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## World Science Festival New York

**World Science Festival was founded in New York in 2008 by celebrated physicist and science author Professor Brian Greene and award-winning broadcast journalist, Tracy Day.**

The festival gathers great minds in science and the arts to produce live and digital content that allows a broad general audience to engage with scientific discoveries.

Through discussions, debates, theatrical works, interactive explorations, musical performances, intimate salons, and major outdoor experiences, the festival takes science out of the laboratory and into the streets, parks, museums, galleries and premier performing arts venues of New York City and beyond.

The annual live, week-long festivals, which launched in New York in 2008, have collectively drawn over 3.2 million visitors worldwide, with millions more viewing the programs online.

In 2016 Queensland Museum Network established World Science Festival Brisbane, the only international extension of the New York event.

In its eighth iteration, World Science Festival Brisbane 2023 continues the traditions of this internationally renowned festival while curating an innovative program particular to the social, cultural and scientific environs of Brisbane.

## World Science Festival Brisbane

**Queensland Museum Network holds the exclusive licence to host World Science Festival in the Asia Pacific until 2024.**

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.

Brisbane will come alive for five days from 22–26 March 2023 as World Science Festival Brisbane brings together some of the greatest thought leaders, showcasing local scientists and performers from around the globe.

**World Science Festival Brisbane**  
22–26 March 2023

### Regional Program

**World Science Festival Queensland Toowoomba**  
21 May 2023  
22 May 2023 (Schools program)  
June–July (School holiday program)

**World Science Festival Queensland Chinchilla**  
2 June 2023 (School program)  
3 June 2023

**World Science Festival Queensland Townsville**  
23 June 2023 (School program)  
24 June 2023  
June–July (School holiday program)

**World Science Festival Queensland Gladstone**  
28 July 2023 (School program)  
29 July 2023

**World Science Festival Queensland Ipswich**  
April (School holiday program)  
11 August 2023 (School program)  
12 August 2023



## Curiocity Brisbane

22 March – 2 April 2023

Since 2019, *Curiocity Brisbane* has sparked inspiration and innovation, transforming our city into an interactive place to “explore, create and play”. From the end of March to the beginning of April, *Curiocity Brisbane* showcases a number of physical and digital installations for visitors to discover and explore. In 2023, *Curiocity Brisbane* will be delivered as part of World Science Festival Brisbane, presented by Queensland Museum Network.

*Curiocity Brisbane* is curated by Brisbane’s own artist, curator and academic, Jay Younger who has brought together a 12-day celebration of science, art and technology – where new possibilities play, and big ideas collide.



## Out of this world line up for WSFB 2023

An out of this world line up for World Science Festival Brisbane 2023 has been unveiled today showcasing a jam-packed program overflowing with science, art, culture and family fun.

Running 22-26 March 2023 and presented by Queensland Museum Network, **World Science Festival Brisbane** will make a triumphant return with more than 130 events and activities on offer that will inspire, delight and entertain.

World Science Festival Brisbane will unlock the mysteries of ancient medical practices and the dinosaurs that once roamed the earth; we will launch into the wonders of space and the great unknown beyond our solar system and dive into the science of the First Australians and how it can influence our future.

Returning to Australia for the first time since 2019, World Science Festival co-founder and renowned physicist Professor Brian Greene will headline four key conversations including **The Golden Age of Space Exploration** on opening night, **Memory: The Hidden Pathways That Make Us Human, Rewriting the Story of Humankind** and **The Unfolding Cosmos: Revelations from the James Webb Space Telescope**.

The festival will host the winner of Australia's Best Comedy Podcast - **A Rational Fear!**, live on stage with a special recording at World Science Festival Brisbane, while the Planetarium will take a dive into the Great Barrier Reef with a showing of **CORAL: Rekindling Venus** from award-winning filmmaker **Lynette Wallworth**.

Following sold-out shows in 2022, **Night of the Nerds** will return with quizmaster **Mark Humphries** alongside team captains comedian **Dan Ilic** and science communicator extraordinaire **Angharad Yeo** vying for victory.

Also returning will be the popular **Lunchtime Labs** in Queen Street Mall and **City of Science** – a pop-up extravaganza of hands-on activities, demonstrations and STEM stations right around Brisbane.

