



Issue 1: Wednesday, 29 July Afternoon

Until quite recently I lived on the same street as Mittens, the cat with the key to Wellington. I'm used to seeing Mittens IRL, and am pleased to see that online Mittens has kicked off the online worldcon the #pets channel.

Looking forward to attending my 19th WorldCon tomorrow! Have been a regular since ConJose 2002.

Ready to have fun. Getting used to the time zone difference.

Never enough coffee!

First day of con: the Cuba St bucket fountain, immortalised in Wellington Paranormal



Yep, got pictures with that. It's a lovely piece of work (even if I wasn't getting too close in costume) ;P

Probably a good idea



First coffee of the con.

Per tradition, I am working on a costume the day the convention starts

Went for afternoon walk yesterday to Wellington Botanic Gardens & Observatory. Got this view of the city & harbour from the top.



I was going to run a #Pokemon raid tour of the CBD, but then COVID happened. Here is one of the Pokemon gyms we were going to visit.



> First coffee of the con. @Dave Agnew Breakfast



Note that I ate that at NZ breakfast time, which was my-timezone about 10pm. And my spouse is the bestest spouse in the world because he anticipated that I'd want tea and put everything ready for it.

virtual con pluses can be in bed eating breakfast at two panels and at the bar all at once without having to leave the cat at home

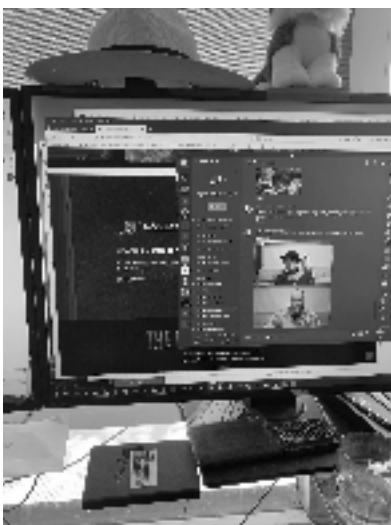


I went for my "morning" walk at 10pm my time / 9am NZST, to wake up for the con, and saw a meteor as I turned into my home street! Seems like a good way to start.

Guests of Honor Mercedes Lackey (and friend) and Larry Dixon during the Opening Ceremony



Logged onto Worldcon. The opening ceremonies have just finished.



Woot - I just walked around the house and

coincidentally heard CoNZealand get a mention on the Concert Programme of Radio NZ - and they're now playing some music from the movie The Day the Earth Stood Still - It's almost like we're really happening! 😊

A few screenshots from today's opening ceremony...



Loved Georges ideas for an amazing entrance!

At Science Fantasy session, David Levine made this distinction in describing the genre: Science-Fantasy "smoothies" (Star Wars) and Science-Fantasy "ripple" or "marble" (China Mieville)("Gunna Roll the Bones" by Fritz Leiber)

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Issue 2: Thursday, 30 July Morning

Things not heard at a meatspace con. "The panelists are blathering, BRB taking out the trash."

"putting the panel on wireless headphones so I can go get a jumper"

Done my last session today. Drinks time!



One of the better questions at the first Feedback session was "Why does Norman remind me of Graham Norton?" To this there was general hilarity. Then Norman described

himself as "the love child of Graham Norton and Eddie Izzard".

Overheard in the bar: "I made an AI read 10,000 #WorldCon tweets, and this is the newsletter it wrote."

[ed. note: beep boop]

1337 people have logged in to the CoNZealand discord server as of 21:00 Wednesday night!

The 2020 Worldcon seems the perfect convention to have its logo on the 20 side of a D20. Unfortunately I'm not able to bring them to the convention in person, but here's a photo.



Oh, now that would have been super cool to have as real merch. @Suzie Eisfelder You need this

I so want that

I still have some from Nullus 7

I believe I still have some of the Dublin 2019 d6s, but the d20s you've made are special. And of course the CNZ d20 is amazing!

@Soon Lee. Send me your friend code, we could set up a remote raid group! My trainer name is Snapdragoness.

@James Shields Oh that's a very cool d20.

Public Notice: Play a game during the Con with @leece and myself, and we will post you a cool physical ribbon, if you are comfortable sending us a postal address. Thank-you, @rdm .

I wonder if the Cruise Log could publish in color?

Just the happy face on page two was yellow. 😊

Why is Chatham Island 45 minutes off of New Zealand's time zone. 45 minutes?!

That does seem unusual. I know of a few half-hour offsets out there, but 45 minutes is new to me.

Well, after standardisation, anyway. There was a proposal for a Dublin Mean Time which was 25 minutes, 50 seconds behind GMT. I can only imagine how confusing that would have gotten.

