



Festival of Bright Ideas

Event Briefing and Safety Induction

August 2026



Acknowledgement of Country

Today we are meeting on lutruwita (Tasmania) Aboriginal land, sea and waterways. I acknowledge, with deep respect the traditional owners of this land, the muwinina people, which we meet today.

The muwinina people belong to the oldest continuing culture in the world. They cared and protected Country for thousands of years. They knew this land, they lived on the land and they died on these lands. I honour them.

For the muwinina people, the area around nipaluna (Hobart) was their Country and they called Mount Wellington kunanyi.

I acknowledge that it is a privilege to stand on Country and walk in the footsteps of those before us. Beneath the mountain, among the gums and waterways that continue to run through the veins of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

I pay my respects to elders past and present and to the many Aboriginal people that did not make elder status and to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community that continue to care for Country.

I recognise a history of truth which acknowledges the impacts of invasion and colonisation upon Aboriginal people resulting in the forcible removal from their lands.

Our Island is deeply unique, with spectacular landscapes with our cities and towns surrounded by bushland, wilderness, mountain ranges and beaches.

I stand for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language and history. And a continued effort to fight for Aboriginal justice and rights paving the way for a strong future.

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To celebrate the important role that STEM disciplines play in our everyday lives

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To acknowledge the value and strengths of the Tasmanian STEM sector

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To inspire Tasmanian youth, igniting the aspirations of students to pursue an interest in STEM

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To cultivate the curiosity of life-long learners

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To encourage and partner with STEM organisations to share this vision of an engaged and informed community

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9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Public Day

Saturday 15 August
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

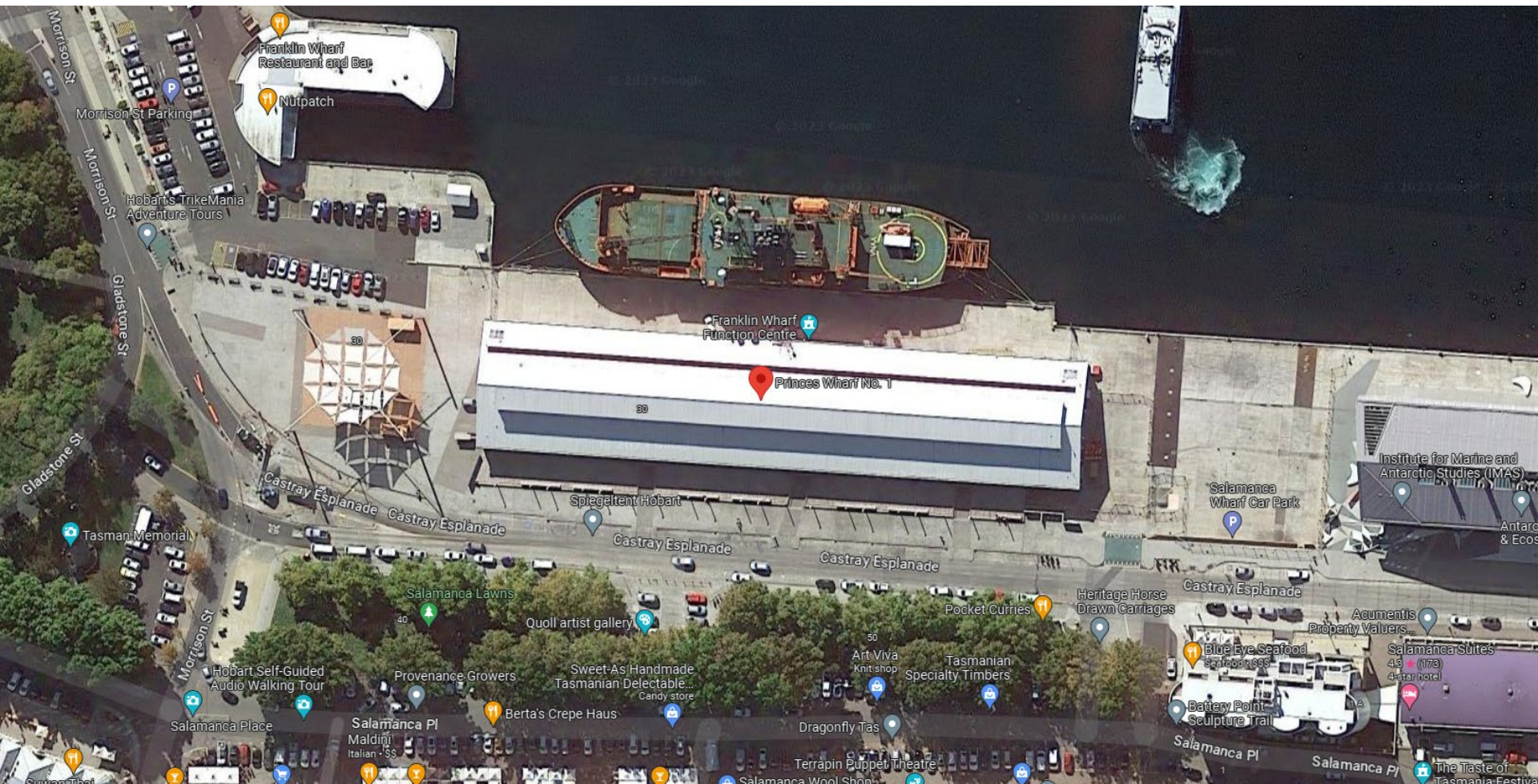
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Castray Esplanade, Hobart



