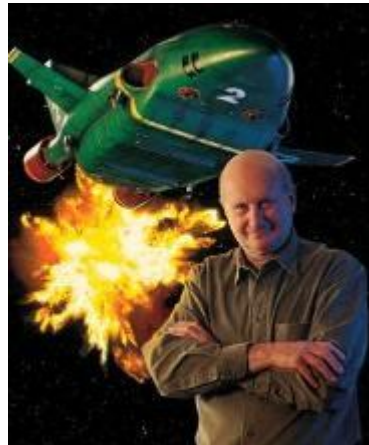


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Which show is 61 episodes long (so far), has run over the last 25 years, has 4 main cast, and a few recurring characters, is set three million years in the future and is one of the funniest shows around??? If you watch the ABC in Australia or the BBC then you will know that the show is none other than Red Dwarf.

Chris Barrie is Arnold Judas Rimmer, a second-technician crewmember who outranked Lister, a third technician, killed during a radiation leak, which he caused! He is brought back as a hologram by the ship's computer who considers him the most suitable companion for the last human Lister. He is fussy, bureaucratic, neurotic and a coward.

Craig Charles plays Dave Lister a Liverpudlian and a self-described bum who is the last surviving member of the human race. He loves a hot vindaloo and thinks of himself as a rock star. He survived the radiation leak because he was put into stasis as punishment for bringing a cat onto Red Dwarf. The ship's computer Holly kept him there until the radiation was at a safe level.

Danny John-Jules, is Cat a humanoid creature that evolved over the three million years from Lister's pet cat Frankenstein. He loves to sleep, eat and is very vain about his appearance wearing amazing suits some in the style of James Brown.

Robert Llewellyn plays the service mechanoid Kryten, who was rescued by the Red Dwarf crew from a crashed spaceship where he had continued to serve the crew even though they had been dead for millions of years.

Also appearing on the show are Norman Lovett and Hattie Hayridge (different seasons) who play Holly, the ship's computer who has an IQ of 6,000 though it is now developing 'computer senility', and who wouldn't after 3 million years?

In February we had the pleasure of meeting three of the main cast of Red Dwarf, Craig Charles, Danny John-Jules and Robert Llewellyn at First Contact Convention's "A Smegging Good Weekend" www.firstcontactconventions.com.au in Melbourne. The day from start to finish was a joy-filled experience. Each guest was hilarious on stage telling stories often about each other!





We have been to many conventions but this one was out of the ordinary and it is hard to explain why? Maybe, it was because UK guests have a similar sense of comedy and a special rivalry that links us as nations. Maybe, it was the fact that we never thought that we would meet anyone from Red Dwarf and here we had three of the main cast in front of us!! Maybe, it was the fact that so many of us have been watching this show for so long that it was like meeting old friends?

Listening to each guest was great but the cherry on top of the cake was when the three were on stage together!! You could tell that they were great friends, and enjoy working with each other. Craig and Danny love ganging up on Robert sending him into Kryten mode, each telling stories about the other that they gleefully shared.

Red Dwarf is a classic with Series X shown recently on TV and recently released on DVD by Roadshow Entertainment www.roadshow.com.au. It is pure Sci Fi comedy magic with time travel, androids and talking vending machines and of course the Skitters!!

Meeting Craig, Danny and Robert was certainly a great start to what is shaping up to be a fantastic year for all Convention goers and including us!!

So day one was over and the next part of the Smegging Good Weekend was ahead of OzTrek 9 again from First Contact Conventions www.firstcontactconventions.com.au. Guests for this event were Terry Farrell and Nicole de Boer who played Jadzia Dax and Ezri Dax respectively from Star Trek: Deep Space 9. Terry taking a hiatus from acting to raise her family only attends one or two conventions a year so it was thanks to Scotty and Diana of First Contact Conventions for making it possible that she chose to attend a convention in Australia.

It is about 15 years since Terry left DS9 but was able to talk about the show as if she had only finish working on it recently. We had heard that Terry could be a little reserved when it came to meeting her fans but that was not our experience at all she was very honest to questions asked about leaving DS9 and made us laugh as she talked about her life on the sets of DS9 and Becker. During the autograph session she made sure that she spent a little time with each person.

Nicole bright, bubbly and full of energy she treasures the fact that she got to play Ezri Dax and is very appreciative of her fans. One regret was that she didn't get a chance to acquire a prop from the set. By the time she knew others had taken things, anything she tried to move was stuck down tight!! When interviewing her we discussed podcasting and we may have encouraged her to start her own podcast! Time will tell.