> 1337 people have logged in to the CoNZealand discord server as of 21:00 Wednesday night!
@Kelly Buehler (she/her)
We are LEET!

1400 people have logged into the CoNZealand discord server as of 09:00 Thursday morning!

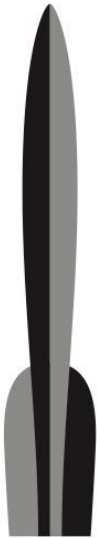
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Awards Edition

Retro Hugo Awards



HUGO AWARDSM

The winners of the 1945
Retro Hugo Awards:

Best Novel

"Shadow Over Mars" (*The Nemesis from Terra*)
by Leigh Brackett (*Startling Stories*, Fall 1944)

Best Novella

"Killozer!"
by Theodore Sturgeon
(*Astounding Science Fiction*,
November 1944)

Best Novelette

"City"

by Clifford D. Simak
(*Astounding Science Fiction*,
May 1944)

Best Short Story

"I,Rocket"

by Ray Bradbury (*Amazing
Stories*, May 1944)

Best Series

The Cthulhu Mythos

by H. P. Lovecraft, August
Derleth, and others

Best Related Work

"The Science-Fiction Field"

by Leigh Brackett (*Writer's
Digest*, July 1944)

Best Graphic Story or Comic

Superman: "The Mysterious Mr. Mxyztplk"

by Jerry Siegel and Joe
Shuster (*Detective Comics*,
Inc.)

Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form

Tie:

The Canterville Ghost

screenplay by Edwin Harvey
Blum from a story by Oscar
Wilde, directed by Jules
Dassin
(Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
(MGM))

The Curse of the Cat People

written by DeWitt Bodeen,
directed by Gunther V.
Fritsch and Robert Wise
(RKO Radio Pictures)

Best Editor, Short Form

John W. Campbell, Jr.

Best Professional Artist

Margaret Brundage

Best Fanzine

Voice of the Imagi-Nation

edited by Forrest J.
Ackerman and Myrtle R.
Douglas

Best Fan Writer

Fritz Leiber

Sir Julius Vogel Awards



The winners of the 2020 Sir Julius Vogel Awards:

Best Novel

The Dawnhounds
by Sascha Stronach (Little Hook Press)

Best Youth Novel

The Clockill and the Thief
by Gareth Ward (Walker Books Australia)

Best Novella/Novelette

From a Shadow Grave
by Andi C. Buchanan (Paper Road Press)

Best Short Story

"A Shriek Across the Sky"
by Casey Lucas (Sponge Magazine)

Best Collected Work

Year's Best Aotearoa New Zealand Science Fiction and Fantasy, Vol 1
edited by Marie Hodgkinson (Paper Road Press)

Best Professional Artwork

Cover for Dragon Pearl
Vivienne To (Rick Riordan Presents)

Best Professional Production/Publication

Swords The Webcomic
Matthew Willis

Best Dramatic Presentation

Doctor Who: The Elysian Blade
David Bishop

Best Fan Artwork

Deet
Laya Rose

Best Fan Production/Publication

Plant Life
Laya Rose

Best Fan Writing

"Sitrep"
Alex Lindsay

Special Awards:

Best New Talent

Sascha Stronach

Services to Fandom

Grace Bridges

Services to Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Melanie Harding-Shaw

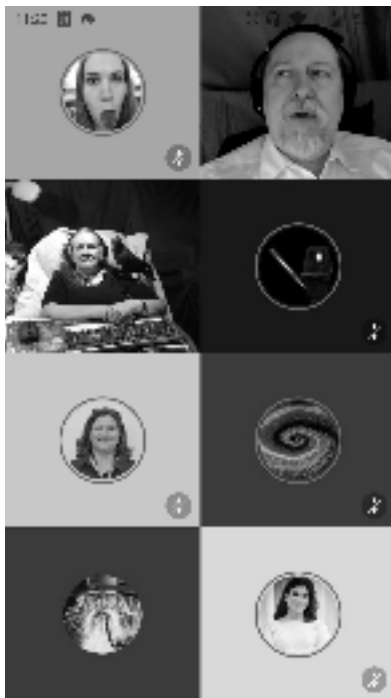
Congratulations to all the finalists and winners!

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Issue 4: Thursday, 30 July Evening

Discord panel with Misty and Larry. When asked if they should turn off the video so more people can attend the answer was "We want to see the birds". Sorry to everyone who wanted to listen in 😊



Goblin Emperor fans will know why this is my favourite brand of hummus.



Cory Doctorow: "I can't hear you. No one can hear you! I'VE SILENCED ADA PALMER!"

