



Come, celebrate the 57th World Science Fiction Convention under the Southern Cross!

Enthusiastic fen from all over our country have banded together to bring you a bid for Melbourne in 1999. We have a wide range of experience and a perfect site in the World Congress Centre in Melbourne.

Melbourne is an ideal location for an Australian Worldcon, central amid Sydney, Adelaide and Hobart, making it easy for Australian fandom to come and meet you and for you to travel on to visit these other cities.

Melbourne, the crown of Victoria, is the second biggest city on the continent. It is home to Australia's oldest SF club, and the site of Australia's two previous Worldcons, held in 1975 and 1985.

In the city's heart, on the banks of the Yarra River, the World Congress Centre is

Victoria's largest convention centre. The Centra Hotel is attached, a new Sheraton is going up just across, and several other hotels are within one block. It's a great site in a great city!

Executive committee
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Please show your support with a pre-supporting membership. In North America, send \$10 in U.S. dollars to:

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We plan the convention for the traditional time -- over the American Labour Day weekend, 2-6 Sept. 1999. Spend your summer holidays enjoying the Australian winter! Instead of sweltering in the Western Zone, spend the Worldcon in the invigorating 50- to 60-degree Fahrenheit temperatures of Melbourne in early September.

It costs less to get to Australia than you think -- commercial air+hotel packages from San Francisco are offered now for US\$899 or less. Although it's too early to predict for 1999, rates for three- to five-star hotels near the World Trade Centre have been confirmed through 1996 at \$67 to \$130. And when you get here, you'll find your dollar goes a long way -- the Australian dollar has been averaging about 75 cents U.S. Begin saving only a dollar a day now, and by 1999 you'll have enough to cover a fantastic holiday. And please, think of us -- Australian fandom hasn't had an easily accessible Worldcon since 1985! A whole new generation of Aussie fans has grown up since then. Give us a chance to be your hosts.

Downtown Melbourne

