

Green energy in the Red Centre; moving to Mars; shark science; and more



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Highlights from Day 2 of National Science Week

157 events and exhibitions, 16 online activities, and dozens of great stories and talent, including:

Melbourne:

- [The science of food at Queen Victoria Market](#), with fruit DNA, zebrafish embryos, liquid nitrogen shows, hands-on experiments, and a marine touch tank.
- [Discover the wildlife at Coolart Wetlands](#).

Sydney:

- [The science of sharks and how to save them](#).
- [How do we learn language?](#)

Adelaide:

- [What is colour? Pop-up science shows in Rundle Mall](#).
- [What stories can maps tell you?](#) Ask a State Library Explorer in Residence.

Townsville: [Earth 2.0: are we moving to Mars?](#)

Launceston: Beetles, bugs, spiders and creepy crawlies at [QVMAG Science Open Season](#).

Canberra: [What brings seeds to life?](#) Germination in the nation's capital.

Perth:

- Tiny eco-homes, native animals, big bubbly science shows, and more at [Perth Science Festival](#).
- [And meet the schoolboy inventor and innovator Taj Pabari](#).

Alice Springs: [Can Alice Springs be 100% renewable energy powered by 2030?](#)

Online: [How healthy is your relationship with your smartphone?](#) Scientists want to know.



More than 173 events, exhibitions and online activities on offer around the country today.

National and international talent, researchers, experts, and other interesting people available for interview around the country. Plenty of photo opportunities.

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National Science Week has become one of Australia's largest festivals. Last year saw a staggering 1.3 million people participate in more than 1,800 events and activities.

In 2017, National Science Week celebrates its 20th birthday, with 2,000+ events registered throughout Australia— from insect Olympics in Darwin to 'Blood' at Melbourne's new Science Gallery, to Antarctic science in the Apple Isle—with everything from science festivals, music and comedy shows, expert panel discussions, interactive hands-on 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 sponsors *Cosmos*, Discovery Science, *New Scientist* and *Popular Science*.

Visit the National Science Week website for the details of events in your area: www.scienceweek.net.au.