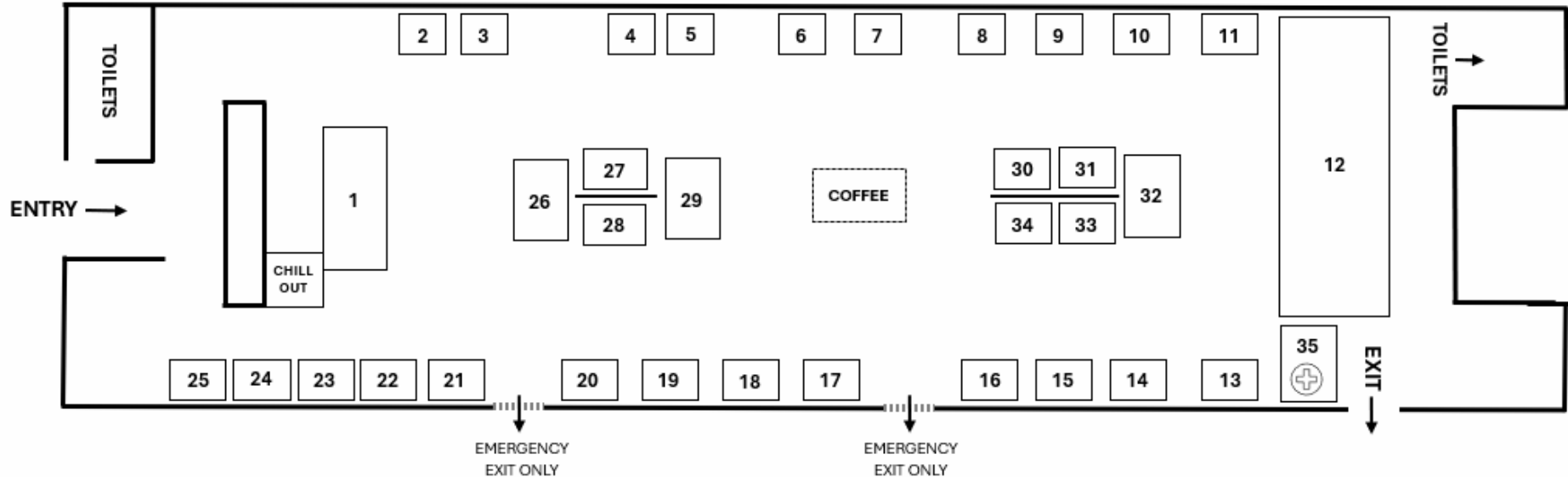
Event delivery



Princes Wharf 1, Castray Esplanade, Hobart



Floor plan



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Program (Front and Back)

Available at festivalofbrightideas.com.au

Chill Out Space

Need a breather? The Chill Out Space is a calm, lower-sensory place where you can take a break and regroup during the festival. Located behind the Hydro activity.

Science Discovery Trail

Grab a trail card to win a prize! Complete any five activities at FOBI and get them stamped by the activity provider. Drop your trail card back to our friendly team as you leave.

Food and Drink

Van Demons Café
Donut 7

First Aid

First aid support, proudly provided by Promed, is available at the far end of the venue.

