

GE News

Women talk Sci Fi

Why GE?

CUS LOTS OF WOMEN OUT THERE LOVE A GREAT STORY, CUTE MEN AND WOMEN, AMAZING COSTUMES AND A WONDERFUL VISION OF THE FUTURE

GE, its issue 2, Whoo Hoo!

So here we have it, the 2nd issue of GE News! Whoo Hoo! It took many long hours and lots of talking, yes that is something that we do do well. Working out mastheads, styles, features, who would write what etc etc. However GE work well together. We launched GE News at Fanzone 2008 a coming together of many of the Sci FI fan clubs in Adelaide.

We had USS Mawson, SAFF (Star Wars), United Federation of Planets, Battlestar Galactica the Costumers Guild and more and of course one of the great dealers Cernat was there as well. See our GE Travels report for more on Fanzone 2008. This was a great place to launch our little e-zine.

We had lots of positive conversations around "Women talking Sci Fi" and not only from the women who attended Fanzone on the day, lots of you thought that it would be great to have a different perspective on all things Sci Fi.

So with all of this great feedback we will keep on doing it! Well we would have anyway. It has been great fun and we are pleased to see that you want to read our "stuff" Inside this issue look out for our article/interview with Chris Rankin, Percy Weasley from the Harry Potter Movies, another GE Why do I love...? We have another review this time it is Star Trek: Of Gods and Men and a full report on Fanzone 2008.

You will also get to find out what it is like to be a "Women in Sci Fi" as we have Part One of an interview with Cherie Tridente, CEO of Cernat Enterprises a well known Collectables Dealer and entrepreneur

So here it is, issue 2



Read on to find out why this picture is here

GE You like us! You really like us!

We also received some great feedback via e-mail for our first issue. Some of the comments included "Awww well done guys! Really impressed with what you have put together here and good to see the initiative."

"I look forward to seeing the next issue." and "Congratulations! Cool first issue- Aussie needs more SF fanzines. I'll do what I can to help publicize you."

and, "Hi GE, just had a quick glance at your magazine while waiting for dinner to cook, and it was very interesting. It was a good read, and I can't wait to get back and read some more, well done."

GE why do I love...?

Why do I love Sci Fi? I was very young and watched a black and white TV screen, wow that seems forever ago now and I saw a world, a world where everyone got along. An exciting world! A world in which people could get aboard a space ship and travel beyond its limits and see a different coloured sky, a different coloured person!

I come from Belfast Northern Ireland, a place divided and a place of the same but different. We spoke with the same accent and ate the same food, learned the same things and walked the same street, but, we went to different schools and had different expectations of life. I may have been very young but I think that I got to pick up on (what we now call) the vibes of the place. A place that even if you look the same you can still be different! So why does this mean I love Sci Fi, what's *The Troubles* got to do with it? Have a look at the episode of TOS, "Let That Be Your Last Battlefield" and see what I mean

The first Sci Fi TV show that I saw was Star Trek, now known as the original series. A group of people from different races, from different cultures and oh my, from different worlds. They all were together in one place, all working together for the one thing. What a different world that was! It portrayed a world that really impacted on my adult beliefs and what I became to feel should be what an ideal world should look like.

Ok, the adventures were pretty wild and I loved the, "we will prevail" bravado of the crew, who wouldn't? I remember lying on the floor, chin in my hands, staring at the screen and such a small screen too, agog at what I was seeing. I am pretty sure that I blinked at the rate of one blink per hour in case I missed anything.

This show had a great impact on me it showed what we could become and what we could aim for as a race of people. It showed a world where no one was poor, no one was hungry and everyone got along. I loved, yes loved, James T (but I was very fickle and also loved Chekov when he came along). Having someone called McCoy appealed a bit as well cus it felt like there was an Irish man on board so I liked him to. Then there was that alien guy with the pointy ears and Uhura, what little girl falling in love with this genre would not want to be her. Still in a time when there was considered a dividing line between what was a male or female role she showed that women could do it too!



All of these ideas pouring into the mind of an impressionable child helped and helped mould the way that she would think in the future.

Star Trek made me feel great when I watched it and I waited every week for the show to come on TV and made my parents watch it too. It made me feel good about seeking new worlds etc and I wanted to do it myself. Of course I also watched Dr Who as well and even saw all those programs that are now lost when they first aired. Did I want to be William Hartnell's granddaughter, heck yes, who wouldn't? I think that my interest in science and the stars stemmed from watching these TV shows and although I never pursued working in this field I have a strong interest in it. But really it comes down to really good yarns and what Aussie (even an imported Irish one, who I must admit can spin a few) does not like a really good yarn.

