

# CON 80

**THE ULTIMATE 1980s SCI-FI EXPERIENCE**

MARCH 11-13, 2017

## PROGRESS REPORT #2 JANUARY 2017

### Introduction

Hi everyone and welcome to the second and final Progress Report for *Con 80 – The Ultimate 1980s Sci-Fi Experience*. It's hard to believe but our great event is exactly two months away from today!

This report is designed to give you a detailed update on how the convention is progressing along with any other news which may be of interest to you.

### Membership

If you've joined *Con 80* already then that's fantastic to hear and we welcome you aboard, but if you're holding off signing up until the date gets closer, just remember the price for a FULL membership will rise to **\$90 on February 1<sup>st</sup>**, so getting in early ensures you're all set and ready to ride our 'classic 1980s express'.

With exactly two months to go before the convention you may be asking what's the benefit of signing up beforehand? Signing up now allows you to customise your membership badge with either your real name, nickname or even a pseudonym printed on it, plus you can pick your own number if it's available!



Another fantastic bonus to joining *Con 80* is you'll get a copy of our special commemorative convention book, which is something you'll enjoy looking back upon in years to come.

**Please note, after Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>, the online membership form will be removed from the *Con 80* website. To join *Con 80* after this date you will need to sign up at the door.**

### Membership payment via Paypal

As you know membership payments to *Con 80* can be accepted via direct bank transfer or cash/cheque, but we do offer a Paypal option. If you're keen to pay by Paypal, just contact our Membership Manager for all the relevant details at [con80convention@gmail.com](mailto:con80convention@gmail.com). Note this payment option will cease to be available after **Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>**



## T-Shirt Orders

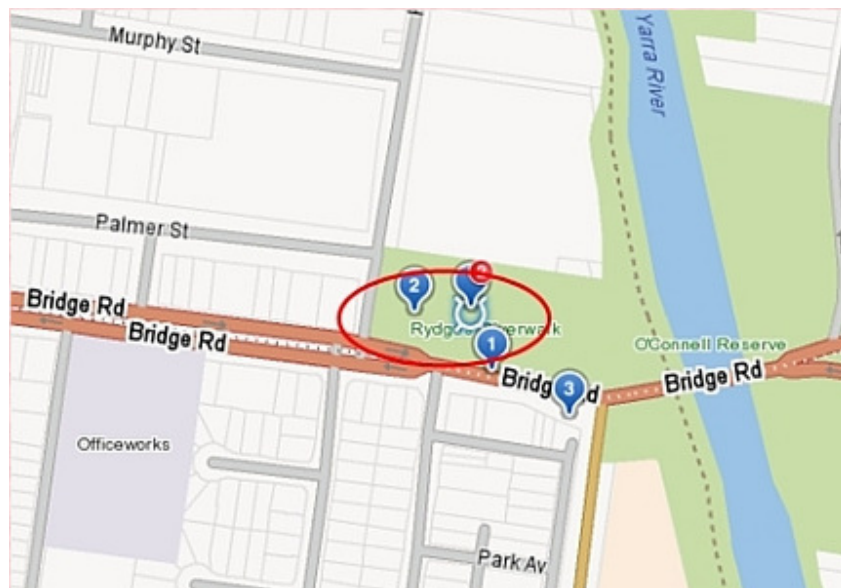
If you're keen to order your very own classic *Con 80* T-Shirt with your membership - which features a listing of every Sci-Fi film made in the 80s written on the back - then it's not too late to do so. Just remember your shirt must be paid in full *before* the convention starts otherwise you could miss out.



## Venue

Our venue is the Amora Riverwalk Hotel in 649 Bridge Road Richmond. The same venue as used for both *Con 9 From Outer Space* and *Con 70: A Retro Sci-Fi Adventure*

- General location details: 4km east from the CBD along Flinders St which turns into Bridge Rd
- Melway ref: 2H G7
- Tram route from city: #48 from Collins St (North Balwyn) or #75 from Spencer St (Vermont South)  
**Stop 22**
- The venue is wheelchair friendly



## Accommodation

- The hotel has set aside some rather plush rooms for anyone wishing to stay at the venue (see pic on the next page) but they are a tad expensive. Just mention you're a *Con 80* delegate upon booking to get the discounted rate, and don't forget to consider the breakfast option
- If the main rooms are out of your price range, we recommend you enquire with the hotel about cheaper alternatives, and don't forget to consider the breakfast option
- If you're really keen to save room costs, consider sharing a room with another *Con 80* delegate which could also mean some groovy room parties! 😊
- It's important to note that car parking onsite, even with a room booking, will incur a daily fee of \$20. Fortunately on street parking around the venue is free, though be sure to check the street signs to be sure.

