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APRIL 12-14, 2019

ESSENTIAL INFO



WHERE & WHEN

MELBOURNE 2019

Friday, 5th April, 5.00pm – 9.00pm
Saturday, 6th April, 10.00am – 6.00pm
Sunday, 7th April, 10.00am – 6.00pm

Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria 3032

GOLD COAST 2019

Friday, 12th April, 5.00pm – 9.00pm
Saturday, 13th April, 10.00am – 6.00pm
Sunday, 14th April, 10.00am – 6.00pm

Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Cnr Gold Coast Highway & TE Peters Drive, Broadbeach, Queensland 4218





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WELCOME TO SUPANOVA 2019

WELCOME TO THE SUPANOVA COMIC CON & GAMING'S APRIL 2019 TOUR OF MELBOURNE AND GOLD COAST!

Anticipation!

That's the one word summary as we've prepared not only our first events of 2019 but await the final chapters in epic storytelling arcs such as *Game of Thrones* and *Avengers: Endgame*. So, it's only fitting that for the latter we've put together a panel of experts – 1.00pm each Sunday – to explore the journey from *Iron Man* to *Captain Marvel* and what it'll mean for *Avengers: Endgame*. Make sure you join the conversation!

Our *Mad Max* 40th Anniversary celebrations have also been full of anticipation. Hugh Keays-Byrne and Steve Bisley have been joined by co-stars from across the four decades, and on the Gold Coast they'll be headlining Australia's biggest cosplay parade, the Supanova Superhero Parade. What a buzz!

Not to be left out, Melbourne fans of *Super Smash Brothers* and *Splatoon 2* will be champing at the bit to compete at the finals of the official Nintendo tournaments that we're hosting. See it to believe it!

We're also Supa-excited to be hosting the Supanova Cosplay Odyssey in Melbourne and the Gold Coast for the first time! This nation-wide competition is giving fans the opportunity to go next level and potentially overseas to USA's mecca of cosplay, Dragon Con, if they win!

And they're just drops from the bucket plucked from the river of comic con and gaming goodness that is, Supanova! We can hardly wait to share it all with you.

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Daniel Zachariou
Supanova Comic Con & Gaming
Founder and Event Director

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PLAN AHEAD
This Programme is designed so everything you'll need to know is at your fingertips, including detailed maps, timetables and quick-reference guest guides. Info Booth, ATMs, toilets and parent change rooms are marked on the precinct maps on **pages 28 – 29** of this Programme.

#STAYSUPA!
An all-ages event, Supanova is a friendly and fun place where everyone can feel included so please be kind to your fellow fans. Harassment in any form will not be tolerated. Supanova encourages a diverse and colourful community – everyone deserves equal respect so mind your manners and be kind to one another! Always ask permission if you'd like to take a photo and never touch someone without consent.

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If you have a special needs access request (e.g. in Q&A panels or autograph lines) due to a disability or mobility requirement, please approach a volunteer and let them know what you need because they can assist you. Remember to bring your disability or carer's card with you.

MEETUP
Supanova has a designated Meeting Point at the Information Desk for friends and families to coordinate themselves throughout the day. If you get separated, have a plan!

NEED HELP?
Feeling overwhelmed by the crowds? Just need some fresh air? Supanova is a busy and noisy place and sometimes you just need a time out. Be sure to ask for help from our volunteers or at the Information Desk, where our staff can assist you in feeling yourself again.

BE CONSIDERATE
We ask that everyone be respectful and aware and give space to those with mobility issues. This includes wheelchairs, parents with strollers, crutches and those who generally find it difficult to get around.

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CAMILLA MENDES AND JORDAN CONNER POSTPONE

Due to the sudden passing of Supanova Alumnus, Luke Perry, production of *Riverdale* was delayed, which means unfortunately that Camilla and Jordan were required to postpone their appearance.

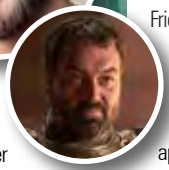


DALE BENSCH (Melbourne Exclusive)

Initially recruited as an extra in the Toecutter motorcycle gang in the cult classic ***Mad Max***, Dale's role evolved into various motorcycle stunts and riding scenes, including as stunt double for Main Force Patrol motorcycle officer Jim Goose, an MFP Interceptor driver in one scene, and a double as Bubba Zanetti in another. Dale's most memorable scenes are the motorcycle 'donut' and mono on his own Kawasaki Z900 motorcycle, and a bridge crash as "Starbuck" on the movie-supplied Kawasaki Z1000. The bridge stunt required two bikes being laid down, but a miscalculation caused him to be flipped over with the Starbuck bike. Despite the graphic vision (but effective outcome), Dale was not injured. Since the release of ***Mad Max***, Dale's bridge crash has resulted in a continuing worldwide urban myth that he died as a result of performing that stunt on Friday the 13th of January 1978.

APPEARING AT SUPANOVA! TOM TAYLOR

The Supanova fave is a #1 New York Times bestselling author and BAFTA nominated TV creator, well known for his work on the long-running *Injustice* series for DC Comics, along with Marvel's *X-Men: Red* and *All-New Wolverine*. Tom is currently the writer of the ongoing *Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man* series and *Star Wars: Age of Resistance* for Marvel, and at work penning the DC Comics horror event series, *DCeased*. On TV, Tom is the co-creator (with James Brouwer), lead writer and executive producer of the CG animated television series, ***The Deep***, based on their graphic novels of the same name from Gestalt Publishing. He is also an adjunct fellow of Swinburne University… but he's not sure what that means.



IAN BEATTIE (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Northern Irish actor best known for his role as Antigonus in Oliver Stone's *Alexander*, appearances in *The Tudors, Vikings, Space Truckers* and opposite Peter Capaldi in *Doctor Who*. Most notably, though, Beattie played the sadistic and brutal Ser Meryn Trant, a member of the Kingsguard under King Joffrey, in *Game of Thrones*. Highly convincing in the latter role, Ian promises that he's a much lovelier person in real life.



PAUL JOHNSTONE (Melbourne Exclusive)

Paul 'PJ' Johnstone is a New Zealand-born actor, voice-over, vocalist and drummer whose professional performing career began a few weeks after arriving in Sydney in 1972 when he joined the cast in the original Australian production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. But, he is best known for his memorable role of Cundalini, the Lolita sunglasses-wearing outlaw biker, in George Miller's 1979 classic ***Mad Max***.

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Gaming is one of the fastest growing industries in the world, so now Supanova is creating its own Gaming Zone to bring together the best of new technology as well as giving you the chance to try out the latest games at the **Nintendo** stand. For those wanting to relive the good-old days of gaming, we have all your favourite retro games too, at **Papa Giuseppi's**. Bring it on!

SUPANOVA HALL OF HEROES

Supanova's beloved Cosplay HQ has grown! The new Hall of Heroes will be the home for all things cosplay, where you can meet **Kamui Cosplay** and our Cosplay Ambassadors, have your photo taken by **Steamkittens**, register for a cosplay competition, make emergency repairs to your costume or simply hang out with your fellow cosplayers. Don't forget to stop by the Heroes Wall to immortalise your visit with an iconic photo! Whether you're brand new to cosplay or have been sewing for a decade, you'll find something to inspire you in the Hall of Heroes.







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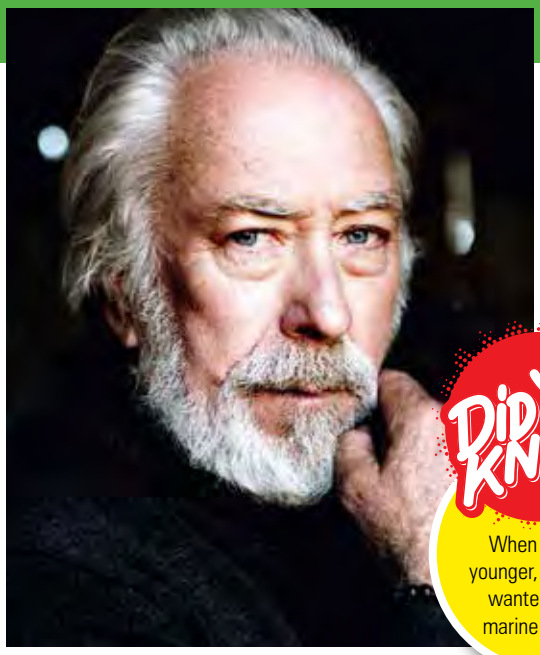
Did You Know words: Jack Connelly, Ellie Taggart

Did You Know?

During college, Tyler prioritised baseball as a career option over acting, even declining a role in *Twilight*!

TYLER HOECHLIN

Picking up cult cache as Derek Hale on the supernatural television drama ***Teen Wolf***, Tyler Hoechlin made his first splash at the age of nine, when he nabbed the pivotal role of Tom Hanks' son in ***Road To Perdition***, and has now joined an impressive list of actors to play Superman with his fine work as The Man of Steel on TV's ***Supergirl***.





Did You Know?

When she was younger, Eliza Taylor wanted to be a marine biologist.

STEVE BISLEY

Most dearly loved for his unforgettable performance as the eponymous hero's motorbike riding buddy Goose in ***Mad Max***, Aussie legend Steve Bisley has an enviable list of big and small screen credits, appearing in ***Newsfront***, ***Water Rats***, ***The Big Steal***, ***Sea Patrol***, ***Doctor Doctor***, ***Red Hill*** and ***Sanctuary***.

ELIZA TAYLOR

Aussie actress Eliza Taylor first made her mark on local TV's ***All Saints*** and ***Neighbours***, but gained international fame as the controversial character of Clarke Griffin on the popular post-apocalyptic thriller TV series, ***The 100***. At Supanova, Eliza will present her documentary ***Koh Tao Kids***, which she directed with Patrick Cotter.





Did You Know?

Nathan Jones played rugby league for Brisbane Norths, and of course, wore the largest sized jersey available.

GRAHAM MCTAVISH

Best known for his striking performance as fearsome war chieftain, Dougal MacKenzie, on TV's popular time travel drama, ***Outlander***, this veteran Scottish actor also featured as the dwarf Dwalin in Peter Jackson's epic fantasy trilogy ***The Hobbit***, on ***Red Dwarf*** as Warden Ackerman, and as The Saint of Killers in ***Preacher***.

NATHAN JONES (Gold Coast Exclusive)

An Australian actor, powerlifting champion and former WWE professional wrestler, all 211cms, 149kgs muscle and mayhem of Nathan Jones appeared opposite Brad Pitt in ***Troy***, fought Jet Li in ***Fearless***, wrestled Stone Cold Steve Austin in ***The Condemned*** and as the maniacal Rictus Erectus in ***Mad Max: Fury Road***, along with ***Conan The Barbarian*** with Jason Mamoa, or as a Golem made of clay in ***Scorpion King: Book of Souls***.



Did You Know?

Jon Heder was originally paid $1,000 for his role as *Napoleon Dynamite* before re-negotiating terms after the film's success.

JON HEDER

Most famous for his turn as the hilarious eponymous high school oddball in the cult favourite, ***Napoleon Dynamite***, this wonderfully sly comic presence has also appeared in ***Blades Of Glory***, ***The Benchwarmers***, ***Just Like Heaven***, ***School for Scoundrels***, ***Monster House*** and ***When In Rome***.



MATT RYAN

A renowned British stage actor, Welsh-born Matt Ryan brought his unique brand of hard-bitten charisma to the much loved but short-lived TV series ***Constantine***, and has now happily shifted his titular anti-hero into DC's ***Arrow*** and ***Legends of Tomorrow***.



VINCE GIL (Melbourne Exclusive)

Sydney born actor and writer best known for his brief but memorable portrayal of the character Nightrider in the 1979 film ***Mad Max***. Vince also played the bikie Dr Death in the cult 1974 movie ***Stone***, and has appeared in various local TV shows, from ***A Country Practice*** to ***The Doctor Blake Mysteries***.





Did You Know?

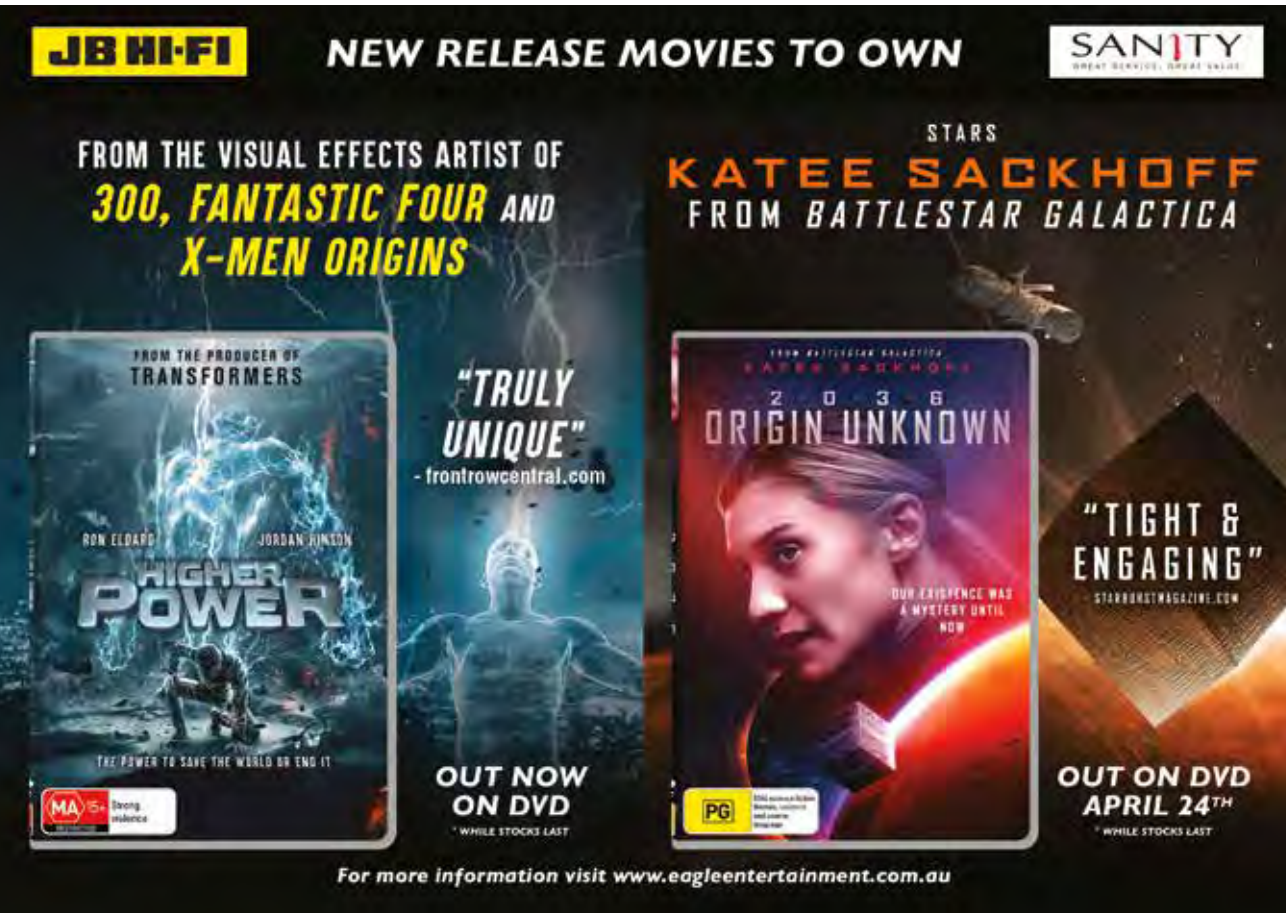
Stefan Kapicic speaks eight different languages, including English, German and Russian.