At the heart of the festival, Queensland Museum will be transformed into a hub of live music, shows, comedy and science with a new event **Social Science** on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 March.

Crowd-favourite, **The Hatchery**, will return with visitors able to capture a rare glimpse of baby loggerhead turtles hatching in their incubation chambers, with tickets to this free event expected to sell out quickly.

**Curiosity Brisbane** will once again run as a key pillar of World Science Festival Brisbane from 22 March – 2 April, showcasing 14 inspirational artworks across South Bank.

This includes **Madeleine Flynn & Tim Humphrey's PIVOT**, a field of semi-intelligent seesaws that talk, sing, and create conversations; **Simone Eisler's** seven metre tall **The Climate Wars**; Indigenous artist **Jennifer Herd's** large scale vinyl image **Amplify/Defy**; while **Hochschuh & Donovan's Cybernetic Intimacy** investigates interspecies communications.

**Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson** said World Science Festival Brisbane and **Curiosity Brisbane** were set to return with a program that has something for everyone.

*"Since 2016, Queensland Museum Network has presented World Science Festival Brisbane and as the festival continues to evolve, so does the diversity of programming on offer," Dr Thompson said.*

*"There is something about the unknown elements of space travel and the cosmos beyond that resonates with our audiences and this year we'll welcome guests from NASA, the European Space Agency and the Australian Space Agency both in person and virtually to Brisbane for the festival.*

*“And, coinciding with the new Dinosaurs of Patagonia exhibition opening at the museum, there will be a range of dinosaur themed conversations and activities, including the closest thing you can get to a live dinosaur with Earth’s Prehistoric Picnic roaring into the South Bank Piazza.”*

**Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch** said World Science Festival Brisbane delivered outstanding science experiences combined with elements of art and creativity.

*“In 2023, World Science Festival Brisbane and Curiocity Brisbane will take people on an eventful journey, visiting our ancient past, the cosmos, turtle hatcheries and so much more,” Minister Enoch said.*

*“The festival will showcase the work of Queensland’s first scientists - First Nations peoples - and apply this important work to help secure a sustainable future for our planet.*

*“The Palaszczuk Government supports Queensland Museum with annual funding of \$3 million to host the World Science Festival Brisbane and World Science Festival Queensland.*

*“Since 2016, World Science Festival Brisbane has reached more than 1 million people, with an economic impact of more than \$39 million to Queensland.*

*“This signature event helps to secure Queensland’s reputation as an international destination for innovation and bold ideas in the lead up to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games,” Minister Enoch said.*

International guests will once again return to Queensland for the festival to re-connect with local audiences, presenting their ideas and showcasing world-renowned scientific research.

**World Science Festival co-founders Professor Brian Greene and Tracy Day** said they are looking forward to returning to Australia for World Science Festival Brisbane in 2023.

*“We’re excited to participate in the WSF Brisbane in person for the first time since 2019,” Ms Day said.*

*“While we were able to join remotely through our digital programming in each of the past three years, there is nothing more gratifying than seeing the throngs of visitors to the festival’s events.*

*“We look forward to exploring all that the World Science Festival Brisbane has to offer during this month of activities across Brisbane, celebrating science and the arts.”*

Professor Greene added, “The World Science Festival is at the forefront of bringing the most provocative discoveries of our time to a global audience. The four programs that I am moderating at this year’s festival feature renowned scientists and explorers whose expertise range from the discovery of new species of human relatives, to the mysteries of how memories form, to peering into the farthest reaches of the cosmos, and to the future of space exploration.

These programs join the myriad events and activities at the World Science Festival Brisbane that will inspire, excite and delight audiences with the power and vital importance of scientific knowledge.”

**Tourism and Innovation Minister Stirling Hinchliffe** said the World Science Festival Brisbane and Curiocity Brisbane were a highlight of the Palaszczuk Government’s *It’s Live! In Queensland* events calendar.

*“The World Science Festival Brisbane and Curiocity Brisbane are set to deliver an unbeatable combination of science, innovation, art and tourism in 2023,” Mr Hinchliffe said.*

*“With so much to inspire and explore, this is a hugely popular event with Queensland and interstate visitors who are predicted to spend more than \$12.7 million with Brisbane tourism and hospitality providers.”*

**Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner** said hosting the festival highlighted the city's reputation as an industry world leader and major events capital.