What a weekend of Sci Fi it was. Red Dwarf on the Saturday and Star Trek on the Sunday. Two days of 'geeky goodness'!!

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Vintage Sci Fi

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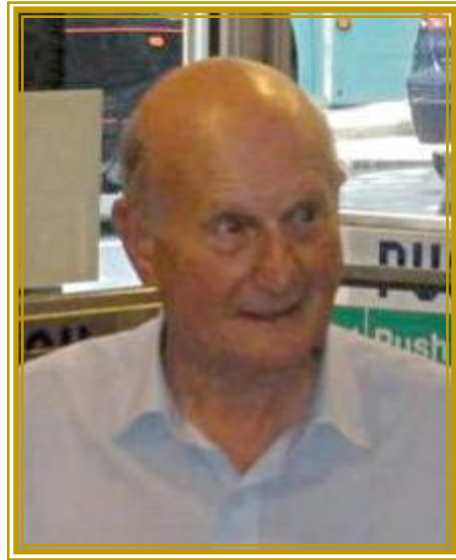
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CAPTAIN SCARLET AND THE MYSTERONS

JOE 90

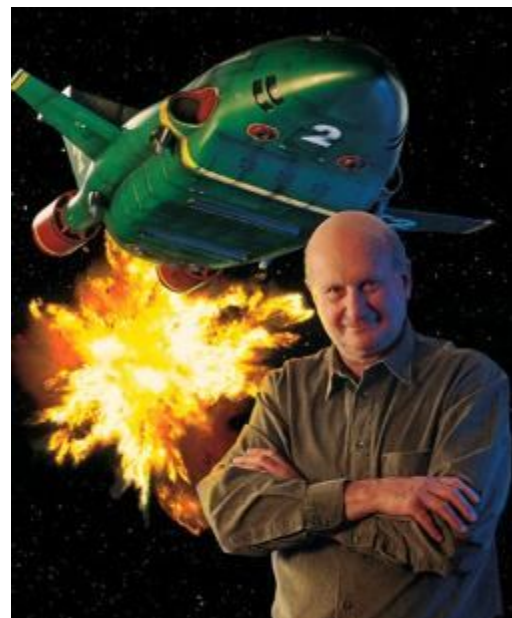


Gerry Anderson
14-04-1929 - 26-12-2012

Gerry Anderson was a Londoner born in 1929 and began his career as a photographer. After World War II he earned a traineeship with the British Colonial Film Unit and so the legend begins! It was at the unit that Gerry became interested in editing and so he moved on to Gainsborough Pictures, who produced mainly "B" grade movies and worked there until its closure in 1960. Gerry then joined Polytechnic Studio where he met Arthur Provis and so the legend began.

Gerry went onto to produce Twizzle, you can catch it on YouTube, about a boy who cold twizzle his arms and legs. A very "British" children's TV show. You should check it out! This was Gerry's first job with puppets and history (well geek history) commences. Gerry was not that happy working with puppets and thought that this would get him into a TV network so that he could make live action and dramas. Thank goodness that he did not. Gerry and his team gave us Supermarionation a process that uses puppets and solenoid motors that created the facial and mouth movements and was used in an early form in Four Feather Falls.

Even though Four Feather Falls was successful it was not picked up so Gerry took up an offer to direct a live action movie "Crossroads to Crime", a B-grade movie. It failed at the box office and his company was broke and it was only a chance meeting with Lew Grad (BBC Chairman) who bought the studios new series Supercar. This was where Supermarionation debuted with the solenoids in the puppets heads triggered by pre-recorded voice tapes of the actors, giving a more natural appearance to puppets when talking. Today we buy lots of merchandise on our favourite shows but Gerry and his company were one of the first in licensing their products making them a world leader in this area. So next comes Fireball XL5 and then Stingray.



Gerry hearing of a mining disaster in West Germany and the work around the rescue inspired him to create what was to become an institution. Of course this is "Thunderbirds".! He got the name from a US base his brother had attended training at in WWII. This series was a great success with kids from the UK, Australia and more. It took a little longer in the US due to a limited release but it won them over in the end!

Next comes Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons and Joe 90 (The Pretender and Dollhouse are somewhat related to the premise of this show) and so on and so. Check out the production index below for all of Gerry's shows.

Gerry also was responsible for some iconic live action shows such as UFO and Space 1999. It was about then that there was a low point in Gerry's work until he made the Terrahawks in the 1980s and it is here that he introduced "supermacromation" a further developing of his technique. Gerry went on to work in puppetry and live action for many years and even took steps into CGI creations with a return to Captain Scarlet. Gerry died in 2012 after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Gerry leaves a legacy of amazing imagination which will last way beyond all of us. This is one creators work that you really should collect!



