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A celebration of science at World Science Festival Queensland – Ipswich

World Science Festival Queensland will return to Ipswich this weekend as part of a state-wide regional program with two-supercharged days of sensational science shows and hands-on activities for visitors of all ages.

The Workshops Rail Museum will become a STEM playground with family-friendly events for everyone to enjoy from launching rockets, fly a drone and marvel at super silly science shows that go off with a BANG. Experience furry, slimy and eight-legged creatures live or take a virtual reality trip and groove to the beats of our science-nerd boy band, Red Rocket 3.

Students from local schools will get the first glimpse of festival activities during a Student Day on Friday 9 September developed to inspire the next generation through the wonders of science.

On Saturday 10 September visitors of all ages are invited to attend a FREE Community Day designed to discover the role of science in their daily lives and the world around them.

Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson said the team are looking forward to rolling out another exciting festival program in Ipswich to celebrate our enthusiasm for all things science.

“Science is an area that never stops evolving and when you understand how it works in the real world, it becomes something exciting that you want to learn more about, and the festival is a great platform to engage audiences while having fun learning,” Dr Thompson said.

Minister for the Arts Leanne Enoch said World Science Festival Queensland showcased the serious fun of science, combining the chemistry of art and science for visitors of all ages.

“The Queensland Government has supported the World Science Festival since 2016 to take science out of the labs and into the regions,” Minister Enoch said.

“Each year, this popular event gives Queenslanders the chance to engage more deeply in the wonders of science.

“The World Science Festival Queensland is the only festival of its kind held outside of New York and the 2022 event is presented in Brisbane, Townsville, Gladstone, Chinchilla, Ipswich and Toowoomba,” Ms Enoch said.

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The full program for Ipswich can be found by visiting www.worldsciencefestival.com.au

World Science Festival Queensland is proudly supported by the Queensland Government, through Tourism and Events Queensland, and features on the It's Live! in Queensland events calendar.

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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, stopping at Townsville, Gladstone, Chinchilla, Ipswich, Toowoomba.

| EVENT | DATE |
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| Regional Program | |
| World Science Festival Queensland Ipswich | 9 – 10 September 2022 September (School holiday program) |
| World Science Festival Queensland Toowoomba | 9 -10 October 2022 |

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SATURDAY 10 Sept | COMMUNITY DAY

General admission and activities are free. Join us from 9.30am – 3pm.

OPEN DAY STAGE PROGRAM

| Time | Activity |
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| 9:30am – 9:45am | Welcome to Country |
| 9:45am – 10:15am | Wild Rangers Wildlife Show |
| 10:30am – 10:50am | Pop Up Science Show |
| 11:10am – 11:30am | Pop Up Science Show |
| 11:50am – 12:20pm | Red Rocket 3 Kids Rock Show |
| 12:30pm – 12:50 | Wild Rangers Wildlife Show |
| 1:00pm – 1:20pm | STEM Innovation Sports – Final Presentation |
| 1:45pm – 2:15pm | Pop Up Science Show |

GET HANDS-ON WITH THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- Big Bang Education
- Lego Mindstorm – robotics with USQ
- VR with Professor Tech and OzGrav
- Cross River Rail
- Red Rocket 3 Science rock band
- Its Rocket Science!
- Sea Under Sea/Coral Watch – underwater drones, marine ecology
- Griffith University – Science on the Go! (chemistry)
- UQ Science Demo Troupe (physics)
- Micromelon Robotics
- Wildlife Rangers
- QM Snail Experts and QM Spider Experts
- Webster the Giant Peacock Spider Puppet
- STEM Punks STEM Innovation Challenge
- WSFB Curiosity 'Local Heroes' Endangered Species Art Activity