SCIENCE Ambassadors

Meet your National Science Week ACT ambassadors Adam Shirley and Lish Fejer from your ABC Local Radio station, 666 ABC Canberra. Adam delivers the Drive program from 3pm–6pm weekdays. He is a scientist by trade, who has entertained kids of all ages and still embraces his inner nerd. Lish studied Biochemistry at the ANU and has worked in the field of science communication and now presents Sunday Brunch on 666 ABC Canberra from 10am–12pm each Sunday, including the segment: Science’s Experimentarium. You can see, hear and participate with Adam and Lish throughout National Science Week in Canberra in person at various events, on your radio, online and on your mobile using the ABC Radio App.

Science in ACTion will combine the energy and excitement of National Science Week on Friday 15 August (Careers Day, 9:30am–3:30pm) and Saturday 16 August (Community Day, 10am–4pm). The suburb of Acton will come alive with interactive displays, workshops and shows at Melville Hall and Manning Clarke Theatres as The Australian National University (ANU). Science, art, dance, innovation, careers advice – there’s something for everyone to see, hear or try. Look to the skies on Saturday 12pm to watch the spectacular fly past over the ANU campus!

Get up close and personal with the microscopic creepy crawlers that hitch a ride on their unsuspecting victims. ‘YOU’ Parasites are part of everyone’s life – they infect our pets, the meat and crops we eat, and your garden. After celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Australian Society of Parasitology (ASP) is holding a range of public exhibitions, talks, movies and workshops across Canberra from June to August. Join the ASP Young Parasites Science Club and find out about the bugs that have been affecting soldiers for centuries. Make larger-than-life models and masks of parasites and investigate what the ‘look like close up. Check out the events below and visit www.parasite.org.au for more details. Bookings are essential for some events.

 Events

- 29 JUL, 2PM – 3PM
- 8 AUG, 10:30AM – 12:30PM
- 8 AUG, 6PM – 8PM
- 17 AUG, 2PM – 3PM

‘War on Parasites’ public lecture (Free, Australian War Memorial)
‘War Worms’ Children’s workshop (SS – SS; Australian War Memorial)
‘Herpes’ Animated film screening (Free, National Film & Sound Archive)
‘Malaria in Wartime’ public lecture (Free, Australian War Memorial)

AN EVENING OF ‘WILD SEX’ WITH DR CARIN BONDAR

Looking for a night of interesting science and wild sex? Sex biologist and TV host Dr Carin Bondar (see image) and 666 ABC Lish Fejer as they explore evolutionary science and the world of weird animal sex. This event is free with no bookings accepted.

WHEN: Thursday, 21 August, 7:30PM – 9:30PM; first in, best dressed
WHERE: Tiera’s Deesse Cafe Gallery, Cnr of Buckingham & Watts St, Lyneham, ACT

Go to abc.net.au/canberra for details

WIN a live Science Experimentarium session with Dr Graham Walker

Win a unique opportunity to be Dr Graham’s lab assistant and thrill a live audience with explosive science demos!

SCIENCE – SPORT (ADULTS ONLY NIGHT)

Roll up your sleeves and join us at Questacon as we explore the science in sport! When: Friday 15 August, 6PM – 10PM (Tickets $10, Q Club members $8)
WHERE: Questacon, King Edward Terrace, Parkes, ACT
The ACT Government is pleased to support National Science Week in Canberra as a major sponsor of this important event. Canberra is a city that embodies the spirit of National Science Week. Canberra, as Australia's national capital, plays a significant thought leadership role in finding innovative solutions to the challenges that face local, national and international administrations across the world. Canberra is a place where the culture of innovation and creativity has led to extraordinary achievements in science, research and education. As a city we have a proud record of invention and have nurtured a variety of thought-leaders in science, research, education and business. These researchers, teachers, technicians and academics have genuinely impacted our city and the nation. I invite you to come and experience first-hand Canberra's scientific talent. Through our National Science Week events, Canberra's science community is ready to inspire and fire your imagination about the brilliant possibilities that lie ahead.

Welcome

MEET AN ASTRONAUT!

Do you want to meet an astronaut? Come and learn what it’s like to work, eat and sleep in space from Richard (Rick) Hieb. Rick is from Lockheed Martin’s Exploration & Mission Support business which manages south polar operations for the US National Science Foundation. Rick will also speak about an average work day in Antarctica. He will be at Science in ACTion, Manning Clark Theatre, The Australian National University (ANU), on Saturday 16 August at 1pm.

COMMENCING COUNTDOWN, ENGINES ON...

On Sunday 24 August at 5pm, Chris Hadfield, the astronaut who sang Bowie's Space Oddity on the International Space Station, is in town with some of the world's top science YouTube stars to celebrate National Science Week! Bookings are essential for this paid event. Visit: www.sciencealert.com.au/spaceoddity/

Give your brain a break this National Science Week by hosting a morning tea for friends or colleagues. Simply register online at www.scienceweek.net.au/brainbreak for a FREE Brain Break pack containing quiz questions, activity suggestions, coasters and other promotional items. The kits will be mailed out towards the end of July, so plan to hold your event between 7-31 August 2014. Get in touch with us on Twitter via #brainbreak and #natsciwk or on Facebook @nationalscienceweek.