The Underwater Menace Part Two were found by Doctor Who collectors. <http://www.radiotimes.com/news/2011-12-11/doctor-who-two-long-lost-episodes-uncovered> so there is always the hope that more will be discovered.

The con in Adelaide was one to remember with the fun loving nature of Frazer Hines. He spent time sitting, talking, and sharing stories about his life and the show with fans in an intimate setting.

It is not very often you get a chance to be so up close and personal with an actor at a convention but Frazer would not have it any other way. He loves talking to fans and knows that it is due to fan dedication and commitment that has the series still on television for almost 50 years with it gaining a new generation of Whovians





Frazer presented his one-man show 'The Time Travelling Scot' which involved stories about and clips from each of the episodes that he starred, followed by a Q & A and autograph signing session.

Frazer has many fond memories of his time on the show and has discovered that he can do a very uncanny impersonation of Patrick Troughton's doctor. In fact when he was on stage performing his show every now and again you could swear that the second doctor was also on the stage!

If you missed Frazer in Adelaide or Penrith this year don't despair he will be back in Adelaide for Supanova [www.supanova.com.au](http://www.supanova.com.au) on November 16-18,.

First Contact Conventions bring you Frazer on December 9th at the Wrest Point Casino Hobart Tasmania and in Melbourne April 6th, 2013 for the 'Lords of Time' Celebrating 50 years of Doctor Who Convention [www.firstcontactconventions.com.au](http://www.firstcontactconventions.com.au).

Culture Shock Event bring you Frazer in Sydney on April 7, 2013 and Brisbane April 14, 2013 for the 'Lords of Time' Celebrating 50 years of Doctor Who Convention. [www.cultureshockevents.com](http://www.cultureshockevents.com)

Our thanks go to Darren and Jason from Gifts for the Geek [www.giftsforthegeek.com.au](http://www.giftsforthegeek.com.au) for bringing Frazer to Doctor Who fans in Adelaide.



Jason from Gifts for the Geek with Frazer



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# Sci Fi Hearsay

*Rumour, Gossip, Tittle-Tattle, Scuttlebutt, Idle Talk,  
Unfounded, Unconfirmed, Word of Mouth and more!!*

## **New Genre Shows 2012!**

**Beauty and the Beast  
666 Park Avenue  
Revolution  
Arrow  
Wizards Vs Aliens  
Continuum  
Touch  
Battlestar Galactica: Blood and  
Chrome**

## **Possibly, maybe, could be for 2013?**

**Zero Hour  
In the Flesh  
Space 2099  
Evolution  
Blake's 7  
Chronicles of Syntax  
Athena  
Last H.O.P.E.  
Cracked  
Sandman  
The Communion Letters**

## **Cancelled Sci Fi Shows in 2012**

**Sanctuary  
Awake  
Chuck  
The Secret Circle  
The River  
A Gifted Man  
Alcatraz**

## **Returning Genre Shows**

**Once Upon a Time  
Grimm  
The Walking Dead  
Falling Skies  
Supernatural  
The Vampire Diaries  
Doctor Who  
Bones  
True Blood  
American Horror Story  
Lost Girl  
Warehouse 13**



# Vintage SCi Fi

## You must watch!

Have you ever heard of "Space Academy", no? This 1977 Filmation live action children's TV show that starred Jonathon Harris (Mr Smith, from Lost in Space) as Commander Isaac Gampu as the head of the academy. In its day it was the largest budgeted children's TV show with good storylines.



Space Academy is located on an asteroid, (a touch of Space 1999) and brings together the best of young minds. Each of the students and even the Commander have their own unique talents. Some of these include brother and sister Chris and Laura Gentry's telepathic and telekinesis powers (LOL, we were all born in the wrong era). Of course there is also the obligatory robot Peppo in the style of Buck Rodger's in the 25th Century's Twiki!



This show, as did most children's shows in the 1970s had many a moral message and they were taught in each episode.

This production was right up there with some issues that were futuristic for the 1970s. Such as the use of recycled props, including the nose of a shuttle and its interior which was previously seen in the Ark II, the shows predecessor.



