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Young Tassie Scientists team up with national maths comedian this week

Some of Tasmania's most engaging young science communicators will join leading maths comedian Simon Pampena in a National Science Week event, Mathemania, this week in Devonport.

Mr Pampena has been Australian Numeracy Ambassador since 2009. He has written and performed maths comedy shows for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe, the Edinburgh International Science Festival and has appeared on ABC1's *Catalyst* program.

Mr Pampena will also present Mathemania in Hobart on Friday night.

The 2013 Young Tassie Scientists inform young people about what scientists really do, to inspire them to aim for an education and career in science. The Devonport event speakers will be:

- Agricultural scientist Esther Cooper, UTAS School of Agricultural Science
- Weather forecaster Michael Laczko, Bureau of Meteorology
- Antarctic scientist Amelia Travers, UTAS Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies
- Chemical Education Researcher Reyne Pullen, UTAS School of Chemistry

Mathemania and Young Tassie Scientists Devonport event:

Who: This is a free public event but attendees must be over 16 for Mathemania at 6pm.

What: Simon Pampena and Young Tassie Scientists.

When: Thursday 8 August, 5-7pm.

Where: Imaginarium Science Centre at Pandemonium, 62 - 64 North Fenton Street, Devonport.

Mathemania Hobart show:

Who: This is a free public event but attendees must be over 16.

What: Simon Pampena.

When: Friday 9 August, 6-7pm.

Where: Arts Lecture Theatre, UTAS Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay.

To see more Tasmanian National Science Week events, visit <http://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

To learn more about the Young Tassie Scientists, visit
<http://www.youngtassiescientists.com/>

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