

THYLACON

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From the Chair's "Pen"

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Things are coming together nicely at Thylacon headquarters. We have a full set of Guests of Honour, and are all looking forward to welcoming the lovely Anne Bishop to our wild and wintry island along with Marianne de Pierres and Merv Binns. Our delightful and enthusiastic Lord Mayor of Hobart, Rob Valentine, will also be attending Thylacon as a Special Guest, which will include participation on a panel speculating about the Future of Tasmania.

We are very happy about our move to the Wrest Point convention centre, and being able to show the best of Hobart (River views! Fish and chips! Toasters in the hotel rooms!) to our Thylacon members. Hotel rooms are booking up fast, though, so we do recommend you get in early.

Also coming together are our plans for the Thylacon souvenir book. Rather than put this out at the convention itself, we plan to release it two months later, so that it can serve as a *real* souvenir book – that is, a record of the event. We hope that all our members will be able to contribute to this project in some way so that it can serve as an extended, collaborative con report. We'll be seeking letters, reports, photos and other memorabilia from our members throughout and after the con.

I'd like to welcome all the new Thylacon volunteers who have started coming to our general meetings – and those who have signed up to help us during the event itself. We really appreciate you for helping to make Thylacon a great and successful event. Remember, it's never too late to sign up as a volunteer – and it's a great way for first time con goers to meet people and get involved.

See you in June 2005.

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Thylacon Pack

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 Chair: Tansy
 Treasurer: Finchy
 Publicity: Allannah
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 Programme Mistress: Tansy
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 Art Show: Jilli
 Ditmars: Cary
 Gaming: Mark
 Sponsorship: Jilli

International Guest of Honour - Anne Bishop

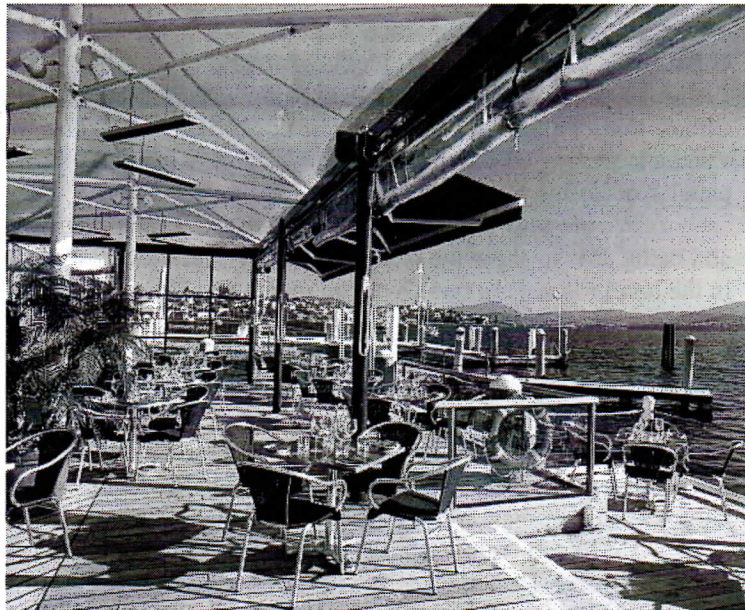
Anne Bishop is the award-winning author of the Black Jewels Trilogy (*Daughter of the Blood*, *Heir to the Shadows*, and *Queen of the Darkness*), *The Invisible Ring*, the Tir Alainn Trilogy (*The Pillars of the World*, *Shadows and Light*, and *The House of Gaian*), and *Dreams Made Flesh*. Her latest short story was recently published in the anthology *Powers of Detection*. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, reading, and music. She is currently working on a duology set in a world of altered landscapes. You can visit her at www.annebishop.com.



Thyalacon moves to Wrest Point

Thyalacon 2005 has moved hotels. Our new site, Wrest Point, is a fabulous convention centre right on the waterfront of Hobart. The complex is self-contained with various cafes, bars and restaurants on site to suit a variety of budgets. The Busy Bee buses run every 30 minutes from outside the hotel into Sandy Bay & the city centre, which enables quick trips back and forth for shopping, etc.

