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Tickets now on sale for World Science Festival Brisbane 2025

The highly anticipated program for World Science Festival Brisbane 2025 has been officially launched, unveiling an exciting lineup of events that will transform the city into a vibrant hub of science and creativity.

From 21 to 30 March, the festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary with more than 200 sessions delving into a range of topics, from groundbreaking scientific discoveries to engaging discussions and interactive experiences.

Commemorating 100 years since the initial development of quantum mechanics, this year's festival embraces the theme of **Infinite Awe** with programming responding to questions larger than our humanity and tackling some of the pressing questions of our time, including First Nations knowledges, space exploration and the future of quantum.

Taking place at iconic venues across the city, including **Queensland Museum**, the **Cultural Precinct**, **South Bank Piazza**, **Fish Lane**, and throughout Greater Brisbane, the festival will showcase some of the most brilliant minds in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

In celebration of its **10th anniversary**, the festival will include special programming in **Ipswich**, with the opening weekend featuring a two-day *Robots and Rocketry* event, including the return of **Robowars**. at **Queensland Museum Rail Workshops in North Ipswich**.

As part of its ongoing mission to educate and inspire, the festival will once again tour regional Queensland, visiting Ipswich, Toowoomba, Gladstone, Chinchilla, and Townsville—taking the excitement of scientific discovery beyond the city limits.

Queensland Museum CEO Dr Jim Thompson said World Science Festival Brisbane 2025 will be a celebration of the pursuit of knowledge, a festival for all ages.

“Over the past ten years, World Science Festival Brisbane has grown into one of the leading science events in the Southern Hemisphere, sparking interest and inspiring generations,” Dr Thompson said.

“This year's program will continue that tradition, exploring the wonders of the universe and the power of human ingenuity.

“Whether you're a science enthusiast, enjoy learning, curious about the world around us or the parent of a budding scientist, there's something here for everyone.”

Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek said World Science Festival Brisbane is a highlight of Queensland's events calendar and reinforces the Museum's commitment to sharing one of its flagship festivals with metropolitan and regional audiences.

“The Crisafulli Government is proud to support this popular festival as it celebrates its 10th anniversary,” Minister Langbroek said.

“During its decade-long reign, the festival has engaged almost 1.9 million students, community members and visitors across the state and injected over \$54 million into the Queensland economy.

“World Science Festival Brisbane provides a unique opportunity to connect with scientific leaders, highlight career pathways in STEM industries, and grow the state’s reputation as a host of vibrant cultural events.”

The 2025 festival lineup includes:

- **World Science Festival Co-Founder Professor Brian Greene** will return for an Australian exclusive event on **Thursday, 27 March**. Greene, renowned for his groundbreaking work in superstring theory, will take audiences on a journey to unravel the mysteries of quantum physics in ***Search for Quantum Reality***.
- **Quantum Australia’s Quantum Conference** - Australia’s premier event dedicated to the cutting-edge field of quantum science. The conference will bring together world-leading quantum researchers, businesses, government decision-makers, startups, and big tech to share the latest developments and ideas in this rapidly evolving field.
- **David Sinclair: Why we age and why we don’t have to** - Join Professor David Sinclair, a leading genetics researcher at Harvard Medical School and author of *Lifespan: Why We Age—and Why We Don’t Have To*, as he delves into groundbreaking research that is pushing the limits of what we thought was possible. Discover extraordinary advancements that suggest aging can be slowed, or even reversed.
- **Leigh Sales AM & Annabel Crabb: An Afternoon of Science** - After a sold-out event in 2024, Sales and Crabb return with an insightful and humorous conversation featuring brilliant scientists from a range of fields.
- **Science Smackdown: The Ultimate Debate** - A lively, competitive debate where brilliant minds battle it out on the hottest topics in science, bringing laughter, insight, and surprises to the stage.
- **Arena Atomica: Skate-ology** - A thrilling fusion of extreme sports and science, where world-class skaters defy gravity in a high-energy performance that showcases the physics of skateboarding.
- Gamilaraay astronomer Karlie Noon will lead us on a journey through the universe, sharing stories of First Nations in ***Karlie Noon, Guide to the Galaxy***.
- **Superluminal** is a new, captivating installation for young children and families that blends bold visual storytelling with interactive scientific exploration.
- **Love Your Guts: Health and the Microbiome** - Explore the dynamic world of the gut microbiome and its profound impact on health and disease in this cutting-edge science event.
- **Labs Unlocked** - Discover world-class STEM innovations, from microscopes to robotic arms and high-speed manufacturing and more as part of WSFB’s Labs Unlocked. Enjoy behind-the-scene tours of some of Brisbane most innovative hi-tech labs.

Tickets on sale Thursday 30 January www.worldsciencefestival.com.au

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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 almost 1,900,000 attendances and injected more than \$54 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.

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