Session times

Green Wristband
9–11.30am

Purple Wristband
11.30am–2pm

Yellow Wristband
2–4.30pm

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A NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK EVENT

Science for the curious and creative

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Free WIFI password: lightwave

Activities

Bytewise a Questacon exhibition



Dive into hands-on maths and coding challenges. Crack codes, test logic and explore how computers think through interactive puzzles.

Roving Encounters



Keep an eye (and ear) out for Conspiracy of One, a roving science musician sharing songs, stories and surprising science moments.

Architecture and Design, University of Tasmania and Forest Education Foundation

Build giant free-form structures using specially designed timber pieces and experiment with shapes and connections through hands-on play.

Big Fish Card Game, University of Tasmania
Explore marine science and sustainable recreational fishing through a strategic card game.

Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania
Discover how plants and animals adapt to changing environments through hands-on investigations.

Bob Brown Foundation
Explore Tasmania's forests, wildlife and marine environments and learn how to help protect them.

Chemistry, University of Tasmania
Build molecular structures and discover how scientists identify and measure substances.

City of Hobart
Discover how drones help local government through mapping, photography, video and other technologies.

City of Hobart
Explore local bushlands through nature-inspired activities and learn how to care for the environment.

Curious Climate Schools
Take on hands-on challenges and discover simple ways to make sustainable choices and take climate action.

Deadly Science
Explore traditional fish traps, investigate water flow and discover First Nations engineering in action.

Devil Robotics
Take control of robots and discover how coding, design and engineering work together.

Earth Sciences, University of Tasmania
Step into the role of a geologist and explore Tasmania's rocks, minerals and landscapes.

Engineers Australia Tasmania and Engineering, University of Tasmania
Get hands-on with engineering activities exploring design, building and problem-solving.

Fisheries Tasmania, Natural Resources and Environment
Race as kelp or urchin through the Great Southern Reef and discover why healthy underwater ecosystems matter.

Future You
See how cooking, playing and building connect to STEM and add your ideas to a shared wall.

Geography, Planning and Spatial Sciences, University of Tasmania
See mini-drones in action and explore an augmented reality sandbox while discovering how mapping helps us understand our world.

Healthy Shack Tech
Discover how advanced scanning technology transforms real spaces into immersive 3D environments.

Hobart Hackerspace
Explore 3D printing, robots, optical illusions and interactive technology challenges.

Hydro Tasmania
Build and test a working turbine using recycled materials to discover how moving water generates energy.

Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania
Dive into marine ecology and Southern Ocean research with scientists and discover the ocean's role in our climate.

Invasive Species Council
Become an eco-detective and investigate how invasive species affect Tasmania's ecosystems and wildlife.

Mathematics, University of Tasmania
Explore games and challenges that reveal patterns, logic and numbers hidden in everyday life.

Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania, ReThink Waste and Resource Tip Shop
Reimagine your wardrobe and discover practical ways to repair, restyle and reuse clothing.

Nipakuna Nursery
Take action for biodiversity - compost your fears, make a seed bomb and grow native plants.

nita Education
Examine seeds, plants and stories while discovering the science behind Palawa knowledge of Traditional bush foods.

Science Teachers Association of Tasmania
See how young scientists turn curiosity into Innovation through interactive demonstrations.

Sustainability Learning Centre
Analyse clues and tackle an escape room-inspired challenge to discover how science helps solve real-world problems.

Tas Recycle (Recycle Rewards)
Test your recycling skills and discover how small actions can help keep Tasmania clean.

Tasmania Engagement, University of Tasmania
Investigate freshwater shrimp and other arthropods through microscopes and hands-on activities.

Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, University of Tasmania
Discover the hidden heroes that support farms, the environment and our food supply.

Tasmanian Model Solar Challenge
Discover how solar energy powers model cars and boats through hands-on engineering.

Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
Travel back in time through fossils and uncover stories of ancient life in Lutruwita/Tasmania.

Tasmanian Student Science Communicators Network
Explore oceans and waterways through hands-on activities and discover ways to protect marine environments.

TasNetworks
Use handcranks to light up an interactive map of Tasmania and discover how electricity powers our state.

Understorey Network Inc
Explore seeds, soil and ecosystems and discover how environments recover and thrive.

Program accurate at time of printing. Program details are subject to change and activities may vary on the day.