Sci Fi gives me a chance to get away from the day-to-day aspects of my life and allows me to escape be it on the screen or in a book. McCaffery, Blish, Asimov, Jordan, Heinlein, Bova and of course Pratchett, yes a bit of fantasy but lots of Sci Fi in there too.

Star Trek remains one of my favourites, in all of its incarnations, Dr Who (inc Torchwood) I loved from Hartnell on and now Stargate (both), Buffy and Angel (stringing a long bow I know), and every other Sci Fi show onwards.

I will let you in on a secret tho' not a great Star Wars fan, "I don't know why?" I still went to the movies and watched them but!!

I have a new mission now, it is to collect every B, C, D, E, and beyond Sci Fi movie out there with my last purchase being, *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians!*

Gotta have some aims in life don't ya!

Live long and dream a dream of little green men and big shiny ships!

Gerri Publishing Editor

GE I love what you do!



GE interviews Cherie Tridente from Cernat Enterprises. A woman not only with a job most of us would give our eyeteeth for but also on of the few women collectable dealers out there. The following is part one of a recent interview with Cherie. Look out for further parts in upcoming issues of GE News.

Cherie GE has have seen you at lots of conventions and like other fans we have always wondered how someone gets started in the collectable business? How did you?

CERNAT Enterprises (www.cernatent.com.au) was founded through eBay (<http://stores.ebay.com.au/CERNAT-Enterprises>) in 1999. We noticed very early on a market niche, that was not being supplied within Australia, and decided it was worth a risk. Since this date we have grown in leaps and bounds, supplying our merchandise worldwide. Our aim is to provide merchandise that is not otherwise found within Australia.



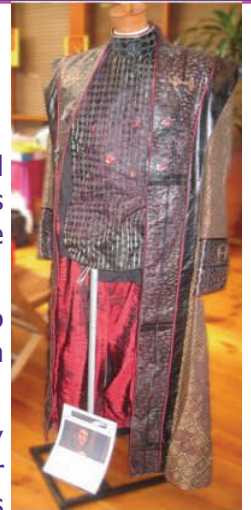
Cherie with some of the great collectables available from Cernat at Fanzone 2008. Look out for her at future events around Australia.

CERNAT has a very strong presence on eBay, the Internet, and Australian Conventions & Pop Culture Events (Armageddon, SupaNova, Etc). Recently, our hard work was rewarded and we are now the Authorised Australian Distributors for several major overseas companies.

These products include the following:

Battlestar Galactica;
Firefly/Serenity; Stargate Atlantis, SG1;etc.

Authentic Baal costume with all the special effects included as well as lots of bullet holes and blood



Our love of Science Fiction and specifically Stargate SG-1 has assisted in our growth over the years.

Is it hard for a women to work in what looks like a "mans world"?

Quite honestly, throughout my professional career (Accountant) I have always worked within a male dominated world. This experience and knowledge has allowed me to successful navigate this area. CERNAT has not found too many problems in this area. Most people are open to competition and have been very helpful. We try hard to work with other businesses to our mutual benefit.

Could you tell us briefly what Cernat is and what you have to offer?

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Our main product lines generally cover the following Movie and TV Collectables:

- Battlestar Galactica;
- Dr Who;
- Farscape;
- Firefly / Serenity;
- LOST;
- Star Trek;
- Star Wars;
- Stargate Atlantis & SG-1;
- Supernatural;
- Etc.

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Look out for part 2 next issue

GE Look who we met!

Chris Rankin

Recently GE News met up with Percy Weasley, erstwhile "Head Boy" of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Chris Rankin who was born in New Zealand, was looking forward to returning home to pick up some "fush and chups" having left with his parents when he was five years old to move to the United Kingdom. He is an "All Blacks" (what New Zealander isn't) supporter and has a "Kiwi" passport. He was looking forward to seeing his old stamping grounds and catching up with family and friends.

Chris a featured actor at Armageddon 2007, Melbourne spent some time with GE giving insight into his work in the Potter franchise as well as he became an actor and a little of what he is up to next! Chris was a pleasure to meet and generous not only with GE News but also with the many Harry Potter fans who spoke with him, with Chris giving freely of his time and autograph to the many fans.

GE does not disappoint and of course we asked the question that everyone asks! How did you get to be in Harry Potter? Chris told us that it really was by luck and a bit of our favourite past time watching the TV!

"There was something on the news saying that they were auditioning for Harry Potter films and wanted kids that hadn't been to stage school. Ordinary, everyday school kids, to come to an open audition." Chris said, "So yeah, I loved the books, I'd read all the books. Absolutely loved them, so I thought I'll go along..." Chris turns up and waits in line with many other hopefuls. Jokingly Chris states "...that maybe they didn't have enough ginger (UK term for redheads) people there that day, but I'd like to think I was very Percy like myself."