*"Brisbane is renowned as a global hub for science, technology and innovation, along with a thriving local arts scene, making it the perfect city and only place outside of New York to host this unique event," he said.*

*"A popular drawcard for residents and visitors globally, this year's event is expected to attract 80,000 visitors to experience our beautiful city and bolster local business with a \$12 million boost to the economy."*

In 2022, crowds flocked to the regional programs, embraced the dynamic programming and listened to some of Australia's eminent scientists.

The festival will hit the road throughout 2023 with World Science Festival Queensland bringing the wonder of science to Toowoomba, Chinchilla, Townsville, Gladstone and Ipswich.

Tickets for World Science Festival Brisbane are now on sale and the full program is available to view online.

To keep up to date with programs and events for World Science Festival Brisbane and World Science Festival Queensland, sign up to receive news and offers via the website [www.worldsciencefestival.com.au](http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au)



This year will see the return of international guests in person to World Science Festival Brisbane for the first time since 2019. In addition to our international guests, home-grown STEM stars showcase why they are renowned globally for their work. Please contact the media team via [media@qm.qld.gov.au](mailto:media@qm.qld.gov.au) to access a full talent list for 2023 or to arrange interviews.

## International Guests



### Brian Greene

**Based:** New York, USA

**Appearing in:**

The Golden Age of Space Exploration; Memory: The Hidden Pathways That Make Us Human; The Unfolding Cosmos: Revelations from the James Webb Space Telescope; Rewriting the Story of Humankind

Brian Greene, professor of physics and mathematics, is renowned for his groundbreaking discoveries in superstring theory, including the co-discovery of mirror symmetry and of spatial topology change. He is known to the public through his books, *The Elegant Universe*, *The Fabric of the Cosmos*, and *The Hidden Reality*, which have collectively spent 65 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list and sold more than 2 million copies worldwide.

The Washington Post called him “the single best explainer of abstruse concepts in the world today.” Professor Greene hosted two Peabody and Emmy Award winning NOVA miniseries based on his books and is a frequent television guest, joining Stephen Colbert seven times and playing himself in an episode of *The Big Bang Theory*. He has also had cameo roles in a number of Hollywood films including *Frequency*, *Maze* and *The Last Mimzy*. With producer Tracy Day, Greene co-founded the World Science Festival and he is the Director of Columbia University’s Center for Theoretical Physics.



### John Mather

**Based:** USA

**Appearing in:** The Unfolding Cosmos: Revelations from the James Webb Space Telescope

John Mather is the Senior Project Scientist for the James Webb Space Telescope, and as such played a pivotal role in JWST development and continues to play a pivotal role in its deployment. His research in cosmology as part of the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) team has been recognized as some of the most important work of the 20th century. As a postdoctoral fellow at the Goddard Institute for Space Studies, he led the proposal efforts for COBE. Later, he and his team showed that the cosmic microwave background radiation has a blackbody spectrum within 50 parts per million, which helped confirm the Big Bang theory of the universe. For this work, he received the Nobel Prize in physics in 2006, along with George Smoot. According to the prize committee, “the COBE project can also be regarded as the starting point for cosmology as a precision science.”



## Lee Berger

**Based:** South Africa

**Appearing in:** Rewriting the Story of Humankind

Lee Berger is a paleoanthropologist whose search to understand the origins of humanity in Africa have led to remarkable discoveries. He is best known for the discovery of two new species that are related to humans. The first, discovered in 2008, is *Australopithecus Sediba*, whose fossil remains displayed a mix of human and ape characteristics. In 2013 his team uncovered the remains of *Homo naledi*, an early form of human that is not believed to be a direct human ancestor. Berger's exhaustive fossil research not only helps to place these new species onto a human family tree, but also provides answers as to how they lived. In so doing, he is upending long-held assumptions about the origins of human culture.