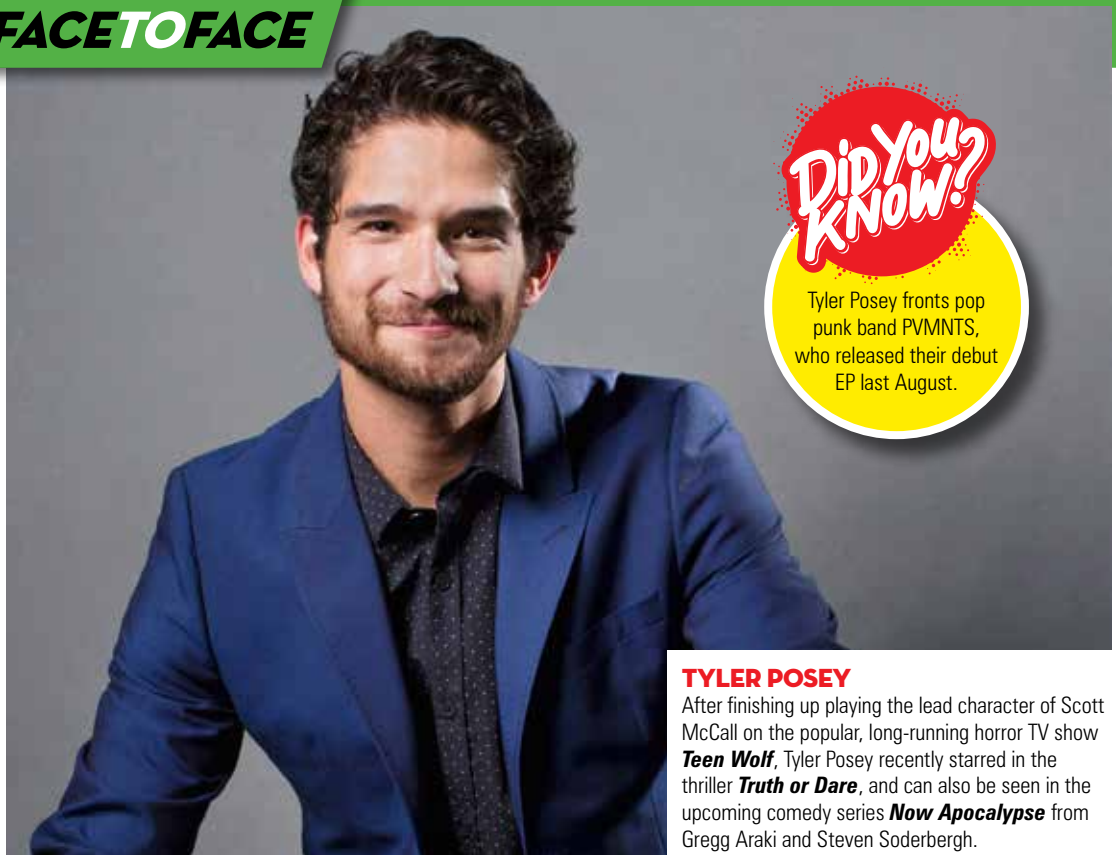
STEPHEN HUNTER

One of Australia's most in demand character actors, the Supanova favourite first rose to prominence as the Dwarf, Bombur in Peter Jackson's ***Hobbit*** trilogy. The always likeable actor has appeared on TV in the likes of ***Rosehaven, Wolf Creek*** Series 2, ***Wanted*** and New Zealand's ***Fresh Eggs***. On film, Stephen appeared in ***Blue World Order, Killing Ground, The Merger*** and will soon be seen in the massive Chinese/ Australian co-production ***The Whistleblower***.

STEFAN KAPICIC

Stefan Kapicic is a German-born Serbian actor best known for his iconic role as X-Men hero Colossus in the record breaking smash ***Deadpool*** and its hit sequel ***Deadpool 2***. He has also appeared on TV's ***The Unit***, ***Numb3rs***, ***The Event*** and ***Better Call Saul***.





Did You Know?

Tyler Posey fronts pop punk band PVMNTS, who released their debut EP last August.

TYLER POSEY

After finishing up playing the lead character of Scott McCall on the popular, long-running horror TV show ***Teen Wolf***, Tyler Posey recently starred in the thriller ***Truth or Dare***, and can also be seen in the upcoming comedy series ***Now Apocalypse*** from Gregg Araki and Steven Soderbergh.



Did You Know?

Toby Stephens is the youngest actor to have played a James Bond villain, aged 33 in *Die Another Day*.



HUGH KEAYS-BYRNE

One of Australia's most wonderfully idiosyncratic character actors, Hugh Keays-Byrne boasts true local icon status thanks to his performances as The Toecutter in ***Mad Max*** and as the equally fearsome Immortan Joe in ***Mad Max: Fury Road***. He has also appeared in ***Farscape***, ***The Man from Hong Kong***, ***The Chain Reaction, Stone*** and ***Strikebound***.

TOBY STEPHENS (Melbourne Exclusive)

Toby Stephens is an English stage, television, and film actor best known for his roles as Gustav Graves in the James Bond film ***Die Another Day***, and for his compelling portrayals of pirate leader Captain Flint and space adventurer John Robinson in the popular television series, ***Black Sails*** and ***Lost in Space***, respectively.





Did You Know?

Millie Bobby Brown is the youngest person ever to be appointed as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.

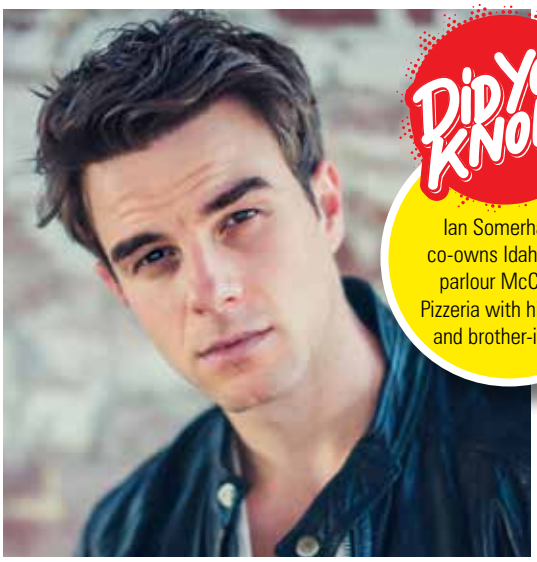
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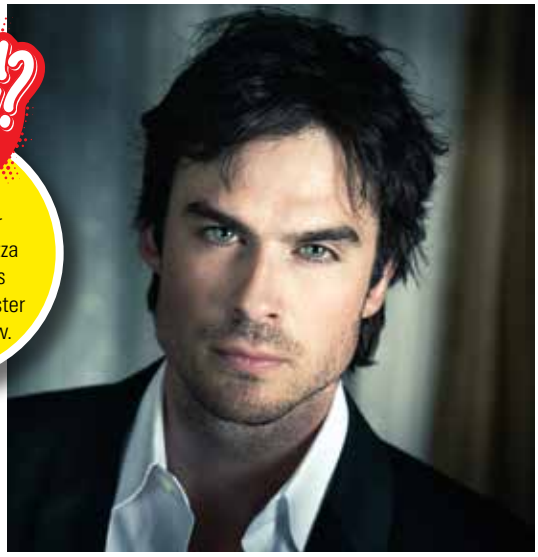
First breaking out in the action adventure flick ***10,000BC***, Steven Strait has also appeared in the films ***Stop Loss*** and ***City Island***, and on TV's ***Magic City***. He recently wrapped production on season four of the Amazon series, ***The Expanse***.

MILLIE BOBBY BROWN

(Melbourne Exclusive - Sunday Only)

Though she'd booked major roles in the TV series, ***Intruders*** and ***Once Upon a Time in Wonderland***, Millie Bobbie Brown went stratospheric as the enigmatic Eleven in Netflix's game-changing series, ***Stranger Things***. As well as Season 3, she will next be seen in the blockbuster, ***Godzilla: King of Monsters***.





Did You Know?

Ian Somerhalder co-owns Idaho pizza parlour McClain's Pizzeria with his sister and brother-in-law.

NATHANIEL BUZOLIC

Sydney-born Nathaniel Buzolic first appeared in *All Saints* and *Home and Away* before heading stateside, where he has found great success, with appearances on ***Supernatural*** and ***Pretty Little Liars***, and with the plum role of Kol Mikaelson on the CW series ***The Vampire Diaries*** and ***The Originals***.

IAN SOMERHALDER

Ian Somerhalder is best known for his starring role as Damon Salvatore on the hit series ***The Vampire Diaries***. Prior to that, Somerhalder was a series regular on the groundbreaking award winner, ***Lost***. The charismatic actor will soon be making a return to the vampire drama genre in ***V-Wars*** on Netflix, based on Jonathan Maberry's bestselling book.

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TROY BAKER

One of the most prolific voice actors in video games, Troy Baker featured in ***The Last of Us*** and ***Bioshock Infinite***, and has also taken on two major comic book icons, voicing The Joker in ***Batman: Arkham Origins*** and Hawkeye in ***Marvel Avengers Assemble*** and ***Ultimate Spider-Man***.

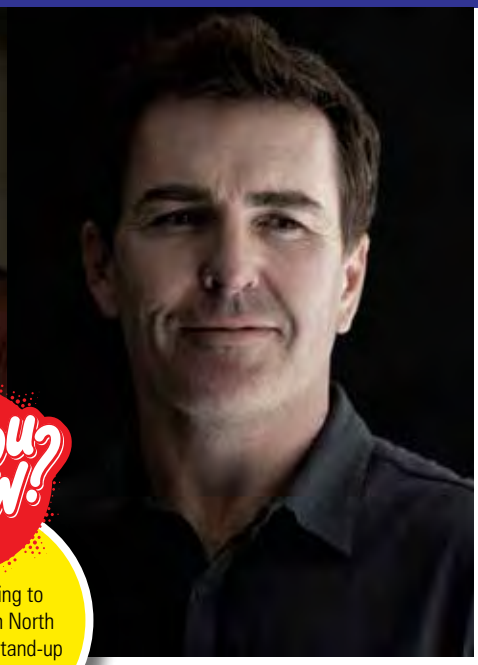
BRIAN DONOVAN

As well as voicing every kid's favourite taijutsu hero, Rock Lee, in the popular anime series, ***Naruto***, Brian Donovan also plays Davis in the smash hit, ***Digimon***, and has also received acclaim as the director/producer of the award-winning documentary, ***Kelly's Hollywood***, a very personal portrait of his relationship with his sister, who was born with Down syndrome.









NOLAN NORTH

The nearest thing the games industry has to a bona fide leading man, this hard-working voice actor is best known as Desmond Miles from the ***Assassin's Creed*** video game series, and Nathan Drake from the ***Uncharted*** series, as well as a host of animated TV series.

Did You Know?

Before turning to acting, Nolan North worked as a stand-up comedian and reporter.

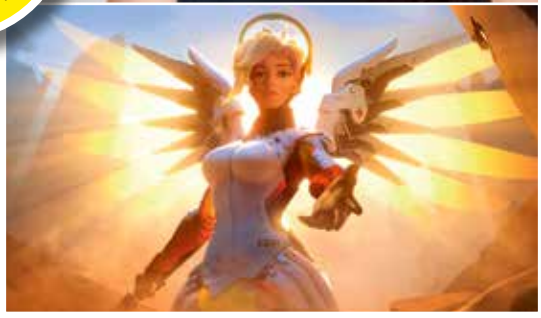




Did You Know?

As well as being an actor, Jonny Cruz has a musical improv group called *Power Up!*





JONNY CRUZ

Though he has appeared regularly on television (***Matador***, ***Prison Break***, ***The Closer***, ***NCIS: Los Angeles***), Jonny Cruz is best known for his voice work on titles such as, ***Overwatch***, ***Hitman***, ***Heroes of the Storm***, ***Prototype 2***, and ***The Stinky & Dirty Show***.

LUCIE POHL

Lucie Pohl is a German-American TV and film actor, comedian, and writer as well as being the voice of Mercy from Blizzard Entertainment's ***Overwatch***. She has also featured in ***Red Dwarf XI***, ***Homeland***, ***Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them***, and ***Not Fade Away***.

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Supanova regular Lynette Noni is the author of ***Whisper***, the first book of her new series, and ***The Medoran Chronicles***, which reaches its heartfelt conclusion with the newly released title ***Vardaesia***, the 6th book in the series. Embrace the wonder of Lynette Noni at the QBD Books Booth.





THE VOIDWITCH SAGA

NEW RELEASE



COREY J. WHITE

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THE ORPHANCORP TRILOGY

NEW RELEASE



MARLEE JANE WARD

This Melbourne-based author's debut novella, ***Welcome To Orphancorp***, won Seizure's Viva La Novella 2015 and The Victorian Premiers Literary Award for young adult fiction. This was followed by two books, ***Psynode*** and ***Prisoncorp.***
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ALAN BAXTER

A British-Australian kung fu instructor, personal trainer, and motorcyclist, Alan Baxter is also the author of the dark urban fantasy ***Alex Caine Trilogy,*** as well as stand alone novels ***Devouring Dark*** and ***Hidden City***, and the novella ***Manifest Recall***.
Alan's books are available from the QBD Books Booth.









THE SPARK TRILOGY



RACHAEL CRAW

A one-time dabbler in the worlds of theatre and film, this New Zealand-based author made a very successful move into the world of young adult fiction with her debut novel, ***Spark***, which picked up a raft of awards and established Craw as one of the foremost writers in the field. She released two more books in the series: ***Stray*** and ***Shield***. Her latest book, ***The Rift***, was released in November 2018.

Get *The Rift* and the *Spark Trilogy* for **$19.99** per book at the QBD Books Booth.



THE VALENTINE TRILOGY



JODI MCALISTER

A literary historian and lecturer in English at the University of Tasmania, and an academic on popular culture, this Twitter fan made an auspicious writing debut with the novel ***Valentine***, a paranormal charmer featuring smart girls and creepy fairies, which she followed up with ***Ironheart*** and ***Misrule***.
Jodi's books are available for **$19.99** each at the QBD Books Booth.

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Melbourne local Astrid Scholte has spent the last ten years working in film, animation and television as both an artist and manager. ***Four Dead Queens*** is an enthralling, fast-paced murder mystery.
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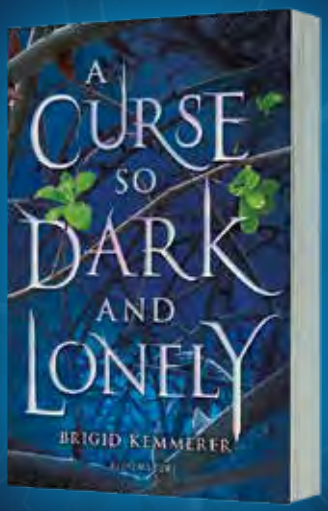


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Cultural anthropologist Katya de Becerra emigrated to Australia in 2006 after having lived in Russia, USA and Peru. ***What the Woods Keep*** is her debut novel - a combination of mystery, science fiction and dark fantasy.
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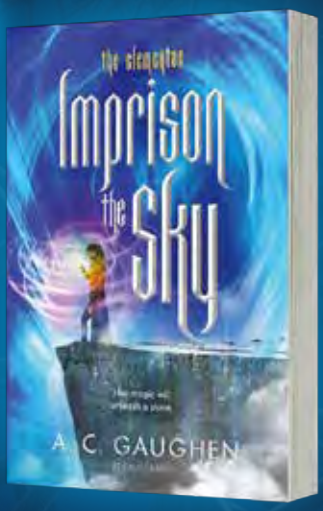
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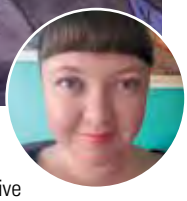
Kicking off his career in 2003 on the DC Comics title, ***Legion***, this gifted artist stayed with the powerhouse company for ***Batman: Gotham Knights***, ***Martian Manhunter***, and ***Teen Titans*** before shifting to Marvel Comics on ***X-Men*** and ***Storm***.



ALEX E CLARK

Alex e Clark has been self-publishing comics and zines since 2009, writing and drawing her own comics of folk tales, funnies, body horror and cats. She also created the animatic sequences for Tripod's ***Live At Woodford*** DVD and the book cover for the YA novel ***The Incredible Adventures of Cinnamon Girl***.





ALISHA JADE

Alisha Jade is a Brisbane-based comics creator and is the unstoppable, highly creative force behind Oh My! Comics (***Seven***, ***Seeds of Svalbard***). Her work has also featured in several anthologies, including ***Starrytellers***, which she co-produced and successfully kickstarted.





