

TIME	FOYER AREA	SWANSTON ROOM	COLLINS ROOM
1.00pm	<i>Registration opens in the foyer</i>		
3.00pm		<i>not in use</i>	<p>Webcomics (G) The who, what, where and how of webcomics. <i>Mitch, Danny Oz, John Parker and Simon Oxwell.</i></p>
4.00pm		<i>not in use</i>	<p>Melbourne Conventions, Fandom and Fanzines (G) Melbourne has a long history of staging fannish conventions. Learn about the not-so-secret realm of fandom and fanzines. <i>Bruce Gillespie, Terry Frost, Jocko and Merv Binns.</i></p>
5.00pm		<p>Doctor Who and the Amazing Fan Girls and Fan Boys (PGR) Why does <i>Doctor Who</i> attract such keen fans girls and boys? A panel of somewhat sad fans discuss. <i>Ian Mond, Danny Oz, Sara Eggen and Natahl Ball.</i></p>	<i>not in use</i>
6.00pm		<p>Are Weblogs the New Fanzines? (PGR) Is the day of the old-fashioned fanzine over? Has it been replaced with live journals, webzines, blogs and myspaces? And what is "leet speak", anyway? <i>Margo Lanagan, Bruce Gillespie, Sara Eggen, Chuck McKenzie and Janice Gelb.</i></p>	<p>Greg Egan Revealed (G) The works of Greg Egan are discussed by a panel of experts. <i>Bruce Gillespie, Russell Blackford, Andrew Macrae and others.</i></p>
7.00pm		<i>not in use</i>	<i>not in use</i>
7.30pm		<p>C4 Opening Ceremony (30 minutes)</p>	<i>not in use</i>
8.00pm	<p>Cocktail Launch Party: <i>Eidolon I</i> and <i>The Silver Road</i> Join Charles Stross, Margo Lanagan, and Shaun Tan in a complimentary champagne toast to launch an exciting new anthology series and a bold fantasy debut. <i>Cash bar to follow.</i></p>	<i>not in use</i>	<p>Let's go to the movies! A screening of fan films and other shorts created by our own local film-making talent.</p>



**Program : Friday 4th August
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TIME	FOYER AREA	SWANSTON ROOM	COLLINS ROOM
9.00pm		<p>The Great Debate: The Future is Now (PGR) Is <i>this</i> the future we were promised in the 50s? Or have we been duped by new technologies, faster Internet connections and miniature mobile phones? Are we being sold yesterday's technology in tomorrow's wrapper? <i>Charles Stross v Richard Harland</i> <i>Margo Lanagan v Shaun Tan</i> <i>Sarah Marland v Ian Mond</i> <i>MC: Jack Dann.</i></p>	<p>Film making beyond the handycam — an open forum discussion with people who are currently trying to bring their cinematic visions to life (G) <i>Darren Maxwell, Claire McKenna and others.</i></p>
10.00pm		<p>Crossing the Forbidden Line (R) Has political correctness gone too far? Are there certain taboos that authors feel they can't write about? Do audiences feel they should not laugh at certain subjects? <i>George Ivanoff, Lucy Sussex, Kirstyn McDermott, Claire McKenna and Rjurik Davidson.</i></p>	<p>Super Heroes (PGR) A fun discussion of the super hero genre, from ancient times to twentieth century comic books. <i>Mitch, David Cake, Sara Eggen, Gillian Polack and John Parker.</i></p>
11.00pm		<p>Guilty Pleasures (PGR) Books, films and TV shows we love but don't want our friends to know about. <i>Charles Stross, Margo Lanagan, Shaun Tan and Bruce Gillespie.</i></p>	<p>Splatterpunk v the Creeping Dread (M) <i>Texas Chainsaw Massacre</i> or <i>Psycho</i>? <i>Dawn of the Dead</i> or <i>The Others</i>? A panel of experts discuss the merits of gore and suspense. <i>Kirstyn McDermott, Paul Poulton, Terry Frost, David Carroll and David Lorensene.</i></p>
12.00am		<p>Short Reading Slam: Horror! Five readers in fifty minutes. The reader has eight minutes to woo the audience with suspense, terror and horror. Readers' own writing or a favourite piece by another author. Audience screaming encouraged. <i>Richard Harland, Rocky Wood, George Ivanoff, Rick Kennett, Heath Miller and others.</i> <i>MC: Kirstyn McDermott.</i></p>	<p>not in use</p>
1.00am	<p>Closed for the night</p>		