The change was necessary because the new owner of our previous venue decided to remodel the convention space during June next year. We apologise for any inconvenience this move may have on our members.



Pier One on the Boardwalk

Gaming at Thyalacon

We will be running a gaming stream during the con, but at this early stage it is not clear what attendees will prefer to be doing (we aim to accommodate!).

There will be space set aside for people to suit themselves, and we hope to have some form of organised tournament(s) once player preferences are clearer. There is strong local support for Magic: The Gathering and Games Workshop games, so these are likely to feature. The theme of "Wilderness" will be worked into any events we run as best we can manage. We are looking at a semi-public roleplaying adventure from which reports will be posted to the rest of the con - numbers will be limited.

If you are interested in some form of organised gaming, and will be attending, please contact:

Mark Dewis
dewis@netspace.net.au

Watch this space as things congeal into definite plans!

Code Noir out now!



Code Noir, the second Parrish Plessis novel by Thylacon GoH Marianne de Pierres, is in the shops now! In this fiery sequel to *Nylon Angel*, it's time for Parrish to repay her blood debt to the shadowy and dangerous Cabal Coomera, with a mission that will take her into the heart of tekno-darkness, the slum town of Dis, and back into conflict with the treacherously attractive Loyl me Daac.

The third Parrish Plessis novel, *Crash Deluxe*, will be released in June 2005.

Parrish Fan Fic Competition!

A Parrish Plessis fan fiction competition will be held to celebrate the release of *Crash Deluxe*, the final chapter of Parrish's exploits, and in honour of Thylacon 2005. The competition will open to both Thylacon members and non-members and will be judged by Marianne de Pierres and her editor at Orbit, Darren Nash.

Your task will be to write a fiction of no more than 600 words, taking Parrish out of her world, and placing her in a contemporary setting where conflict arises - e.g. the hairdresser turns her hair the wrong colour, she gets short-changed at the supermarket, working as a secretary she gets harassed by her boss, etc. It may be as humorous or serious as you like.

Winners of the Con-members section will be published on Marianne's website and in the Thylacon Souvenir Book and will receive autographed copies of *Nylon Angel*, *Code Noir* and *Crash Deluxe*.

Winners of the open section (non-members) will also be published on Marianne's website and in the Orbit e-zine and received autographed copies of *Nylon Angel*.

Further details and submission info will be announced on www.thylacon.com and www.mariannedepierres.com in January.

Ditmars Update

Nominations will open 1 January 2005 for the Ditmar awards to be presented at Thylacon 2005

- They will count if posted by 1 March 2005
- All nominations are to lenehan@our.net.au with the subject line **Ditmar** or by mail to **Ditmar, 16 Maweena Pl, Kingston, Tas, 7050**
- Nominations are open to anyone
- Discretion is reserved for accepting nominations
- If there are insufficient nominations, a category may not appear

Voting will open 7 March 2005 with the list of nominees appearing on the Thylacon website and voting forms being e-mailed to those who have requested them.

- Voting will close with forms being received by midnight on the Thursday before the convention
- Voting forms will be available via Tiger Tracks or in Word and pdf from the website and to any member who requests one via e-mail
- Voting is for full and supporting members of Thylacon 2005 only
- Optional preferential voting will be used (with a 'no award' option)
- Voting by mail or as a pdf, jpg or gif file must be via a filled out form with signed identification

Programme Update

Planning of the panel programme is currently underway. If you have any topics you would particularly like to see covered at Thylacon, or if you would like to volunteer to participate on panels, please contact Tansy at tan@tansyrr.com - I'm particularly interested in hearing from people as to some topics for media & fan-themed panels.

