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Featuring Anzac Dawn Service at
the National War Memorial

Highlights

- Ditmar Awards—the Australian SF Achievement Awards
- Panels on all genres related to speculative fiction
- Playwriting & theatre stream
- Bridge Crew simulation
- Gaming tournaments
- Role playing
- Anime presentations
- Media-related activities
- Costuming
- Dealers & collectables
- Real science presentations
- Filling
- Art show
- Auctions
- Readings and signing sessions
- Book launches and film premiers
- Video & film stream
- And more

4 days of discussions, workshops,
celebrations and parties

Guests of Honour—Award winning authors
Greg Benford (*Timescape, Cosm*)

Sean McMullen (*Centurion's Empire, Miocene Arrow*)

Fan Guest of Honour - Karen Herkes

Conflux n. = confluence. Confluence (n) a place where two rivers meet/ a coming together/ a crowd of people.

For over 50 years the Australian National SF Convention has been the most important event on the Australian SF&F calendar. It usually attracts hundreds of people: fans, writers, booksellers, publishers, movie-makers and other enthusiasts from around the country and even overseas.

Guests of Honour **Greg Benford**, (Hugo Award winning author and prominent long time SF fan in his own right), **Sean McMullen**, (Ditmar Award and Aurealis Award winning Australian author) and Fan Guest of Honour will be **Karen Herkes**, (long-time Canberra fan and convention organiser) will head up a multi-streamed program featuring a wide range of SF related activities. The program will also feature some real science topics and an ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

While ostensibly a general science fiction convention, fans of all genres of SF&F are sure to be able to explore their particular SF interests, while at the same time have a great deal of fun and perhaps discover some other aspect of science fiction, fantasy or horror to pique their interest.

Canberra is convenient to both Melbourne and Sydney and boasts a busy airport and a wide range of bus connections. The convention site, the Rydges Lakeside, situated in downtown Canberra City, is convenient to restaurants, entertainment venues, tourist attractions, other hotels, and the central retail district. What more could you ask: a real coming together!

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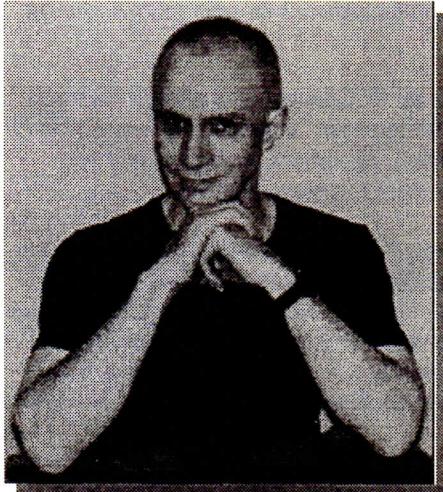
Introducing our Guests of Honour

GREG BENFORD

Gregory Benford is a professor of physics at the University of California, Irvine. He is a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, and was Visiting Fellow at Cambridge University, and in 1995 received the Lord Prize for contributions to sciences. His research encompasses both theory and experiments in the fields of astrophysics and plasma physics. Formerly a co-editor of the fanzine *Void*, and an SF writer since 1965, he is the author of the Nebula-winning *Timescape* and the Galactic Center novels. Gregory Benford's fiction explores the human side of hard science, and extrapolates humanity moving into a realistic far future. He has won the Nebula Award twice, the John W. Campbell award and the Australian Ditmar award for international novel. In 1989 he won the United Nations Medal in Literature.

He is a frequent and eloquent attendee at many conventions. Dr. Benford makes his home in Laguna Beach, California.

You can find more information about Greg Benford here: www.ps.uci.edu/physics/benford.html or <http://www.authorcafe.com/benford/>



SEAN MCMULLEN

Sean McMullen is one Australia's leading SF and fantasy authors, and lives in Melbourne with his wife Trish and daughter Catherine. He is the winner of eleven awards for SF and fantasy. His international sales cover the USA, Britain, France, Poland and Japan. He works in scientific computing, and is currently doing a PhD in Medieval Fantasy Literature at Melbourne University. Sean has been awarded the Ditmar Award three times, won the Aurealis Award twice and the William J Atheling Award for Criticism five times, and is the author of over 20 scientific papers, most of which are far too technical to be mentioned here. He has also prepared literally dozens of articles about speculative fiction in Australia and made numerous presentations on the genre to various forums, not all of which are SF related. Oh, and was the Editor, MUSFA's fiction Magazine *Yggdrasil*: March 1983 - March 1984.

For more information about Sean and a full bibliography of his work, go to his official website is at www.bdsonline.net/seanmcmullen

KAREN HERKES

Karen Herkes was born in Parramatta, NSW, but grew up in Queensland, where she and a friend edited a "crudzine" of stunning mediocrity, *Hyperspace*. She enlisted in the Army in 1981 and coincidentally started to attend a number of Science Fiction conventions. She moved to Canberra in 1983 and became involved in local SF fan clubs (both general and media). She wrote a lot, edited a few local fanzines, helped with a few conventions, served on some Club committees, and generally enjoyed good company! After graduating from University, she now works as a psychologist, and is married with a rapidly expanding family: one daughter (Tara aged 4 years) and another due on Christmas Day 2002. She still writes a lot of short stories, most of which she's not game to show anyone, is collecting local ghost stories and has an ever-expanding book that she hopes will be published one day. Karen is also involved in a small group responsible for the website act-sf.8m.com, a comprehensive guide and historical record of Canberra Fandom – a work-in-progress. She also writes murder mysteries for parties – she's done several for charities and a couple of private affairs. Oh, and one for the 1989 SF Media Natcon, *Conspire*, held in Canberra. There were 197 players - what a challenge, but so much fun!

Karen comments, "I've been really impressed with both Vanessa's work on building local conventions again and the Canberra Speculative Fiction Guild. Fandom in Canberra continues to be a dynamic and interesting community, what a great place to live!"

More information about Karen can be found here: <http://act-sf.8m.com/index.html>