Schools Day

- The FoBI Schools Schedule is **available** from tomorrow morning via
- <https://festivalofbrightideas.com.au/fobi-briefing-and-induction>
- *Please feel free to save download to your electronic device or print the PDF*



Public Day - Science Discovery Trail

Aim

To encourage visitors to explore the FoBI activities and meaningfully participate in activities.

How it works

- Visitors are offered a trail card as they enter the venue. Trail cards (and pencils) will be also be available at the venue entry.
- To participate, visitors need to:
 - Complete any five activities.
 - When they finish an activity, they write the name on the card and get it stamped by the activity provider.
 - Put their completed trail card in the entry box (at the venue entry/exit) to go in the draw to win 1 of 50 gift packs.
- Each activity will be provided with a stamp to use.

SCIENCE DISCOVERY TRAIL

Complete ANY five activities at FOBI!

When you finish an activity, write the name below and get it stamped by the activity provider:

Activity 1:

STAMP
HERE

Activity 2:

STAMP
HERE

Activity 3:

STAMP
HERE

Activity 4:

STAMP
HERE

Activity 5:

STAMP
HERE

To go in the draw to win 1 of 50 gift packs, write your contact details below and place your trail card in the entry box:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

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Promotion of FoBI

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Websites – [Festival of Bright Ideas](#), [Inspiring Tasmania](#), [National Science Week](#), [University of Tasmania](#)

2

Posters displayed in cafes, libraries, etc

3

Radio advertising

4

Social media posts

5

Large format signage on the container in the PW1 forecourt, branded flags and café barriers, and signage at entry

6

Info sent to schools for inclusion in school newsletters, etc

7

Media releases

8

Civic flags across Hobart Waterfront

Help promote FoBI

Share FoBI
social media posts!

Tell family, friends and
colleagues about FoBI

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Your activity site

Each of the activity sites will be provided with:

- 1 x 1.8m Trestle table
- 2 x Chairs
- Additional furniture (*if ordered*)
- Display boards (*if ordered*)

What you need to bring:

- Your tablecloth(s)
- Your promotional banners and any relevant collateral
- All equipment, display items, resources, consumables, etc. required to run your activity
- Laptop/iPads (with current test and tag label)
- BluTak and/or removable hooks if planning to affix posters/materials to display board/s
- Water containers/buckets to carry water from nearest taps (cleaning cupboard/kitchen) to your activity

Do not bring:

Confetti, rice, glitter, bubble machines, balloons

Expected number of visitors to FoBI:

Friday (Schools Day): 1,850 people

Saturday (Public Day): 2,500 – 3,500 people



Display boards

If ordered:

- Dimensions: 2500mm (H) x 970mm (W)
- If you have requested display boards for your activity, please bring BluTak and/or 3M removable hooks to affix your posters/materials to the display boards.
- No other means (e.g. Velcro dots, thumb tacks, pins, screws) are to be used on the display boards.



Unloading and Loading

- Activity providers and staff are to unload and **set up** their activities at Princes Wharf 1 on **Thursday 13 August, between 9:30 am – 3:00 pm.**
- After the event, **loading** can take place **from 4:30 pm Saturday 15 August.**
- Any particularly **large and/or heavy items** can be **loaded** by arrangement on **Monday 17 August** by arrangement.



Access to electricity

PW1 team will have power set up by **Wednesday 12 August** for activity areas.

- Each activity space will have at least one power outlet (if requested).
- Please bring your own power boards and extension cords for your equipment.

Important:

- All electrical items must have a current test and tag label - this includes power boards, laptops, microscopes, chargers, etc.



Access to water

- You can access water from the kitchen or cleaners' closet.
- Please **bring water containers/buckets** to transport water from the tap to your activity site.
- **Wastewater** should be disposed of in the designated external wastewater drain, which feeds into the grease trap.
- Please notify PW1 staff if your activity requires wastewater disposal, so they can assist.





At FoBI

Arrival at Princes Wharf 1 (Friday & Saturday)

- From 8:00 am - collect your festival pass (laminated).
- Prepare your activity/site by 8:45 am for a 9:00 am start.

Departure at the end of Friday

- Reset your activity/site ready for the next day.
- Take your laptop/iPad with you

Packing up at the end of Saturday

- From 4:30 pm - pack up your activity equipment, consumables, materials, banners, etc.
- Dispose of any rubbish, recycling, wastewater appropriately.
- Neatly (and safely) stack any tables, chairs and other infrastructure item for collection by the PW1 team.