## Michele Bannister

**Based:** New Zealand

**Appearing in:** From Stone Age Surgery to Modern Medicine

Dr Michele Bannister is a Royal Society Te Apārangi Rutherford Discovery Fellow and Senior Lecturer at the University of Canterbury. Her work focusses on the exploration and observation of small worlds both interstellar and in our Solar System, with experience in wide-field surveys of the sky with observatories in Australia and Hawaii. Her contributions to these collaborative efforts were recognised in 2020 by the Royal Astronomical Society's early-career Winton Award in Geophysics, and by COSPAR's Zel'dovich Medal for Scientific Commission B (Solar System). She also has ongoing interests in space sustainability and the protection of our night skies.



## Thomas Zurbuchen

**Based:** USA

**Appearing in:** The Golden Age of Space Exploration

From October 2016 until the end of 2022, Thomas Zurbuchen was the Associate Administrator for the Science Mission Directorate at NASA. The directorate's stated mission is to find answers to some of humanity's fundamental questions: How does the universe work? Where did we come from? Are we alone? And in leading the Science Mission directorate, Thomas was in effect the head scientist at NASA, overseeing the planning and launches of all of NASA's major science missions, including the recent Artemis mission and James Webb Space Telescope. Prior to joining NASA, he was Professor of Space Science and Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan. He is the author or co-author of more than 200 articles in peer reviewed journals about solar and heliospheric phenomena. A native of Switzerland, Thomas earned his doctorate and Master of Science degrees in physics from the University of Bern prior to settling in the United States.



## Australian Guests



### Chelsea Huang

**Based:** Queensland

**Appearing in:** The Goldilocks Zone: Hunting Exoplanets

Dr Huang is an astrophysicist who specializes in discovering and characterizing planets around other stars. She obtained her PhD at Princeton University and worked at University of Toronto and MIT as a postdoc researcher. She developed the Quick Look Pipeline for NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite. The team she led at MIT discovered thousands of planets, including the first planet found by TESS, a super-Earth (planet with size slightly larger than Earth) around a naked-eye star. Currently, she and her team of students at University of Southern Queensland are focused on studying planetary systems with an architecture similar to the Solar system.



### Gail Robinson

**Based:** Brisbane, Queensland

**Appearing in:** Memory: The Hidden Pathways That Make Us Human

Dr Michele Bannister is a Royal Society Te Apārangi Rutherford Discovery Fellow and Senior Lecturer at the University of Canterbury. Her work focusses on the exploration and observation of small worlds both interstellar and in our Solar System, with experience in wide-field surveys of the sky with observatories in Australia and Hawaii. Her contributions to these collaborative efforts were recognised in 2020 by the Royal Astronomical Society's early-career Winton Award in Geophysics, and by COSPAR's Zel'dovich Medal for Scientific Commission B (Solar System). She also has ongoing interests in space sustainability and the protection of our night skies.



### Jacob Birch

**Based:** Queensland

**Appearing in:** Regenerating Country

Jacob is an academic, entrepreneur and Churchill Fellow passionate about the native grain foodways that sustained his Gamilaraay ancestors for thousands of generations. Jacob began in this space as a multidisciplinary researcher and transitioned into lecturing into regenerative agriculture. Jacob then led a national consultation and authored the Australian Native Grains Strategic RD&E Plan. Whilst continuing as an academic roustabout, Jacob has also launched a start-up, and works with the Yunus Centre to develop innovative business frameworks for the native grain industry. Jacob aims to reignite the native grain economy, led by First Nations, for the benefit of all people.



## Johan Gustafson

**Based:** Queensland

**Appearing in:** Biology: The Fascinating Diversity of Life

Dr Johan Gustafson aka @drhammerhead is a marine ecologist and expedition leader specialising in shark behaviour, including movement and behaviour of sharks and the interface between physical ocean processes on shark ecology. Johan has appeared in multiple National Geographic, Discovery and Australian Geographic features, including the famous 'Shark Week'. John has led many expeditions throughout Queensland's marine environments undertaking animal movement research using tagging technologies on many species including sharks, turtles and whales. He leads the Shark Ecology Australia (SEA) unit at Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia where his work focuses on Hammerhead shark ecology, as well as Bull, White and Tiger sharks.