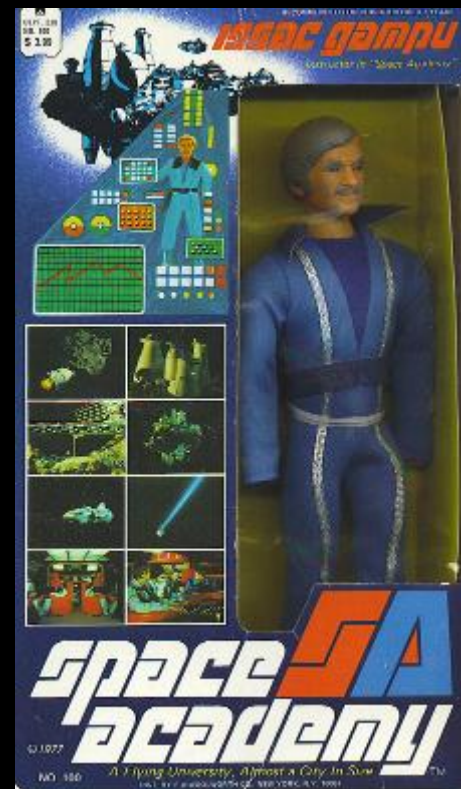
Whilst the plots of the show are quite tame and of course they always achieve their goals the sets and the CGI stands up to time. We do have to remember that this is a children's show and was aimed at ensuring that we always do the right thing i.e. save the universe, accept others, work as a team.

This show belongs to a group of shows made by Filmation in the 70s along with Ark II and Jason of Star Command and can be bought as a boxed set.

Jason of Star Command also used the sets from this show and of course as with most shows of then and now you could buy the obligatory action figures.

One unique piece of jargon from the show is the use of the term ORACO "Orders Received and Carried Out".

We recommend you seek out the boxed set as we are sure that you are just the same as us and have to have all known Sci Fi TV shows.





AvCon Adelaide [www.avcon.org.au](http://www.avcon.org.au) is always interesting to attend as it is different to other conventions we attend during the year. This convention's emphasis is on cosplay, anime, video gaming and their development rather than sci fi/fantasy guests (which is one of the reasons we attend conventions!) With AvCon in our home state it would be wrong of us not to support the work of the AvCon committee who put on such a Gaming Geek's paradise!! So off to AvCon we went!

This was the 11<sup>th</sup> year of AvCon, having its humble beginnings located on the grounds of the Adelaide Uni. In 2009 with increased numbers the Con moved to the Adelaide Convention Centre and this year it again had to increase its floor space by another 2,000 square metres.

The video games area was full of both the new and retro games. Some we remembered from our childhood. Competitive players also tested their luck in some of Australia's largest gaming tournaments. During the day we met and talked with video game developers, Cosplayers, artists and Comic artists there to display and sell their creations.

An added bonus was the two voice over artists attending, Crispin Freeman whose game roles include Diablo III's Male Wizard and Helios from God of War III, Cassandra Lee well known for her voice acting as Ritsu Tainaka in K-On! and Kyubey in Madoka Magica.

As always we also caught up with some of our sci fi/comic dealer friends such as Nick from CERNAT Enterprises [www.cernat.com.au](http://www.cernat.com.au) and Peter from Pulp Fiction Comics [www.pulpfictioncomics.com.au](http://www.pulpfictioncomics.com.au)

The one good thing about a convention without too many guests is that we leave, not having spent a fortune on autographs LOL! If you are into gaming and cosplay then make sure you don't miss AvCon next year.





# Meeting a legend



If you have been a regular reader of GE News you would have seen that the amount of conventions in Australia has increased dramatically over the years. So that means that we are getting to see more stars from lots of TV and movies. Some of them have been incredibly successful in recent years and include stars from the Twilight movie Saga, GI

Joe, Avatar as well as TV shows such as Falling Skies, True Blood and more. But, you know something there is nothing like meeting a legend. Recently we have had wonderful opportunities to meet some that we have had on our television screens for almost 50 years. You have had a taste of some of the ones that we have seen and interviewed in the past! They are Barbara Eden and Larry Hagman from I Dream of Jeannie and we still have an interview with Major Healy yes Bill Daley to come and they are still screening after all of this time!



