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Bugs, technology, planets and the future: National Science Week celebrated at QVMAG

National Science Week returns to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery for another exciting year.

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology and thousands of individuals – from students, to scientists to chefs and musicians – get involved, taking part in more than 1000 science events across the nation.

The theme of this year's event is Future Earth, so QVMAG is exploring what that might mean for Launceston through a range of interactive displays, demonstrations, lectures and exhibits from 12-18 August.

Starting this Saturday, we're teaming up with local land care groups and industry professionals to present the Big Day of Science. From neuron knitting to frogs, technology and stars, there'll be something for everyone to explore.

Get up close to a cockroach and wasps at Bug Club on Sunday, where our Natural Sciences officers will be available to answer all your questions on creepy crawlies.

A big week of events then follows including Nights at the Museum and WILD: an evening of Tasmanian food, responsibility and science.

Launceston Mayor Albert van Zetten says National Science Week is a great opportunity for families across Northern Tasmania to discover what's happening in the interesting world of science.

"I encourage everyone to visit the Museum and get involved with this exciting event," says Mayor van Zetten.

"This year's focus on the future and what changes and challenges that may bring are sure to intrigue."

For the full program of events, please visit qvmag.tas.gov.au.

The Mayor and QVMAG Natural Sciences Curator David Maynard will be available for interview today at the Museum at Inveresk at 11.30am.