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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 1.1 million people participated in more than 1200 events, despite a global pandemic.

In 2021, National Science Week events will be held online and right throughout Australia—from a shark dissection in the Territory to beer science in Tassie, and from stargazing in outback WA to Antarctic science meets music in Sydney—with everything including 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 the ABC; and media sponsor *Cosmos*.

National Science Week 2021 will run from 14-22 August. Event details can be found at www.scienceweek.net.au.

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