The Amora Hotel can be contacted on **(03) 9246 1200** or <http://www.melbourne.amorahotels.com/>



### **Programme (or what's on at Con 80?)**

If you are unfamiliar with the traditional, old school convention scene, you maybe wondering what *Con 80* has in store for you. We'll be offering four streams of unique and varied entertainment where each day is unique and nothing is repeated. Below is a brief summary of what to expect...

#### **Panels, presentations and discussions (a sample)**

- *Discussing the death and rebirth of Star Trek, especially as The Next Generation turns 30 this year*
- *Reviewing the golden age of video games*
- *No cinemas please we're straight to video: covering off the video revolution and the movies who were successful because of it*
- *Poster Art: Discussing the great Sci-Fi movie posters of the 80s*
- *Family Feud: yes it's our 80s Sci-Fi version of the classic game show where 100 non-existent people were surveyed for their responses*
- *SF-UK: From Dr Who to Hitchhikers to Red Dwarf, we cover it all*
- *A retrospective look at Sci-Fi conventions and fan clubs from the 80s*
- *A debate on who was the biggest baddie of the 80s: Predator, Terminator or the Alien Queen! Which nastie-pastie will come out on top!*

To see the full programme, just visit the *Con 80* website.

#### **Video strand**

Next to our panel programme are our TWO video streams.

One stream focuses on Sci-Fi TV shows of the 80s which haven't seen the light of day in decades, while our film programme will focus on non-mainstream Sci-Fi movies of the 80s from all over the world, including New Zealand, France and Japan.

On Sunday both video programmes will run until 10pm.

### **Special VHS video and Murder Mystery night**

Another special event will be our very own *Con 80* VHS video presentation which will occur on the Sunday night starting at 8pm. Yep, we plan to watch a surprise classic 80s Sci-Fi movie straight from good ol' VHS video tape in all its full 4:3 frame, analogue glory including the ubiquitous "upcoming features" from the video store at the start!

In the room next door will be our special 1980s Murder Mystery Movie night where you can try and guess 'whodunit'. Even the film's Wikipedia entry doesn't tell you who the killer/s are!

To provide sustenance during these two great events, we'll be offering our famous food and drink "Con-bos" featuring a specially labelled collectable water bottle, and some favourite 80s munchies. So remember as the saying goes "get yourself a Con-bo!"

## Auction

One of the special segments of *Con 80* will be our Auction which will be held on the Sunday of the convention starting at 1pm. Whether you're a buyer or a seller the below info will be of use to you.

### - Information for buyers

Our Auction will trade in cash sales only, but don't panic as there is an ATM in the hotel foyer so you can prepare accordingly. For purchases over \$500 we'll be looking at setting up an online payment system, though keep in mind credit card transactions will incur an additional fee.

### - Information for sellers

Being a 1980s themed convention we will only feature items which are either:

1. **Any item physically manufactured in the 1980s for a Sci-Fi movie/TV show released in the 1980s**
2. **Any item physically manufactured after 1989 for a Sci-Fi movie/TV show released in the 1980s**

Refer to the Auction page on the *Con 80* website for further clarification.

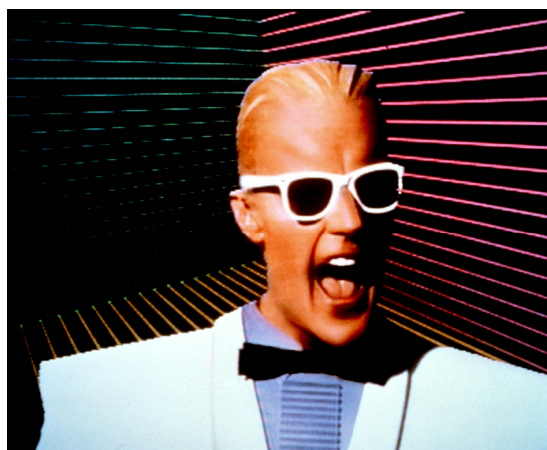
The great thing about submitting items to the Auction is you get to keep the money you make, with *Con 80* accepting a 10% portion of the sale price for each item.

