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MEDIA RELEASE

World Science Festival Brisbane's new 2021 education program is top of the class!

Queensland teachers and students will be able to explore the far reaches of the universe, deep dive alongside prehistoric creatures, and find out what an ant and whale have in common thanks to World Science Festival Brisbane's new jam-packed 2021 Education Program.

World Science Festival Brisbane runs from 24 – 28 March and the two day education program will run from Wednesday 24 March to Friday 26 March 2021 to create opportunities for young minds to engage with STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) outside the classroom.

Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson said the World Science Festival Brisbane was excited to welcome teachers and students, parents and grandparents back in 2021.

"We have an incredible line up of conversations and activities that celebrates human curiosity and a desire to understand the world around us, to challenge assumptions and to always ask, why? And challenging young learners to be inspired by science and to embrace STEM subjects as a real and exciting option for their future," Dr Thompson said.

Students will also be able to submit ideas for an outdoor installation or digital work demonstrating a connection between science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and the arts, with the winning design display at the festival, thanks to Curiosity Brisbane.

The winning designs, known as *Curiocities*, will be built by leading Brisbane artists and displayed around the city in March during Curiosity (21-28 March 2021) and World Science Festival Brisbane (24-28 March 2021), allowing visitors to touch, see, hear and learn from the works on display. Entries close 5pm, Wednesday 18 November 2020.

World Science Festival Brisbane 2021 education program includes

- **The Hatchery: Turtle Conservation Experience** - Enjoy seeing baby turtles hatching in the nursery at Queensland Museum, in person or live streamed!
- **Pioneers in Science** –showcasing an inspiring group of scientists pushing the frontiers and how the work they do affects the way we live every day.
- **Light and the Solar System** – a journey through space and time with astrophysicist Prof Tamara Davis.
- **Pandemic – The Race for a Cure**: a panel of scientists waging the war on COVID-19.
- **Robotics and Engineering Workshops** and
- Curriculum-linked talks on **Biology – The Circle of Life**, **Chemistry – The Science of Change**, **Life and Explosions** and **Physics - The Language of the Universe**.

World Science Festival Queensland 2021 regional program also includes education events in Chinchilla, Gladstone and across Queensland Museum campuses in Townsville, Toowoomba, and Ipswich. For more information on the education program, *Curiocities* and updates about World Science Festival Brisbane and World Science Festival Queensland visit www.worldsciencefestival.com.au

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ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL BRISBANE | 24 - 28 March, 2021 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

World Science Festival Brisbane explores and celebrates the entanglement of science and art through a curated program of thought-provoking conversations, inspiring theatrical and cinematic experiences, interactive workshops and engaging demonstrations. Originating in New York, Queensland Museum Network secured an exclusive licence to host World Science Festival in the Asia Pacific from 2016–21. The only global extension of this hugely popular initiative, World Science Festival Brisbane reinforces Queensland Museum's position as a leader in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and engagement.

ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL QUEENSLAND | various dates, 2021 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

World Science Festival Queensland explores and celebrates the entanglement of science and art at regional locations around Queensland.

ABOUT CURIOCITY BRISBANE | 12 – 28 March 2021 | curiocitybrisbane.com

Visitors and locals alike are invited to challenge their Curiosity when imagination, invention and innovation intersect in Brisbane over two weeks in 2021. Curiosity Brisbane is a collection of immersive, interactive and multi-sensory experiences at hubs throughout the city. Explore, create and play among a gallery of interactive and collaborative creations, augmented reality spaces and musical pop-ups.