

Media Release

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Science Worth Seeing on show tomorrow

Anatomical body painting, saving our furry friends and the science of wine and cider are just some of the fun and informative sessions on offer at this weekend's showcase of science.

Science Worth Seeing is a free mini science symposium that demonstrates an array of areas where science is key to a successful future.

University of Tasmania researchers will share their knowledge with the community through demonstrations, talks and question and answer sessions.

The UTAS Teddy Bear Hospital will also be in action to help familiarise children with what happens if they have to go to hospital or visit a doctor.

The event will be held in the **Mawson Place Waterside Pavilion** on **Saturday, 7 May** from **12pm to 3pm**.

It will be officially opened by Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) Brigid Heywood at midday.

The showcase is expected to attract more than 1000 people, including families, and generate broad community engagement with science.

Science Worth Seeing will feature:

- Spatial scientist Associate Professor Arko Lucieer, who is working in the innovative area of unmanned aircraft systems, commonly known as drones. The use of drones and sensors allow us to see things that could not be seen before. Arko's work is proving to be influential in many of Tasmania's key industries such as the agriculture sector.
- Dr Anna Carew will be talking about cool climate wine and cider production. Tasmania's climate provides a unique and ideal setting for producing high quality ciders and wines. Anna's work looks at novel ways to optimise the quality of wine and cider.

- Dr Kristy de Salas works at the School of Engineering and ICT. Her current work is in computer and video games. Kristy creates fun and engaging games with a secondary purpose of creating cultural change.
- Dr Scott Carver has dedicated much of his time to saving our wildlife from disease. Scott will be joined by one of the beneficiaries of his research – Mariah the wombat.

Throughout the day, Dr Jamie Chapman and his students will be performing anatomical body painting. Jamie is a lecturer in human anatomy in the School of Medicine. He uses body painting in his lectures as a fun and interactive way for his students to learn the muscles and bones in the human body.

The event is funded by an Inspiring Australia Grant and supported by the University of Tasmania.

Sponsors AusIndustry, Pennicott Wilderness Tours, Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, Willie Smith's, Lost Pippin and Red Brick Road have all donated prizes for a raffle to be held on the day.

All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the wildlife vet clinic at Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary.

Visit www.utas.edu.au/science-worth-seeing for more information and the full schedule.

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