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Brisbane set to get *STEAMy* in March 2022 as art and science collide

Brisbane, get ready as March is going to sizzle with the return of World Science Festival Brisbane from 9-13 March 2022 for five super-charged days of science.

And for the first time, in 2022, *Curiosity Brisbane* will be delivered as part of World Science Festival Brisbane from 9-20 March, presented by Queensland Museum Network.

Minister for Arts Leanne Enoch welcomed the return of the World Science Festival Brisbane in 2022.

“The Palaszczuk Government is providing \$9 million for the next three World Science Festivals, and it is so exciting to see this popular festival continue to evolve,” Minister Enoch said

“The 2022 World Science Festival, presented by the Queensland Museum Network, will showcase the innovative intersection between art and science, presenting creative solutions to our planet’s challenges.

“The 2021 World Science Festival has been a success with more than 120,000 visitors already engaging in the community and school days in Brisbane, Townsville, Chinchilla, Gladstone and Toowoomba with Ipswich still to be held on 7 and 8 November.

“Since its introduction in 2016, this popular event has attracted audiences of more than 800,000 visitors, and generated more than \$32 million in economic impact for the state.

“The arts are key to delivering our plan for economic recovery, each year injecting \$8.5 billion into the state’s economy and supporting more than 92,000 jobs for Queenslanders, and this is why the Queensland Government supports the only World Science Festival held outside of New York.”

Minister for Tourism Stirling Hinchliffe said *Curiosity Brisbane* had grown as a significant event for the Queensland capital.

“Created by Tourism and Events Queensland and Brisbane Economic Development Agency, *Curiosity Brisbane* continues to go from strength to strength in partnership with the World Science Festival Brisbane,” Mr Hinchliffe said.

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“Curiosity Brisbane is also a highlight of the Palaszczuk Government’s *It’s Live! in Queensland* events calendar, which is designed to encourage visitors to explore our world-class tourism experiences and support our Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan.

“When World Science Festival Brisbane and Curiosity Brisbane come to life in March, Brisbane is the place to be.”

Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson said the planning and development for the 2022 program is well underway and shaping up to be the best event yet.

“We’ll ignite curiosity in our visitors to explore life’s big questions, through compelling discussions, lively debates, and science and art installations,” Dr Thompson said.

“When you break it down, science and art are essentially about observation and interpretation and we look forward to sharing this with visitors to Brisbane during March.”

World Science Festival Co-founder Tracy Day said that she is delighted to continue the important and inspiring work of World Science Festival in Brisbane and across Queensland and Australia in 2022.

“Science holds the key to overcoming many of the current and future challenges facing society and our planet. I look forward to a program of vibrant and timely conversations, that take science out of the labs and into the streets, parks, theatres and museums, and help to position science in the centre of popular culture,” said Tracy.

“The Festival’s mission is to enthral and inspire through the optimism, innovation and ingenuity of science. We are very proud and grateful to pursue this mission in partnership with Queensland Museum.”

The festival will also take the show on the road to key regional communities as part of World Science Festival Queensland, starting with Chinchilla, then onto Townsville, Gladstone, Ipswich and finishing the tour in Toowoomba.

Dr Thompson said it’s always encouraging to see the high level of engagement and enthusiasm for science learning when the festival travels throughout Queensland.

“Since 2016 we’ve been delivering the festival to our regional communities and the feedback is always positive, reinforcing our commitment to continue to deliver fun and meaningful ways for visitors to learn about science and the world around us.”

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World Science Festival Brisbane will also see the return of crowd favourite ***The Hatchery: Turtle Conservation Experience*** at Queensland Museum, ***City of Science*** free family science fun across two days; a ***digital program*** allowing audiences from around the world to join in and listen to leading experts discuss a range of topics, and visitors to Brisbane will also be able to explore, create and play with the physical and digital Curiocities scattered around the city as part of ***Curiosity Brisbane***.

To keep up to date with programs and events for World Science Festival Brisbane and World Science Festival Queensland 2022, sign up to receive news and offers via the website www.worldsciencefestival.com.au

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The Queensland Government via Tourism and Events Queensland and Brisbane City Council via Brisbane Economic Development Agency, is proud to support World Science Festival Brisbane, World Science Festival Queensland and Curiosity Brisbane, which features on the It's Live! in Queensland events calendar. Your perfect next event is in Queensland where live events combine with the most incredible destinations, and life is beautiful one day, perfect the next.

ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL BRISBANE | 9 -13 March 2022 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

Queensland Museum Network holds exclusive licence to host World Science Festival in the Asia Pacific – the only global extension of this initiative, and WSFB has attracted more than 800,000 attendances, and \$36 million in to the Queensland economy, since 2016.

World Science Festival Brisbane reinforces Queensland's position as a knowledge economy and ignites new and challenging discussions about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) so that more and more people experience the value, impacts and wonder of science.

ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL QUEENSLAND | various dates, 2022 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

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

ABOUT CURIOCITY BRISBANE | 9 -20 March 2022 |

Since 2019, Curiosity Brisbane has sparked inspiration and innovation, transforming our city into an interactive place to "explore, create and play". During March, Curiosity Brisbane showcases a number of physical and digital installations for visitors to discover and explore. In 2022, Curiosity Brisbane will be delivered as part of World Science Festival Brisbane, presented by Queensland Museum Network.

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Regional Program	
World Science Festival Queensland Townsville	13 – 14 May June – July (School holiday program)
World Science Festival Queensland Gladstone	17 – 18 June
World Science Festival Queensland Chinchilla	29 – 30 July
World Science Festival Queensland Ipswich	9 – 10 September September (School holiday program)
World Science Festival Queensland Toowoomba	9 -10 October April (School holiday program)