

# GE NEWS

## WOMEN TALK SCI FI



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In Australia, Richard Dean Anderson and Patrick Stewart in just one month, who would have thought it possible?

Sci Fi heaven happened last month when we travelled to Sydney for the Stargate Convention run by [The Hub Productions](#). Arriving Friday night at Sydney Airport to rain and chaos! Once we finally found our friend Mary an hour later wet and dying for a coffee, it was plain sailing from there.

With camera and case for autographs in hand we arrived at the University of NSW auditorium. This is an excellent venue with tiered seating it meant that everyone had a great view of the guests.

What guests there were, Chris Judge, Dan Shea, Connor Trinneer, David Nykl, Gigi Edgley, David Blue, Claudia Black, Ben Browder and the one and only **Richard Dean Anderson** phew!

Nine, go on count them nine guests with eight from one of our favourite television franchises. For a general admission price of \$150.00 what a bargain!





First port of call as always was saying hello to Jason and Darren our friends from Gifts for the Geek. (Don't forget GE News readers get a discount contact us for details). The guys had amazing items from Stargate props, Stargate costumes (worn by Richard Dean and Amanda to name a few) to the basics like key rings and pens.

Chris Judge and Dan Shea took the stage first with Dan challenging Chris to a push up competition, so off with shirts (mmm very nice pecks!!) and down they went matching push up for push up. Dan Shea would have won if they had kept going.



Dan and Chris told stories from the set. Dan not only played the character Sergeant Sila but was also the Stunt co-ordinator and RDA's stunt double. Chris is big and loud with a big and loud laugh and truly enjoyed himself on stage. His longer locks from the last time he was in Australia shorn, without hair Chris Judge is still gorgeous. Their time on stage ended too quickly.





Connor Trinneer and David Nykl were next and after a question re a new movie Connor hilariously mentioning a few times that he ended up being dead on both Enterprise and Atlantis and can't be in anything. David was a great



guest relating many a story from the set of Atlantis. It seems his Czech swearing was just that Czech swearing!! Get out the DVD, have a listen and translate on-line, just for the fun of it!

Claudia and Ben had a real chemistry on stage. Claudia very proud to acknowledge that she is Australian as she led a call of Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!! Ben loved the time spent in Sydney when working on Farscape and was happy to be in room where so many people knew what he was talking about when he mentioned Farscape. Half way through their talk Gigi Edgley joined them. With our friends Deb and Jason we had the pleasure of talking to Gigi during our lunchtime break. If Gigi ends up marrying in Phuket it will be all thanks to Jason and Deb's suggestion.





After lunch David Blue was on stage. David is a true geek who loves Sci Fi and gaming. A long time fan of Stargate and is 'know all' on set even correcting the writers on Stargate lore. His first scenes were on the Atlantis set and as the cast went to lunch he was taking photos of himself next to the gate. Yes his geek credentials are checked and verified. You got the impression he enjoys conventions because he gets to talk geek to people who understand him!

Finally RDA is on the stage to wild applause, sitting down but quickly stood up again fishing through his pockets and throwing on the ground a stress ball, chupa chup, camera, pen, breath spray with a few other items. A shout comes from the crowd "Are you going to MacGyver that?" The crowd went into hysterics. RDA was very laidback, answering questions even some "stupid" ones and left us wanting more. Currently he is enjoying being at home with his daughter recovering from recent surgery. RDA supports the Sea Shepherd Conservation Organisation, an international non-profit, marine wildlife conservation organisation whose mission is to end the destruction of the ocean habitat and slaughter of wildlife in the world's oceans. He was hoping to get to Hobart the next day to welcome one of the Sea Shepherd boats that were coming in before his appearance in the Melbourne con. We don't think he realised how big Australia really is. Then it was time to get our autographs. Just sorting out our tokens and photos took us a while as there were so many to get. With minimal fuss we ended up getting all that we wanted and the day drew to a close.