ANDREW CONSTANT

Beginning his comic book career in 2011, Andrew has produced award winning work for two of Australia's largest comic book publishers: Frew Publications (***Kid Phantom***), and Gestalt Comics (***Torn***, ***Broken Line***, ***Fly***). He also recently wrote the DC Comics miniseries, ***The Demon: Hell Is Earth***.



BRAD MENGEL

This writer has contributed stories to ***Tales of The Shadowmen #3 & #7***, ***Pro Se Presents Nov 2012***, ***Charles Boeckman Presents Johnny Nickle***, ***Pulp Obscura: Senorita Scorpion***, ***Blood & Tacos #4***, ***Domino Lady Vol 2***, ***Sherlock Holmes: Consulting Detective Vol 12*** and ***Poker Pulp***.



CAMERON DAVIS

Cameron Davis is the writer and artist of the popular Australian title, ***Rose***, an all-ages comic about the world's hungriest redhead and the delicious power of friendship. He previously made the retrogaming comic ***Blow The Cartridge*** and worked as a video game designer on ***The Legend of Spyro***, ***Happy Feet Two*** and ***TY The Tasmanian Tiger***.



DID YOU KNOW?

David Lafuente holds two Guinness World Records: Most Contributors to a Comic Book and the Fastest Production of a Comic Book.



CHRIS SEQUEIRA

Chris Sequeira has written for Marvel, DC Comics, Boom Studios, and many others, and is launching the anthology ***Sherlock Holmes and the Doctor Was Not*** (published by IFWG) at Supanova. He has also written many adventures of Australia's bestselling comic-book ***The Phantom***.

DAVID LAFUENTE

David Lafuente is a Spanish-born comic book artist with credits including ***Ultimate Spider-Man***, ***Runaways*** and Neil Gaiman's ***The Graveyard Book***. He first broke into the US comic industry in 2008 drawing the sleeper hit miniseries ***Patsy Walker: Hellcat***, and recently self-published his first art-book, ***Dias de Azul y Rojo***.



GERRY HUNTMAN

Gerry Huntman is a writer and publisher based in Melbourne (he has sold over 50 short fiction pieces to Australian and overseas markets, and has two fantasy novels slated for publication in 2020 and 2021), who is also the Managing Director of IFWG Publishing.



JON SOMMARIVA

This Australian artist worked on ***Go Boy 7*** for Dark Horse Comics, has designed covers for IDW's ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles***, and is the creator/owner of the ***Gemini*** series. Jon is currently working on ***Marvel Action: Avengers***, all-ages title from ITW/Marvel.



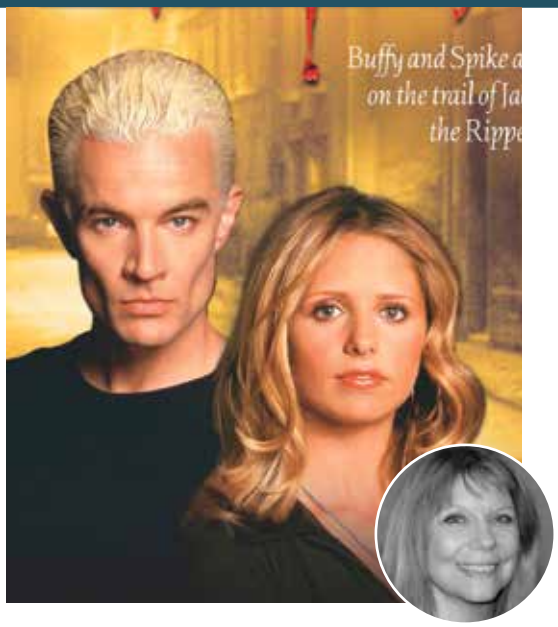
JULIE DITRICH

Julie Ditrich is a writer, editor and comics creator, as well as the founder and CEO of Comics Mastermind, a professional development service for evolving comics creators. Julie is also the first Australian woman writer ever featured on the iconic adventure title, ***The Phantom***.



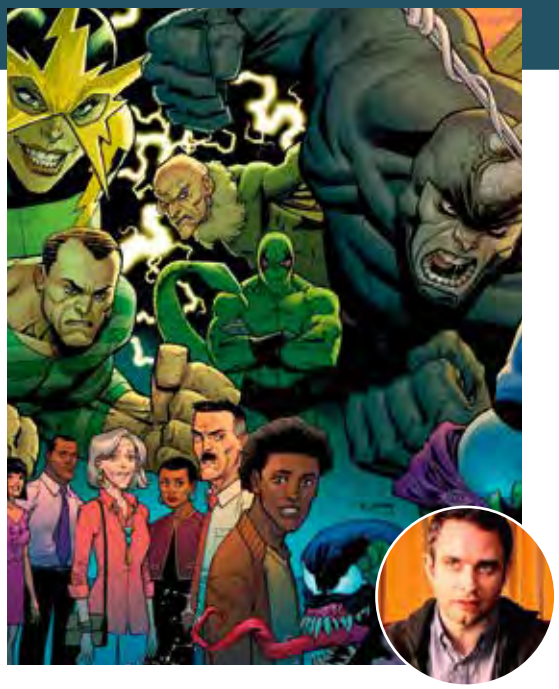
MIKE KROME

Mike Krome is a British/Australian artist whose work includes children's books, magazines, computer games, and comic books such as JP Roth's ***Ancient Dreams***, ***Southern Nightgown***, Aspen/Big Dog Ink's ***Shahrazad***, and the sci-fi series ***Crysallis***.



NANCY HOLDER

With over 80 novels to her credit, Nancy Holder is well known for writing fiction and episode guidebooks for TV shows such as ***Buffy***, ***Angel*** and ***Smallville***, and for novelising movies including ***Wonder Woman***. Nancy is also a 5 time winner of the Bram Stoker Award from the Horror Writers Association.



NICK SPENCER

Nick Spencer is a comic book writer known for his creator-owned titles at Image Comics, including ***Morning Glories***, ***Thief of Thieves***, ***Bedlam***, and ***The Fix***. He has also worked at Marvel Comics on ***The Amazing Spider-Man***, ***Captain America***, ***Secret Avengers***, ***Superior Foes of Spider-Man***, ***Avengers World***, ***Ant-Man*** and ***Doctor Strange***.



DID YOU KNOW?

One of Stewart McKenny's comic books has been featured in an episode *The Big Bang Theory*.

STEWART MCKENNY

As one of Australia's most prolifically published comic book artists, Stewart McKenny has worked for major publishers both within Australia and overseas, including Dark Horse, Marvel and DC, on the likes of ***Super Friends***, ***Captain America***, and ***Star Wars Tales***.



JAN SCHERPENHUIZEN

A mainstay of the Australian comic scene, Jan Scherpenhuizen wrote and illustrated the horror graphic novel ***The Twilight Age***; as well as co-pencilling American comic books such as ***Wolverine: Doombringer*** and ***Lost in Space***; and inking ***Buckaroo Banzai 2***. He is also the co-creator of ***Mister Blood***, ***The Glowing Man*** and ***The Catamorph***.

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A **FilmInk Theatre**. See page 32 for the schedule

B In the Grand Pavilion you will find the Supa-Star Guests, Supanova Celebrity Token Store, Nebula Photo Studio, the Alley & the Doctor Who Fan Zone

C Visit the Hellboy food truck for fiery hot wings and enter the Hot Wings eating competitions. See page 50 for the schedule

D **Supanova Seminars**. See page 32 for the schedule

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F **Cosplay Theatre (Supanova Cosplay Odyssey Theatre)**. See page 32 for the schedule

G Get your hands onto a Nintendo Switch console with some free gaming at the trailer

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H Grab a hot slice of pizza from Domino's

I Visit the Doctor Who Fan Zone, complete with invading Daleks & the TARDIS! Plenty of timeless photos

J **Nebula Photo Studio**. If you have your Photo-Op Token, here's the place to redeem it!

K Where most of our film, TV and voice-actor stars are located

L Go to Weapons Check-In if you have an oversized prop or weapon

M Grab an autograph from our Comic Book Supa-Stars

N **Supanova Celebrity Tokens** is where you can get all your Supa-Star Photo-Op and Signature Tokens.

O **The Alley** is the place to find some of the most talented artists and artisans in the verse!

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For the **Exhibitor Hall Map**

EXHIBITION HALL MAP



THE IMPORTANT STUFF

Here's a list of some of the essential locations to help you navigate your way through your Supanova weekend.

P Check out the range of DC Comic plates that **Custom Plates** have to offer on the Custom Plates photo wall

Q **Info desk, First Aid & Meeting Point** in case you get separated from your friends/family

R Tell your hunger to get stuffed by visiting Papa Giuseppi's retro gaming lounge and enjoying FREE hot Pizza Pie samples!

S Get your Exclusive Pop Vinyls

T **Supanova Signatures** Past star signatures and Supanova Certificates of Authenticity

U **Nintendo Free Play Gaming Zone** is at Supanova with mini competitions & games for all ages

V It's the **Nintendo Super Smash Bros. Ultimate** & ***Splatoon 2 Australasian Open***! Tournament is live at Supanova. See Page 47 for times

W Check out the creepy wheels from *Wolf Creek* & sneak a pic if you dare

X PC Gaming action at the **Australian esports League** – hosting the **University Cup 2019**

Y Check **ZQ Racing** for a sweet gaming chair

Z **QBD Books** Presents our **Literary Legends**, Supanova's guest authors. See page 18 for the line up



TURN OVER
For the complete listings of all **Exhibitors** and everyone in **The Alley**

AA Let the game masters teach you everything you need at the Table Top Gaming Area, miniatures, cards and strategy!

BB Star Wars Fan Zone – a huge display of fan-made costumes, props & set pieces from the films

CC Meet Cosplay star **Kamui Cosplay** at the Cosplay HQ and grab an autograph while you're there. Also head to **Cosplay HQ** to meet the Cosplay Ambassadors, use the Cosplay Repair Station and register for interactive comps

DD **AWF** is throwing down! Three shows daily 12pm, 2pm, 4pm

EE Mad Max 40th Anniversary Exhibition – Meet original cast members, see movie props, buy merchandise and stare at the Ford GT V* Interceptor – don't forget your cameras!

FF Supanova Hero Wall is our new photo zone where you can take some great photos and use your camera tripods – don't forget to tag us **@supanovaexpo** or hashtag **#supaheroeswall**

GG Get creative & learn from the masters at the **Imagineer's & Gaming Stage**. See page 32 for the schedule

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Have you already bought your Token online? Simply print out the Barcode or bookmark it on your phone and have it handy when you're ready to redeem.

Additional Tokens may also be purchased from the Supanova Store, though some guests may sell Autographs directly from their table and do not require a Token.



AUTOGRAPHS: 1. Take your Autograph Token (with Barcode) to the Supa-Star Signing Area and queue for your turn. **2.** Have the Barcode scanned, and select a print to be signed from the Supa-Star's assistant. If you want your own item signed instead of a print, make sure you have it ready to present. **3.** Enjoy your moment with your favourite Supa-Star, and your newly signed item! **NOTE: a)** One (1) signature per Barcode. **b)** Tokens are NON-REFUNDABLE and deemed void if you do not redeem them during the convention. Consider Tokens as if they're CASH as they cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

PHOTOGRAPHS: 1. Make sure you line up 10 minutes before your session at the Nebula Photography Booth. The photo session time will be printed on the Token you've purchased. **2.** Have your Photograph Token (with Barcode) ready to be scanned by a volunteer at the studio door, and when instructed step into the Studio and have your photo taken with the Supa-Star! **3.** Pick up your photo Collection Docket on exiting the Studio. **4.** Proceed straight to the Photo Collection Area where a volunteer will scan your Docket and print your photo. **NOTE: a)** One (1) print provided per Barcode. **b)** Photo fees do not include an Autograph. To get your photo signed, you must have an additional Autograph Token (see above). **c)** Tokens are NON-REFUNDABLE if you do not redeem them during your nominated photo session. **d)** Consider Tokens as if they're CASH as they cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

TIME	supanova cosplay ODYSSEY THEATRE	FILM INK FEATURES THEATRE
FRIDAY		
5.00pm		
5.30pm		
6.00pm	Supanova Supa-Star Showcase 5.30pm - 6.30pm	
6.30pm		Screening: Koh Tao Kids Documentary Premiere (PG). Presented by Eliza Taylor 6.00pm - 7.00pm
7.00pm		
7.30pm	Retro-Replay Live! Nolan North and Troy Baker (Ticketed Event) 7.00pm - 9.00pm	
8.00pm		Screening: Kelly's Hollywood (PG). Presented by Brian Donovan 7.00pm - 9.00pm
8.30pm		
9.00pm		
SATURDAY		
10.00am	Madman Presents: JoJo's Bizarre Adventure (Golden Wind) Episode 1 (M) 10.00am - 10.30am	Madman Presents: JoJo's Bizarre Adventure (Golden Wind) Episode 1 (M) 10.00am - 10.30am
10.30am		
11.00am	Mad Max 40th Anniversary Special: Steve Bisley, Paul Johnstone, Vince Gil, Dale Bensch and Hugh Keays-Byrne 10.30am - 11.30am	Brian Donovan 10.30am - 11.30am
11.30am		
12.00pm	Stefan Kapicic 11.30am - 12.30pm	Toby Stephens 11.30am - 12.30pm
12.30pm		
1.00pm	*Tyler Posey 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Overwatch: Jonny Cruz and Lucie Pohl 12.30pm - 1.30pm
1.30pm		
2.00pm	Q&A with Kamui Cosplay 1.30pm - 2.30pm	*Eliza Taylor 1.30pm - 2.30pm
2.30pm		
3.00pm	*Vampire Diaries: Nathaniel Buzolic and Ian Somerhalder 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Writing Powerful Women in Fantasy and Horror Part 1: Lynette Noni, Rachael Craw, Katya de Becerra, Astrid Scholte and Jodi McAlister 2.30pm - 3.30pm
3.30pm		
4.00pm	*Supanova Cosplay Competition featuring Fortnite Dance Challenge! 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Matt Ryan 3.30pm - 4.30pm
4.30pm		
5.00pm		Steven Strait 4.30pm - 5.30pm
5.30pm		
6.00pm	Madman Presents: Kaguya-Sama: Love is War Episode 1 (PG) 5.30pm - 6.00pm	Madman Presents: Kaguya-Sama: Love is War Episode 1 (PG) 5.30pm - 6.00pm
SUNDAY		
9.00am		
10.00am		
10.30pm	Madman Presents: Sword Art Online: Alicization episode 1 (M) 10.00am - 11.00am	Madman Presents: Sword Art Online: Alicization Episode 1 (M) 10.00am - 11.00am
11.00pm		
11.30pm	Suit Up: Foam Armour Making: Kamui Cosplay 11.00am - 12.00pm	Jon Heder 11.00am - 12.00pm
12.00pm		
12.30pm	Overwatch: Jonny Cruz and Lucie Pohl 12.00pm - 1.00pm	*Tyler Hoechlin 12.00pm - 1.00pm
1.00pm		
1.30pm	 From Iron Man to Avengers: Endgame. The MCU's Heroes Journey 1.00pm - 2.00pm	Troy Baker 1.00pm - 2.00pm
2.00pm		
2.30pm	*Ian Somerhalder 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Graham McTavish and Stephen Hunter 2.00pm - 3.00pm
3.00pm		
3.30pm	*Millie Bobby Brown 3.00pm - 4.00pm	Mad Max: Steve Bisley, Paul Johnstone and Hugh Keays-Byrne 3.00pm - 4.00pm
4.00pm		
4.30pm	*Supanova Cosplay Odyssey featuring Cosplay Dash! 4.00pm - 5.30pm	Nolan North 4.00pm - 5.00pm
5.00pm		
5.30pm		Madman Presents: The Promised Neverland Episode 1 & 2 (MA 15+) 5.00pm - 6.00pm
6.00pm		

FILM AND TV STARS | VOICE ACTORS | WRITERS | COMIC CREATORS AND ILLUSTRATORS

supanova SEMINARS

Imagineers & Gaming!