[Click Here for the Complete Gerry Anderson Production Index](#)

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Joan Freeman
1918—1998

Joan born in 1918 in Perth, Western Australia, was desperate to pursue a scientific career after hearing the “atom” had been spilt. She had a very enquiring mind and would enlist her friends to help perform experiments whilst at school. Of course, Joan lived in a time when the sciences were not taught to girls. Oh hang on they did teach the girls the “Domestic Sciences” patronising yes! Joan showed gumption and commitment by attending evening classes at the Sydney Technical College. Sydney Tech as it was called was to train apprentices and engineers and not school girls so her enrolment was not formalised and she even had to hide herself away when an inspector visited the school!



This shows the determination that would allow her to succeed no matter what she did! When she got to University Joan was drawn to physics even though she was counselled that this role was not good for women in terms of future employment but she carried on and earned her honours degree in this subject. She undertook research in ultra-high frequency electrical signal discharges in gases. It was this background that allowed her to be recruited into a “Top Secret” project that was established at university. This was the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and she was tasked with the development of radar systems in particular the production of a 10cm microwave radar set. By the end of the war Joan’s work was recognised by the offer of a Senior Scholarship to undertake higher education. As what happened to most of Australia’s promising scientists of the era, she headed overseas to England.

Whilst there she decided to work in nuclear physics at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge and she earned her PhD through research about short-range alpha-particles. Joan opted to stay in the UK instead of returning to Australia when she accepted an appointment to the British Atomic Energy Research Establishment. This is where she remained for the rest of her career. She worked leading a research group using the massive tandem accelerator built in the 1950s. She was the first woman to be awarded the prestigious Rutherford Medal given by the British Institute of Physics and only the second Australian. Sir Mark Oliphant being the first.

If you would like to know more about Joan she wrote her autobiography called “A Passion for Physics—The story of a Woman Physicist”.



Doctor Who celebrates 50 years since it first appeared on British television on November 23, 1963. To mark this milestone the Doctor Who Club of Australia of Sydney ran a two-day convention with guests from classic and new Who. The lovely Louise Jameson who played Leela, companion to the 4th Doctor Tom Baker and who also performed her one women show "From Women's Eyes" and appearing in her first Australian con was Camille Coduri, better known as Jackie Tyler the companion of the 9th and 10th Doctors and of course the mother of Rose.

This convention was a new experience for us as we had never attended one run by the club. Our thanks go to Paul (Club President) and Sarah who were very welcoming and helped to make the weekend. This was a memorable one as the club had quite a coup as this was the first time that an actor who played a substantial role in the 2005 version of the show would be in Australia.

Being a club run event the convention offered many different sessions including script writing master class with Judith Duncan, lecturer from NIDA and families were encouraged to be involved in a Monster creating contest and a session with Doctor Who Visual Dictionary author Kerrie Dougherty.

Apart from Louise and Camille other guests were Dudley Simpson composer of Doctor Who music from 1964 – 1979 and he composed the theme music for The Tomorrow People and Blake 7 plus incidental music for Blake 7. Dan Hall, Commissioning Editor, Classic Who DVDs and producer of special features released with the episodes. Austen Atkinson, whose company Planet 55 Studios www.planet55studios.com.au is responsible for the animation of the "lost episodes" on the newly released 'Reign of Terror' DVD and soon to be released 'Tenth Planet'. Rob Lloyd, actor and comedian performed his Comedy piece 'Who, Me' at dinner on the Saturday night.

The venue for the convention was impressive, The Bankstown Sports Club was something straight out of Vegas with a two story artificial waterfall, plus restaurant areas that were themed such as a railway station, Chinese garden and Italian piazza and much much more!!



Camille Coduri



Louise Jameson



Stills from The Tenth Planet animation that will replace the missing episode so that we will have a complete story!

This is a bit of a coup for us as they have not been seen anywhere but at

Whovention.

ENJOY!!



Louise and Camille were very entertaining relating stories about life on the Doctor Who set and they loved being involved in many of the activities that were on during the weekend. You could see that they enjoyed being with their fans and were willing to spend time chatting during photo, autograph sessions as well as mixing with everyone at the Dinner.

A special treat was given to all the attendees when Austen Atkinson gave a sneak peak of some of the animation that is being produced in preparation for releasing 'The Tenth Planet' which is the final story of William Hartnell and introduces the Cybermen. Only 3 of the 4 episodes exist, the missing episode being the episode that leads to the Doctor's regeneration scene. Footage of the actual regeneration does exist but that is all, Austen and his team have painstakingly recreated each frame of the episode from stills and audio so that finally we will be able to watch the complete story and the DVD will be released later this year.

