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Community Recognition Statements

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SIMON WAIT - COSPLAY AWARD

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) :

Local businessman and movie prop maker, Simon Wait of Heroes and More, recently entered the Championships of Cosplay at the Sydney OZ Comic-Con where he was shortlisted as a finalist.

Simon doesn't make his creations to enter competitions but thought he'd give it just one go with his 'Blue' Raptor costume. Blue is 100% hand crafted right down to every carved scale that covers the body.

Simon decided to create his dinosaur costume many years ago but was only able to complete it recently due to many other life commitments. His major challenge in the build was to try to conceal himself inside the suit to make it look more believable.

Simon and Blue took to the stage and won the FX award making it into the final 3 in the state and top 15 nationally.

He was humbled to be involved in such a competition and to receive such high recognition on the first time he entered. For Simon, the greatest achievement is seeing the smiles on the faces of people when they see what he has made and the enjoyment his creations bring to many, young and old.