Life is confusing in Melbourne : WorldCon & COVID vying for attention.



Answer to questions raised at the feedback sessions can be found in the pinned posts in the #chairs-office Discord channel, under Information.

From the Wild Cards RPG session: after attempting a peaceful legal arrest of the powerful villain and getting blasted in response: "Quantum here - Shrinker, your ass is legally covered. Go for it!" Shrinker proceeds to launch a surprise attack from behind that would have been called police brutality in any other setting.

From the "Meet the Heinlein Society" session - Keith Kato's camera was showing his beautiful background, but completely failed to show him at all... "I'm hiding behind the Andromeda Galaxy because: Social Distancing."

The SFF and Te Ao Māori session was brilliant - I have a notebook full of recommendations of books to read. Ngā mihi nui to Dan Rabarts, Cassie Hart, Whiti Hereaka and Steph Matuku.

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Issue 5: Friday, 31 July Morning

"Australia is not real but it's on maps. New Zealand is real but it's not on maps."-MadameBackslash on Discord

Can we lure more people to the bar spaces by changing our Discord nickname to "GRRM"?

It's A Trap...

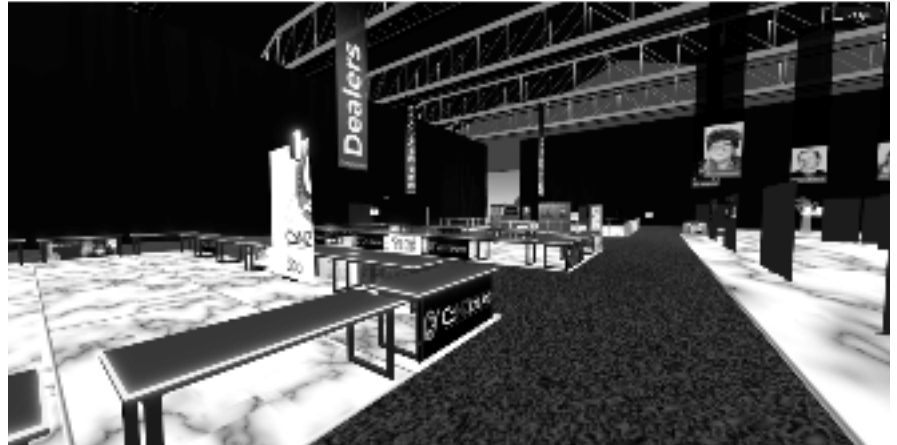
Most commonly heard at virtual con, not in meatspace: "You're on mute"

Since I heard about somebody's cat Zoom-bombing one of the panels, I've been biting my tongue to stop from cat-calling. "Show me your kitties!"

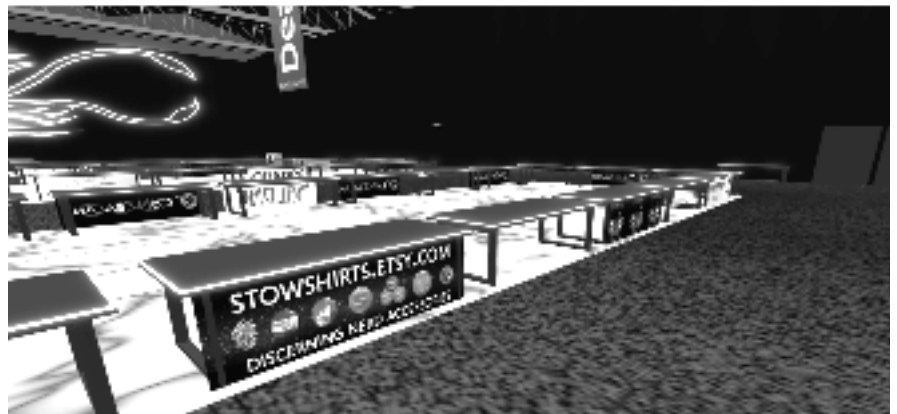
This morning's disaster averted: I was just about to pour coke into my cereal, but realised just in time.

For those who are interested, the Mark Protection Committee meeting will be held at 10:00, Sunday 2 Aug 2020 NZST, which is 3 p.m. PDT and noon EDT. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We now have trained up 14 new Zoom hosts since the day the convention started, so the panels should be running smoother. 😊



Virtual 3D Exhibits Hall



How do I get something into the newsletter?