APRIL 5, 2019

TIME	
5.00pm	Madman Presents: Maquia: When the Promised Flower Blooms (MA 15+) 5.00pm - 7.00pm
5.30pm	
6.00pm	
6.30pm	
7.00pm	Supanova Book Club: Lynette Noni, Rachael Craw, Alan Baxter, Corey J. White, Marlee Jane Ward and Jodi McAlister 7.00pm - 8.00pm
7.30pm	
8.00pm	Cavalcade of Comic Creators: David Lafuente, Nick Spencer, Nancy Holder and Local Comics Creators 8.00pm - 9.00pm
8.30pm	
9.00pm	

APRIL 6, 2019

10.00am	Banksia Masterclass (Ticketed Event) 9.00am - 11.30am	Madman Presents: Kaguya-Sama: Love is War Episode 1 (PG) 10.00am - 10.30am
10.30am		Cosplay Speed Build Showdown: Astrokerrie & Lumin vs Alt F4 & Rachel 10.30am - 11.30am
11.00am		
11.30am	V.E. Schwab 11.30am - 12.30pm	Makeup for Cosplay: The Art of Becoming a Different Person. Presented by Shock Jockey Cosplay 11.30am - 12.30pm
12.00pm		
12.30pm	The Magical World of Wigzardry. Presented by TJ Cosplay 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Behind The Scenes: Burning Kiss (M). Presented by Robbie Studsor 12.30pm - 1.30pm
1.00pm		
1.30pm	FWG Publishing Presents: The World Launch of New SF Mystery Title: Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Was Not! Christopher Sequeira, Nancy Holder, Gerry Huntman, Julie Ditrich, Jan Scherpenhuizen and Brad Mengel 1.30pm - 2.30pm	Defining SF: Alan Baxter and Corey J. White 1.30pm - 2.30pm
2.00pm		
2.30pm	Cosplay photography with Sean 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Supanova's Charity Auction! Bid to win a group photo* with the Entire Cast of Supanova's Melbourne Celebrity Supa-Stars and many other awesome prizes! 2.30pm - 3.30pm
3.00pm		
3.30pm	Behind the Scenes: Nigel Newton's Nocturnal Nights. Presented by the Cast and Crew 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Comics and Colour: Phillip Murray, Sonja Hammer, Dixon Patten, Nayuka Gorrie, Gary Foley, Cienan Muir and Wani 3.30pm - 4.30pm
4.00pm		
4.30pm	Working on Creator-Owned vs Licensed Properties: Nick Spencer, Andrew Constant, Tom Taylor and Dean Rankine 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Intergalactic Fan Clubs: Fans Helping Fans 4.30pm - 5.30pm
5.00pm		
5.30pm	Madman Presents: Kaguya-Sama: Love is War Episode 1 (PG) 5.30pm - 6.00pm	Madman Presents: Kaguya-Sama: Love is War Episode 1 (PG) 5.30pm - 6.00pm
6.00pm		

APRIL 7, 2019

9.00am		
10.00am	Madman Presents: Sword Art Online: Alicization Episode 1 (M) 10.00am - 11.00am	Madman Presents: Kaguya-Sama: Love is War Episode 1 (PG) 10.00am - 11.00am
10.30pm		
11.00pm	Brian Donovan 11.00am - 12.00pm	Biff, Bam, Pow! Writing Kick Ass Fight Scenes: Lynette Noni, Alan Baxter, Nancy Holder and Corey J. White 11.00am - 12.00pm
11.30pm		
12.00pm	Get The Look: Finishing Props and Armour. Presented by AndyCam Cosplay 12.00pm - 1.00pm	Mad Max Retrospective: Paul Johnstone, Vince Gil and Dale Bensch 12.00pm - 1.00pm
12.30pm		
1.00pm	Sterek, Hairy Ladies, and True Alphas: What does Teen Wolf say about gender and sexuality? Presented by Tania Evans 1.00pm - 2.00pm	Writing Powerful Women in Fantasy and Horror Part 2: V.E. Schwab, Rachael Craw, Marlee Jane Ward, Katya de Becerra, Astrid Scholte and Jodi McAlister 1.00pm - 2.00pm
1.30pm		
2.00pm	How Has Technology Changed the Way You Art? Stewart McKenny and Mike Krome 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Wig Rescue. Presented by Arda Wigs Canada 2.00pm - 3.00pm
2.30pm		
3.00pm	Australian Retro Game Collecting. Presented by Josh Dunbar 3.00pm - 4.00pm	Supa-Star Sketch-Off: David Lafuente, Jon Sommariva and Alejandro Barrionuevo 3.00pm - 4.00pm
3.30pm		
4.00pm	Writing Paranormal Fiction: Presented by Violeta Bagia 4.00pm - 5.00pm	Painting Pens. Presented by Philb 4.00pm - 5.00pm
4.30pm		
5.00pm	Madman Presents: The Promised Neverland Episode 1 & 2 (MA 15+) 5.00pm - 6.00pm	Madman Presents: Kaguya-Sama: Love is War Episode 1 (PG) 5.00pm - 6.00pm
5.30pm		
6.00pm		

SUPA-ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

*Panels that have an asterisk noted, will require patrons to queue for entry prior to the panel commencing. Please follow the directions of the staff.

QUICK GUEST GUIDE

KNOW WHERE YOUR FAVOURITE SUPA-STAR GUESTS ARE ALL WEEKEND! CERTAIN GUESTS WILL BE IN HIGH DEMAND, AND WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS THE CHANCE TO MEET YOUR FAVOURITE STAR (FOR AN AUTOGRAPH OR PHOTO) OR CATCH THEM AT A PANEL. HERE'S THE BREAKDOWN SO YOU KNOW WHERE TO BE AND HOW TO BUDGET





BRIAN DONOVAN
Autograph $30 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Autograph/Selfie Combo $50, Voice Recording $60, Selfie $30, Studio Photo $40
Friday Seminar/Screening at 7.00pm – FilmInk Features
Saturday Seminar at 10.30am – FilmInk Features, Studio Photos at 1.25pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 11.00am – Supanova Seminars, Studio Photos at 1.00pm (A)

DALE BENSCH
Autograph $25 (The Alley), Autograph/Selfie Combo $40, Selfie $25
Saturday Seminar at 10.30am – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 12.25pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 4.15pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 12.00pm – Imagineer's and Gaming, Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 1.05pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 2.40pm (A)

ELIZA TAYLOR
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Friday Seminar/Screening at 6.00pm – FilmInk Features
Saturday Photos at 12.40pm (A), Seminar at 1.30pm – FilmInk Features, Photos at 3.40pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 12.15pm (B), Photos at 2.50pm (B)

GRAHAM MCTAVISH
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Photos at 12.50pm (B), Graham & Stephen at 1.00pm (B), Photos at 3.20pm (B), Graham & Stephen at 3.30pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 1.15pm (B), Graham & Stephen at 1.25pm (B), Seminar at 2.00pm – FilmInk Features, Photos at 3.25pm (A), Graham & Stephen at 3.35 (A)

HUGH KEAYS-BYRNE
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Seminar at 10.30am – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Photos at 12.20pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 12.25pm (B), Photos at 4.10pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 4.15pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 1.00pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 1.05pm (B), Photos at 2.35pm (A), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 2.40pm (A), Seminar at 3.00pm – FilmInk Features

IAN SOMERHALDER
Autograph $100 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $120
Saturday Photos at 10.30am (A), Ian & Nathaniel at 11.05am (A), Photos at 1.30pm (A), Seminar at 2.30pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Ian & Nathaniel at 4.45pm (B), Photos at 4.55pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 11.40am (A), Ian & Nathaniel at 12.05pm (A), Photos at 1.35pm (B), Seminar at 2.00pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Photos at 3.40pm (B), Ian & Nathaniel at 4.05pm (B)

JON HEDER
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Photos at 12.35pm (B), Photos at 3.25pm (A)
Sunday Seminar at 11.00am – FilmInk Features, Photos at 12.45pm (A), Photos at 2.50pm (A)

JONNY CRUZ
Autograph $45 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Autograph/Selfie Combo $75, Voice Recording $75, Selfie $35, Studio Photo $50
Saturday Seminar at 12.30pm – FilmInk Features, Jonny & Lucie at 1.50pm (B), Studio Photos at 1.55pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 12.00pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Studio Photos at 2.05pm (B), Jonny & Lucie at 2.05pm (B)

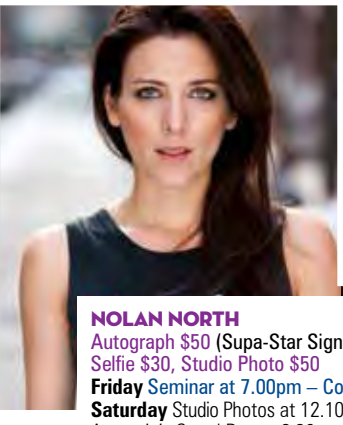
LUCIE POHL
Autograph $45 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Autograph/Selfie Combo $85, Voice Recording $75, Selfie $45, Studio Photo $50
Saturday Seminar at 12.30pm – FilmInk Features, Studio Photos at 1.45pm (B), Lucie & Jonny at 1.50pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 12.00pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Studio Photos at 2.05pm (B), Lucie & Jonny at 2.05pm (B)

MATT RYAN
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Matt & Tyler at 11.55am (B), Photos at 12.05pm (B), Photos at 2.15pm (B), Assassin's Creed Duo at 2.30pm (B), Seminar at 3.30pm – FilmInk Features
Sunday Photos at 11.30am (B), Matt & Tyler at 1.30pm (A), Photos at 1.40pm (A)

MILLIE BOBBY BROWN (Sunday Exclusive)
Autograph $100 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $110
Sunday Photos at 11.00am (A), Photos at 1.55pm (A), Seminar at 3.00pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Photos at 4.25pm (B)

NATHANIEL BUZOLIC
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Nathaniel & Ian at 11.05am (A), Photos at 11.15am (A), Seminar at 2.30pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Photos at 4.25pm (B), Nathaniel & Ian at 4.45pm (B)
Sunday Nathaniel & Ian at 12.05pm (A), Photos at 12.15pm (A), Nathaniel & Ian at 4.05pm (B), Photos at 4.15pm (B)







NOLAN NORTH
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Voice Recording $50, Selfie $30, Studio Photo $50
Friday Seminar at 7.00pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre
Saturday Studio Photos at 12.10pm (A), Nolan & Troy at 12.20pm (A), Assassin's Creed Duo at 2.30pm (B), Photos at 2.35pm (B), Nolan & Troy at 2.45pm (B)
Sunday Studio Photos at 11.45am (B), Nolan & Troy at 11.55 (B), Studio Photos at 2.20pm (B), Nolan & Troy at 2.30pm (B), Seminar at 4.00pm – FilmInk Features

PAUL JOHNSTONE
Autograph $30 (The Alley), Autograph/Selfie Combo $50, Selfie $30
Saturday Seminar at 10.30am – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 12.25pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 4.15pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 12.00pm – Imagineer's and Gaming, Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 1.05pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 2.40pm (A), Seminar at 3.00pm – FilmInk Features

STEFAN KAPICIC
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Seminar at 11.30am – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Photos at 1.10pm (A), Photos at 3.20pm (A)
Sunday Photos at 1.05 pm (A), Photos at 3.20pm (A)

STEPHEN HUNTER
Autograph $30 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Selfie $20, Studio Photo $40
Saturday Stephen & Graham at 1.00pm (B), Studio Photos at 1.05pm (B), Stephen & Graham at 3.30pm (B), Studio Photos at 3.35pm (B)
Sunday Stephen & Graham at 1.25pm (B), Studio Photos at 1.30pm (B), Seminar at 2.00pm – FilmInk Features, Stephen & Graham at 3.35 (A), Studio Photos at 3.40pm (A)

STEVE BISLEY
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Seminar at 10.30am – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 12.25pm (B), Photos at 12.30pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 4.15pm (B), Photos at 4.20pm (B)
Sunday Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 1.05pm (B), Photos at 1.10pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 2.40pm (A), Photos at 2.45pm (A), Seminar at 3.00pm – FilmInk Features



STEVEN STRAIT
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Photos at 11.35am (A), Photos at 3.40pm (A), Seminar at 4.30pm – FilmInk Features
Sunday Photos at 12.25pm (A), Photos at 3.15pm (B)

TOBY STEPHENS
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $60
Saturday Seminar at 11.30am – FilmInk Features, Photos at 1.10pm (B), Photos at 3.05pm (A)
Sunday Photos at 12.45pm (B), Photos at 3.05pm (A)

TROY BAKER
Autograph $50 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Voice Recording $50, Selfie $30, Studio Photo $50
Friday Seminar at 7.00pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre
Saturday Troy & Nolan at 12.20pm (A), Studio Photos at 12.30pm (A), Troy & Nolan at 2.45pm (B), Studio Photos at 2.55pm (B)
Sunday Troy & Nolan at 11.55 (B), Studio Photos at 12.05pm (B), Seminar at 1.00pm – FilmInk Features, Troy & Nolan at 2.30pm (B), Studio Photos at 2.40pm (B)

TYLER HOECHLIN
Autograph $60 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $70
Saturday Tyler & Tyler at 11.05am (B), Photos at 11.30am (B), Tyler & Matt at 11.55am (B), Photos at 2.00pm (B), Photos at 4.10pm (A), Tyler & Tyler at 4.35pm (A)
Sunday Seminar at 12.00pm – FilmInk Features, Photos at 1.10pm (A), Tyler & Matt at 1.30pm (A), Photos at 3.45pm (A), Tyler & Tyler at 4.05pm (A)

TYLER POSEY
Autograph $100 (Supa-Star Signing Area), Photo $120
Saturday Photos at 10.30am (B), Tyler & Tyler at 11.05am (B), Seminar at 12.30pm – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Photos at 2.15pm (A), Tyler & Tyler at 4.35pm (A), Photos at 5.00pm (A)
Sunday Photos at 11.00am (B), Tyler & Tyler at 4.05pm (A), Photos at 4.30pm (A)

VINCE GILL
Autograph $30 (The Alley), Autograph/Selfie Combo $50, Selfie $30
Saturday Seminar at 10.30am – Cosplay Odyssey Theatre, Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 12.25pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 4.15pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 12.00pm – Imagineer's and Gaming, Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 1.05pm (B), Steve, Hugh, Paul, Dale & Vince at 2.40pm (A)

All photos will take place at Nebula Photography

A = STUDIO A B = STUDIO B

Make sure you line up at least 10 minutes before your session. The Studio is located off the main foyer. See Page 31 to find out how Autograph and Photo sessions work. Please note that all Supa-Star guests will be participating in signing sessions throughout each Saturday and Sunday, excluding their breaks, seminar times and photo sessions. If a guest is not listed on the Quick Guest Guide, they are participating in FREE autograph signings.

Splatoon 2 AUSTRALASIAN OPEN 2019

SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE AUSTRALASIAN OPEN 2019

6TH APRIL

7TH APRIL

TWO BIG TOURNAMENTS. TWO HUGE FINALS.

After battling it out in massive online qualifiers, the top 8 Super Smash Bros. Ultimate fighters and top two Splatoon 2 teams across Australia and New Zealand will battle for glory in their respective games. Join us at the Nintendo booth across the weekend and witness elite gameplay as we crown the champions of the Australasian Open.

Splatoon 2



Dive into intense, Ink-splatting action! In Turf War, players claim territory by covering it in ink in heated four-on-four battles. Use teamwork and switch tactically into squid form and back again to gain the edge. The team that claims the most turf wins!

SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE



Legendary fighters and worlds collide in the ultimate showdown on Nintendo Switch! Players fight as icons of gaming history, such as Mario, Pikachu, Sonic the Hedgehog, plus over 70 fighters as they battle to launch each other off the stage in this fast-paced action game.

PG Mild themes and violence, Online interactivity

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FRIDAY FUN!

THE FUN STARTS FRIDAY NIGHT IN MELBOURNE WITH THESE EXCLUSIVE PANELS





SUPANOVA'S SUPA-STAR SHOWCASE (NEW TIME!)