### - How to submit an item/s into the Auction

If you have any relevant items you wish to include in the Auction just compile a list, we've even added a template on the Auction page of the website to help you. Just send your list to [con80convention@gmail.com](mailto:con80convention@gmail.com).

Be sure to include the **name, description, condition** and **reserve price** of the item/s. Including a picture would be handy as the list is on the website, in fact some items are already there so check it out!

Once we have received your list we'll advise you as to what to do when you bring your items to the convention itself.



Note there is a limit of 15 x items per person.

### Two VERY Important notes:

1. **You MUST have your list sent to us by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Any Auction items brought to the convention adhoc without a list being sent prior may be rejected.**
2. **You must either be a Full OR Day member of *Con 80* to submit items into the Auction**

## Displays

*Con 80 – The Ultimate 1980s Sci-Fi Experience* is not only about having a great time but also creating a great atmosphere. For this reason our aim is to setup some unique displays to take people back to the days of 1980s science fiction.

So if you happen to have any 80s Sci-Fi items you think would look great on display at our convention, then please let us know as we'd love to include them – and don't worry you can be assured we will treat these items as if they were our own as we have a number of glass cabinets available.

## Battle Quiz '80

No doubt this will be the highlight of our convention, the world's only 1980s Sci-Fi themed trivia night to be held on Saturday night!

So get a group together and grab a table (max 8 people) and get ready to tough it out with some hard hitting 1980s inspired trivia questions where some great prizes will be on offer.

Pre booking your ticket for this event isn't necessary as you can just join on the night, plus you do not need to be a member of *Con 80* to attend, but with limited seats we recommend you do pre book to ensure you don't miss out.

This event will run from 8pm-11pm

Battle Quiz '80 will cost \$15 to attend.

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# BATTLE QUIZ '80

## The Ultimate 1980s Sci-Fi TRIVIA EVENT!

**8pm - 11pm**  
**Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Amora Hotel Riverwalk, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond**

**Here's your chance to put your skills to the test in our brain busting, mind numbing trivia challenge.**

**Book a table with your friends (max 8 people) and get ready to discover who really knows their 80s Sci-Fi history!**  
**So, are you GAME?!**

**MULTIPLE CATEGORIES**

**FANTASTIC PRIZES**

**ONLY \$15 TO ENTER!**

[www.con80.com](http://www.con80.com)

## Promotions and Publicity

All successful events need to sell themselves to the world and at *Con 80* we're doing what we can to spread the word of our existence, but alas we can't reach everybody so we're keen to enlist your help.

If you are a keen supporter of our convention, then please tell your friends or family about us either by word of mouth or by linking our Website/Facebook site to your own website or Facebook page. We know there are plenty of fans out there of 1980s Sci-Fi movies and TV shows so all we have to do is reach them.

## Friday night registration

If you want to beat the rush of people registering for *Con 80* on Saturday morning, our registration table will be open on Friday night March 10<sup>th</sup> after 8pm for about an hour.

If by this point you're not a *Con 80* member but want to become one, you will also be able to sign up on Friday night though payment must be cash only. How easy is that!

## The Final Word

We hope this Progress Report has given you an insight into the plans of *Con 80 - The Ultimate 1980s Sci-Fi Experience*. As this will be our final convention, we're really looking forward to making it truly special and something that, just like the 1980s, will live on forever.

Remember the *Con 80* motto, "if it's not retro, it's no go!"

See you in two months from today,

The *Con 80* Team

## Important Links

[con80convention@gmail.com](mailto:con80convention@gmail.com) – our main email address

<http://www.con80.com> - our Website

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Con80> - our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/508224966013594> - our Facebook Event page in case you need a reminder when the convention is coming up

<http://www.melbourne.amorahotels.com> – our Hotel venue