Congratulations must go to the Whovention team who are part of the Doctor Who Club of Australia www.dwca.org.au for co-ordinating an excellent event. They are already in the process of planning another event for February 2014.



Louise and Camille enjoying talking with their fans!



Dan Hall
commissioning
editor Classic
Doctor Who
DVDs

Dudley Simpson
Doctor Who
Composer
1969-74



Austin Atkinson and some of his animators
working on the missing episodes



Sci Fi Hearsay

*Rumour, Gossip, Tittle-Tattle, Scuttlebutt, Idle Talk,
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Could be a good year???? Check out the net for new shows

New Genre Shows 2013!

Zero Hour
Defiance
Rewind?
Adjustment Bureau?
High Moon?
Grave Sight?
Defender?
Darkfall?
Eye of the Dragon
One Mile Straight Down

Possibly, maybe, could be for 2013?

Mad Hatter
(From Once upon a Time)
Gothica
S.H.I.E.L.D.
Lucas Stand
Believe
Sleepy Hollow
The Hundred
The Sixth Gun

Cancelled Sci Fi Shows in 2012

666 Park Avenue
Alphas
Awake
Eureka
Fringe
A Gifted Man
Touch?
Do No Harm
Beauty and the Beast??

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
Game of Thrones
The Neighbours
Revolution
Arrow
Teen Wolf

Sci Fi & Fantasy on the web!



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In Summer 2013, pioneering director J.J. Abrams will deliver an explosive action thriller that takes Star Trek Into Darkness.

When the crew of the Enterprise is called back home, they find an unstoppable force of terror from within their own organization has detonated the fleet and everything it stands for, leaving our world in a state of crisis. With a personal score to settle, Captain Kirk leads a manhunt to a war-zone world to capture a one man weapon of mass destruction. As our heroes are propelled into an epic chess game of life and death, love will be challenged, friendships will be torn apart, and sacrifices must be made for the only family Kirk has left: his crew.

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We love going to Conventions!! (Well, that is a bit of an understatement!!) We managed to get to around 12 last year! But what is nice, is not having to wake up at 4am to catch a plane to go interstate for one! So, it was with great delight that we welcomed Supanova's first event in Adelaide in November last year.

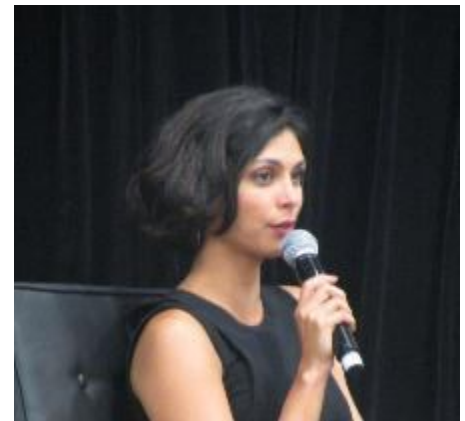


Cosplayer and Felicia Day



Tom Felton
Harry Potter
Movies

Morena
Baccarin
Firefly,
V,
Homeland



We have attended many Supanova events over the years, so the format for the weekend was no surprise. Great guests, lots of people selling things from your favourite show and wonderful costumes.



Richard Kiel - Jaws (James Bond)

For its first show in Adelaide, Supanova provided guests that appealed from the new geek to the slightly older geek. Harry Potter fans were able to mix a spell or two with Tom Felton (Malfoy), Chris Rankin (Percy Weasley) and Alfie Enoch (Dean Thomas). The voices of Fry (Billy West) and Bender (John Di Maggio) from Futurama and the sexy vampire Spike played by James Marsters were also part of the line-up, with Felicia Day, Morena Baccarin, Luke Perry from some iconic Sci Fi shows. Then there were legends, that is Richard Kiel (Jaws) from the James Bond films and Elvira, cult presenter of B Grade Horror Films and we still have not mentioned all the guests.



Elvira AKA Cassandra Peterson

Once again the costumes that people wore were amazing, in particular a group that came dressed as dogs (anime) all having made their own costumes which could easily have been from the set of a TV show. We continue to be blown away by the quality of and time given to preparing the costumes and their character make-up.



Of course, no show would be complete without a Storm Trooper or two! The 501st were again out in force bringing delight to Star Wars fans of all ages. One of the enemies of The Doctor, the Daleks also there in force along with Frazer Hines who played Jamie McCrimmon, companion to the second Doctor (Patrick Troughton).



