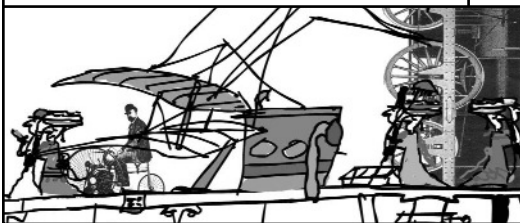


### FEBRUARY

20 Feb - **AUTHOR NIGHT -  
 CHUCK MCKENZIE**  
**From humour to horror**

Chuck McKenzie is author of the novel *World's Apart* ("the Australian Red Dwarf") and member of the Australian Horror Writers' Association. He's also a booshop manager for one of the major chains. Come along to hear his insights into publishing - as writer and retailer.



27 Feb - **FILM DISCUSSION NIGHT -  
 Global Haywire**

After heatwaves, floods, power cuts and Antarctica's ice coming to our shores, find how a mix of live-action and animation communicates the global warming message. Better than Al Gore and more fun, and Australian-made too!

*On Global Haywire: "It's exhilarating conceptually. You learn a lot, you laugh, you're outraged. Regardless of whether you agree with this interpretation of history you cannot fail to be impressed by Bruce Petty's achievement." \*\*\*\* Margaret Pomeranz*

### MEETINGS

Melbourne Science Fiction Club (MSFC) events commence at 9pm sharp. Meetings are every Friday except Good Friday and Christmas to mid-January at: St. David's Uniting Church Hall, 74 Melville Road, West Brunswick, Hall opens at 8pm, everyone out of the pool before 11pm (Melways ref 29 C5, or catch a #55 tram from William Street in the city, to tram stop 36). Friends, visitors and guests are welcome. Gold Coin entry fee (or more eg \$5.00 for selected events; we do publicise what and when these are).

### MARCH

Sunday 1 Mar - SYDNEY RD FESTIVAL

6 Mar - **Quiz Night & Mexican Food**

13 Mar - **ARTIST NIGHT  
 Meredith Turnbull**

**"I thought that Love was Science Fiction" - sculpture**

Meredith Turnbull is Gallery Manager/ Curator at the The University of Melbourne's Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) Margaret Lawrence Gallery in Southbank. A photographer, sculptor and installation-based artist, Meredith says "Abstraction, Formalism, SF and the supernatural form the basis of my artistic practice." Explore SF as an inspiration in high art.

20 Mar - **John Hinde Award**

The late broadcaster John Hinde bequeathed \$500,000 for an annual award to celebrate the best Australian SF screenplay, TV or film production. Awarded for the first time on 15 August 2008 as part of the Augies, tonight a speaker representing the Australian Writers Guild discusses the John Hinde Award.

27 Mar - **FILM DISCUSSION NIGHT -  
 Slipstream (1989) Mark Hamill,  
 Robbie Coltrane, Ben Kingsley**

Five SF movies have used this title, is this post-apocalyptic adventure the best of them, or the worst?

### APRIL

3 Apr - **Quiz Night &  
 Slow Cooked Casseroles**

10 Apr - *Good Friday: No Club meeting*

17 Apr - set up for All-Club minicon

**18 April - ALL-CLUB MINICON  
 10.00am to 4.30pm**

All Melbourne's SF Clubs under one roof.  
**Guest of Honour: Kim Westwood**

24 Apr - **FILM DISCUSSION NIGHT -  
 Superman Returns - subtitle special**

When the dialogue has passed through two languages, is this now one of Hollywood's finest comedies?

### MAY

1 May - **Trivia + hot'n'cold desserts**

8 May - **music by the fans**  
 Firefly, Star Trek, Star Wars, but not filking! Professional musicians and their officially-released songs inspired by their love for the genre.

15 May - **FILMMAKER NIGHT -  
 RORY YOUNG**

Rory Young, aged 11, winner of the Australia-wide ACMI Screen It 2008 school-age film-making competition (Category: Animation) shows and talks about his award winning claymation film "Australian Identity" and his other work. Come and meet one of the next generation's film-makers.

22 May - **FILM DISCUSSION NIGHT -  
 Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence**  
 Anime. Finalist for Palme D'Or at Cannes.

29 May - **The Vampire Bites Back**  
 Sam Rooney reviews vampires: the changes through the ages.

### JUNE

5 June - **Quiz and Aussie Food**  
 Barbecue and/or fish and chips.

12 June - **Actors who can sing (almost)**  
 Does William Shatner's "Common People" cut Pulp's original? (Ed: Yes)

19 June - **Midwinter Author Night**

26 Jun Film Discussion **Gods & Monsters**

### JULY

3 July - **Quiz & slow cooked gumbo**  
 10 July - **Annual General Meeting**