



# national science week 2024

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### Fingerprinting forensics, looking for glow worms, and astronomical light shows

Explore caves of glowing creatures at night, learn about the science of the southern lights, knit your own neuron, and literally try your hand at forensically fighting crime. It's all part of the Springfield Science Festival—north-west Tassie's celebration of National Science Week.

"The festival is a great opportunity for the community to get involved in science and meet local researchers" says Maggie Simpson, festival coordinator and local science teacher.

"There will be events for all ages—from forensic fingerprinting and Neural Knitworks workshops, to night tours visiting the glow worms in the Gunns Plains Caves, and talks with scientists about the science behind the Aurora Australis and why Tasmania is a great place to see it."

The Springfield Science Festival will run from August 9 to 11 at the Springfield Civic Centre. To see the program and book tickets, see [www.website.com.au](http://www.website.com.au).

National Science Week is Australia's annual opportunity to meet scientists, discuss the hot topics, do science and celebrate its cultural and economic impact on society.

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.

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

National Science Week 2024 will run from 10-18 August. Event details can be found at [www.scienceweek.net.au](http://www.scienceweek.net.au).

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*[Note: we've made this event up! There is no Springfield Science Festival]*