Chris was called back, had to see the producer and director and they gave him the part, seven years, six months ago and the rest is history! "Yep, August 2000, I auditioned." In the early years of the movies Chris spent up to eight months a year working which did not leave him a lot of time to do anything else.

Chris made the decision to pursue acting as his chosen profession and considers himself lucky, and said that "...he had intended to go to drama school and work in McDonalds like a lot of actors but was lucky enough to bypass all of that!", going on to say, "... I was in the right place at the right time. I just never really imagined it would happen quite how it did I guess."

Chris was 16 when he joined Hogwarts had participated in many school productions. He is a singer and has appeared in many musicals as a member of a youth theatre group with whom he still keeps in contact and supports whenever possible.

So what's up next for Chris? He told us that he was about to start filming for new movie, set in a European Drama School. "...not a slasher movie" and although he can't tell us much about it says that it is a good psychological thriller, so keep your eye out for it.

GE would like to thank Chris for his time and it was great to meet a genuine and interested man who thoroughly enjoys the work that he does. Lets hope that we see more of him and not only in the Harry Potter movies.

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GE Look at this!

Haven't I seen them somewhere before?

They one thing that stood out for me when I was watching 'Of Gods and Men' part 1 was the joy of going, "he/she was in ..." This fan movie with its more than impressive array of ex Star Trek alumni appearing in new or reprised roles is just what a true fan craves. For a fan movie this is a great piece of work, with only the special effects letting you know that it is not a corporate piece. Don't get me wrong they are very well done! I can't wait for the other episodes to be available so that I can watch it again as a complete piece. This will keep me entertained and continuing to enjoy the world of Star Trek until the Star Trek 11 comes to the cinema. Want to see it click on the link below.

Part 2 out now!

[Star Trek: Of Gods and Men](#)

A new Star Trek adventure

This has been a long time in coming but has been well worth the wait. For a fan driven venture the first episode was impressive. The thing that gave me the most fun as I was watching the episode was naming all the Star Trek actors who turn up in it. A male friend of mine enjoyed more the fact that one of the characters in the episode was being played by a rather gorgeous actress who was an Orion Slave girl in Enterprise. I don't think story line was a real issue for him. I don't want to give too much away because if you are a fan of Star Trek then this is definitely something you would want to see.

So I give the first episode a  out of 5, and I look forward to the release of the next episode.

Fanzone 2008

GE was on the road again in GE's nice shiny new car and last month took part in Fanzone 2008, where we proudly launched the first issue of GE News. What was Fanzone you ask? It was Adelaide's first expo of Sci Fi and fantasy clubs located in South Australia. Stuart Blair, President of the Starship Mawson Club and CEO of Terra Nova Events invited the Sci Fi fantasy community to showcase the benefits of being part of a club. The clubs responded and a day filled with fun and information followed. Representatives from South Australian Fan Force (SAFF, Star Wars), United Federation of Planets (otherwise know as Aus Sci Fi), Battlestar Galactica, Firefly/Serenity Club and the Costumers Guild all had information, costumes and collectables on display.



"They look like the real thing." Representatives from the Serenity and Star Wars Clubs.

GE News talked to a lot of fans about their passion for the Sci Fi genre and what it means to them. So be on the lookout for articles in the upcoming issues of GE News.



The day was spent looking at costumes displayed by the Costumer's Guild and the Star Wars Club, plus wishing we could afford the original prop costumes that were up for sale by Cernat, (the Australasian distributor of all things Star Gate) including Jack O'Neil and Samantha Carter's uniforms.

Fans were fascinated at demonstrations of how to make a pair of Vulcan ears. They were also able to buy memorabilia from their favourite Sci Fi show.

It showcased the clubs to the general community giving them a chance to come out of the closet and proudly proclaim.

We love Sci Fi!!

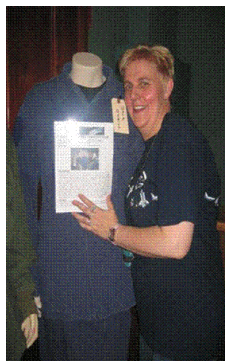


Stuart demonstrating how to make a set of Vulcan ears.



← Authentic Baal costume "The Closest G will get to taking it off anything I think?"

→ Authentic costume worn by Richard Dean Anderson. "It was hard for Marls to keep her hands off this one!"



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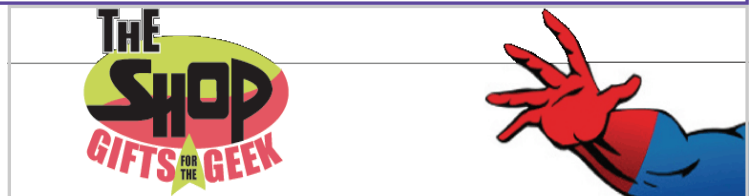
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