

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROG!

Your newsletter team is pleased to report that it is Rog Peyton's birthday today.



Mitch Benn in full flow by Bo Hansen

MITCH BENN ROCKS

Introduced by Paul Cornell as 'one of us', Mitch Benn gave us a what he described himself as a 'homecoming gig' last night. Starting off his set with *Be My Doctor Who Girl*, and following it with favourites such as his old signature song *Crap Shag*, through for the first time ever, he sang the first verse in a Dalek voice (it didn't matter that you couldn't make out the lyrics, you were too busy laughing) *I Want to be Your Dungeon Master*, the gloriously filthy *Auto-Erotic Asphyxiation* though to the world's shortest Prog. Rock concept album *The Hungry Caterpillar*. In between the songs we got everything from a hilarious rant against James Blunt, *Total Recall* and *Goldfinger* baby gags, and the observation that if the end of the world happens it'll be down to The Doctor, as Torchwood will be too busy fingering each other behind the bike shed. Mitch's encore was *Perfect Day* singing it with all the voices in the BBC version, A genius performance, it capped off a perfect gig.

Afterwards there was a gratifyingly large number of people queuing to buy signed copies of his CD, I hope he brought enough. But if you didn't get the chance to buy one then, you can buy Mitch's CDs via his web site www.mitchbenn.com

ODYSSEY-BY-THE-NUMBERS

Number of Warm Bodies Registered for the Con – 1301

Registered members including Beeblebears and the shambling Zombie horde – 1397

Black Holes formed in Elevators following Doctor Who ending – 7

times the Japanese flag has been pushed in the Hotel's Revolving Door – 142,930

Men Entered – 2

Men Left – 1

Bondage/BDSM panels I've attended – 0, but I was knitting a ball gag earlier...

By **Chris Garcia**, who had to leave Sunday evening in high spirits after being twice Hugo-nominated; the Sentinel is greatly appreciative of having a Hugo-nominated writer in their midst



Chris Garcia - a portrait by Bo Hansen

'MY ONLY COAT' FOUND!

Your editor was told by Ops that the Long black microfibre raincoat left in the Ladies has been returned to its owner. Thanks go to whoever found it and took it to Ops.

ANOTHER HAPPY REUNION

There were emotional scenes earlier this evening when a hip flask was reunited with its lost Tobes. "I only put him down for a moment," said the hip flask, 'and suddenly he was gone. He isn't exactly valuable, but he was full of calvados at the time.'" *Steve Green*



AN ODD COUPLE

I Just liked this picture by Sabremeister

AN ODD RESTAURANT?

Your peripatetic editor was at the very well recommended Hong Kong restaurant last night. The Chinese meal that was provided and eaten was excellent. Your editor was intrigued to note that the restaurant's Chinese staff were eating take-away pizzas at a corner table.

Wilf

K'NEX FOR A FUTURE CON!

Alex MC (AlexMcLintock) has a large amount of K'Nex available which he would love to donate to a future convention for the children's play area. Please contact AlexMC or go to the ZZ9 table to collect two suitcases of K'Nex for your future convention.

AlexMC



Mike Carey being interviewed by Paul Cornell

T-SHIRTS & RAFFLE TICKETS

These will be available for a while in the Royal B room.

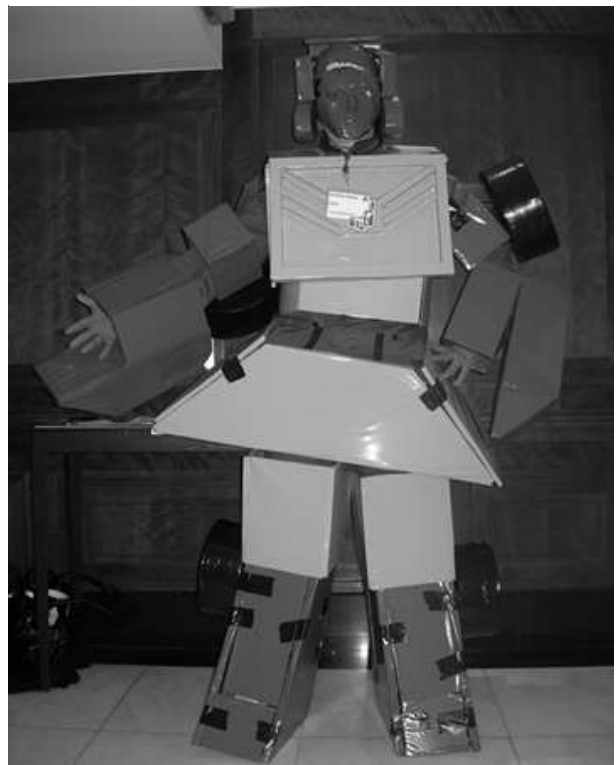
Shop now before the stock runs out.



Three steampunk heros by Wilf

BATH ROAD AND THE RADISSON

Going from the hotel at Bath Road 140, to the restaurant at number 300, you'd expect a short walk, then the road suddenly extends way past number 800, but before you realize you may be lost, you do arrive - in hindsight realizing the Radisson Non-Euclidean corridors must have infected the surroundings after warping around for quite a few years.



Is this the sort of entity that will transform future cons or is it at a cardboard replica? Picture by Davidu

HUGO NOMINEES

Due to shortage of space the list of Hugo nominees won't be printed here but will be found at www.aussiecon4.org.au

Newsletter team: Wilf James, Eddie Cochrane, Jan van't Ent, and a cast of 'honest and helpful' gophers, volunteers and random passers-by.