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8.30am	<i>Registration opens in the foyer</i>		
9.00am		Get Them while They're Young: Youth TV Programs (G) Television for children today: clever programs or programming for addiction? <i>Rachael Holkner, Sara Eggen and George Ivanoff.</i>	<i>not in use</i> <i>"Greg Egan Revealed"</i> <i>moved to Friday 6.00pm</i>
10.00am		The Evolution of Young Adult Genre Literature (G) Why do so many adults read YA? What are its major tropes? What are the biggest and best YA SF&F books ever? All that and more. <i>Margo Lanagan, Lucy Sussex, Sue Bursztynski, Lili Wilkinson and Gillian Polack.</i> <i>MC: Bev Hope.</i>	How Downloading has Changed the Popular Media Industry (G) With free-to-air TV chopping and changing timeslots, have we all turned to downloading to watch our favourite shows? How has the downloading phenomena changed the media landscape? <i>Paul Poulton, Jocko, Katharine Shade, David Cake and Danny Oz.</i>
11.00am		The Eldritch Influence of HP Lovecraft (MA) A discussion about the influential role Lovecraft has played in the shaping the imaginations of genre writers. <i>Charles Stross, Ori Shifrin, Chuck McKenzie and Terry Frost.</i>	Is there Life after Harry? (G) A panel of very clever kids (and a few big kids) talk about their favourite books. <i>MC: Shaun Tan, Lili Wilkinson Alice Boer-Endacott, Genevieve Allen, Zyl Wauchope and Tam Wauchope.</i>
12.00pm		The Shaun Tan Guest of Honour Speech (G)	West Meets East: Longsword and Katana (MA) Knight's sword and samurai's katana: iconic weapons from different warrior traditions. How were they made? How were they used? What would happen if they were pitted against one other? <i>Chris Barnes and Carl Wellam Schaller.</i>
1.00pm	~ Lunch break ~ <i>Signing session will take place in the foyer : Charles Stross</i>		
2.00pm		The Margo Lanagan Guest of Honour Speech (G)	NovaMob: Borges and SF (MA) Past, present and new members are all welcome at this special monthly gathering of the NovaMob. <i>Presented by Charlie Taylor.</i>



**Program : Saturday 5th August
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3.00pm		<p>Rogues v Villains (PGR) Why is being bad so darn good? An entertaining discussion of just what makes a really good baddie! <i>Charles Stross, Trudi Canavan, Richard Harland and Paul Poulton.</i></p>	<p>Pulp: Gutter Crime and SF (MA) Fiction. Film. Facts. All that pulpy goodness you love to love! <i>Bruce Gillespie, Terry Frost, Cat Sparks, Justin Ackroyd, Dianne De Bellis and Race Mathews.</i></p>
4.00pm		<p>For Art's Sake! (G) Shaun Tan discusses the world of visual art in all its permutations. <i>Shaun Tan.</i></p>	<p>The Many-Headed Editor (G) Ah, editors... What do they do? Where do they hide? Why do they change everything? Several specimens of the <i>Editorialis fabulosae</i> genus for examination here. <i>Sarah Endacott, Bruce Gillespie and others.</i></p>
5.00pm		<p>Stephen King's The Dark Tower (PGR) Two King experts present a fascinating insight into the Dark Tower series. <i>Rocky Wood and David Carroll.</i></p>	<p>Fan Fund Auction (PGR) Buy and sell collectibles, memorabilia and other assorted oddities. All proceeds to go towards the Fan Funds.</p>
6.00pm		<p>Short Reading Slam! (PGR) Five short pieces from five hugely entertaining writers. Don't miss it! <i>Charles Stross, Margo Lanagan, Shaun Tan, Richard Harland and Jack Dann.</i></p>	<p><i>not in use</i></p>
7.00pm	<p>Book Launch: Cock (R) Launch of a new anthology exploring masculinities in genre fiction. Drinks and nibbles included. <i>Introduction by Charles Stross. Launched by Andrew Macrae and Keith Stevenson.</i></p> <p>~ Dinner break ~</p> <p>8.45pm: Masked ball costume viewing and photo opportunity.</p>	<p>not in use</p>	<p><i>not in use</i></p>
9.00pm		<p>The Continuum 4 Masked Ball The late-night dance party. Dress up and be one of the beautiful people. Costumes encouraged and there will be prizes. <i>DJ: Chuck McKenzie.</i></p>	<p><i>not in use</i></p>
12.00am	<p>Closed for the night</p>		