Some panels that will be covered at Thylacon (currently seeking volunteers) include:

- Critics's Choice: the Best Fiction of 2004
- The Future of Media
- The Future of Sport
- So You're a Published Author – Now What?
- Bad Science in SF
- What does Worldcon have to Offer?
- When does Horror-Comedy Work?
- Taking Medieval Europe out of fantasy
- Is YA fantasy being strangled by its own success?
- Has science fiction run out of technological frontiers?
- Where will the Space Tourism industry be in ten years time?
- Are we ready to embrace the e-book?

Venue / Accommodation

Wrest Point Hotel offers accommodation rooms ranging from 3.5 to 5 star standard. All rooms feature self-opening windows. Other facilities include an internet lounge, 24-hour room service, free in-house movies, gymnasium, heated indoor pool, spa, sauna, tennis courts, mini golf, hairdresser, beauty salon, masseuse, laundry/dry cleaning, safety deposit boxes and complimentary parking.

Thylacon has reserved fifty of the Water Edge & Motor Inn Rooms @ \$140.00 per room per night based on single, double or twin share. Double beds are queen sized. Triple share is not available in all rooms. In the rooms that there is triple share available there will be an additional charge of \$34.00 per person per night.

Booking contact details

Accommodation - Groups & Conference

Phone: 03 6225 7035

Email: groups@federalresorts.com.au

Please quote reference number 36922

Check-in/Checkout

Check in is available from 14:00 and checkout is at 11:00. Earlier check-in or later checkout is subject to availability on the day.

Food & Beverage Options....

All rooms contain a toaster and tea/coffee making facilities.

Breakfast is served in the Coffee Shop between 07:00-10:30 and a full Buffet Breakfast is \$24.00 or a Continental Breakfast is \$18.50.



There is a wide range of dining available within the Wrest Point complex, including

- The Point, an award-winning revolving Restaurant on the 17th floor featuring 360 degree views of Hobart with a sophisticated ambience
- The Coffee Shop, a relaxed setting with views of the Derwent for breakfast and buffet dining
- Pier One Restaurant & Bar – a contemporary setting on the water's edge
- Anchors Bistro for casual dining

Transport

The Busy Bee bus service offers regular trips into Sandy Bay and the City and returning to the hotel entrance, suitable for sight seeing, shopping etc...

Hobart Airport is approx 20-minute drive from Wrest Point. Airport shuttles to Wrest Point are \$9.00 or \$23.00 by taxi.



Thylacon Family membership rates

For family groups with two attending adult members, additional family members may attend at the rate of \$35 per person.

Note: additional family members will not receive separate showbags or souvenir books.

Calling all Volunteers...

If you are interested in assisting the Thylacon Pack at the convention, for instance as panellists, presenters, security or general dogsbodies WE WANT YOU! Simply contact our lovely (mostly domesticated) Chair and Programmer Tansy Roberts on 0419385519 or chair@tansyrr.com



For more information and news about Thylacon, aim your web browser at:

www.thylacon.com

The Thylacon Art Show
Green Room
Wrest Point Hotel and Casino Hobart Tasmania
12, 13 June 2005

The **Thylacon Art Show** will be part of an exciting program that is now growing for the June 2005 NatCon. So scrub up the brushes, sharpen the chisels, the artists are on!

We anticipate putting a big spotlight on **The Art Show** as a major program event. As the location for The Art Show will be in the midst of the spectacular Wrest Point Casino complex, it will be also be open to the general public on the Sunday, for a door fee. (Thylacon folk, of course, get in free.) That means more exposure for the artists and more publicity for science fiction and fantasy artwork.

And check updates on the website for additional art events in connection with The Art Show.

Check out the basic information below so that you can wrap your ideas around the event.