## Peter Tuthill

**Based:** New South Wales

**Appearing in:** The Goldilocks Zone: Hunting Exoplanets

Peter Tuthill is a professor of Astronomy working at the University of Sydney. He is an expert in making extremely high resolution images of distant celestial objects, and has pioneered new technologies and instruments at observatories around the globe. He has recently also worked on telescopes deployed to space, and is the only Australian with an experiment aboard the James Webb Space Telescope, as well as leading his own Sydney-built space mission for the TOLIMAN telescope. Peter holds degrees in Physics and Astrophysics from Universities in Queensland, ANU and Cambridge.



## The Golden Age of Space Exploration

7.30pm-9pm | Wednesday 22 March | The Playhouse, QPAC | Adult \$60, Concession \$55

In the next 10 years, human beings will return to the moon, set foot on Mars for the first time, and launch an astonishing array of new research telescopes. Join Brian Greene and Thomas Zurbuchen, the NASA scientist who has been planning these missions, as they discuss what promises to be The Golden Age of Space Exploration.

Presented with World Science Festival New York.



## Memory: The Hidden Pathways That Make Us Human

7.30pm-9pm | Thursday 23 March | Playhouse, QPAC | Adult \$35, Concession \$30

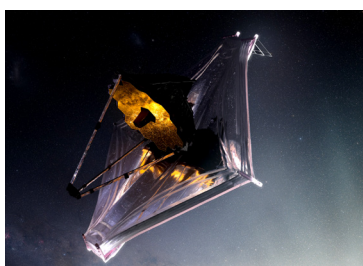
Using sophisticated digital technology, neuroscientists are coming closer than ever to revealing some of the brain's most complex and interesting processes including how memories are created, stored, manipulated and retrieved. Brian Greene speaks with leading neuroscientists who are mapping the pathways to our memories, revealing the complex truths surrounding them and their role in shaping identity.



## Net Zero: Investing in the Future

7.30pm-9pm | Friday 24 March | Playhouse, QPAC | Adult \$35, Concession \$30

A decade long climate war and inadequate government action have left a vacuum of opportunities that are being sucked up by an increasing number of business leaders, investors and activists. Respected ABC journalist Fran Kelly discusses the coalition of science, technology and big investment with Interim Queensland Chief Scientist Bronwyn Harch, climate philanthropist and founder of Wotif.com Graeme Wood, electricity advocate Saul Griffith, entrepreneur Simon Holmes à Court and Co-CEO of 100% Renewables Barbara Albert.



## The Unfolding Cosmos: Revelations from the James Webb Space Telescope

11am-12.30pm | Sunday 26 March | Playhouse, QPAC | Adult \$35, Concession \$30

Brian Greene joins NASA's Chief Scientist for James Webb Space Telescope, Nobel Prize laureate John Mather, live from New York, for a look at James Webb Space Telescope's most amazing new images, and a discussion of the astonishing science it's generating.

Presented with World Science Festival New York.



## Rewriting the Story of Humankind

2.30pm-4pm | Sunday 26 March | Playhouse, QPAC | Adult \$35, Concession \$30

Where did we come from and how did we get here? As the story of our human origins continues to evolve, stunning new discoveries are rewriting that story, expanding our family tree, and challenging long-held assumptions. Professor Lee Berger joins Brian Greene on stage in Brisbane to discuss his revolutionary explorations and major discoveries in the search for human origins.

Presented with World Science Festival New York.



## Social Science

5.30pm-late | Friday 24 and Saturday 25 March | Queensland Museum | Adult \$60, Concession \$55, Weekend pass \$100

World Science Festival Brisbane's newest night-time program is a festival within the festival, transforming Queensland Museum into a hub of live music, shows, comedy and of course, science.

Discuss the science of sex or the ethics of the metaverse at the QM Theatre; play ultimate truth and dare with Counterpilot's award winning TRUTHMACHINE; have your presence graced by Christine Johnson as Madame Lark with her musical saw in hand; or refuel at the pop-up bar and take a time out in the Dinosaur Garden.

We can guarantee whatever it is, one night just won't be enough.

Warning: this event may contain strong language and adult themes. 16+ audiences recommended.



## Night of the Nerds

7.30pm-9pm | Saturday 25 March | Playhouse, QPAC | Adult \$60, Concession \$55

After two sold out shows in 2022, they're back! It's the return of the nerds and World Science Festival Brisbane's unapologetically geeky game show.