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9.30am	Registration Opens in the Foyer		
10.00am		<p>Writing and the Art of Money (G) Follow your creative instincts or follow the dollars? Is it possible to do both? Writers discuss. <i>Shaun Tan, Margo Lanagan, Trudi Canavan, George Ivanoff and Russell Blackford.</i></p>	<p>The Future for Franchised Science Fiction (G) Shows like Star Trek, StarGate and Babylon 5 have graced our screens over the last ten years. But now their numbers are dwindling. What's the future for franchised TV? <i>Iain McKenzie, Katharine Shade, Jocko and Ori Shifrin.</i></p>
11.00am		<p>Musical madness (PGR) SF fans are as passionate about their favourite music as they are about SF. See and hear some zealous fans. <i>Bruce Gillespie, Julian Warner, Andrew Macrae, Jeanette Gillespie and Paul Ewins.</i></p>	<p>Coming Soon! (PGR) A look at the most anticipated upcoming attractions in film, television, anime, comics and more. <i>Mitch, Ian Mond, Terry Frost and Simon Oxwell.</i></p>
12.00pm		<p>The Charles Stross Guest of Honour Q&A Session (PGR) MC: Kirstyn McDermott</p>	<p>Knights, Tights and Pirates (PGR) A look at medieval life on both sides of the law, with practical demonstrations of weaponry and fighting styles. <i>Alex Hughes and friends.</i></p>
1.00pm	<p>~ Lunch break ~</p> <p>Signing sessions will take place in the foyer: Margo Lanagan and Shaun Tan</p>		
2.00pm		<p>The Bruce Gillespie Guest of Honour Q&A Session (G) MC: Ian Mond</p>	<p>The Secret World of the AFOL (PG) Why are so many adults fans of Lego? <i>Sue Ann Barber, Travis Matheson, Ross Crawford and others.</i></p>
3.00pm		<p>Paranoia and the New World (Dis)Order (MA) Are the doom-and-gloom predictions of a fossil-fuelled apocalypse coming true? Are we on the brink of a new world order? Will social justice, welfare and the pension be downsized and rationalised away? <i>Charles Stross, David Cake, Russell Blackford and Jenny Blackford.</i></p>	<p>On Writing Short Fiction (PGR) Insights, hints and valuable advice from (and for) writers of short fiction. <i>Margo Lanagan, Shaun Tan, Richard Harland, Cat Sparks and Grace Dugan.</i></p>



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4.00pm		King Hits (PGR) Stephen King: grand master or hack? <i>Rocky Wood, Ian Mond, Kirstyn McDermott and David Carroll.</i>	Making Science Fiction into Science Fact (G) New advances in science, once only the stuff of fiction. <i>Ben McKenzie, Merv Binns, Jamie Reuel and Dianne De Bellis.</i>
5.00pm		SF Speculation (G) How accurate are current depictions of the future? Will we be proved horribly wrong — or perhaps even more horribly right? <i>Charles Stross, Shaun Tan, Jenny Blackford, Andrew Macrae.</i>	Fan-Funded Adventures (G) Past fan fund (GUFF, DUFF, etc) winners discuss their fan-funded global exploits and escapades. <i>Bruce Gillespie, Alan Stewart, Terry Frost, Damien Warman and Janice Gelb.</i>
6.00pm		All-Star Blankety Blanks (PGR) By very popular demand this extremely entertaining quiz show is back. Expect the unexpected! <i>George Ivanoff, Margo Lanagan, Shaun Tan, Paul Poulton, Chuck McKenzie, Ian Mond and Rachel Holkner.</i>	Must-See Media (G) A discussion of the books, television shows, comics and films you should see before you die. <i>Terry Frost, Mitch, Ben McKenzie and Greg Tannahill.</i>
7.00pm		<i>not in use</i>	<i>not in use</i>
7.30pm		C4 Closing Ceremony (30 minutes)	<i>not in use</i>
8.00pm	Convention closed		