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Get ready for a scientific spectacle when World Science Festival Brisbane returns in March 2025!

It's time to celebrate a decade of ideas, creativity and innovation when World Science Festival Brisbane makes its return in March 2025.

On the 10th anniversary of the festival that captivates audiences with its vibrant blend of science, art and engagement, get ready to be fascinated by world-class events that will leave audiences awestruck and inspired.

From Friday 21 March to Sunday 30 March visitors will be able to enjoy more than 200 free and ticketed events being held at Queensland Museum, the Cultural Precinct, South Bank Piazza, Fish Lane and across Greater Brisbane.

Tickets are now on sale for several key events, giving exclusive access to an incredible lineup of events and experiences.

World Science Festival Co-Founder **Professor Brian Greene**, celebrated for his work in superstring theory, will return to the stage in 2025 for an Australian exclusive, unveiling the *mysteries of quantum* in **Search for Quantum Reality** (Thursday 27 March).

Prepare to be awestruck at **Arena Atomica: Skate-ology** as world-class skaters defy gravity in a breathtaking showcase that fuses extreme sports with cutting-edge science. This high-octane event promises to leave audiences on the edge of their seats!

After a sellout success in 2024, **Leigh Sales AM & Annabel Crabb: An Afternoon of Science** returns on Saturday 29 March at QPAC. Join the dynamic duo as they engage in insightful conversations with brilliant scientists, blending humour and discovery.

New to centre stage in 2025 is **Science Smackdown: The Ultimate Debate** (Saturday 29 March) where audiences can cheer on their favourite debaters in an electrifying evening where brilliant thinkers go head-to-head, tackling the hottest topics in science with wit, humour and a dash of friendly competition. Whether you're a science enthusiast or just love a good debate, this event promises laughter, insight and maybe even a few surprises.

The Queensland premiere of Patch Theatre's **Superluminal** will give children and families an opportunity to explore an enchanting interactive installation that ignites curiosity through colour-changing lanterns and theatrical light play. Discover hidden animal tracks and create mythical creatures in this immersive experience celebrating nature's wonders.

Over the past decade, World Science Festival Brisbane has grown into one of the premier science festivals in the southern hemisphere, attracting world-renowned scientists, thought leaders, and creatives from around the globe. With its dynamic program featuring interactive activities, thought-provoking discussions, and spectacular performances, the festival has become a beacon of knowledge and inspiration for people of all ages.

The 2025 program will also tour across Queensland, stopping in Ipswich, Toowoomba, Gladstone, Chinchilla, and Townsville.

Tickets for these select events are now on sale! Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable festival experience.

The full program for World Science Festival Brisbane 2025 will be unveiled on **29 January 2025**.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.worldsciencefestival.com.au

ATTRIBUTED QUOTES

Dr Jim Thompson, CEO Queensland Museum

“Over the past decade, thousands of curious minds have flocked to the festival, transforming Brisbane into a vibrant hub of scientific exploration and creativity.

“World Science Festival Brisbane is more than just a celebration of scientific achievements; it's a platform for curiosity and exploration.

“This year's program will delve into the wonders of the universe, the intricacies of our planet, and the power of human ingenuity.

“Whether you're a science enthusiast, a parent of a budding scientist or just curious about the world around you, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.”

World Science Festival Co-founder and physicist Professor Brian Greene

“I'm thrilled to return to Brisbane in March to celebrate ten years of World Science Festival Brisbane.

“The festival's incredible success is a clear reflection of the public's enthusiasm for science and their shared commitment to addressing the world's challenges through new ideas and discoveries.

“Now more than ever, it's crucial for scientists to share their passion and excitement for what they do. The way to inspire the next generation is to present science in a way that captivates and energises them – and that's exactly what this festival achieves.”

Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek

“I congratulate Queensland Museum for cementing the World Science Festival Brisbane's place on Queensland's cultural calendar after 10 amazing years highlighting the wonders found when art and science collide.

“To date almost two million Queenslanders and visitors to the state have participated in the festival which has provided unparalleled opportunities to engage with thought leaders, inspired new generations of Queensland innovators, highlighted pathways to careers in STEM, and contributed more than \$54 million to the state's economy.

“The Queensland Government acknowledges the exceptional work of the Queensland Museum and the 2025 World Science Festival Brisbane team in its delivery of an exciting line-up of community

and school-connected events and conversations in Toowoomba, Ipswich, Townsville, Chinchilla and Gladstone.

“As Queensland Museum embarks on the 10th anniversary of World Science Festival Brisbane, we are reminded of the powerful intersection between STEM and the arts, our state is a place where creativity and innovation thrive side by side and this festival demonstrates how both fields are essential to building a future where imagination meets scientific discovery.

