

MEDIA RELEASE

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Back and better than ever! World Science Festival Queensland returns in 2023 – Toowoomba

World Science Festival Queensland returns to Toowoomba this month, as part of its regional tour spanning the state, for two free STEM-tastic days of science at Cobb+Co Museum.

Showcasing science from the supermassive to miniscule, World Science Festival Queensland will engage visitors through activities, shows and stalls featuring robots, interactive tech, VR, the best of the region's science and technology and some visiting spectacular cross-discipline science treats from around Queensland.

From 9.30am to 3pm on **Sunday 21 May World Science Festival Queensland invites** visitors of all ages to join in the STEM fun with FREE entry to Cobb+Co Museum and all that the festival has to offer.

On **Monday 22 May** students from local Toowoomba schools will have an opportunity to experience a stimulating Student Day spread across three sessions.

The Student Day will be headlined by pop-up science shows, talks from scientists showcasing careers and pathways into STEM industries, and STEM Punks' popular Innovation Sports; a design and digital crafting competition using Minecraft.

Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson said Darling Downs residents and schools have always welcomed the festival into their region and is delighted for Toowoomba to kick off the regional program.

"The festival was hugely successful this year in Brisbane and I'm looking forward to bringing the same high-quality programming to Toowoomba for schools, families and science lovers to enjoy," Dr Thompson said.

"Each year Toowoomba embraces the festival, and we anticipate the first regional event for the year at Cobb+Co Museum will inspire the next generation of scientists and innovators and set the tone for another great year of World Science Festival Queensland."

Minister for the Arts Leanne Enoch said World Science Festival Queensland encourages school students and regional communities to come together to experience the fun and wonder of science.

"World Science Festival Queensland is a favourite for visitors of all ages, as it tours to regional areas across Queensland inspiring a love of learning and expanding awareness and understanding of the complex and changing world around us," Minister Enoch said.

"The Queensland Government has supported World Science Festival Queensland since 2016. We are committed to sharing the stories of science and art with local communities and have invested \$9 million from 2022 to 2024 for the World Science Festival Brisbane and World Science Festival Queensland.

“World Science Festival Queensland is the only one of its kind outside of New York and will continue its tour of Queensland this year, stopping in Toowoomba, Chinchilla, Townsville, Gladstone, and Ipswich,” Minister Enoch said.

All events are free. Bookings are essential for school groups. To view the full program for WSFQ Toowoomba, visit worldsciencefestival.com.au/toowoomba-program.

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Cobb+Co Museum is part of Queensland Museum Network and open 9.30am to 4pm daily.

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.

ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL QUEENSLAND | various dates, 2023 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

World Science Festival Queensland explores and celebrates the connection of science and art at five regional locations around Queensland, including Toowoomba, Townsville, Ipswich, Chinchilla and Gladstone.

WSFQ Dates 2023

Toowoomba	Sunday 21 May (Community Day) Monday 22 May (Student Day) 24 June – 9 July (School Holiday Program)
Chinchilla	Friday 2 June (Student Day) Saturday 3 June (Community Day)
Townsville	Friday 23 June (Student Day) Saturday 24 June (Community Day) 24 June – 9 July (School Holiday Program)
Gladstone	Friday 28 July (Student Day) Saturday 29 July (Community Day)
Ipswich	Friday 11 August (Student Day) Saturday 12 August (Community Day) 1 – 16 April (School Holiday Program)

WSFB Dates 2024

World Science Festival Brisbane	Wednesday 20 March – Sunday 24 March 2024
<i>Curiosity Brisbane</i>	Wednesday 20 March – Sunday 31 March 2024