So, who are they and what shows were they in? How about Batman, the 1960s version and Get Smart again from the 1960s? Who were they? Well firstly, it was Batgirl, yep the amazing ex ballerina Yvonne Craig. The other well that was Count Von Siegfried, the Vice President in Charge of Public Relations and Terror at KAOS Bernie Koppell! Did we ever think that we would meet any one like this? Well of course the answer is no! Yes we also have interviews with both of them so not only have we met them we got to spend some quality time as well!





# HEROES AND VILLAINS FAN EXPO

**PANTHERS EXHIBITION PAVILLION  
PENRITH, 25 & 26 AUGUST 2012**



Heroes and Villains, a new venture by Culture Shock Events ([www.cultureshockevents.com](http://www.cultureshockevents.com)) to bring Sci Fi/Fantasy Convention Expos to outer city areas of Sydney. In August the event was hosted in Penrith which is approximately 60km from the Sydney CBD.

The event took place on the grounds of the Penrith RSL (Returned and Services League) that has a permanent Marquee on its grounds. After coming from freezing, rainy Adelaide on a Friday, the warm sunshine of Saturday and Sunday in Penrith added to the wonderful two days we had at the convention.

The guest line up was impressive for both old and new sci fi/fantasy fans covering nearly 50 years of television. Including Bernie Kopell (Siegfried from Get Smart, 1965), Jane Badler and Marc Singer (Diana and Mike Donovan, V, 1983), and Frazer Hines (Jamie, Doctor Who, 1966– yes we told him we were stalking him. LOL!) For the lovers of cartoons, Garry Chalk (voice of Optimus Prime), Steve Blum (voice of Wolverine) and Rodger Bumpass (voice of Squidward from Sponge Bob Square Pants). Current and popular shows were also covered by Tyler Posey (Scott McCall, Teen Wolf, 2012), Amber Benson (Tara, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, 1997) and Manu Bennett (Crixus, Spartacus, 2011) were present.

Although a smaller convention the days ran to a similar schedule as larger expos, talks by the guests, autograph signings, photographs and the important cosplay competitions and as always the costumes were impressive. We are always amazed at the effort people take to come dressed as their favourite characters. It was funny to go outside and see Thor and Ironman along with Star Wars troopers and Anime characters sitting on the grass out in the 'country' having lunch together.

Throughout the two days we did not stop! We were moving from place to place listening to guest talks, visiting each of the dealer tables and catching up with con friends. Occasionally we would stop for food and drink refreshments! We also had the pleasure of interviewing a number of the guests for our Women Talk Sci Fi Podcast, so keep tuned.

We wish to thank Rob, Robbie and Scott from Culture Shock Events (check out their website you never know where they may go!) [www.cultureshockevents.com](http://www.cultureshockevents.com) also Jasmine and Locky for being so kind and generous to us.

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## Brent Spiner and Hallie Todd AUTOGRAPHS



Tell us what you think of GE News and we will put your name in a hat and two lucky winners will get a fabulous autographed photo with both Brent Spiner and Hallie Todd (father and daughter) from Star Trek: The Next Generation!

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# ARMAGEDDON Expo



**Nathaniel Buzolic**

Marcey Papandrea publishes a blog which you can read on her website called 'Super Marcey's Super Website'

[www.supermarcey.com](http://www.supermarcey.com) There you will find a collection of her film reviews ranging from cinema to DVD releases, book and TV reviews plus you will also find a link to a Super Podcast that she co-hosts with fellow contributor Bede Jermyn. Marcey has been writing about films since she was 16 and she started her blog site in 2009. She is a regular attendee at Conventions and we enjoy catching up with her at events. We thank Marcey for her permission to reprint her review of the Armageddon Melbourne 2012 event. For further reviews and photos of the Armageddon event please visit her Super Marcey's Super Website

[www.supermarcey.com](http://www.supermarcey.com)



For the fourth year in a row I attended the [Armageddon Expo](#) in Melbourne, and what else can I say other than it was an absolute blast! The event I think just shone this year, with an amazing group of staff and volunteers that were on the ball with everything, helpful and just so lovely.