It was a good first event and we look forward to many years of Supanova events in Adelaide. In 2013 Adelaide Supanova will be held November 15-17 at Wayville Showgrounds.
www.supanova.com.au



Because of Doctor Who I'm Afraid Of...



Mannequins

Spearhead from Space 1970
Terror of the Autons 1971



Snowmen

The Snowmen 2012



Gas Masks

The Empty Child 2005
The Doctor Dances 2005



Drums

Silence in the Library 2008
Forest of the Dead 2008



Libraries

Silence in the Library 2008
Forest of the Dead 2008



Cracks

Most stories of the first season of the
11th Doctor





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In this sequel, the G.I. Joes are not only fighting their mortal enemy Cobra; they are forced to contend with threats from within the government that jeopardize their very existence. The film stars D.J. Cotrona, Byung-hun Lee, Adrianne Palicki, Ray Park, Jonathan Pryce, Ray Stevenson, Channing Tatum with Bruce Willis and Dwayne Johnson. Directed by Jon M. Chu, and produced by Lorenzo di Bonaventura and Brian Goldner, from a screenplay by Rhett Reese & Paul Wernick based on Hasbro's G.I. Joe® characters.

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Brent Spiner and Hallie Todd
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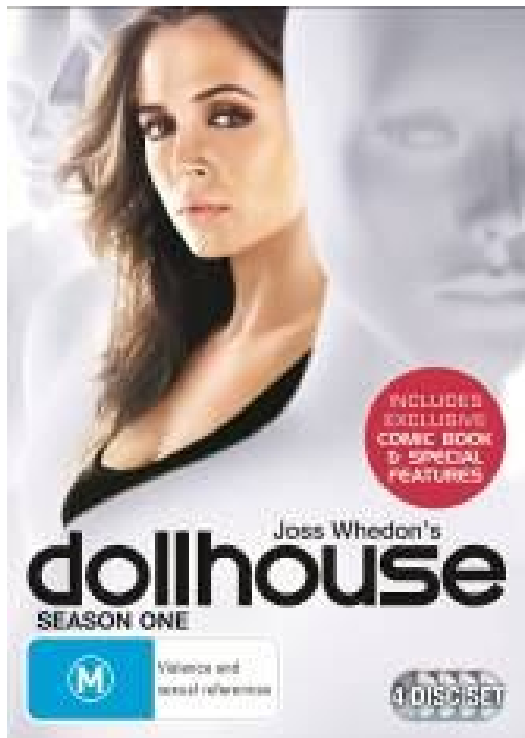
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The Smurfs



Neil Patrick Harris
The Smurf's, Dougie Howser MD



Nathan Fillion
Dr Horrible's Sing-a-long Blog



Adam Baldwin
Firefly, Angel



Lou Ferrigno
Chuck



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The Sci Fi Alphabet

X

is for X-Men



Y

is for Yoda



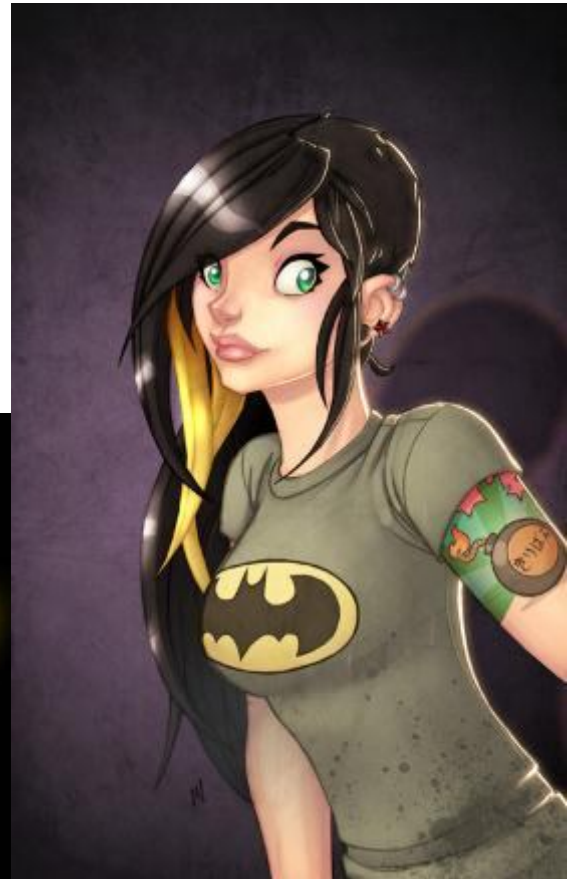
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is for Zoe
Doctor Who



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