

MEDIA RELEASE

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Game changers, gold panning and galleries by glow stick: National Science Week at QVMAG

Come and discover another action-packed National Science Week at the Queen Victoria Museum at Inveresk.

National Science Week is an annual celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) and aims to acknowledge the incredible contribution of Australian scientists while encouraging the community to get involved with more than 1000 events around the country.

QVMAG's National Science Week program runs from 11-17 August and is full of fun for everyone.

Starting tomorrow at our Big Day of Science, we are teaming up with local community groups and industry professionals to demonstrate science at work. Mars One Candidate Josh Richards will Skype in to chat about his possible trip to the Red Planet in 2031, while Planetarium Shows and the spine-tingling Spiders exhibition are bound to intrigue.

Pan for gold, find real fossils and see some of QVMAG's amazing mineral collection on Sunday, and then explore the darkened Museum by a glow stick at our Nights at the Museum.

The Crazy Scientist is back all week with a range of mind-boggling experiments and our Education team is running Change Your Game, a hands-on activity space in which children can meet change-makers throughout history.

Launceston Mayor Albert van Zetten said that QVMAG's Science Week program is a celebration of the reach of STEAM.

"National Science Week is a great opportunity to engage with aspects of science you might not expect."

"Come along and meet an environmental scientist, explore rarely-seen minerals from around the world, learn about local mining history, hear about the discovery of helium, spot the planets and even stitch together animals using recycled goods."

You're invited to chat about [QVMAG's National Science Week program](#) with the Mayor and Natural Sciences Curator David Maynard today at 10am at the Museum at Inveresk. The Launceston STEMInists will also be conducting an experiment testing the fizzing capabilities of popular beverages.