Join our Team Captains Bec, CK, and our host with the most, Quinny, as we laugh, chat, and quiz our Supa-Star guests with Aussie Trivia for a panel like no other! Victory or Vegemite, find out who takes what at the Supa-Star Showcase!

SCREENING: *KOH TAO KIDS* DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE (PG) PRESENTED BY ELIZA TAYLOR

Two friends living on opposite sides of the world build a school on the small island of Koh Tao in Thailand with the hope of changing the quality of education for Thai and Burmese immigrant children.

SCREENING: *KELLY'S HOLLYWOOD* (M) PRESENTED BY BRIAN DONOVAN

The intimate story of a woman born with Down Syndrome and her loving brother who wants to help her realise her dream of becoming a Hollywood diva, until it starts to threaten his engagement and he is forced to confront his co-dependent sibling relationship.

SUPANOVA BOOK CLUB

Join V.E. Schwab *(Shades of Magic Series)*, Marlee Jane Ward *(Welcome to Orphancorp),* Corey J. White *(Killing Gravity)*, Lynette Noni *(The Medoran Chronicles),* Alan Baxter *(Alex Caine Series),* Rachael Craw *(The Spark Series),* Astrid Scholte *(Four Dead Queens),* Katya de Becerra *(What the Woods Keep)* and Jodi McAlister *(The Valentine Series)* as they chat about their favourite books, movies and TV Series. Which books or movie influenced their writing, and which characters do they wish they had written. Bring your own book recommendations along, because everyone is looking for their new reading or viewing obsession.

CAVALCADE OF COMIC CREATORS: DAVID LAFUENTE, NICK SPENCER, NANCY HOLDER AND LOCAL COMICS CREATORS

An informal chat session with our incredibly talented international guests! Hear them talk about their start in the business, their favourite characters, what comics-related movies/TV series they enjoy and ask them their opinions on the state of the industry. Join David Lafuente *(Runaways)*, Nick Spencer *(Amazing Spider-Man)*, Nancy Holder *(Wonder Woman novelisation)* and local guests as they chat about their work and answer your questions!



"RETRO REPLAY LIVE!" (TICKETED EVENT)

Troy Baker and Nolan North bring you an interactive event that brings to the stage all the things you've come to love from the popular YouTube show, including somewhat terrible gameplay, advice from Uncle Noly, random tangents, and industry stories. Get ready for a behind-the-scenes and uncut look at RETRO REPLAY with audience participation and more.

MADMAN PRESENTS *MAQUIA: WHEN THE PROMISED FLOWER BLOOMS* (MA 15+)

Acclaimed screenwriter Mari Okada (*Anohana: The Flower We Saw That Day*) makes her directorial debut with the moving animated fantasy feature, *Maquia: When the Promised Flower Blooms*. The people of Iorph have a lifespan of hundreds of years and maintain their teenage appearances for life, but when the peace of this town is shattered by those who want the secret to their longevity for themselves, a young girl named Maquia is forced to escape.

The Supanova Store will be open until 8.00pm for you to grab your last-minute Autograph and Photo Tokens.
See the Event Timetable on page 32 for panel times and locations.

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SUPA-SATURDAY

WE ARE TAKING SATURDAY TO WARP SPEED. CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!

FILM/TV AND VOICE ACTOR SUPA-STAR PANELS

Brian Donovan (*Naruto, Naruto Shippuden, Digimon 02*) • Eliza Taylor (*The 100, Neighbours*) • Jordan Connor (*Riverdale, CW's Supernatural)* • Mad Max 40th Anniversary Special: Steve Bisley (*Mad Max, The Great Gatsby, Water Rats*), Hugh Keays-Byrne (*Mad Max, Mad Max: Fury Road, Farscape*), Paul Johnstone (*Mad Max*), Vince Gil (*Mad Max*) and Dale Bensch (*Mad Max* stunt work) • Matt Ryan (*Constantine, Legends of Tomorrow, The Halcyon*) • *Overwatch*: Jonny Cruz (*Overwatch, Hitman, Heroes of the Storm, Stinky and Dirty*) and Lucie Pohl (*Overwatch, Red Dwarf XI, World of Warcraft*) • Stefan Kapicic (*Deadpool, Better Call Saul*) • Steven Strait (*The Expanse, The Covenant*) • Tyler Posey (*Teen Wolf, Scream: The TV Series*) • Toby Stephens (*Black Sails, Lost in Space*) • *Vampire Diaries*: Nathaniel Buzolic (*The Vampire Diaries, The Originals, Pretty Little Liars*) and Ian Sommerhalder (*The Vampire Diaries, V-Wars, Lost*)

NOT TO BE MISSED!

SUPANOVA'S CHARITY AUCTION IS BACK!

Supanova's Charity auction is your chance to help us help the community, and snag yourself a cool and prized possession all at the same time.

You'll have the opportunity to bid on a number of rare and exclusive items, including a once in a lifetime opportunity to have a group photo* with the entire cast of Supanova Melbourne's celebrity Supa-Stars. The auction will kick off from 2.30pm, Saturday on the Imagineer's and Gaming Stage. Be present at the Charity Auction for your chance to bid on the charity exclusive! Supanova will be donating the funds raised to a local charity.

*Photo to be taken at 5pm on Sunday 7th April 2019 at Nebula Photography Studio. Standard Photo Token procedures apply (Two (2) x adults per photo – one copy printed. Up to two (2) children 12 years and under are permitted in photo with adult/s). Auction winner must be present on Sunday for the photo. If the winner does not have a Sunday inclusive ticket (Saturday only), they will gain free entry into Supanova on Sunday to enjoy the show and claim their prize. If additional person/s are to be in photo, they too must be or have been a ticketed person at Supanova. They too gain entry to Sunday if ticketed for Friday or Saturday. Every effort will be made to have all guests within photo. Exclusions depending consent, availability and/or prior commitments regarding show.



COSPLAY AND COMMUNITY PANELS

COSPLAY PHOTOGRAPHY WITH SEAN

You've spent hours creating your Cosplay masterpiece, so how do you capture and bring to life your creation through photography? Sean will go through the process of learning photography, with live demonstrations and lots of tips on to find further education.

COSPLAY SPEED BUILD SHOWDOWN: ASTROKERRIE & LUMIN VS ALT F4 & RACHEL

Like Iron chef but for cosplay! Watch as two teams of Foamsmiths battle it out to create a prop within the crazy time limit of 1 hour! Come along and watch as our 4 Foamsmiths teach you how to breakdown the construction of a prop and explain construction techniques while they race to the finish. Which team will prevail and which team will fail?

LUMIN'S WORKSHOP

INTERGALACTIC FAN CLUBS: FANS HELPING FANS

Ever thought about joining a fan club? Ever wondered why other people join fan clubs? Just what do fan clubs do? Join us as we tell you all about the various fan clubs that are on offer in your area. Our panel of experts will answer those sticky questions and give you insight into what this "Fan Club" thing is all about.



THE MAGICAL WORLD OF WIGZARDRY. PRESENTED BY TJ COSPLAY

Join TJ Cosplay as she walks you through the ins and outs of cosplay wig styling. From the need-to-know basics to tips for the more advanced, TJ will work her magic to help you bring your favourite characters to life.

MAKEUP FOR COSPLAY: THE ART OF BECOMING A DIFFERENT PERSON. PRESENTED BY SHOCK JOCKEY COSPLAY

This panel is great for both beginners and experienced cosplayers, as we explain everything from basic contouring to *Borderlands*-style cel-shading. Want to learn how to use a latex bald cap? Or how to make your cosplay makeup stay in place for the whole day? Then come to the *Makeup for Cosplay* panel!

SUPANOVA COSPLAY COMPETITION FEATURING *FORTNITE* DANCE CHALLENGE!



Our cosplay judges will be looking for the best from all our entrants and rewarding those who stand above the rest. (See page 32 for more information)

Q&A WITH KAMUI COSPLAY

Do you have a burning question you would love to get answered by one of cosplay's greats? Come along and ask Kamui Cosplay all of your cosplay-related questions – with her experience and skills, she's sure to have all the answers!

LITERARY PANELS

DEFINING SF

Corey J. White *(Killing Gravity)*, Alan Baxter *(Alex Caine Series)* and Gold Coast Exclusive Marlee Jane Ward *(Welcome to Orphancorp)* will be chatting all things Sci-fi and should we be endeavouring to keep SF pure – defining SF to exclude fantasy? Must a definition of SF include a reference to "science" or "technology"?

V.E. SCHWAB

Meet Victoria "V.E." Schwab, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of more than a dozen books, including the acclaimed *Shades of Magic series, This Savage Song, Our Dark Duet, Vicious, Vengeful,* and *City of Ghosts.*

WRITING POWERFUL WOMEN IN FANTASY AND HORROR: PART 1

Lynette Noni *(The Medoran Chronicles),* Rachael Craw *(The Spark Series),* Katya de Becerra *(What the Woods Keep)*, Astrid Scholte *(Four Dead Queens)* and Jodi McAlister *(The Valentine Series)* will discuss stories of women's bravery and the ways that this genre creates powerful literary women characters. This panel will focus on actual violence and the pressures women face today and how this is reflected in contemporary horror and fantasy writing.



DEFINING SF: SCIENCE FICTION VS SCIENCE FACT IN MEDIA. PRESENTED BY DR. CANDICE MICHELLE GOODWIN (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Dr Candice Michelle Goodwin juggles living in two worlds: She's a scientist & engineer by day, and a science fiction screenwriter and TV & film producer by night. The good news is that these two worlds overlap, and Candice will talk about how to keep science, such as the genetic revolution, superabilities, and space travel, authentic and entertaining in a science fiction context.

COMIC PANELS

BANKSIA YOUTH MASTERCLASS (TICKETED EVENT)

As proud supporters of the Banksia Project and their mission to empower emerging local creators, we're thrilled to introduce the all new Banksia Youth Masterclass! Want to make your own comics but don't know where to start? Join creator and Banksia powerhouse Alisha Jade with Alex E. Clark (Melbourne) and Cameron Davis (Gold Coast) for a fantastic workshop, making your own comics and learning the ins and outs of writing, drawing and printing your own comics in Australia. This is the perfect opportunity for younger comic book fans (aged 13 – 18) to develop their skills and learn from an established industry professional. Tickets are strictly limited, so get in quick to secure your place!

COMICS AND COLOUR: PHILLIP MURRAY, SONJA HAMMER, DIXON PATTEN, NAYUKA GORRIE, GARY FOLEY, CIENAN MUIR AND WANI (Melbourne Exclusive)

Exploring representation across various forms of media, the panel will navigate and analyse the different perspectives that representation have taken throughout the decades within the science fiction and popular culture arenas, and how these representations have impacted the people and cultures that character or situation was based on.

IFWG PUBLISHING PRESENTS: THE WORLD LAUNCH OF NEW SF MYSTERY TITLE: *SHERLOCK HOLMES AND DOCTOR WAS NOT!* CHRISTOPHER SEQUEIRA, NANCY HOLDER, BRAD MENGEL AND EXCLUSIVE FOR MELBOURNE, GERRY HUNTMAN, JULIE DITRICH AND JAN SCHERPENHUIZEN

Join editor/writer Christopher Sequeira and internationally acclaimed author Nancy Holder, along with special guest IFWG's publisher Gerry Huntman, and local writers Julie Ditrich, Jan Scherpenhuizen and Brad Mengel as they launch an amazing new anthology that includes international writers Denny O'Neil, Will Murray and others. It's the brand-new Sherlock Holmes short story collection that asks: What goes on in parallel universes where Holmes's best friend and biographer is a doctor, but NOT Doctor Watson; Like Dr Jekyll! Dr Van Helsing! Dr Herbert West – ReAnimator!

MADMAN PRESENTS

JOJO'S BIZARRE ADVENTURE (GOLDEN WIND) (M)

Naples, 2001. Giorno Giovanna is a small-time crook with one big dream—to become a "Gang-Star". No ordinary thief, Giorno has a connection to the remarkable Joestar bloodline, and possesses a Stand named Gold Experience. His dream starts to become reality when he meets Bruno Buccellati, a mobster from the gang Passione and a fellow Stand user himself. Realizing that they share similar ideals, and both disagree with the gang's harmful affairs, Giorno reveals his goal to Bruno: with Bruno's help, he will reform Passione by overthrowing the boss.

KAGUYA-SAMA: LOVE IS WAR (PG)

From a good family? Check! A good personality? Check! Shuchiin Academy is where elite students with bright futures flock to. The two leaders of the student council have supposedly fallen in love… But after almost half a year, nothing has happened!? They both have too much pride and can't be honest. Things have gotten troublesome, and they are now caught in a war of "How to get the other to confess their love first".

See the Event Timetable on page 32 for panel times and locations

SUPA-SUNDAY

NO TIME TO SLOW DOWN - IT'S TIME TO KICK THINGS INTO WARP SPEED WITH SUPANOVA'S SUNDAY LINE UP

FILM/TV AND VOICE ACTOR SUPA-STAR PANELS

Brian Donovan (*Naruto, Naruto Shippuden, Digimon 02*) • Graham McTavish (*Preacher, Outlander, The Hobbit* trilogy) and Stephen Hunter (*The Hobbit* trilogy, *Wolf Creek*) • Ian Sommerhalder (*The Vampire Diaries, Lost, V-Wars*) • Jon Heder (*Napoleon Dynamite, Blades of Glory, Pickle and Peanut*) • Mad Max Retrospective: Paul Johnstone (Melbourne), Vince Gil (Melbourne), Dale Bensch (Melbourne) and exclusive to the Gold Coast, Nathan Jones (*Mad Max: Fury Road*, *The Scorpion King: Book of Souls*) • Mad Max: Steve Bisley (*Mad Max, The Great Gatsby, Water Rats*), Hugh Keays-Byrne (*Mad Max, Mad Max: Fury Road, Farscape*) and exclusive to Melbourne, Paul Johnstone (*Mad Max*) • Millie Bobby Brown (Melbourne Exclusive) (*Stranger Things*, *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*, *Once Upon a Time in Wonderland*) • Nolan North (*Uncharted, Assassin's Creed, Young Justice*) • *Overwatch*: Jonny Cruz (*Overwatch, Hitman, Heroes of the Storm, Stinky and Dirty*) and Lucie Pohl (*Overwatch, Red Dwarf XI, World of Warcraft*) • Stefan Kapicic (*Deadpool, Better Call Saul*) • Troy Baker (*The Last of Us, Avengers Assemble, Bioshock Infinite*) • Tyler Hoechlin (*Supergirl, Teen Wolf*)

COMIC PANELS

HOW HAS TECHNOLOGY CHANGED THE WAY YOU ART? STEWART MCKENNY, MIKE KROME (MELBOURNE) AND WAYNE NICHOLS (GOLD COAST)

In this day and age of drawing/illustration tablets and graphics editor software programs, what do our Australian-based creators use to produce their stunning graphics? How do they use such applications and hardware in creating the final product which we view in print or online? Come along and listen to our talented panellists Stewart McKenny, Mike Krome amd Wayne Nichols chat about what and how they use these tools to create their amazing illustrations!

PAINTING PENS. PRESENTED BY PHILB (Melbourne Exclusive)

Want to take your art to the next level and dive into the world of pens? Philb will attempt to speed paint an A3 or A2 sized portrait of a movie-based character, while discussing techniques used to paint with markers and how you can use pens instead of a brush and paint tubes.

SUPA-STAR SKETCH-OFF: DAVID LAFUENTE, JON SOMMARIVA AND ALEJANDRO BARRIONUEVO (Gold Coast Saturday; Melbourne Sunday)

Only at Supanova will you find incredibly talented creators like David Lafuente, Jon Sommariva and Alejandro Barrionuevo facing off against each other in a Sketch-Off competition to decide (through audience acclaim) the "best" sketch of the day! Witness a free for all (not really but there is occasional trash talk) to see who comes out on top, with the chance of winning a free raffle for one of the fabulous pieces created during the session!

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PHANTOM AND.... KID PHANTOM! (Gold Coast Exclusive)

The Ghost Who Walks is a much-loved cultural icon who has appeared for many years in Australian comics and newspaper strips, enthralling us with his incredible adventures! However, have you read the current Phantom's adventures as a young lad in the title ***Kid Phantom***! Join artist (and Tae Kwon Do champ) Dr. Paul Mason along with award-winning writer Andrew Constant as they chat about their work on *Kid Phantom* and all things Phantom related!