I think you just did 😊

With thanks to: Chris (another Zoom Host), JohnToon,

StardancerAmberfyre, BohemianCoast, Lis Riba (she/her), SoonLeeNZ, Lindadee, Rhodri, MorganHazelwood

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Issue 6: Friday, 31 July Afternoon

Site Selection Results

The results of the voting for the 2022 Worldcon were:

FIRST BALLOT	Mail-in	Emailed	Total	
Chicago in 2022	1	516	517	winner
Jeddicon 2022	0	33	33	
None of the above	0	6	6	
Antarctica 2022	0	1	1	
Bil Lawhorn's zeppelin hangar	0	1	1	
Denver	0	1	1	
Free Hong Kong	0	9	9	
Moderately expensive Hong Kong	0	1	1	
Kirkjubaejarklaustur, Iceland	0	1	1	
Malmö, Sweden	0	1	1	
Mariehamn, Åland Islands, Finland	0	1	1	
Marik City on Planet Marik in House Marik	0	1	1	
New Zealand	0	1	1	
Old Zealand	0	1	1	
Any country with an acceptable human rights record	0	1	1	
Total with preference	1	575	576	
Needed to win			289	
No preference	1	10	11	
Total valid votes	2	585	587	
Invalid votes		11		
Spoiled votes		1		

Chicago won on the first ballot with a total of 587 valid votes cast, of which 576 expressed a preference.

A further 53 tokens were sold, but no matching ballots were received.

Thanks to the people who helped in the process in these difficult times, including Colette Fozard, Marguerite Smith, Perry Middlemiss, Mark Linnemann, Lorain Clark, Jannie Shea, Henry Balen, Pat Molloy, and Darusha Wehm.

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Many thanks to CoNZealand for adding dedicated Reading Rooms in Discord to go with the Zoom Rooms! ♥

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated items, and who came along and bid in the Fan Funds auction. We raised 2190\$NZD for GUFF, TAFF, DUFF and FFANZ. You can still help the fan funds by going to <https://virtual.conzealand.nz/exhibits/displays/fan-fund-auction-road-show/> and buying trip reports and other items that we have multiples of.

I was today old when I learned at the Ask a Scientist panel that duck penises are very long (up to half their body length) and burst "explosively" from inside their bodies into the "complicated" female duck vagina. Also I learned that a master glass blower at Yale blew glass replicas of duck vaginas to facilitate the study of duck genitalia, because the duck penises are so forceful that they exploded right through the silicone molds. Also, like deer antlers, they grow seasonally and wither away after mating season. And people ask me why I like going to science fiction conventions.

We've put up more info on how to watch replays of programme items, events and the film festivals on The Fantasy Network's app. Sessions are available for Wednesday 29 July & Thursday 30 July. More sessions from Weds and Thurs are also available for rewatching on our virtual site.

At the Daily Briefing today:
"So - this Daily Briefing - is it general gossip, what's going on in the world, or what's going on in the WorldCon?"
Tom - "Yes."

For aspiring writers out there, a handy hint that came out of the Writers/Publishers networking session: There is an online ongoing writing conference called the Manuscript Academy - free podcasts, and paid classes/sessions with editors etc.

Also from the Writers/Publishers networking session: The poetry in the Bulgarian translation of Lord of the Rings is much nicer to read than the original. But then the translator is a better poet than JRR Tolkein was!

When going round Squid Hall, make sure you check out the suitcases that are dotted around - some interesting destinations listed!

"I realized a man had designed this character, because the buttons were on the wrong side." - Kat Clay, on making up her Masquerade costume.

With thanks to:
Kendallpb, Alison Scott (GUFF Delegate), BohemianCoast, Marilyn M, RalaOfTheVale, KateR - Promotions DDH (She/Her), Jo Toon (She/Her), NickyP



Issue 7: Saturday, 1 August Morning

Only at Worldcon can you overhear panellists discuss which Jane Austen heroine would sing the Muppet Show theme.



Have you seen the CoNZealand Art Show? We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts here and vote for your favorite artwork and artists. Follow this URL <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NFKH3XH> Voting closes: 19:00 NZT Saturday (16:00 Tokyo, 08:00 London, 03:00 NY)

From the Yarnbombing session - fantastic website for people who enjoy cross stitch - on a "pay what you want model" - <https://www.pixel-stitch.net/> - convert your photos to cross stitch patterns

Current successful CoNZealand logins (aka warm bodies) is 1746 as of 18:00 Friday.

Correction: The Mark Protection Committee meeting will be held at 10:00, Sunday 2 Aug 2020 NZST, which is 3 p.m. PDT and 6 p.m. EDT. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There's been a lot of queries about watching recorded panels. Processing each panel takes almost as long as the panel itself. Please be patient.

Help, help! Sheep are going missing from the bucolic farming town of Goldenfields -- they're hiring adventurers to find them. Are you up to the task? (Dungeons and Dragons game, 3 spaces left. 4AM Sunday NZST (noon Eastern on Saturday). Contact Em Fleming (@Em Fleming) for details. No experience necessary.