Everyone's favourite funny man Mark Humphries returns as quizmaster with comedian Dan Ilic and science communicator extraordinaire Angharad Yeo lead two all-star teams of scientists, tech heads, creatives, and funny people in a series of challenges to crown the ultimate nerd.

Warning: This show may contain strong language and adult themes. 18+ audiences recommended.



## A Rational Fear – Live!

4.30pm-6pm | Sunday 26 March | Cremorne Theatre, QPAC | Adult \$40, Concession \$35

Winner of Australia's Best Comedy Podcast, *A Rational Fear*, is recording a special World Science Festival episode about the beginning of the end of the world. Laugh in the face of the scariest things facing our planet like climate change, superbugs and how Brisbane will be the capital of the world after a nuclear war.

Join Dan Ilic and Lewis Hobba as they wrestle some of the biggest names in comedy and politics to tackle the largest issues in our world. It's a scary world, you may as well laugh in its face.

Warning: This show may contain strong language and adult themes. 18+ audiences recommended.





### Erth's Prehistoric Picnic

9.30am–10.30am, 11am–12pm and 1.30pm–2.30pm | Friday 22 – Sunday 26 March | South Bank Piazza, South Bank | Adult \$30, Concession \$25, Child \$20 (ages 3–17) Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children) \$80

Sparking wonder in visitors of all ages, Erth's Prehistoric Picnic sends audiences to the wilderness of a distant era. All you have to do is pack a picnic, practise your dino-voice and prepare to get very close to an amazing array of prehistoric creatures—from baby dinos to some of the largest carnivores and herbivores that have ever walked the planet!

Visitors will get the chance to learn about the amazing creatures that are remembered in the stories of the first people of our nation.



### Curiocity Brisbane

Wednesday 22 March – Sunday 2 April

Since 2019 *Curiocity Brisbane* has sparked inspiration and innovation, transforming our city into an interactive place to explore, create and play.

Now integrated with World Science Festival Brisbane, *Curiocity Brisbane* engages audiences with a dynamic offering of public art, conversations, tours and workshops that explore the connectedness of art, science and technology.

Set against the backdrop of provocative artistic installations, over 12 STEM-packed days, *Curiocity Brisbane* extends the art-science dialogue with free and ticketed programming full of intriguing events, workshops and tours.



### The Hatchery

Multiple sessions daily | Wednesday 22 – Sunday 26 March | Level 4, Queensland Museum | FREE, ticketed | Bookings essential | See [worldsciencefestival.com.au](https://worldsciencefestival.com.au) for session times

Catch a rare glimpse of Australia's precious loggerhead turtles hatching in their incubation chambers and the first moments of their ocean lives as they meet a seawater environment in specially designed tanks. After the Festival, the newborn turtles will be transported to the Sunshine Coast and released 20 kilometres offshore.

The Hatchery is an important conservation initiative that has released almost 500 loggerhead turtles since it started. It has been designed in collaboration with internationally renowned herpetologist Colin Limpus and Queensland Museum Senior Curator of Reptiles and Amphibians, Biodiversity Program and Chair of the Animal Ethics Committee, Patrick Couper.

Can't catch the hatch? We've got you covered! The Hatchery will be livestreamed on [worldsciencefestival.com.au](https://worldsciencefestival.com.au) from Wednesday to Sunday with support from AARNet.

## City of Science

Brisbane will once again be transformed into a City of Science, taking you on a scientific journey through the Parklands and Cultural Centre of South Bank, Brisbane's CBD, and up to the heights of Mount Coot-tha.

This program mixed with free and ticketed events for inquisitive minds of all ages includes hands-on science showcases, fascinating tours, and an intriguing web of all things creepy, crawly and crazy!

Over five fun-filled days, World Science Festival Brisbane will paint the city red for Queensland's most vibrant and dynamic celebration of discovery, innovation and creativity.

Most events are free. Some require bookings.



### Lunchtime labs: Explosive Science Spectacular

Daily shows 12pm–1pm | Wednesday 22 – Sunday 26 March | Queen Street Mall Upper Stage | FREE, non-ticketed

Don't eat lunch at your desk during World Science Festival Brisbane! Head to the Queen Street Mall at midday each day and get smarter while you take a break. Join Legomaster's Jess Heinemann for your lunchtime science snack, as she busts science myths on the mall.