The guests were amazing, and very happy to be in town meeting and interacting with the fans. There were some amazing stalls, with a lot of great talent on display. The set up was possibly the best it had ever been, it was spacious and it never felt too humid. There was an amazing show of costumes, with some truly memorable cosplay happening. While there wasn't as much cosplay as I had expected, those who did – were remarkable. As per usual the 501st and Mando's stole the show with their amazing costumes and energy.

The panels that we managed to attend were great, very entertaining and in the case of the one on Sunday morning about the film *The 25th Reich*, it was very informative. Mark Pellegrino stole the show at his Sunday panel, he was a riot and very interactive with the fans. Even though he seemed a bit tired, he didn't let it take over and he was a real ball of energy.



**Jim Beaver**





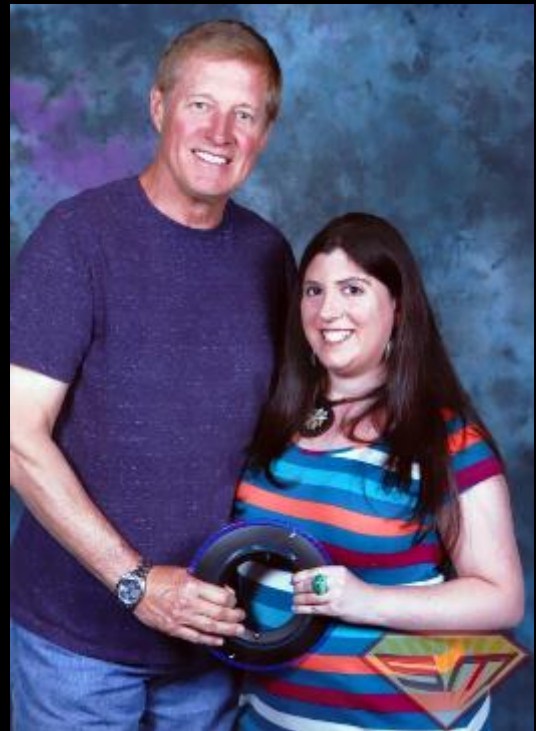
Sadly this time I wasn't able to get any interviews with the guests, as I was sick in bed on the day it was scheduled. But for those I did meet, they were fantastic and very fun. One guest had a constant smile on his face (Christopher Judge), and he was certainly popular amongst fans. That is the kind of spirit you like to see from guests at this event, but he wasn't the only one always donning a smile. The Supernatural guests had a ball, as did the GoT guests – you didn't even need to be near them to feel the enthusiasm. Karl Urban the big name of the event was an absolute dream, even with long lines he got through everyone and each person was given the time of day, heck he even made fun of my

accent in a playful way. For me personally, it was exciting to finally meet Bruce Boxleitner and Cindy Morgan – being a huge Tron fan. The experience couldn't have been better, both were just amazing people and it was rather sweet that Bruce remembered me by face and name despite seeing so many people that day.



The crowds were there, and it was pretty steady for most of the weekend. It was made very easy to use tokens purchased online, it saved waiting time and the lines went through rather quickly. The experience really couldn't have been better, it was nice to meet so many wonderful people whether they were guests, staff, volunteers or attendees.

In all the event was fantastic, and everyone just outdid themselves. I was very happy to cover the event for the website, and we have an amazing array of photos for you all to check out (ed's note some of the photos used in GE are not available on Super Marcey). Special thanks to Locky and Andrée for being completely and utterly awesome!