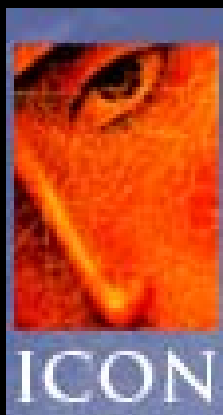
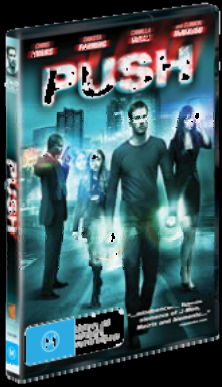


Our thanks goes to Carissa, Rand and the team from The Hub Productions

[www.thehubproductions.com](http://www.thehubproductions.com) for giving Australia a chance to see Richard Dean Anderson, Ben, Claudia, Chris, David, David, Gigi, Connor and Dan all in one day!

**Fantastic Reader Competition**  
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**And the winners are!**

**Mark N**

**James M**

**Luisa L**

**Connie F**

**Lyn T**

## The Hubble Telescope Turns 20



The Hubble Telescope turns 20 this month. Being NASA's most recognised space observatory it was launched in April 1990. The telescope had unprecedented capabilities and is one of the most powerful scientific instruments ever produced by humans. It has revolutionised astronomy research covering many disciplines in this area. It is also one of our favourite websites with many a picture taken by this wonderful machine being set as wallpaper on our computers. Named after Edwin Hubble an American Astronomer who changed our understanding of the universe by demonstrating the existence of other galaxies. The telescope is expected to carry out its mission until 2014 were it will be replaced by the infrared James Webb Space Telescope. James Webb was the administrator who oversaw all of the manned launches of the Mercury and Gemini space programs. So we will still be able to check out the wonderful images that Hubble sends back to NASA. To grab some of these then head over to Hubble's official site at:

<http://hubblesite.org/>





**Brisbane 2010**  
**Our 20th Supa-Show!**

## Supanova Brisbane Report from our Brisbane Correspondent Kathryn Wilkes

This from what is now called a retro science fiction fan, meaning original trek, Doctor Who, Lost in Space and the classic stuff all of us who are now getting to be oldies used to go to the 80s cons to see. My first event since 1987 and my 9yrs old daughter's first event.



Supanova, well very big and very new to me, Entry was through the dealers area, huge amounts of items to buy for all genres but not a huge amount of the classic stuff. The Trek Club of Brisbane reminds me of SASTREK LOL, Star Wars Costuming clubs, fan artists and loads of Japanese Anime, it was very huge, of course Twilight fans were there in their droves. A theatre just for the Anime alone and then another huge building for the signings and talks, we were fortunate to get in early for our signings when we came out the queue was still miles long, we didn't stay for the talks my daughter was so fascinated by all the costumes people were wearing, she just wanted her photo with them all. As you can see from my pics my daughter is primarily a Dr Who Fanatic, you can thank me for any other photos, if it was up to Kate it would be Dr Who fans only in the pics too. See more of the event at [www.genews-ezine.com](http://www.genews-ezine.com)



It was a very reasonably priced event getting a weekend pass for \$60 and my daughter was happy with everything she saw. Fun all round but very tiring on old bones and young feet LOL, she went to sleep on the train each night worn out from excitement. The pictures show the beans jumping inside her. From my perspective, it was a well organised, well priced, well advertised on television, and a great 2 days. We ran out of pennies but we were on a tiny budget to start with so we are not doing day 3 but we were very happy with what we did and saw.





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If you are a regular reader of GE you would have heard us rant yes rant about Star Trek Aurora but in case you have not read on because we are going to do it again! What is Star Trek Aurora, this is an amazing animated amateur Star Trek related film produced, directed, drawn, rendered, scored and scripted by the amazing Tim Vinning. The only bad thing that we can say about this film is that there is still one episode to come to finalise the project. So we are hanging out for that in the near future.



Tim is a very talented man and should be working in the industry not only has he come up with a compelling story but has been able to offer to his audience a production of such quality that rivals many animated movies and television series that we have seen. This is something that we would buy if it was available commercially. Lucky for us that Tim has allowed us to download it for free!



To download Star Trek Aurora go to [www.auroratrek.com](http://www.auroratrek.com)

# Trekkie Kim Star Trek Fan & Artist

Artist Kim Lockman, known to her Internet friends as 'TrekkieKim', has had a passion for Star Trek and art as far back as she can remember. Kim's love of art and Star Trek began in the late sixties and has followed her throughout life, remaining intertwined with various life experiences and indeed influencing many of them.



Original Artwork by TrekkieKim

Growing up as an only child on a cattle ranch in Montana, her earliest art was primarily expressed in pencil drawings of horses, cowboys and Indians... usually on whatever scraps of blank paper she could find.