WORKING ON CREATOR-OWNED VS LICENSED PROPERTIES (Melbourne Saturday; Gold Coast Sunday)

Join some of our incredibly talented Supa-Star creators as they chat about the joys of working with their creator-owned books along with books featuring well known characters including Nick Spencer (Skybound's *Thief of Thieves*, Marvel's *Amazing Spider-Man*), Andrew Constant (Gestalt's *Torn*, DC's *The Demon*),Tom Taylor (Gestalt's *The Deep*, Marvel's *Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man*) and Dean Rankine (Action Labs' *Itty Bitty Bunnies in Rainbow Pixie Candy Land*, Bongo's *Simpsons*).



COSPLAY AND COMMUNITY PANELS

GET THE LOOK: FINISHING PROPS AND ARMOUR. PRESENTED BY ANDYCAM COSPLAY (MELBOURNE)

Building an epic prop, but just not quite sure how to finish it off perfectly? Let AndyCam Cosplay walk you through a range of finishing options for a fabulous, photo-ready cosplay.

SUIT UP: FOAM ARMOUR MAKING: KAMUI COSPLAY

Do you have a burning question you would love to get answered by one of cosplay's greats? Come along and ask Kamui Cosplay all of your cosplay-related questions – with her experience and skills, she is sure to have all the answers!

SUPANOVA COSPLAY ODYSSEY FEATURING COSPLAY DASH!

Supanova's own advanced national cosplay competition, where you have the chance to share in $15,000 worth of prizes. (See page 48 for more details)

WIG RESCUE. PRESENTED BY ARDA WIGS CANADA (Melbourne Exclusive)

Arda-kedabra! Are you in search of the resurrection spell to revive your wig from the grave? Looking to cast it back to the state whence it came? Join Everest from Arda Wigs Canada for the wig master's guide on wig repair and revival! Learn about our favourite tools, behold the various techniques, tips and tricks for turning tangled messes back into magnificent, wearable wigs! Trust us, it's just like magic!

DRAMA QUEEN - AN INTRODUCTION INTO ACTING: PRESENTED BY MIKIDONA (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Learn what makes a character tick and how an actor slips into their role in an immersive, semi-interactive class on acting, characterisation, and interpretation, touching on the classic acting techniques of Stanislavski and Laban. Stage volunteers encouraged!



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GAMING AND TECH PANELS

AUSTRALIAN RETRO GAME COLLECTING. PRESENTED BY JOSH DUNBAR (Melbourne Exclusive)

Retro video game collecting in Australia is one of the most challenging, expensive, competitive and engaging hobbies to embark on. Within this panel, Josh will share his years of knowledge searching every avenue available for retro games, the retro scene and culture in Australia and explore the collecting vs investment debate.

ONLINE GAMING: HOBBY OR ADDICTION? (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Some people are footy fanatics, others are gamers – big deal, right? But where do we draw the line between a hobby that's harmless fun, and something that's a problem? Clinical Psychologist and sometime-gamer Dr. Tania McMahon answers your questions about how to tell the difference and how to achieve balance.

MADMAN PRESENTS



THE PROMISED NEVERLAND (MA 15+)

The Gracefield House is where orphaned children live. An irreplaceable home where 38 siblings and Mom live happy lives, even with no blood relations. However, their everyday life suddenly came to an abrupt end one day…

SWORD ART ONLINE: ALICIZATION (M)

Kirito has made a full-dive into an epic, fantasy-like virtual world. He comes upon an enormous, pitch dark tree (the Gigas Cedar), where he encounters a boy, Eugeo. Although he is supposedly a resident of the virtual world – an NPC – the boy shows the same array of emotions as any human being. Meanwhile, Kirito remembers racing through the mountains with Eugeo as a child... and in this memory, he sees someone other than Eugeo, a young blond girl. Her name is Alice. And it is a name that must never be forgotten...

LITERARY PANELS

BIFF, BAM, POW! WRITING KICK ASS FIGHT SCENES

Masters of their craft, *Corey J. White (Killing Gravity)*, Lynette Noni *(The Medoran Chronicles)*, *Alan Baxter (Alex Caine Series)* and Gold Coast Exclusives Marc and James Lindsay (*Plato Wyngard and the Valley of the Immortals*) will share how they take a kick ass fight scene and bring it to life on the page through the use of pace, perspective and how to get the reader to see exactly what the author envisioned.



WRITING PARANORMAL FICTION: PRESENTED BY VIOLETA BAGIA (Melbourne Exclusive)

How do you start writing paranormal fiction and where do you begin? Violeta covers everything from the submission to publication process in a comprehensive workshop using excerpts from her books. *Violeta will be selling and signing her books at the QBD stand directly after the panel.

WRITING POWERFUL WOMEN IN FANTASY AND HORROR PART 2

V.E. Schwab *(Shades of Magic Series)*, Marlee Jane Ward *(Welcome to Orphancorp),* Rachael Craw *(The Spark Series),* Jodi McAlister *(The Valentine Series)* and Melbourne Exclusives Katya de Becerra *(What the Woods Keep)* and Astrid Scholte *(Four Dead Queens)* are back tackling the question of 'are male characters created by male authors dominating the fantasy genre?' What are the basic differences between the roles and functions of men and women characters in fantasy writing? Must women characters have "masculinity" to make their roles stronger and more important?

NOT TO BE MISSED



FROM *IRON MAN* TO *AVENGERS: ENDGAME*. THE MCU'S HEROES JOURNEY

The grave course of events set in motion by Thanos that wiped out half the universe and fractured the Avengers ranks, compels the remaining Avengers to take one final stand in Marvel Studios' grand conclusion to twenty-two films, *Avengers: Endgame*. Join our panellists as they discuss the journey, 11 years in the making. Story concepts, character development and retrospectives, where all roads lead to *Avengers: Endgame* #AvengersEndgame

STEREK, HAIRY LADIES, AND TRUE ALPHAS: WHAT DOES *TEEN WOLF* SAY ABOUT GENDER AND SEXUALITY? PRESENTED BY TANIA EVANS (Melbourne Exclusive)

Teen Wolf prompts us to ask questions about how we understand the world, especially in relation to gender and sexuality. This panel explores what *Teen Wolf* says about being a man or a woman and how it represents heterosexuality and queerness.

VOICE ACTING TAKE OVER (Gold Coast Exclusive)

At Voice Acting Take Over, you can have your shot at being a voice actor! With a wide variety of scenes from anime, games and movies to choose from, in this karaoke for voice acting style panel you can show Supanova what you can do as your favourite character!

See the Event Timetable on page 32 for panel times and locations

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Saturday 13 April
Secret Springbrook location
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VIRTUAL REALITY



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HOTA
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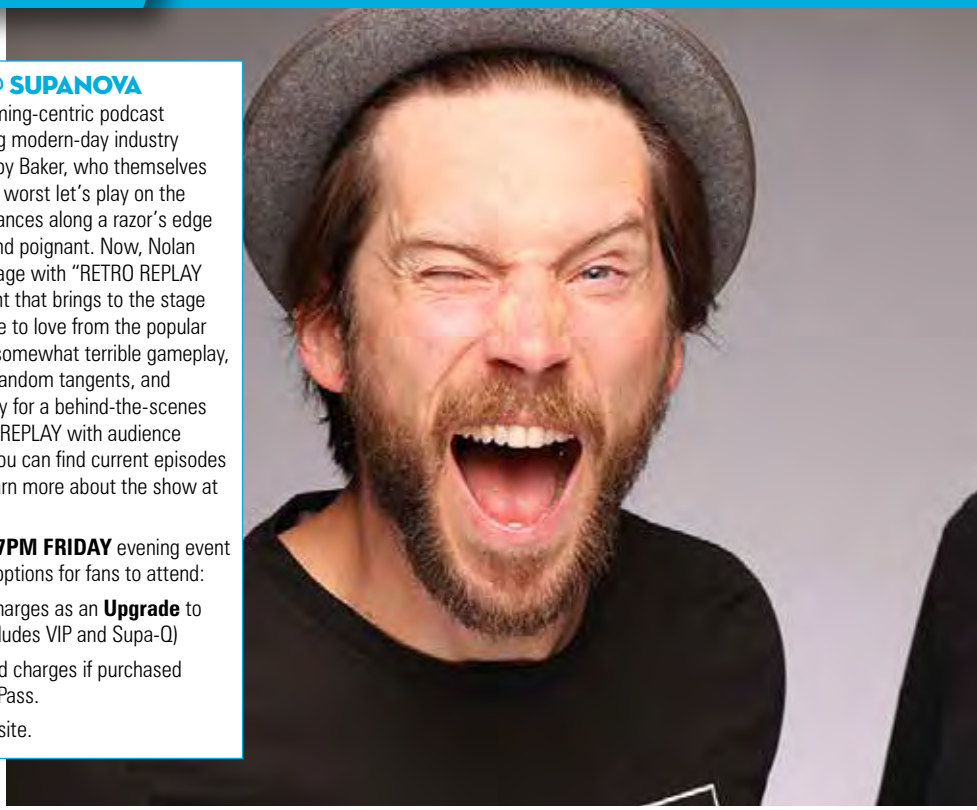
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BRING IT ON!

BRINGING THE LATEST GAMING SENSATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY TO SUPANOVA



RETRO REPLAY @ SUPANOVA

RETRO REPLAY is a gaming-centric podcast unlike any other. Featuring modern-day industry icons Nolan North and Troy Baker, who themselves refer to the show as "the worst let's play on the internet", Retro Replay dances along a razor's edge by being both comedic and poignant. Now, Nolan and Troy leap onto the stage with "RETRO REPLAY Live!" An interactive event that brings to the stage all the things you've come to love from the popular YouTube show including somewhat terrible gameplay, advice from Uncle Noly, random tangents, and industry stories. Get ready for a behind-the-scenes and uncut look at RETRO REPLAY with audience participation and more. You can find current episodes of RETRO REPLAY and learn more about the show at RetroReplayShow.com.

This will be an exclusive **7PM FRIDAY** evening event where there will be two options for fans to attend:

$20 including fees and charges as an **Upgrade** to any **Weekend Pass** (includes VIP and Supa-Q)

$32.50 including fees and charges if purchased separately or with a Day Pass.

For tickets go to our website.

THE NINTENDO SWITCH TERRACE (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Play the latest and greatest Nintendo Switch games at the Nintendo trailer, including *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*, *Pokémon: Let's Go! Pikachu* & *Pokémon: Let's Go! Eevee*, *Super Mario Party* and more!

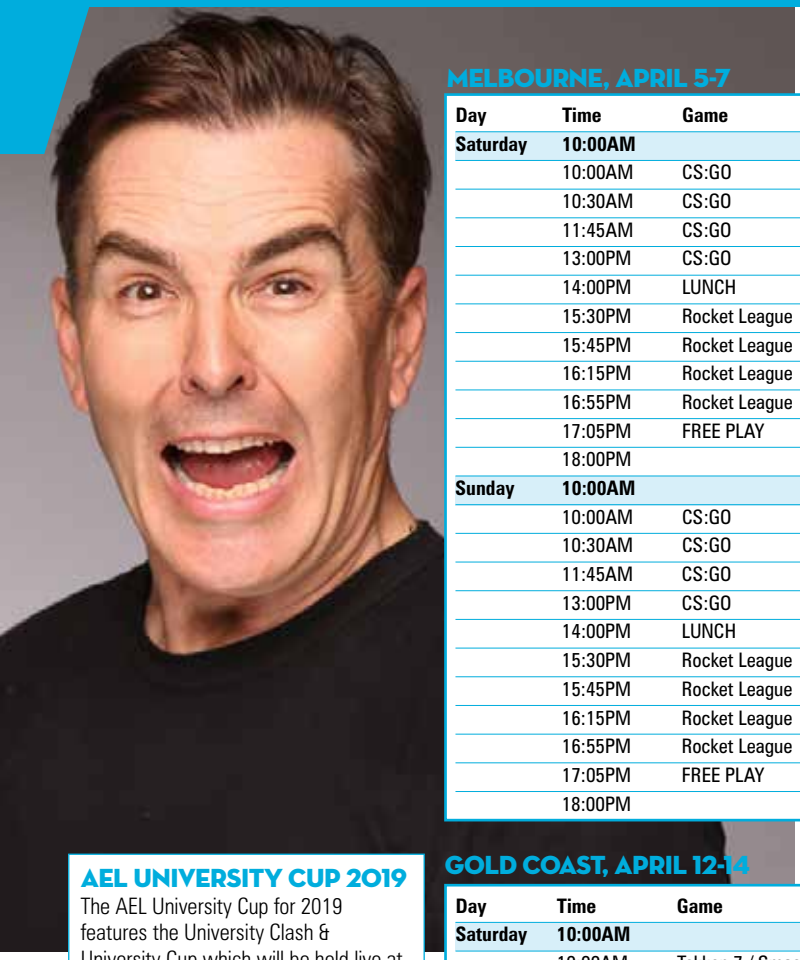


NINTENDO STAND (Melbourne Exclusive)

There's a massive host of games and activities on display at the Nintendo stand! The best *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* & *Splatoon 2* players will battle it out on-stage in the grand final of the Australasian Open 2019, plus come along and play massive Nintendo Switch titles like *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*, *Super Mario Party* and more!

PAPA GIUSEPPI'S RETRO GAMING LOUNGE

Come for the FREE Pizza Pie samples and stay for the gaming at the Papa Giuseppi's retro gaming lounge. We are playing all your favourite classics and serving hot Pizza Pies to go with it, so you can tell hunger to get stuffed!



AEL UNIVERSITY CUP 2019

The AEL University Cup for 2019 features the University Clash & University Cup which will be held live at the AEL stage. Come along to see the top universities from each state battle it out in *CS:GO*, *Rocket League*, *Dota 2*, *Tekken 7* and *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* plus more.

Teams are competing for a share of the $19,000 prize pool and the Uni Cup!

Be sure to check out the AEL Stage and our partners OVO Mobile, AOC Monitors, the Australian Computer Society, PwC Australia, Mwave, Sennheiser and ZQ Racing, where prizes and activities are on offer!

The University Cup will culminate with a Grand Final stage at Supanova Brisbane where the top universities from around Australia will put everything on the line!

MELBOURNE, APRIL 5-7

Day	Time	Game	Match	Comments
Saturday	**10:00AM**			**Doors Open**
	10:00AM	CS:GO		Setup
	10:30AM	CS:GO	1	Players Begin Playing
	11:45AM	CS:GO	2	Players Begin Playing
	13:00PM	CS:GO	3	Players Begin Playing
	14:00PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH / FREE PLAY CS:GO
	15:30PM	Rocket League		Setup
	15:45PM	Rocket League	1	Players Begin Playing
	16:15PM	Rocket League	2	Players Begin Playing
	16:55PM	Rocket League	3	Players Begin Playing
	17:05PM	FREE PLAY	FREE PLAY	Free Play Rocket League
	18:00PM			Doors Close
Sunday	**10:00AM**			**Doors Open**
	10:00AM	CS:GO		Setup
	10:30AM	CS:GO	4	Players Begin Playing
	11:45AM	CS:GO	5	Players Begin Playing
	13:00PM	CS:GO	6	Players Begin Playing
	14:00PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH / FREE PLAY CS:GO
	15:30PM	Rocket League		Setup
	15:45PM	Rocket League	4	Players Begin Playing
	16:15PM	Rocket League	5	Players Begin Playing
	16:55PM	Rocket League	6	Players Begin Playing
	17:05PM	FREE PLAY	FREE PLAY	Free Play Rocket League
	18:00PM			Doors Close

GOLD COAST, APRIL 12-14

Day	Time	Game	Match	Comments
Saturday	**10:00AM**			**Doors Open**
	10:00AM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		Setup
	10:30AM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		Players Begin Playing
	11:45AM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		
	13:00PM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		
	14:00PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH / FREE PLAY CS:GO
	15:30PM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		Setup
	15:45PM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		Players Begin Playing
	16:15PM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		
	16:55PM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		
	17:05PM	FREE PLAY	FREE PLAY	Free Play Rocket League
	18:00PM			Doors Close
Sunday	**10:00AM**			**Doors Open**
	10:00AM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		Setup
	10:30AM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		Players Begin Playing
	11:45AM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		
	13:00PM	Tekken 7 / Smash Ultimate		
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	18:00PM			Doors Close

COSPLAY CREATIONS!

