



## Media Release [sample only]

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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 and activities for all ages—from forensic fingerprinting and Neural Knitworks workshops, to night tours visiting the glow worms in the Gunns Plains Caves, and a livestreamed panel discussion 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 15 to 19 at the Springfield Civic Centre and online. 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—from art to astrophysics, chemistry to climate change, and forensics to future food.

In 2020, online events, virtual tours and experiences, DIY science, and home-based activities are being held all around Australia, from exploring the wildlife in your own backyard for the Great Australian Biodiversity Challenge to virtual reality tours of the Universe. Plus, many schools and workplaces are holding 'Brain Break' science-themed morning tea zoom catchups.

First held in 1997, National Science Week has become one of Australia's largest festivals. Last year saw 1.5 million people participate in over 2050 events and activities.

The festival is proudly supported by the Australian Government; partners CSIRO, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the ABC; and media sponsors including *Cosmos* and *Science Illustrated*.

National Science Week 2020 will run from 15-23 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]*