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## **It's time for more science fun at World Science Festival Queensland Chinchilla!**

Sensational science shows, exploding experiments and an abundance of hands-on science activities will be on offer when the World Science Festival Queensland regional program returns to Chinchilla for two days on 6 and 7 June 2021.

A free community day will take place at Chinchilla Cultural Centre on Sunday 6 June, followed by a free student day, exclusive to schools in the Western Downs region, on Monday 7 June.

Since 2016, Shell's QGC business has been the proud community partner of World Science Festival Queensland in Chinchilla.

Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson said it is always exciting to take the festival on the road to our regional communities and share our knowledge and enthusiasm for all things science.

"In Chinchilla last year we saw a 10% growth in attendance with more than 3,300 people attending over two days, which is encouraging to know people look forward to the festival every year," Dr Thompson said.

"This will be our sixth year hosting World Science Festival Queensland in Chinchilla and we look forward to seeing many of the locals, including those who have been before and new faces."

Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch said World Science Festival Queensland is shaping up to be a success across the state.

"There is plenty for the Chinchilla region to explore during this year's festival with innovative ideas, thought-provoking fun and scientific surprises," Minister Enoch said.

"Following the success of the Festival in Brisbane in March, regional Queenslanders will be able to experience the wonders of science when World Science Festival travels to other areas of the state, including Chinchilla, Gladstone, Toowoomba, Townsville and Ipswich.

"World Science Festival is the only festival of its kind held outside of New York, and is supported with a \$3 million investment from the Palaszczuk Government every year.

"The arts are key to delivering our plan for economic recovery, each year contributing \$8.5 billion to the state's economy and supporting more than 92,000 jobs for Queenslanders. That is why this Festival is so important for our communities."

The community day is free and non-ticketed. The student day is free but bookings are essential.

The full program for Chinchilla and school bookings can be found by visiting [www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/chinchilla](http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/chinchilla).

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<b>World Science Festival Queensland Chinchilla 2021 program</b>		
<b>Sunday 6 June 2021 – Community Day</b>		
City of Science	Chinchilla Cultural Centre 9:30am – 4pm	City of Science is back in 2021 with another spectacular science extravaganza!  This action packed program for the whole family will include a range of science activities that explore everything from curious museum specimens to experiments and big bangs.  Come celebrate the wonder and joy of science at the Chinchilla Cultural Centre.
Drone Flying	Chinchilla Cultural Centre 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm	
Big Bang Science Show	Chinchilla Cultural Centre 10.15am, 11.15am, 1.15pm and 2.15pm	
Queensland Museum Pop Up Curator Talk	Chinchilla Cultural Centre 10.45am, 11.45am, 1.45pm and 2.45pm	
<b>Monday 7 June 2021 – Student Day</b>		
Session 1 Recommended for Years 4-6	Chinchilla Cultural Centre 9:15am-10:45am	Immerse your students in the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at this exciting one-day, school-focused event returning to Chinchilla.  Each school session will include a Science Extravaganza Showcase that explores cool science careers and mind-blowing science experiments, and City Of Science where students can experience exciting science activities and fascinating displays.
Session 2 Recommended for Years 4-6	Chinchilla Cultural Centre 11am-12:30pm	
Session 3 Recommended for Years 7-9	Chinchilla Cultural Centre 1pm-2:30pm	