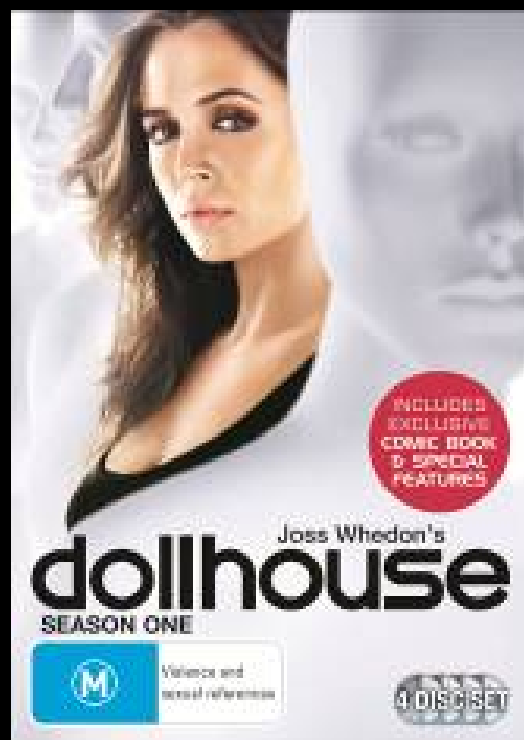
**AVAILABLE ON DVD AND BLU-RAY NOW!**

Immerse yourself in this adrenaline-charged brainchild of sci-fi genius Joss Whedon, available for the first time on DVD and Blu-ray in Australia. **DOLLHOUSE**, The Complete First Season was released on 24 October 2012 from Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment.

FROM JOSS WHEDON, CREATIVE MASTERMIND BEHIND *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel*, comes the provocative *Dollhouse*, a sexy, suspenseful thriller starring the stunningly talented Eliza Dushku.

As an “Active”, the mysterious Echo (Dushku) serves as an unwitting agent of Dollhouse, an illegal underground organization that provides its elite clientele with programmable human beings. Actives receive personality imprints, allowing them to temporarily become anyone or anything—the perfect burglar, lover, spy, or assassin. Now, with the FBI and her own shadowy past closing in, Echo must face a rogue Active who will stop at nothing to bring Dollhouse down—forever.

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*Dollhouse* created by Joss Whedon (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, *Firefly*, *Serenity*) and Season One has just been released on blu-ray.

Just reading the blurb on the back you would think that this is an episodic series with ‘the problem of week’ being solved and that is it! If you know Joss Whedon and his vision then you know that this could not be further from the truth.

Echo (Eliza Dushku – *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*) serves as an agent for the “Dollhouse” an illegal underground organization headed by Adelle DeWitt (Olivia Williams). It provides its clients with operatives who have been programmed with personality imprints that allow them to temporarily become whatever the client wishes them to be.

In the first episode Topher Brink (Fran Kranz) the cute tech geek, programmes Echo to be a hostage negotiator when a child is abducted. In later episodes she plays the part of a bodyguard for a pop star and one of the more bizarre episodes she is programmed with the personality of a dead woman and is forced to solve her own murder.

By episode six the story line changes from ‘story of the week’ to an intriguing, weaved storyline of discovering who the mysterious operative Alpha is, and who Echo was before she entered the Dollhouse. familiar Sci Fi/fantasy actors turn up in the series include Tahmoh Penikett (*Battlestar Galactica*) FBI Agent Paul Ballard, out to expose the Dollhouse and Amy Acker (*Angel*, *Once Upon a Time*) who plays Dr Claire Saunders. It also introduces Dichen Lachman who plays Sierra. Dichen is an Aussie girl from our own hometown of Adelaide and this is her first American series.

*Dollhouse* like all Whedon shows needs more than one viewing to appreciate the complexity of its characters and to pick up the threads of the story woven through each of the episodes. This series benefits from being on blu-ray so you can watch more than one episode and get involved in matching the clues to find out more about the Dollhouse, Alpha and Echo.

The special features are excellent and enhance your viewing pleasure of the episodes with three audio commentaries over three discs, with episode six commentary the best. It also has the Unaired Pilot and Unaired 13<sup>th</sup> episode and a documentary on the trials and tribulations of bringing *Dollhouse* to the TV screen!