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Roles and responsibilities – School Guides

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- On greeting school, check that the school is divided into smaller groups and direct to activities as per the School Schedule
- Assist keeping groups together and progressing as per their schedule
- Engage with students, school staff and exhibitors to ensure a fun time for all
- Assist with FAQs from students and school staff
- Be aware of any OH&S risks and report as needed
- Monitor student movements to ensure groups stay together

If you are running late for your shift, please contact Justin on 0437 382 675.



Roles and responsibilities – Front of House Support

- Scanning patron's tickets upon entry
- Wrist banding patrons after ticket scanning
- Distributing **Science Discovery Trail Card** to young patrons
- Distributing **FoBI Program** to patrons (max. 1 per family)
- Selling tickets and processing payments
- Manage crowd flow and alter barriers as needed
- Conduct **survey** with patrons as they exit
- Ensure iPads are kept clean and charged
- Collecting **Science Discovery Trail Cards** on exit and handing out prize (merchandise)





Roles and responsibilities – Exhibitor Support

- Assist exhibitors on their stall during busy periods or to cover breaks
- Assist exhibitors with morning setup and resetting/pack down of their exhibit
- Assist visitors finding exhibits to suit their interest and/or age
- Engage with visitors directing their involvement in activities
- Be aware of any OH&S risks and report as needed
- Direct visitors to exits at the end of the session

At FoBI

Onsite briefing: 8:30 am each morning

If your availability changes:

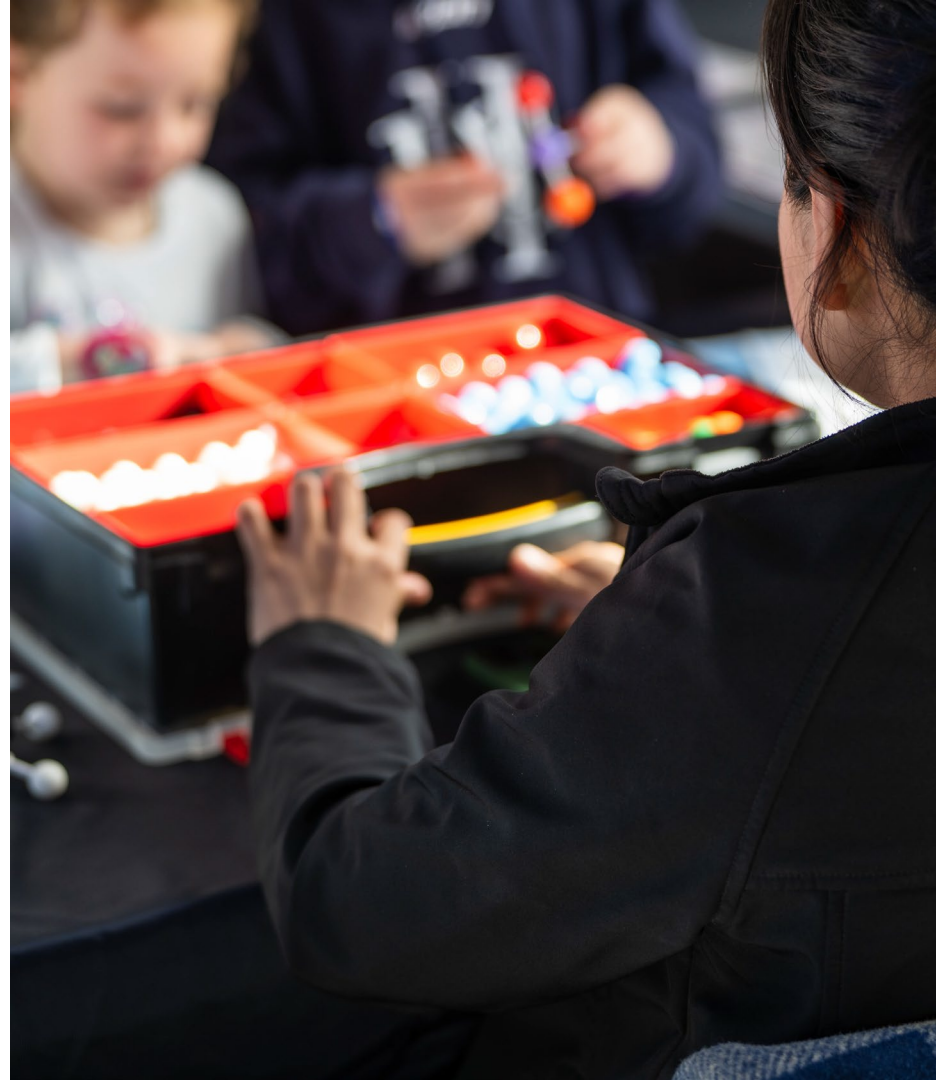
- Before Tuesday 11 August – email us
- From Wed 12 August – text/phone Justin or Belinda

