



national science week

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Go Moonboorli (Beyond) for National Science Week

Celebrating the launch of National Science Week in 2019, *Moonboorli (Beyond)* is a special free event and gathering place for culture, ideas, knowledge and storytelling, presented by Propel Youth Arts WA at the State Library of Western Australia on Saturday 10 August.

Special guest Andrea Boyd will be sharing her experience as the only Australian International Space Station Flight Controller at the European Space Centre in Cologne, and her recent involvement in helping to create the new Australian Space Agency. Speaking at the Opening Ceremony and later in the day at a key-note presentation, this is her only appearance for National Science Week in WA.

Also taking part in the Opening Ceremony will be the Hon. Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Science to officially launch National Science Week, and indigenous leader Shaun Nannup performing a Welcome to Country.

This day-long youth-focused event explores science in creative and unexpected ways and provides a fantastic opportunity to be inspired by people who are changing the world.

Enter the Reinvention Room to explore and modify machines using scientific concepts, LEDs and mirrors to create an electrifying disco. Create your own DNA jewellery, take a lesson to play music with birdsong or learn the technique of spherification to make fruit caviar.

The Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company will present *Djunda Kaatijin* (meaning 'to understand stars'), which explores our solar system and its cultural importance through traditional Noongar dreaming stories and contemporary indigenous storytelling. The Koondarm Choir, a local choir of young adults, will present a mix of traditional and contemporary songs in Noongar language.

Learn how to integrate Noongar culture into science practice or explore NASA data to identify the ideal planet to relocate the human species. Learn about facial reconstruction or get some tips on writing science fiction.

This incredible event will stretch your imagination and concept of what science is through a dynamic lens of Country, Language and Story.

Moonboorli (Beyond) is a National Science Week WA Co-ordinating Committee initiative presented by Propel Youth Arts WA and supported by the Australian Government through Inspiring Australia as part of National Science Week and overseen by Scitech in Western Australia.

Details:

Date & Time: Saturday 10 August, 10am – 5pm

Location: State Library of Western Australia, Perth Cultural Centre

Address: Between Francis Street and James Street Mall, Northbridge

Tickets: This is a free event, however advance online bookings are recommended for all presentations and workshops

For more information and bookings:

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