

NZ IN 2020 WORLDCON BID ANNOUNCES DATE CHANGE

NZ in 2020

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The NZ in 2020 Worldcon bid is announcing that the dates of their potential 78th Worldcon have been changed to Wednesday, 29 July through Sunday, 2 August 2020, due to the unavailability of one of the main facilities.

The location is still in the same facilities in central Wellington, New Zealand. These facilities include TSB Arena, Shed 6, the InterContinental Wellington and the Michael Fowler Centre.

The date change will ensure that a New Zealand Worldcon will have unfettered access to the facilities and accommodation required to run a successful event, should the NZ in 2020 bid be awarded the convention.

The site selection vote is to be held at the 2018 Worldcon, Worldcon 76, in San José, California. Members of the 2018 Worldcon will vote on where to hold the 2020 Worldcon.

Worldcon 76 can be contacted at <http://worldcon76.org>

Long-time science fiction fan, Norman Cates is the chair of the NZ in 2020 Worldcon bid.

“We appreciate that this date change would make our Worldcon early compared to previous Worldcons. We did a lot of debating about this, and moving the date was the best overall option to preserve our best possible Worldcon” says Norman.

The NZ in 2020 Worldcon bid is offering “pre-supporting” memberships for NZ\$30 and a variety of other types of pre-supporting memberships to help fund the bid. Joining the bid helps pay for the cost of promoting the bid. Membership forms and additional information about the bid are available on the bid’s website, <https://nzin2020.nz>.

Worldcon is the longest-running travelling-location general science fiction convention in the world, with a history stretching back to 1939. Different groups host Worldcon each year in a different city.

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General information about Worldcon:

<http://www.worldcon.org/>

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