From the Fairy Tale Contract Law panel: "In the Goosegirl, the horse gets its head cut off. Are they fae or the Mafia?" "The Goosefather..." "I'm going to make you a pumpkin you can't refuse..."

Discussion Group Chat following "Love in the time of Covid-19" Douglas Spencer: "How do we look after each other?" -- "Coffee, gin/rum/whiskey, mac & cheese, and the dismantling

of capitalism."

I seem to remember the ConZealand Chairs sharing pavlova with us at WorldCon 76 in San Jose. So, in honor of all their hard work, I made my first pavlova. Thank you, Norman and Kelly!



For those who are struggling to keep track, today is the 153rd of March. And the zeroth of August.

Between panels, I'm thoroughly enjoying my SF&F Tiki Tour of New Zealand with [absolutely lovely artwork!] Stamps. More determined than ever to visit for real.

On the third day of Worldcon, I boldly went to watch the first two days

—Having a Worldcon online means we can see ALL the queries that #info-desk are helping with. Just want to say a huge Thank You! to all the volunteers & staff helping make #coNZealand!

Lovely dinner at Kazaguruma, Cuba St. The cheesecake with Yuzu curd was delightful! (Also cauliflower tempura, beef tataki (first photo), agedashi)

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Cauliflower tempura with nori salt



Agedashi tofu



Baked cheesecake with Yuzu curd
Great getting foodie tips from locals!

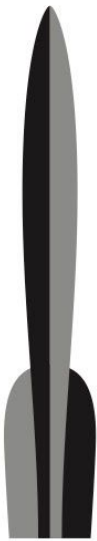
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Awards Edition

Hugo Awards 2020: Final Ballot



HUGO AWARDSM

The winners of the 2020
Hugo Awards:

Best Novel

A Memory Called Empire
by Arkady Martine (Tor; Tor UK)

Best Novella

This Is How You Lose the Time War
by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone (Saga Press; Jo Fletcher Books)

Best Novelette

Emergency Skin
by N.K. Jemisin (*Forward* Collection (Amazon))

Best Short Story

“As the Last I May Know”
by S.L. Huang (Tor.com, 23 October 2019)

Best Series

The Expanse
by James S. A. Corey (Orbit Us; Orbit UK)

Best Related Work

“2019 John W. Campbell Award Acceptance Speech”
by Jeannete Ng

Best Graphic Story or Comic

LaGuardia
Written by Nnedi Okorafor, art by Tana Ford, colours by James Devlin (Berger Books; Dark Horse)

Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form

Good Omens

Written by Neil Gaiman, directed by Douglas Mackinnon (Amazon Studios/BBC Studios/Narrativia/The Blank Corporation)

Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form

The Good Place: “The Answer”

Written by Daniel Schofield, directed by Valeria Migliassi Collins (Fremulon/3 Arts Entertainment/Universal Television)

Best Editor, Short Form

Ellen Datlow

Best Editor, Long Form

Navah Wolfe

Best Professional Artist

John Picacio

Best Semiprozine

Uncanny Magazine
Editors-in-Chief Lynne M. Thomas and Michael Damian Thomas, nonfiction/managing editor Michi Trota, managing editor

Chimedum Ohaegbu,
podcast producers Erika
Ensign and Steven
Schapansky

Best Fanzine

The Book Smugglers

Editors Ana Grilo and Thea
James

Best Fancast

Our Opinions Are Correct

Presented by Annalee
Newitz and Charlie Jane
Anders

Best Fan Writer

Bogi Takács

Best Fan Artist

Elise Matthesen

**Lodestar Award for Best
Young Adult Book (Not a
Hugo)**

Catfishing on CatNet

By Naomi Kritzer (Tor Teen)

***Astounding* Award for Best
New Writer, sponsored by
Dell Magazines (Not a
Hugo)**

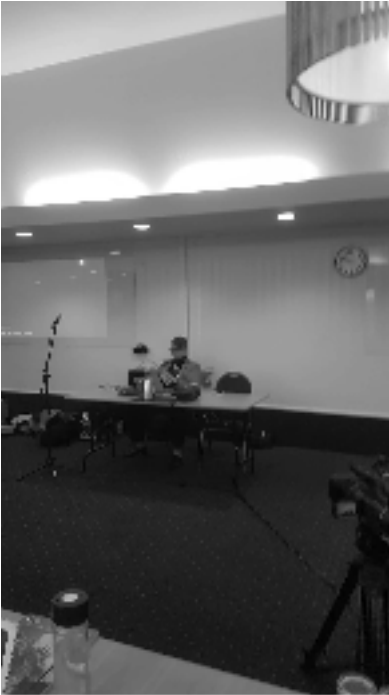
R.F. Kuang (2nd Year of
Eligibility)

Congratulations to
all the finalists and
winners!