“Events like this highlight the vital role STEM plays in our state and how our commitment to education and the arts helps nurture the next generation of problem solvers and creative thinkers, the festival opens young minds to new possibilities, which is vital for the future of Queensland and beyond.”

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EVENTS ON SALE NOW

Karlie Noon's Guide to the Galaxy

Saturday 22 March

The Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium, Mount Coot-tha

Hurtle through space in the Cosmic Skydome with renowned First Nation's astronomer, Karlie Alinta Noon. Join us for an exclusive tour of the night sky narrated by Karlie and presented LIVE alongside the Planetarium's very own astronomers.

See the southern sky through a unique and compelling lens and hear stories of the First Peoples connection to sky and country.

Brian Greene: Search for Quantum Reality

Thursday 27 March

Concert Hall, QPAC

DID CURIOSITY KILL SCHRODINGER'S CAT?

Nearly a century after the birth of quantum mechanics, the debate surrounding its implications for the nature of reality remains as vigorous as ever. In this captivating visual exploration, led by renowned physicist Brian Greene, we journey into the enigmatic realm of the quantum, celebrating the theory's remarkable achievements while grappling with the profound mysteries that continue to challenge our understanding of the universe.

Arena Atomica: Skate-ology South Bank Piazza

Arena Atomica: Skate-ology is an action-packed new show from World Science Festival Brisbane that dissects the science behind skateboarding in one phenomenal arena event.

Presented with The Rumble and featuring world-class skaters, *Skate-ology* is a blend of sport and science, immersing audiences in the thrill of the extreme while layering in the mechanics behind stunts and the physics of motion.

Watch in awe as impossible tricks unfold before your eyes while leading physicists and sports science experts drop in, spot the fakie and bear witness to what seem like gravity-defying tricks in a quest to answer the one big question: how did they just do that?

Get on board at the South Bank Piazza for airtime, tricks and mind-flipping science for all ages.

Leigh Sales AM & Annabel Crabb: An Afternoon of Science Sat 29 March Concert Hall, QPAC

Back by popular demand! Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to join **Leigh Sales AM, Annabel Crabb** and an ensemble of local and international scientists celebrating curiosity, innovation, and the sheer joy of scientific discovery.

Expect laughter, wonder and mind-expanding discussions as these two influential hosts chat with some amazing scientists about their passions for life and for unravelling the mysteries of the universe.

Science Smackdown: The Ultimate Debate Sat 29 March Concert Hall, QPAC

Don't miss this evening full of wit, wisdom and wild ideas at **Science Smackdown: The Ultimate Debate**. Hosted by ABC Radio National's Big Ideas presenter, Natasha Mitchell, we're turning science into an **uncensored** Saturday night showdown!

Brilliant minds will battle it out on controversial topics with humour, flair, and a whole lot of friendly rivalry.

Expect laughs, surprises and mic drop moments as our debaters go head-to-head in a series of rounds. The festival audience will decide who takes home the coveted title of Science Smackdown Champion!

Whether you're a science enthusiast, a curious learner, or just in for a good time, join us for this fun festival highlight. An unforgettable night where intellect meets entertainment, and science gets a whole new spin!

Superluminal by Patch Theatre

Fri 21 – Sun 30 March
Queensland Museum

A blend of bold visual design, collaborative storytelling, and interactive play, World Science Festival Brisbane presents Patch Theatre's Queensland debut of this enchanting installation, *Superluminal*. As children enter *Superluminal*, they receive a colour-changing lantern.

Guided by a performer, they journey through interactive spaces to reveal hidden animal tracks and discover animals from the past, present and possible future. Children create their own mythical creatures, bring them to life with recorded sounds and spectacular rainbow lighting, and capture their fantastical shadows on a magical glow wall.

Superluminal is an engaging experience designed to ignite children's curiosity. A theatrical installation full of Patch's renowned interactive light play, *Superluminal* investigates nature's extraordinary creatures, systems and beauty, and how time shapes them.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.

ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL BRISBANE | 19 - 30 March 2025 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

Queensland Museum holds exclusive licence to host World Science Festival in the Asia Pacific – the only global extension of this initiative. World Science Festival Brisbane has attracted more than 1,800,000 attendances, and injected more than \$39 million into the Queensland economy, since 2016. World Science Festival Brisbane reinforces Queensland's position as a knowledge economy and ignites new and challenging discussions about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) so that more and more people experience the value, impacts, and wonder of science.

ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL QUEENSLAND | various dates, 2025 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

World Science Festival Queensland explores and celebrates the connection of science and art at five regional locations around Queensland.