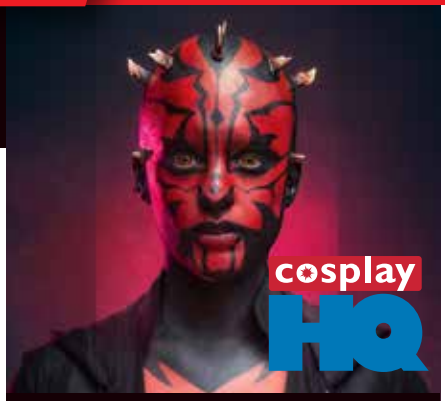
ANY SUPANOVA ATTENDEE WILL TELL YOU THAT COSPLAY IS DEFINITELY ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT, WHETHER YOU'RE A SERIOUS COSPLAYER OR JUST HAVING FUN TAKING SNAPS!

With an amazing array of cosplay events, panels and competitions, Supanova is dedicated to providing a thrilling cosplay experience for everyone!



ANDYCAM COSPLAY

AndyCam is a veteran cosplayer of 10 years from Melbourne, with an army of more than 140 cosplays and over 50 awards. From the start, he jumped right into the thick of things and entered many cosplay contests and attended conventions all over Australia and a few in the USA. After attending his first convention in 2008 it has been nonstop craziness involving copious amounts of hot glue, ridiculous amounts of fabric, last minute stressing and fabulous friends! AndyCam is pumped and ready to join the team at Cosplay HQ and looks forward to seeing everyone as they visit Supanova!



TJ COSPLAY

TJ is an award winning, Melbourne-based cosplayer who has been creating for close to a decade. Her favourite aspects of cosplay are travelling to interstate and international conventions, as well as the friends she makes on the way. Her skills and techniques are mostly self-taught, and she enjoys all aspects of the creation process; though, she is especially well known for her gravity-defying wigs. She's recently been involved with managing and running cosplay events and holding panels on various topics. This is the area she enjoys the most; sharing the things she has learned with the community, and sharing her love for all things cosplay and pop culture. She has an extreme love of *Star Wars, X-Men* comics and video games (she used to be a game dev!). TJ is incredibly excited to be at Cosplay HQ, and can't wait to see what the cosplayers bring to the worktable!

FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHER: STEAMKITTENS

Remember to stop by Cosplay HQ to pose for that perfect portrait of your costume! A well-known and talented fixture of the cosplay community, Steamkittens will be taking photos all weekend in both Melbourne and Gold Coast. Steamkittens will be supported by local photographers in both cities.



supanova cosplay ODYSSEY

SUPANOVA COSPLAY ODYSSEY

The Supanova Cosplay Odyssey is our own advanced national cosplay competition, where you have the chance to share in $15,000 worth of prizes. The Odyssey will be held at each of the six Supanova events around the country, in search of each city's Cosplay Hero. Aside from winning a phenomenal cash prize, each of these Cosplay Heroes will then have a chance to be named the final overall winner – our Odyssey Hero, who will be able to continue their cosplay journey all the way to the United States for Dragon Con 2019.

Are you ready for your adventure to begin?

What Can I Win?

In every heat, our city Cosplay Heroes will each win a **$1,000 cash prize**, provided by Supanova.

In addition, the Lumin's Workshop Award will be presented in each city. This award is a $300 voucher to Lumin's Workshop and will be awarded in recognition of amazing achievement in cosplay.

Our **overall Odyssey Hero**, in recognition of their incredible achievement, will win the trip of a lifetime to the United States to attend Dragon Con 2019, including:

- Flights for two to Atlanta, Georgia
- Two five-day badges to Dragon Con 2019
- A five-night stay in the iconic Marriott Marquis
- $1,000 spending money
- The option of entering the Friday Night Costume Contest at Dragon Con

See the **www.supanova.com.au** for more details and T&Cs

LUMIN'S WORKSHOP

FORTNITE DANCE CHALLENGE

If you are a fan of the game or just like to bust out the Electro Shuffle on the dance floor, this is your chance to learn new moves and win awesome prizes from Nintendo!



KAMUI COSPLAY

Svetlana Quindt (AKA Kamui Cosplay) is an acclaimed costume designer, author and cosplayer from Germany. With over 14 years of experience and a never-ending desire to start the next big project, she has already created many award-winning costumes and lately published a hugely popular series of cosplay instructional books that have become the entry point for many cosplay newcomers worldwide. Even though she now tours the world at international conventions, she loves nothing more than to support newcomers as well as veterans in creating their big dream costumes. It all started with Svetlana's elaborate armours from *World of Warcraft*, *Diablo* and *League of Legends* and with them she played an integral role in making the German material Worbla a big player in the international cosplay scene. For every cosplay problem she has an answer – either as a photo, video or in one of her tutorial books.

SUPANOVA COSPLAY COMPETITION

The Supanova Cosplay Competition presented by Lumin's Workshop is always the highlight of a Supanova weekend for so many people. So, it's time to finish off your amazing costume, put together your best performance and make that stage your own as you compete for amazing prizes. Our cosplay judges will be looking for the best from all our entrants and rewarding those who stand above the rest.

Best in Show ($200 Prize presented by Barnes), Best Craftsmanship, Best Performance, Best Group and Judges Award. If you would like details on what each prize is awarded for, please check our website.

Don't forget to pre-register for the competition or make you way to Cosplay HQ between 10am and midday on the day of the competition to secure your place – but remember spaces are limited. For more information, visit the website.

COSPLAY DASH!

Supanova Cosplay Dash! is an exciting new mini-event for cosplayers that will run immediately following The Supanova Cosplay Odyssey on the Sunday of each show. This event gives you the opportunity to have a moment in the spotlight without the stress of skits or questions. You'll still get a great audience, and you can register on the day – no need to plan ahead, just get in quickly on Sunday morning. This new event is perfect for beginner cosplayers or simply for those who just want to show off their costume on a stage. Prizes provided by Lumin's Workshop.

COSPLAY REPAIR STATION

Attention Cosplayers! We've all had that dreadful moment at a convention: a costume malfunction, usually at the worst time. Something needs sewing. Something needs hot glue. Something needs to be done! But where to go for help? Cosplay HQ Repair Station, that's where! Our skilled team can assess and repair your costume, give you quality advice and get you out and ready for your photo shoots and onto the stage for the competition.

HEY SUPA-FANS!

Cosplay has grown and expanded over the past 15 years to become one of the most incredible parts of the show. To keep up with that growth as well as the legislative requirements of each state, we've put some rules in place regarding props and costumes to ensure everyone is cosplaying safely. **The Supanova Cosplay Guidelines include the following 6 Core Guidelines:**

1. **RESPECT EVERYONE**
   Treat your fellow attendees with kindness and respect.
2. **EXCESSIVE PROP WEIGHTS**
   Overly heavy props can cause injury, so aim to use light materials if you can.
3. **EXCESSIVE PROP AND COSTUME SIZES**
   Large Cosplay Props will need to be inspected by Weapons Check.
4. **STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**
   We all must comply with the law, so any violations will be addressed.
5. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**
   Metal blades, firearms and similar items are not safe for conventions.
6. **SUPANOVA'S COSPLAY HQ WEAPONS CHECK**
   If in doubt, come by – it's there to assist the cosplayers of Supanova!

The Supanova Cosplay Guidelines were developed with feedback from the Australian cosplay community, research and consultation. We're confident they're the best way to maintain a safe and friendly environment for all attendees.

Check out the Supanova Website for the full list of the Supanova Cosplay Guidelines: **http://www.supanova.com.au/weapons-policy/** or come speak to the team at Weapons Check, located in the event foyer.

SUPA-ACTIVITIES

SUPANOVA HOSTS A RANGE OF FREE ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS, SO THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO WHETHER YOU'RE PARTICIPATING OR SPECTATING



MAD MAX 40TH ANNIVERSARY EXPO (Melbourne Exclusive)

Visit cinema history with George Miller's Australian-made dystopian masterpiece *Mad Max*, celebrating 40 years since its release in 1979. Meet original cast members who will be signing autographs and posing with fans for great photo opportunities. On display will be original props and set pieces used in the filming of *Mad Max*. Merchandise available at the *Mad Max* store with limited quantities of items including t-shirts, caps, stubbie holders and more!



VIC ROADS (Melbourne Exclusive)

Check out the range of DC Comic plates that Custom Plates have to offer on the Custom Plates photo wall. A $495 Custom Plates voucher is also up for grabs for you to customise your own set of plates. To enter, visit: supa.fans/DCPlates

NINTENDO

Melbourne: There's a host of games and activities on display at the Nintendo stand! The best *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* & *Splatoon 2* players will battle it out on-stage in the grand final of the Australasian Open 2019, plus come along and play massive Nintendo Switch titles like *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*, *Super Mario Party* and more!

Gold Coast: Play the latest and greatest games at the Nintendo Switch Terrace, including *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*, *Pokémon: Let's Go! Pikachu* & *Pokémon: Let's Go! Eevee*, *Super Mario Party* and more!

COSPLAY HEROES WALL

Are you the hero we've been waiting for? Then get yourself down to our Cosplay Heroes Wall in our Cosplay Hall of Heroes, where you have the chance to walk the red carpet and bring your friends as we are going Supa-Sonic, with shares across the country and around the world. Not dressed for the occasion? Well, we have your back as Supa-Heroes do, by supplying props so you can take part! Make sure you use #supaheroeswall to tag your photos. As this is a dedicated area for photography, tripods and stands are welcome to get the best shots possible!

TABLE TOP GAMING

- Want to get into tabletop gaming and don't know where to start?
- Do you like strategy, fun & excitement?
- Want to learn more about RPGs & Miniatures?
- Are you looking for something to do with the family?

Why not try one of the games available in the Table Top Gaming Zone! Staff are on hand to teach you the basics and you could be conquering worlds in no time! Or challenge your friends to friendly and hilarious card games. The choice is yours, just have fun!

ROCK STARZ ENTERTAINMENT (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Be a rock star for 5 minutes and get onstage solo or with your friends to give the performance of the weekend! Sing, play and perform with the Rock Band game!

STAR-TROUPERS (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Performing at various times and locations throughout the weekend, including a special *Outlander* performance on the FilmInk Features Stage. Keep an eye out, and give them a cheer!

GET YOUR MOTORS RUNNING AND CHECK OUT THESE AWESOME MACHINES!

Vehicles are the unsung heroes of our favourite movies and TV shows, so here's your chance to get up close with some of these metal stars!

- *Wolf Creek* Ute (Melbourne Exclusive)
- *Mad Max* Interceptors (Melbourne Exclusive)
- Toecutter Gang Motorcycles (Melbourne Exclusive)
- *Doctor Who*'s Bessie (Gold Coast Exclusive)
- SN Titan (Gold Coast Exclusive)
- *Ghostbusters* Ecto-1 (Gold Coast Exclusive)
- *Terminator 3* Hearse (Gold Coast Exclusive)

AWF WRESTLING

An expo highlight, Australian Wresting Federation (AWF) are at it again with their action packed, body slamming fun. With three shows a day, these finely chiselled and colourful men and women will bring their screen moves to life.

Bouts at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm daily

IFLY (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Come iFLY with *Garrison7*. Register at the G7 stand to win great prizes including iFLY packages. iFLY is also giving Supanova patrons 50% off an iFLY Intro package. Ask at the G7 booth for more info.

PAPA GIUSEPPI FOOD TRUCK (Melbourne Exclusive)

Tell hunger to get stuffed at the Papa Giuseppi Food Truck. We are serving FREE, hot, delicious Pizza Pie samples all day!

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Shortly after his daughter's first birthday, Jason Sotiris's little girl began feeling ill. Days later, after numerous tests, he would be told that his daughter had a rare type of cancer, Langerhans Cell Hystiocytosis.

She was given a 20% chance of survival.

"Nothing can ever prepare you for seeing your child battle something like cancer. It was like a bully hiding inside her organs and veins. And the only way to deal with it, was to stand up for her, knowing she was barely able to walk," said Jason.

Sitting by her hospital bed he thought of what he could do to help her. Noticing how difficult it was to change her whilst she was connected to the IV drip central lines and monitoring cables, he began thinking about a way to help.

Jason called his childhood friend, Yusuf Muklis, and together over many late nights and prototypes, the two tradie dads created something they hope will help make the lives of sick children that little bit easier. Yusuf shares his vision for the Supertee: "We want to empower little heroes everywhere, fighting their own battles with illness, to have the courage to win those battles."

With the help of Supanova, they have unveiled their range in superhero events at children's hospitals such as Westmead, Sydney and John Hunter Children's Newcastle, with visiting Supa-Stars and volunteer cosplayer artists visiting ill children and handing out Supertee packs. They have also been able to distribute to Royal and Monash Children's Hospitals in Melbourne, as well as Lady Cilento Children's in Brisbane.

Each Supertee garment comes with its own cape that doubles as a bib, a comic/activity book, morale boosting themed stickers, and a bookmark with a personal message for the parents, encouraging them to keep going, all cleverly packaged in a cool reusable tin.

They also aim to raise funding for new treatments of childhood diseases and to support local hospitals and various children's charities and foundations.

To continue their mission, they need your help!

You can join the fight by stopping by their booth and sponsoring a Supertee pack for a sick child or leaving a donation. You can also contribute through their website (Supertee.com.au) or follow them on Facebook and Instagram (The Supertee Project) and help spread the word.

Because after all… every Superhero deserves a costume!