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Issue 9: Saturday, 1 August Evening



charliejane: hai
charliejane: GOOD LUCK HUMANS
Irina: what about any nonhumans in here?
charliejane: point
Irina: good luck, gentlebeings!
charliejane: i hope i live to see the first A.I. to win a Hugo
charliejane: if I haven't already 😊



Perk of going to BM:
getting to hold the Retro Hugo.

Everybody shouts to NaomiKritzer "You are on mute!" Congratulations for winning this year's Lodestar Award!
#CoNZealand
#hugoawards #lodestar

We are go.

"I gather that babies cultivate mono-dexterity. Sorta like falconry." -

Discord user Cavyherd



More than twice as many attendees at the WSFS Business Meeting as we planned for. We ran out of snacks 😊

Things you don't see at an in-person convention - the panelist popping off for a few seconds to take their pie out of the oven!

For those that asked for it



TURTLE!

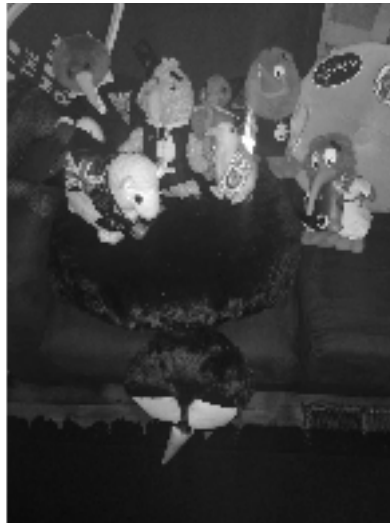
GRRM cosplaying as a Hugo award during the ceremony is my favourite

The Art Show Survey has Closed! Best Artist is a tie between Sarah Clemens and Emma Weakley. Best Piece of Art, by a hair, was The Last Tea Party by Sarah Clemens.

Emma Weakley was the NZ/Aussie Artist who impressed people the most with 66% of the vote. Greg Broadmore was new to 72% of those voting, so CoNZealand has brought his work to a wider group of people. And the comments! "New artists!" "Amazing cutwork - I literally gasped", which is about Kathleen Jennings' work. "Cats and dragons are a great combo," "Beautiful art connects with our emotions," and "How well a Virtual Art Show works."

Nomination for a new Hugo Category: Best Acceptance Speech for winning Best Acceptance Speech

Hugo Watch Party. There were actual people too who had pav and cake and NZ chocolate.



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Issue 10: Sunday, 2 August Morning

The Art Show Reception on Friday was a success! We had 7 artists present and 36 members at the peak participating. After each artist was introduced and answered five questions we split up into three rooms for quick chats before running out of time. There were some sales reported as well. Thanks to Soon for Program Tech. Mike Willmoth, Art Show Reception Director

@Sally suggested I pass this on. A discussion in #programme_ops about a poem about the Con. I suggested Robert W. Service (specifically "The Cremation of Sam McGee") and came up with this. There are strange things done in the name of fun By the fen who do the Cons. The WorldCon's details hide secret tales That are fright'ning to dwell on. Of vict'ries bold the tales are told But the feat no-one outshines Was the year disease brought us to our knees And WorldCon went online. Not too shabby for 1:45am.

Things never heard at a meat con:
MercedesRLackeyToday

at 9:39 PM OK I have a Grey Parrot trying to remove the keys from my keyboard so I need to take them back to their cages. BRB

From Bedtimes Stories with Misty and Larry....the story that Facepalmed the world! Literally. Across all timezones!

From Nordic Fantasy Literature, after Ville Vuorela changed his placeholder photo from a plate of food: "I no longer look so edible"
Reply from the moderator: "Speak for yourself!"

Wow! Synthoie with their sci-fi inspired music blew me away! The eery AI-assisted electronica calls to mind the endless strangeness of space and meeting of alien species. Did I mention they built their own electronic instruments? With their infectious energy and incredible creativity they're definitely the ones to watch! 🚀

FYI for anyone interested in Tolkien:
<https://www.tolkiensociety.org/2020/06/oxonmoot->

online-to-be-held-in-september/
FYI This website has a great Forum for Tolkien fans:
<https://tolkienists.org/>

A modest proposal for the #hugoawards ceremony:
Every time a presenter mangles the name of a nominee, they're dragged off stage and thrown out of the hall/zoom, and replaced by someone of the same ethnicity/culture as the person whose name they've mangled. In another window, or on a big screen in the hall, is the feed from the Green Room where all the substitutes are waiting to be called. Training for the main presenter and all substitutes is provided ahead of the ceremony by people nominated by the nominees. The dragging-off-and-replacing process is overseen by a person elected by the nominees, bearing the title "Thane of Groans". Avoiding the shame of being thrown out of the ceremony is easy to avoid by the simple means of getting people's names right.