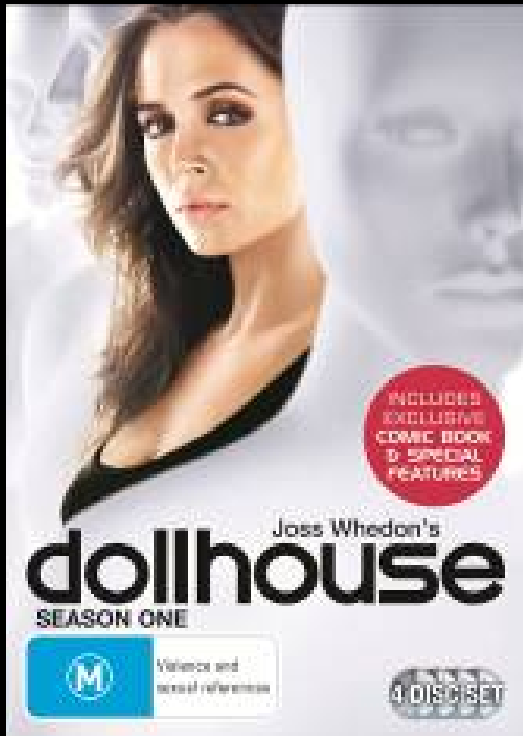
If you are a Joss Whedon fan then this is definitely a must purchase for the shelf.

Rating 7/10





# Competition



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# AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN SCIENCE



Lillian Helen Alexander (1861—1934), was born in St Kilda in Melbourne, the daughter of English-born Thomas and Irish-born Jane (nee Furnell). She was the first woman to be admitted in any university college in Australia. Irish-born Alexander Leeper, Warden of Trinity College at University of Melbourne after a trip abroad he was convinced that women should be allowed to attend university and in 1883 Lillian was accepted into an Arts degree. She gained this in 1886 and an MA in 1888

In 1887 Lillian and Helen Sexton (another girl of Irish decent who also become a surgeon) wrote a letter to The Age newspaper asking women who were interested in studying medicine to contact them, for the time a bold move! Five interested women replied to the advert which encouraged them to contact and convince the university council they should be admitted to the course. Lillian completed her M.B in 1893 and her B.Ch., in 1901. She was the Inaugural secretary of the Victorian Women's Medical Association in 1895 and was later appointed its president.

She took on her first medical appointment in medicine at the Women's Medical Hospital in Carlton, Victoria, but this was not to last. She with some of the other graduates came up with the idea to create a new hospital, a hospital for women run by women!

This started out as a clinic for women at a church hall but new premises were purchased by monies raised by the "Shilling Fund" that marked the then Monarch's diamond jubilee. By 1887 they raised enough funds to establish the Queen Victoria Hospital for Women and Children by purchasing the Governess' Institute at Mint Place in 1899. Lillian was one of the first staff members and she specialised in surgery.

The hospital operated in many guises until it joined with other institutions forming the Queen Victoria Medical Centre and in 1989 joined with the Monash Medical centre.

Lillian worked at the hospital and then in private practice until 1928.

## Events in her life

1883 Enters Trinity College at the University of Melbourne as a non-resident student studying for an Arts degree.

1884 - 1887 Awarded the Trinity College Warden's Exhibition.

1886 Graduates as a Bachelor of Arts with second class honours and a scholarship in history, political economics and jurisprudence at the University of Melbourne.

1887 Enters the medical course of the University of Melbourne in the first intake of women students.

1888 Graduates Master of Arts at the University of Melbourne.

1893 Graduates MB.

1895 Becomes a foundation member of the Victorian Medical Women's Society and its first Honorary Secretary.

1896 Attends a meeting at the home of Dr Constance Stone which resolves to establish the Victoria Hospital, later called the Queen Victoria Hospital.

1901 Awarded the degree in surgery, ChB.

1921 Elected President of the Victorian Medical Women's Society.



# The Sci Fi Alphabet

Q

Is for Quantum Leap



R

Is for Robocop



S

Is for Star Trek



T

is for Terminator



U

is for Under Dog



V

is for Vampire



W

is for Wilma Deering





# Six Degrees of Separation from GE News ~ Women Talk Sci Fi



**Christopher Lloyd**  
Dorothy and the Witches of Oz



**Sean Astin**  
Lord of the Rings



**Orlando Bloom**  
Troy



**Eric Bana**  
Star Trek



**Chris Pine**  
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