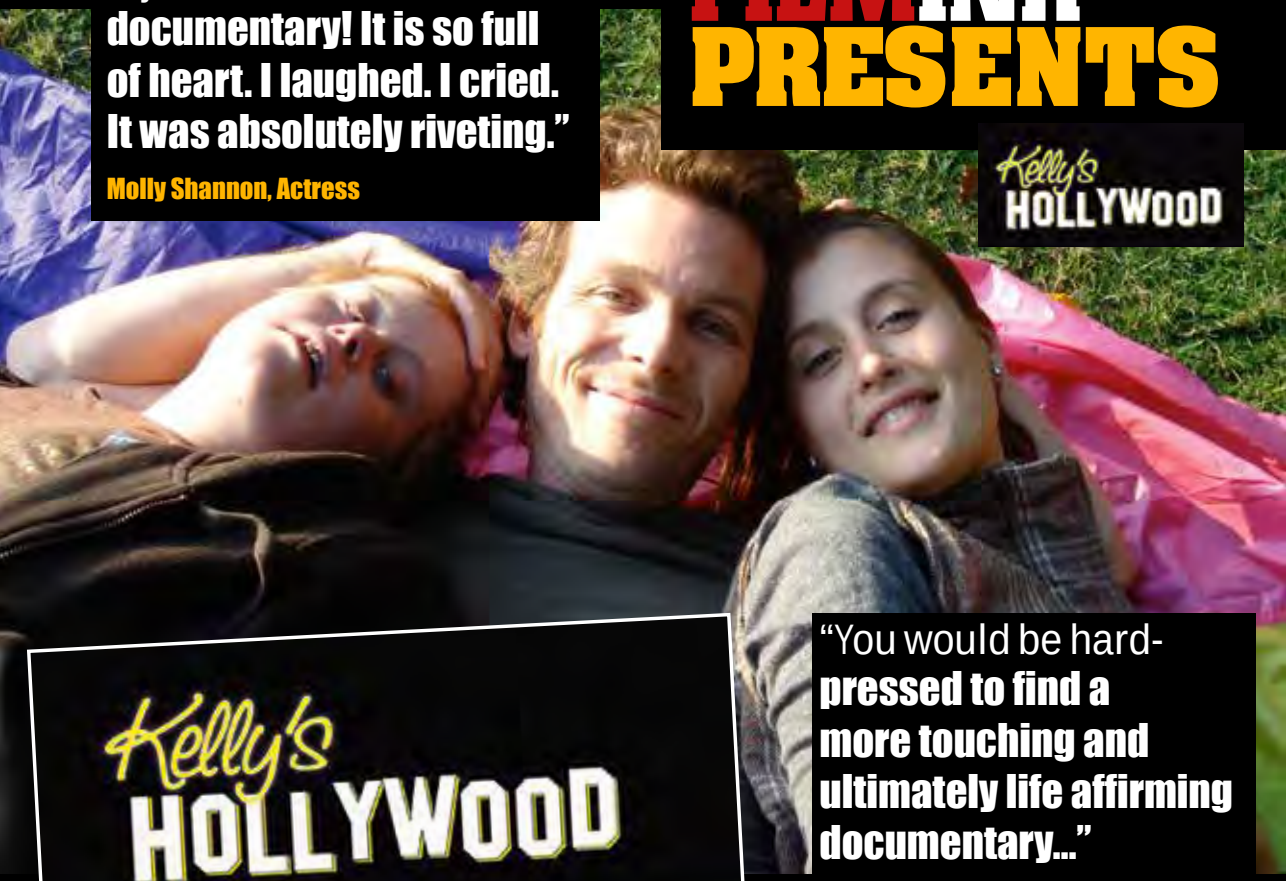




FILMINK PRESENTS

"I just loved this **documentary! It is so full of heart. I laughed. I cried. It was absolutely riveting."**

Molly Shannon, Actress





"You would be hard-**pressed to find a more touching and ultimately life affirming documentary..."**

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Screenings followed by Q&As with director/ subject Brian Donovan (Naruto, Digimon) https://au.demand.film/kellys-hollywood/

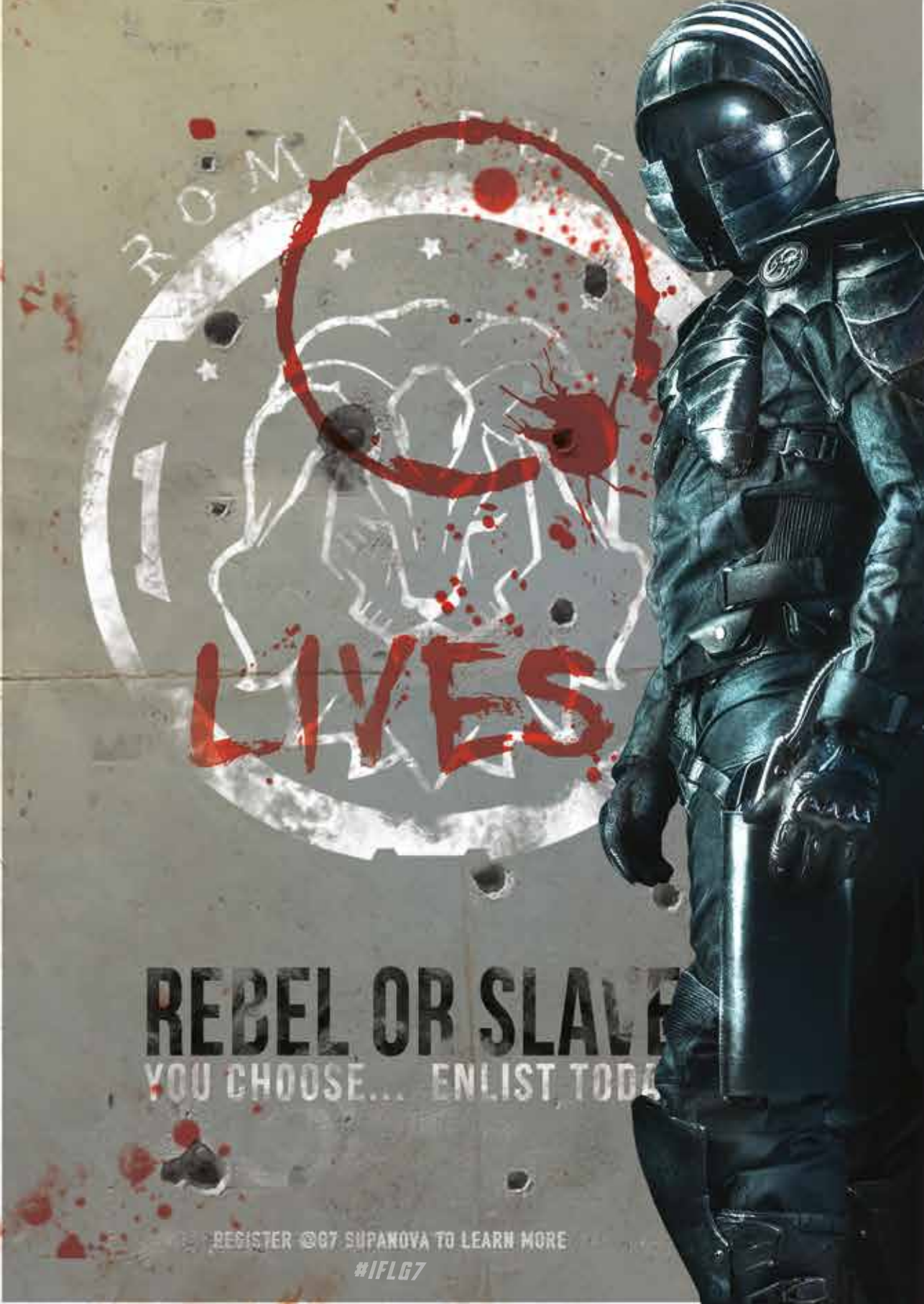
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KELLY'S HOLLYWOOD (PG) PRESENTED BY BRIAN DONOVAN

The intimate story of a woman born with Down syndrome and her loving brother who wants to help her realise her dream of becoming a Hollywood diva, until it starts to threaten his engagement and he is forced to confront his co-dependent sibling relationship.

KOH TAO KIDS DOCUMENTARY (PG) PRESENTED BY ELIZA TAYLOR AND PATRICK COTTER

Two friends living on opposite sides of the world build a school on the small island of Koh Tao in Thailand with the hope of changing the quality of education for Thai and Burmese immigrant children. Directed, shot and edited by Eliza Taylor and Patrick Cotter, and produced by We Are Wild Ones, a company founded by Patrick and their friend, Stephen Jeffery. Locations: Koh Tao, Thailand; Sydney and Perth; Supanova Australia.

"Being a co-founder of this school with my best friend was an incredible feat. Watching the kids thrive was more than we could have imagined. Having the love and support of fans and generous people all around the world and getting to making a documentary? That was the dream. And we did it." – *Eliza Taylor*

GENA8 REVEALS – *GARRISON7* UNIVERSE (M)

Visit the Imagineer's Stage and learn more about ***Garrison7*** and the upcoming trilogy of novels and movies set in the ***Garrison7*** universe. Meet Director and creator, Scott Brewer, and co-author, Kynan Waterford (author of the *System Series* of novels) to find out about the solar systems, alien species, political systems, technology and, of course, conflicts that make up the ***Garrison7*** universe that sets the scene for this epic trilogy. Special guests include iFLY stunt team + industry professionals with credits in *The Matrix* Series, *Thor: Ragnarok*, and most recently *Aquaman*. The Gena8 team also have a special announcement about Sydney Supanova 2019.

NIGEL NEWTON'S NOCTURNAL NIGHTS (M – MODERATE COARSE LANGUAGE, VIOLENCE, AND HORROR THEMES) PRESENTED BY THE CAST AND CREW (Melbourne Exclusive)

In this paranormal comedy web series, Nigel Newton (Will Burgin Stevenson) – undergrad student and aspiring TV personality – begins documenting strange events in the city of Melbourne. He enlists the help of long-suffering friend and cameraman Kenny (Mark Caile), and their sceptical classmate Alyson (Tessa Stickland). Together, they investigate supernatural mysteries such as a werewolf professor, the secret witches coven in the student union, and the ghost of a former classmate.

BURNING KISS (M) PRESENTED BY ROBBIE STUDSOR – WRITER/DIRECTOR (Melbourne Exclusive)

The unexpected arrival of a stranger implicates a father and his daughter in an inferno of secrets, guilt and danger. Picked up by genre specialists Devilworks, playing Monsterfest last year, this stylish 'acid thriller' will be released in 2019, and you can get an exclusive glimpse at Supanova and hear from the filmmaker.

"My intent with *Burning Kiss* was to create a reverse 'murder mystery' whereby a character starts by learning who the murderer is, and then reverse engineers their own mystery to catch them in spectacular fashion! As memory, fantasy and reality mix with self-deception and delusion, the film begins to buckle and warp into a dizzy cocktail of surrealism and suspense. Fact and fiction, the serious and the absurd, the introspective and the expressionistic, all refracting in the same kaleidoscope of colour and style." – ***Robbie Studsor***



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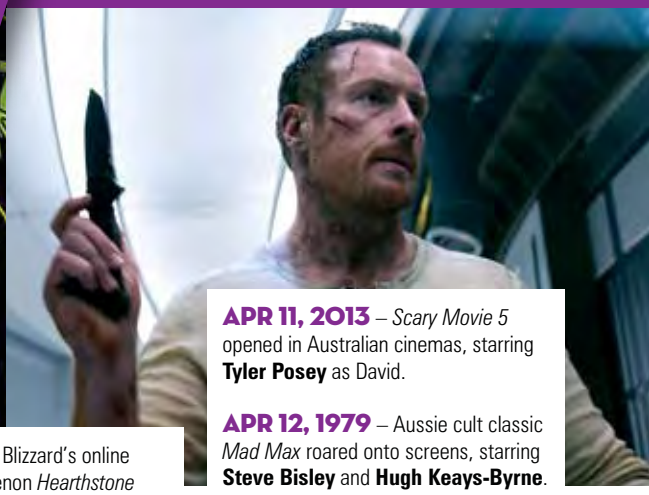
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THIS MONTH IN SUPA-STAR HISTORY

WRITTEN BY SARAH MINAZZO AND LIAM O'SULLIVAN





April is historically significant for many of our delightful Supa-Stars, including **Troy Baker**, **Matt Ryan**, **Lucie Pohl** and **Alan Baxter**, who celebrate birthdays this month. Here's what else the month of April has delivered us in the past.

APRIL, 2018 – **Ian Somerhalder** was cast in the role of Dr. Luther Swann in upcoming Netflix series *V-Wars*.

APR 1, 2018 – **Stefan Kapičić** made his final appearance in the dimension-traversing sci-fi series *Counterpart*.

APR 2, 2014 – Blizzard's online card game phenomenon *Hearthstone* was released for iPad, where millions of players heard the epic voice acting talent of **Lucie Pohl**.

APR 4, 2005 – **Eliza Taylor**'s character Janae Timmins debuted on *Neighbours*.

APR 9, 2014 – Marvel Comics published the first issue of quirky *X-Men* spin-off *All-New Doop,* featuring artwork by **David Lafuente**.

APR 11, 2013 – *Scary Movie 5* opened in Australian cinemas, starring **Tyler Posey** as David.

APR 12, 1979 – Aussie cult classic *Mad Max* roared onto screens, starring **Steve Bisley** and **Hugh Keays-Byrne**.

APR 13, 2018 – **Toby Stephens** reached for the stars when *Lost in Space* rocketed on to Netflix.

APRIL 17, 2014 – **Nathaniel Buzolic** made his final appearance as Kol Mikaelson in *The Vampire Diaries* episode *Resident Evil*.

APR 19, 2013 – Supernatural horror novella *Dark Rite*, co-written by **Alan Baxter**, was released.

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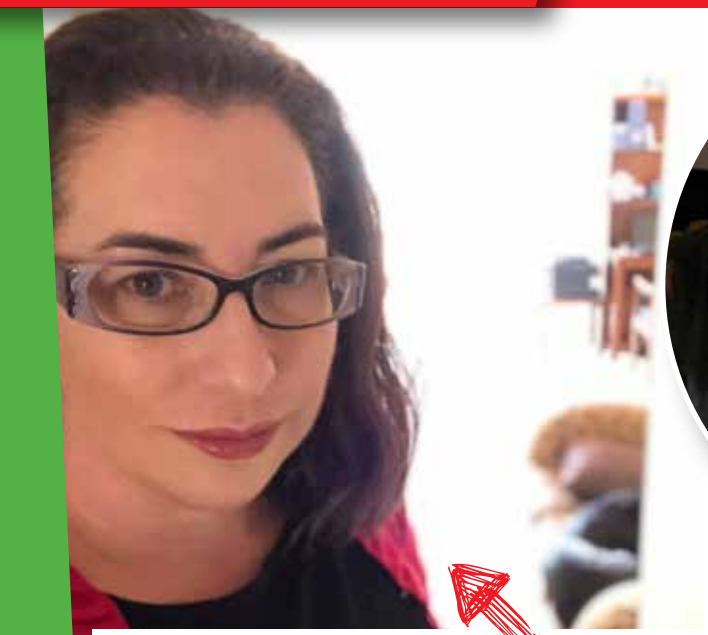






MEET THE SUPA-CREW!

EACH TOUR WE SELECT TWO STAFF MEMBERS TO TELL YOU THEIR STORY OF HOW THEY CAME TO WORK FOR SUPANOVA AND WHAT THEIR ROLE IS



INEKE

My childhood was filled with glorious movies such as *The NeverEnding Story, Masters of the Universe, The Last Starfighter* and *Flight of the Navigator*. When I wasn't at school or watching movies, my nose was always buried in a book. As a teenager my first voyage into fantasy books was *The Hobbit,* Anne Rice's *The Vampire Chronicles* and the *Outlander* Series. Since then, my career has always involved books, whether it was as a bookseller at Collins, Borders or Dymocks or studying to become a professional editor and proof-reader, and subsequently the owner of a literary agency.

My first time attending Supanova as a fan was in 2005 in Sydney, when it was held at King St. Wharf. I think I was hooked from that minute and decided that I wanted to give back, so the following year I signed up as a volunteer and allocated the role of PA to the Event Director. Over the next three years I volunteered in both the Guest Management and Ticketing departments. I noticed there was a lack of author guests at Supanova, and wrote a proposal stating my experience in organising literary events and my passion to see Australian authors given a platform to promote their books as well as giving Aussie fans the opportunity to meet their international author heroes. I was offered a one-year trial role, which subsequently turned into a staff position as Supanova's Literary Manager. This is now my eighth year in this role, and I have had the honour and privilege of working with George R.R. Martin, Robin Hobb, Anne Bishop, Raymond E. Feist, Jana Oliver and many, many more amazing international authors. My true passion will always remain the same – to showcase the amazingly talented Aussie authors, as well as booksellers and publishers of Australia. My role has grown to include Guest Manager, Programming Officer (I create the timetable in your Event Programme) and Editor-in-chief of the Event Programme. What a crazy ride it's been, but I wouldn't swap it for the world!



ROYD

Most people know me as an ageing (but not quite ancient) comic collector, original comic art collector and avid reader of science-fiction/fantasy works. I'm proud to have been labelled as a "geek", "nerd" and various other terms before it became chic ;)

I vividly recall early con experiences including Swancon in Perth, Worldcon Melbourne '85 and my first San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC) in 1994 (after saving my Army Reserve earnings to make the trip). These early experiences whetted my appetite to meet my creator heroes and led to my attending SDCC (numerous times). I first attended Supanova in 2004 when I assisted the show in placing the amazing, Stuart Immonen as one of the comics creator guests for the Brisbane convention. I subsequently assisted in placing other comics creator guests over the years, and when Supanova opened in Perth (2008), I worked for the show in an informal capacity.

After a few years, I suggested to the "Powers That Be" that Supanova's incredible growth (to 6 shows around the country making it a truly national convention) meant that there might be a need for someone to take on the role of Comics Creator Guest Manager at all the Supanova events. I was pleasantly surprised by the response and commenced working for the convention on a formal basis, taking time off my full-time job to work at each Supanova tour around the country.

My decision to assist the convention has led to a veritable treasure trove of incredible memories including such highlights as meeting comic creator luminaries like Joe Kubert, Stan Lee, George R.R. Martin (who kindly signed his novella "Nightflyers" for me which features a main character named Royd!), and many more.

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