As a side effect, this will swiftly eliminate presenters who dweeble on endlessly about old racists from their shameful past, and replace them with people who celebrate our potential futures.

Art Show Announces Voting Results

Best Artist: (tie) Sarah Clemens and Emma Weakley.

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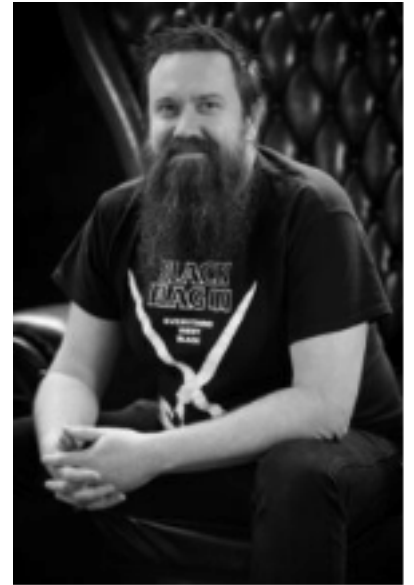
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Dutch pancakes with lemon curd at Harbourside Sunday Market. Also view of actual

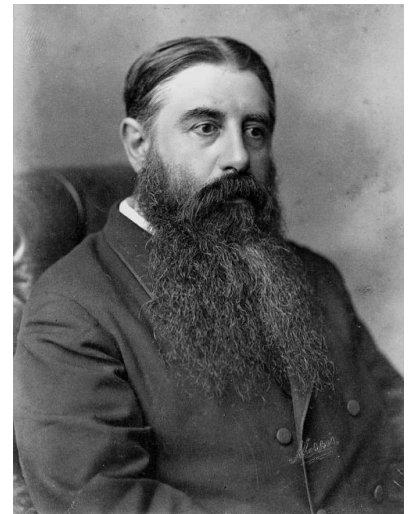
TSB Arena



Is this Sir Julius Vogel?



Is this Greg Broadmore?



Response: @SpikeNZ Separated at birth (by about 137 years)?

With thanks to: Mike W, JohnHedtke, Stardancer Amberfyre, Maree Pavletich, backwardsandinhighheels, RalaOfTheVale, Sultana Raza, dougs, SpikeNZ, NitpickingGuy, Robbie B Art Show, Master Dragon, SoonLeeNZ, JohnToon

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Issue 11: Sunday, 2 August Afternoon

I must take issue with calling poffertjes "Dutch pancakes". Dutch pancakes are HUGE. Poffertjes are tiny.

I apologize if I walked through any people or tables in Squid Hall yesterday morning. I swear I was not drunk, just on a very laboring computer.

I walked through some tables in Squid Hall too! Easy to do.

Someone said "tautoko" to me in a chat room, and I feel like I've really been in New Zealand.

A little poem for the first virtual Worldcon:
Five days of insanity
Oh the humanity
I click on a room
It refuses to Zoom
I say words of depravity!

There once was a con in New Zealand
That had a lot to deal with.
In the middle of tension
A brand-new invention
That amazed everyone
who's seen it.

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From this morning's Daily Briefing, a discussion on the art and perils of glass blowing:
Glass blowing combines the best elements of artwork and a car race.
"You can burn yourself on hot glass and cut yourself on cold glass"
"Is there a technical term for that?" "Yes - OUCH."

Daily Briefing - "Can I tell a Dutch Cheese story?"
"If it is full of holes, then it's a Swiss Cheese story..."

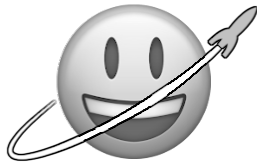
A huge thanks to Morgan Hazelwood who has been working tirelessly for weeks to train the programme participants before the con started, training the Behind The Scenes tech staff to host zooms, and answering questions in what feels like just about every room across three separate Discord Servers throughout the duration of the Convention itself.

The votes are in! The Best Dressed Dealer Table belongs to Bard & Jester!