- The main viewing day will be on Sunday. Judging will be during the day and prize giving will be held after the evening dinner break. The evening will also see an art event and full details will be published later. Monday will focus on finalising sales.
- The Thylacon 2005 Art Show is open to both fannish and professional artists. We welcome all sorts of two dimensional and three dimensional fantasy, science fiction and horror artwork. Work can also be judged in the theme category if you request this on your Registration Form: **Where the Wild Things Are**, as immortalised in our icon, the thylacine.
All submitted pieces must be the artist's original work.
We regret that no pieces made from commercial moulds or kits can be accepted.
- 5 categories will be offered initially and we may extend these to further categories. Convention staff also reserves the right to merge categories if numbers warrant it:

2 dimensional professional	2 dimensional fan
3 dimensional professional	3 dimensional fan
Best theme artwork overall	
- Sale of work will be undertaken by convention staff, and artists should price their work beforehand on their Registration Form. A numbered catalogue will be produced for viewers and potential buyers. Pieces not intended for sale will be so noted on the catalogue.
- There will be no general dutch auction, but if an artist wishes to donate an artwork to charity, an auction could be arranged. Please notify your intention on your Registration form. An artwork for charity will not be charged a registration fee.
- There will also be shared table space to leave your business cards or fliers, and we will endeavour to keep this area tidy and business like.

Check out The Art Show Rules on our website. You'll be able to access the Registration Form and full details of how to enter your work, show it, sell it, retrieve it, including financial matters, check-ins and -outs, diary dates and times, and other issues which will help to make your experience as stress free as possible.

And remember, it is not a condition of The Art Show that an artist has to sell their work.

- Should anyone wish to sponsor an art prize, please contact Jill Roberts, as shown below. Jill also wears the Sponsorship beanie, and will receive your enquiry with delight.
- Should anyone need clarification of these Art Show Guidelines, Jill will be equally delighted to help.

Contact: The Art Show Coordinator
Email: jilli.roberts@dpiwe.tas.gov.au
Phone: 03 6233 7580 (day)
03 6272 9082 (ah)



Wrest Point
TASMANIA

Accommodation Booking Direct Form

Wrest Point is a Hotel, Conference & Entertainment Centre located on the beautiful shores of the Derwent River with views of Mount Wellington. Facilities include deluxe, mid and budget accommodation, extensive conference facilities, 12 restaurants and bars, a nightclub and a casino.

To book accommodation during Thylacon 2005.
Reference number: 36922

Please send this form to Group Reservations
Email: groups@federalresorts.com.au
or Fax: 03 6225 3909

For enquiries only, please contact Wrest Point Reservations on 03 6225 7035

Please book accommodation for:

Check In: _____
Check Out: _____

Room type:

Water Edge Motor Inn

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> Single |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Double | <input type="checkbox"/> Double |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking |
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Number of Additional Guests:

Children: _____ Adults: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ **Postcode:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Frequent Flyer number: Qantas _____ **Expected arrival at hotel:** _____ am/pm

Minimum one night deposit required for all bookings:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BankCard | <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard | <input type="checkbox"/> Visa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Express | <input type="checkbox"/> Diners Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque enclosed |

Cardholder's name: _____

Card number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Amount to be paid \$ _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Membership Application Form		ADMIN USE ONLY Received: Receipt No: Sent:
Title: _____ Surname: _____ Firstname: _____ Nickname for ID Tag: _____ Address: _____ Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____ Contact number: _____ Contact email: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to volunteer (a separate volunteer form will be sent) <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish my name published on the Thylacon web site <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish my details (name and state) published in the Con Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to join the public email list for Thylacon news		
Progress reports <input type="checkbox"/> By email <input type="checkbox"/> By regular mail	Membership Rates Attending <input type="checkbox"/> \$120 Child (5-12)* <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Supporting** <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Upgrading <input type="checkbox"/> \$__	All Correspondence To: Thylacon 2005 PO Box 345 Kingston TAS 7051 Email: afinch@tassie.net.au
How paid <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit to: Island State Credit Union BSB:807007 Account No. 51170206	* Accompanied by a paying adult. ** Supporting memberships may be upgraded to Attending memberships for an additional \$85	