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[use this space to introduce the science topics in your region].

“I invite the [council name] community to get involved in National Science Week, Australia’s annual opportunity to meet scientists, discuss the hot topics, do science and celebrate its cultural and economic impact on society,” says [mayor/councillor/spokesperson name].

“Local activities include…

[use this space to write about events in your region].

First held in 1997, National Science Week has become one of Australia’s largest festivals. Last year about 2.7 million people participated in more than 1860 events and activities.

In 2024, National Science Week events will be held online and right throughout Australia—from dinosaur encounters in the East to quokkas in the West, from food farming in the tropics to space tech in Tassie, and star gazing and dark sky mapping right across the country—plus science festivals, music and comedy shows, expert panel discussions, interactive displays, open days and online activities.

“Science is fun, interesting and useful. The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us that it also saves lives. That’s why [council name] is please to foster community interest in science,” says [spokesperson name].

The festival is proudly supported by the Australian Government; partners CSIRO, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the ABC.

National Science Week 2024 will run from 10 to 18 August. Event details can be found at www.scienceweek.net.au.

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