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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 14 to 16 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, 3 million people participated in more than 2,500 events across Australia.

In 2026, National Science Week events will be held online and right throughout Australia, with events for people of all ages and interests... from VR experiences exploring sports psychology in Toowoomba, to tours of secret underground mushroom farms in the Sydney CBD.

National Science Week is proudly supported by the Australian Government, alongside key partners Questacon, CSIRO, the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA), and ABC Science.

National Science Week 2026 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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