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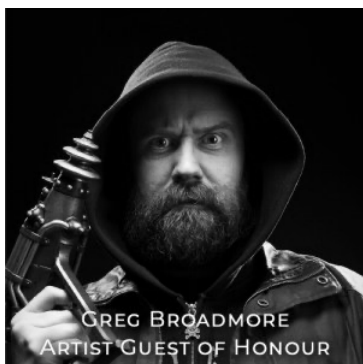
AVENUE 5
CRUISE
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Join us for classic board games in the Discord gaming-table channel. There was some debate about what to play which resulted in...Trouble. Sorry about the Scrabble. We're now playing updated versions of Risk, which mostly involves leaving your house, and Life, which mostly involves staying home. Meanwhile, Jeff Bezos is still playing Monopoly.

This is not the apocalypse you're looking for. Move along.

You can tell how much a teen reads by how they pronounce YA.

Unpopular opinion: I liked Podcasting a lot better when it was called Radio.



My Favorite Greg Broadmore Panel: My secret identity as Buck Rogers AND the Green Arrow



My Favorite George R.R. Martin Panel: Barn-Raising and Butter Churning: How to Survive the Winds of Winter



My Favorite Mercedes Lackey Panel: A Pirate's Life for Me: Why You Need a Parrot

If we talk about films that borrow ideas from "Plan 9 from Outer Space" in the Golden Age of SF Movies discussion, would that make it a faux Wood panel?

con-ops sincerely apologizes for the temporal filter preventing time travelers from landing in Wellington in this era. This has been implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other times and places. Please consider arriving in Washington D.C. in 2021 or Chicago in 2022 and leaving messages there.

Overheard at the first virtual Worldcon...

"Beep, boop, I am a bot!"

"I can't believe I'm here!"

"Where, in your living room?"

More Award Winners

Best Novel

Awarded to Coronavirus for COVID-19

Best Dramatic Presentation

Awarded to people who are still complaining about not being able to use Discord

Marvel's Avengers "Good Job, Hawkeye" Participation Award

Awarded to any nominee who also showed up. Good job!

Worst Zoom Background

The non-Euclidean geometry of the beings of mythos from HP Lovecraft's Cthulhu Universe which results in instant insanity caused by the realization of the existence of monstrous malevolence and strange dimensions beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Sadly, those who gaze upon this Zoom background will later go on to host a Worldcon.

Message from our Convention Chairs



Too much sitting is bad for you. Stand up once in a while.

The Five Stages of Inebriation at a Con, in the form of a Dramatic Performance, Short Form

- 1. Watchmen:** You start out wearing a mask with good intentions, but knowing you have a shady past.
 - 2. The Expanse:** You open up and start talking too much, even when you're alone.
 - 3. The Good Place:** Welcome! Everything is fine.
 - 4. Doctor Who:** You leave with a man who tells you he's a doctor AND a pilot, but you never find out his name.
 - 5. The Mandalorian:** You can't show your face almost anywhere anymore, but, on the upside, you're going to have the cutest baby ever!
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Added Sunday Panel: Is Everything a Conspiracy?

What: They won't let me say.
Where: Reading Room 237
Who: Session is full. This session has a maximum capacity of everyone except you.

Tips for Enjoying Your First Virtual Worldcon

Remember to hydrate.

Try to stay up for 5 days straight so you don't miss anything. #FOMO. The struggle is real.

Use a moving Zoom background so processor intensive you always appear on camera at 10fps.

Know your spending limits for the dealer's room and art show. Take out a second mortgage now.

Also overheard at the first virtual Worldcon...

After seeing a cat on Zoom, "Who's the cat GOH?"

"What's the big deal with Flash Fiction? Batman stories have better villains."

"I'm so over Pluto. As far as I'm concerned, it's an exoplanet."

"Having problems with Grenadine? Add Rum."

Report from the Con floor:

"There's carpet down here."

"Thanks, Bob."

This parody newsletter is dedicated to the staff, volunteers, and attendees of CoNZealand for coming together to create an unforgettable first-of-its-kind Worldcon. Thank You!

A Fan Guide to New Zealand Slang

Kia Ora: A traditional NZ greeting that makes fans from outside NZ wonder why everyone greets each other by saying the name of their car.

Example Usage...

Kiwi: "Kia Ora"

Non-Kiwi: "Chevy Impala"

Bring a plate: The traditional battle cry when more than one person is creating consuite recipes.

Bugged: That sleepy feeling you get in the Arthropods panel.

Jumper: What you put on before you get your hokey pokey from the chilly bin.

Hobbiton: The amount of weight you gain from snacks while you binge-watch all of Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings movies.

Stubbie: Bheer

Stubbies: What you wear below your respectable shirt on Zoom.

Wop wop's: When you're the only person who shows up for a panel.

Nominations for new Hugo Categories

Best Moderator Hat

Best Inaudible Live Stream

Best Surprise Reaction After an Unexpected Transition