Kim's love affair with Star Trek began by watching it as a very young child. Living in rural Montana, there weren't any 'geek' influences other than the weekly episode of Star Trek which Kim fervently watched on the family's black and white television... once again proving how powerfully Star Trek can connect with anyone...even in the most 'unlikely' of places! Her 'Trekkie' roots were quickly established and Star Trek themes began to work their way into her drawings by the end of the 1960's.

Throughout childhood and adolescence, Kim struggled with the cruelty of her peers in regards to her 'out of the ordinary' interests. However, art and Star Trek remained the grounding forces in Kim's life and she spent most her free time devouring anything having to do with Star Trek (which was hard to find on a Montana ranch in a pre-internet age). She also expanded her artistic pursuits into painting by the early teens.

As an adult, Kim put herself through college by working as a hair stylist and eventually earned a BA in Fine Art. Ironically, the 'art' crowd at the university often shrugged off Kim's art as being too realistic in approach...not the more popular 'avant-garde' style. Again, she found herself turning to Star Trek for acceptance.



Original Artwork by TrekkieKim



Today, Kim Lockman is beginning a new era in her life. She has survived the death of a husband, raised her son, and worked through a number of health challenges which has left her needing to re-think what is truly important to her and necessary for happiness and prosperity. The answer has been....YOU GOT IT....Star Trek and Art!

As a means of personal empowerment, expression and hopefully a means of income, Kim Lockman has gone back to the very things that fed her soul all along. Kim has also collaborated with a friend to create an exciting website for fans of Sci Fi and comics called Fan Central! This is turning into a thriving internet community with lots to offer the geek in all of us!



Original Artwork by TrekkieKim

In her new series of Trek paintings, Kim has found her voice and is singing joyfully! Her work can be viewed at "www.fancentral.ning.com " under the photo section on her profile page. High quality, signed prints of her paintings are available for purchase, as well.

Kim hopes to take her art to conventions in the future and establish a presence amongst fellow artists. And as always, shall remain the one...the only....'TrekkieKim'!

Contact Kim Lockman (trekkiekim) to enquire regarding purchase of her art work or just to say how much you love it! Why not join her at Fan Central or become a friend on Facebook?

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[www.fancentral.ning.com](http://www.fancentral.ning.com)

<http://www.facebook.com/people/Kim-Lockman/1485871264>

Check out new website coming soon May 1st [www.artbytrekkiekim.com](http://www.artbytrekkiekim.com)

**Women Talk Sci Fi Podcast 20 with Dr Who #8 Paul McGann interview**

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





The Hub Productions brought some of the most familiar faces of Star Trek to Adelaide this April. That meant that we got to go to two conventions with actors from two of our favourite shows. Now we really enjoy travelling to interstate shows but it was so nice now having to get up at 4.00am to go to the airport. Three incarnations of Star Trek were represented at this convention and as you can see from the banner above we had three of the main characters from TNG, DS9 and Voyager.



Denise was the first to get on stage and as we were interviewing Rene and Ethan at the time we did not get to see her on stage! However, our friend Deb told us that Denise kept the crowd entertained and if her interview with us is anything to go by she is right!

Next came Ethan, otherwise known as "Johnnie" who still chews nicotine chewing gum even after 5 years of giving up smoking. Ethan spent most of the time telling us jokes as he collects them and has been doing so since childhood. He also spoke about his time on Star Trek Voyager, and his character Neelix and stories from the set.



Finally, Rene took the stage talking about his time on DS9 and Boston Legal. Rene talked about his time working with William Shatner whom he said was generous with his time and welcoming on the set. Rene when I was introduced to him said hadn't he met me (Gerri) before with me saying "yes, but that was 10 years ago!" It really made me feel good that someone like him would remember little old me!

In all this was an intimate and relaxed convention with everyone attending being able to stop and have a personal chat with the guests. No one was worried about the amount of time anyone spent with them as you knew when it was your turn you too would have some quality time with them. This was The Hub Productions first convention in Adelaide and if this is an example of what they are like we can't wait for the next one which just happens to be Christopher Judge and Corin Nemec both from Stargate SG1. Keep your eye on their website to grab your ticket.



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On our Women Talk Sci Fi Podcast  
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