### CORAL: Rekindling Venus

23-26 March | Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium, Mount Coo-tha | Ticketed | See [worldsciencefestival.com.au](http://worldsciencefestival.com.au) for showtimes

Take a journey into the unknown of a different kind in the awe-inspiring Cosmic Skydome at the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium. This remarkable experience will leave audiences with a sense of wonder for the complexity of the coral community and a deep-felt longing to see it survive.



### Library Labs: All Creatures Great and Small

Daily shows | Wednesday 22 – Sunday 26 March | Brisbane City Council Library | FREE, non-ticketed | See [worldsciencefestival.com.au](http://worldsciencefestival.com.au) for locations and showtimes

World Science Festival Brisbane 2023 will be popping up in 11 Brisbane City Council libraries from Banyo to Brisbane City to inspire and educate our future scientists.

Visit your local Brisbane City Council Library to discover animals from all around the world, and the special ones that live in your backyard!

Presented with Brisbane City Council.

**Established in 1862, Queensland Museum Network is the keeping place of more than 16.4 million objects, specimens and research items, valued at \$620 million. For more than 160 years Queensland Museum Network has documented and witnessed Queensland's growth to inspire, enrich and empower communities.**

Today, Queensland Museum Network is governed by the Board of the Queensland Museum (the Board) and includes:

- Queensland Museum (including SparkLab, Sciencentre) in the heart of Brisbane's Cultural Centre at South Brisbane
- Cobb+Co Museum in Toowoomba
- Museum of Tropical Queensland in Townsville
- The Workshops Rail Museum in Ipswich
- Queensland Museum Collections, Research and Loans Centre at Hendra in Brisbane
- Museum of Lands, Mapping and Surveying in Brisbane
- Earth Sciences Museum, The University of Queensland in Brisbane.

Over the years Queensland Museum Network has changed with Queensland as it discovers, documents and celebrates the state's natural, cultural and scientific diversity. With respected scientific and cultural research, significant and varied collections, and community outreach services, Queensland Museum Network continues to offer Queensland's residents and visitors enriching cultural, social and intellectual experiences. Queensland Museum reaches far beyond the walls of its museums, connecting with millions of people through museum experiences, events, workshops, talks and lectures, school education kits, publications, online resources and regionally across the state via our Museum Development Officer Network and World Science Festival Brisbane programming. We continually strive to be a cultural and scientific leader by successfully harnessing the support of industry, governments and communities.



# MEDIA INTERVIEW AND CONTACTS

A selection of World Science Festival Brisbane and *Curiosity Brisbane* images are available for media use and additional images can be sourced on request.

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## Media Accreditation

Media accreditation for World Science Festival Brisbane 2023 is now open to all working media representatives who are required to report/photograph events.

Please note that accreditation is subject to approval and application alone does not guarantee accreditation.

Accreditation is non-transferable and conditions apply.  
Photo ID will be required to collect passes.

Apply online: [www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/about/media](http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/about/media)

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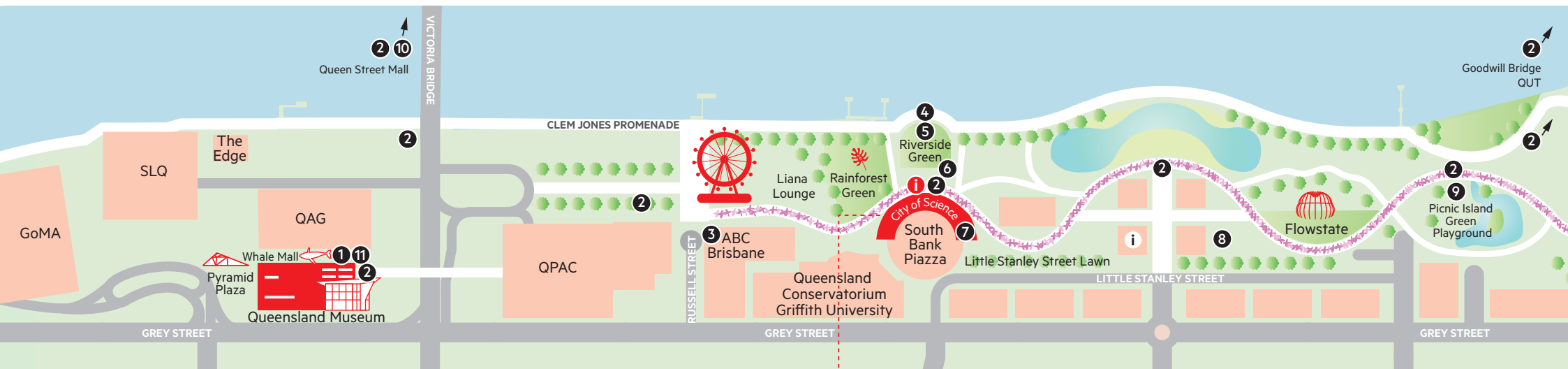
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### OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS



# WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL MAP



## Curiocity Brisbane 2023 Artworks

- ① *Burnett River Petroglyph Rubbings* by Dylan Sarra | Whale Mall, Queensland Museum
- ② *Dr Scraps' Corporeal Symphonies* by Laura Hill | Various locations, collect all 10 across South Bank, the Goodwill Bridge and Queen Street Mall
- ③ *Amplify/Defy* by Jennifer Herd | ABC Building, South Bank
- ④ *T.H.E.M.* by Interactive Media Collective and Griffith University | Clem Jones Activation Space, Riverside Green, South Bank
- ⑤ *The Climate Wars* by Simone Eisler | Riverside Green, South Bank
- ⑥ *Cybernetic Intimacy* by Hochschuh & Donovan | Riverside Green, South Bank
- ⑦ *Refraction Parabola* by Ross Manning | Little Stanley Street Lawn, South Bank
- ⑧ *Pivot* by Madeleine Flynn & Tim Humphrey | Little Stanley Street Lawn, South Bank

- ⑨ *I SEE*, Martin Edge by Martin Edge & The Culture Crusader | Picnic Island Green, South Bank
- ⑩ *Cat Royale* by Blast Theory | Queen Street Mall (near Wintergarden)
- ⑪ Curiocity School Challenge artworks | Whale Mall, Queensland Museum

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### Hey Kids!

Look out for family-friendly descriptions of the Curiocity Brisbane artworks on signage spread along the Curiocity Brisbane 2023 trail. There are opportunities for kids to interact with artworks and ponder questions specially crafted for curious young minds.

## City of Science: Displays and Demos

8.30am–4pm | Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March | South Bank Piazza Apron | Free, non-ticketed (drop in anytime!)

City of Science returns to South Bank over the weekend of World Science Festival Brisbane with loads of fun, hands-on activities for the whole family to enjoy. Covering topics such as environmental science, geoscience, biology and technology.

### Some of the exciting displays and activities include:

- Fizo the Agile Mobile Robot Dog with University of Southern Queensland
- Professor Tech's Into to Awesome with The CREATE Lab
- Cool Aeronautics: Design and fly a virtual aircraft with Royal Aeronautical Society Australian Division
- QIMR Cells and Sun with QIMR Berghofer
- Bushfoods with Aunty Dale from My Dilly Bag
- SEE your SEA with SOS: Save Our Symbionts by Infinife Designs
- Understanding Earth Science with Geological Society of Australia

- Let's Get it Sorted: Recycling with Department of Environment and Science, Queensland Government
- Butterflies, Bees and Other Insects with Butterfly & Other Invertebrates Club Inc.
- Balance and Gravity: Living in balance with the planet with Big Bang Education
- Soil: Life's foundation with Australian Society of Soil Science Incorporated
- Citizen Science VegeMap with ARC Centre of Excellence for Australian Biodiversity and Heritage (CABAH)
- CoralWatch with The University of Queensland
- Flight Simulator with Griffith University
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\*Please note, displays and activity providers listed are correct at time of print and may be subject to change.

## Science Surprise! Pop-Up Shows

Make sure you visit Rainforest Green on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March for some free science-y entertainment to surprise and delight!

## Curiocity Brisbane Workshops