



## MEDIA ALERT

13 August 2026

### Star gazing, science students and CSI Springfield

**Student detectives fingerprint Mayor Quimby as Springfield Science Festival kicks off**

- When:** TOMORROW, Friday 14 August 2026
- Time:** 11am – 12:30pm
- Where:** Springfield Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Springfield
- Who:** Mayor Quimby  
Year 5 & 6 students from Springfield Primary School  
Maggie Simpson, festival coordinator and science teacher  
'Alvin the Astro-Alien' (aka Steve Wright, local astronomy expert)
- Media opportunity:** See Springfield Civic Centre as a mock crime science  
Student detectives take Mayor Quimby's, teachers' and Alvin's fingerprints  
Hands-on forensic science and astronomy activities and displays
- Media meeting point:** Springfield Civic Centre reception. Parking next to Gate 2.

**Background:** 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.

Springfield Science Festival will be launched with a who-dun-it style press conference at the Civic Centre. Students will take the fingerprints of Mayor Quimby, their teacher and Alvin the Astro-Alien. Alvin will talk about Tasmania's advantages for star gazing and Aurora photography. Mayor Quimby will talk about the value of science to the Springfield community and launch the festival.

The Springfield Science Festival will run from 14 to 16 August at the Springfield Civic Centre. To see the program and book tickets, see [www.website.com.au](http://www.website.com.au).

For details on the events taking place right across Australia during National Science Week, visit [www.scienceweek.net.au](http://www.scienceweek.net.au)

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