Arrival at Princes Wharf 1 (Friday & Saturday)

- Arrive 10 minutes prior to your rostered time
- Enter via front doors to PW1
- Place belongings in staff break room
- Sign-in
- Collect your shirt & name tag (on your first day)

Departure at the end of day

- Sign-out
- Collect your belongings
- Remember to bring your shirt & name tag on Saturday (if working)



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Risk assessment

- Event and Site risk assessment will be managed by the University of Tasmania and Inspiring Australia, Tasmania.
- Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the FoBI26 Risk Assessment.
- If you have **high-risk elements** as part of your activity/site and have not already provided a complete risk assessment, please email a copy of your approved risk assessment by Friday to Inspiring.Tasmania@utas.edu.au.
- If you plan to **bring any chemicals, gases or hazardous and dangerous goods** to FoBI, please contact us immediately via email (Inspiring.Tasmania@utas.edu.au) so that suitable arrangements can be made.

First aid

- First aid support, proudly provided by ProMED, is available at the far end of the venue, near the break room.
- First aid kit available at the end of the venue.
- In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.





Photography

- Alastair Bett is the official photographer for the event and will be onsite on Saturday 15 August from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Alistair will be capturing images of visitors engaging in activities, photos of exhibitors, and volunteers
- If you do not wish to be included, please email inspiring.tasmania@utas.edu.au

Travel

- **Vehicle access to the Princes Wharf 1:** Activity providers and staff set up their activities on Thursday 13 August and vehicles can be driven into the venue to unload using the rear entrance.
- There is a **limited number of parking permits** available to park your vehicle on Thursday. If you require a vehicle parking permit to unload/load your items, the lead organiser of your space/activity is asked to let us know via email (Inspiring.Tasmania@utas.edu.au).
- **Car parking on event days:** As there is no site parking, activity providers and volunteers are encouraged to park along Sandy Bay Road or in CBD parking area. We also recommend carpooling with fellow colleagues or taking public transport.



Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP)

- It is recommended that all staff and volunteers working at FoBI have a current [Registration to Work with Vulnerable People \(RWVP\)](#).
- The current application processing time is up to six weeks, meaning applications should be submitted by late June at the latest to ensure registration before FoBI.



Food and beverages

- Some **refreshment items** including snacks, tea and coffee, sandwiches, and wraps will be available in the break room.
- We recommend that you bring **your water bottle, thermos, coffee/tea bags, snacks and/or cash/card** to purchase food and drinks.
- **Hot water** is available in the break room.
- Fresh drinking water is available from the water dispenser in the break room.
- There will be two **food outlets** – Van Demons Coffee and Donut7 (Saturday only). Lines and wait times for food can be long. Please try to pick your timing so your absence from your role doesn't impact visitors' experience.



Breaks

To ensure that the festival remains well-staffed and continues to provide a great experience for visitors, consider strategies such as:

- Staggered break times
- Taking breaks during off-peak hours
- Having one colleague queue and order food for multiple team members



What to wear

- Activity providers and their staff/volunteers are encouraged to wear clothing with **your organisation's brand** to help promote your activity and guide guests through the shed.
- School guides, exhibitor support and front of house helpers will be provided with a **Festival of Bright Ideas t-shirt**. We recommend you wear layers underneath your FoBI shirt to keep warm. You can also bring a scarf, beanie, etc.
- A small number of National Science Week t-shirts will be available to activity providers.
- You should wear **sensible enclosed footwear** and **be prepared for cold temperatures** in a semi-exposed structure (it's a 2,703m² shed with concrete underfoot).
- We recommend you do not bring valuables to FoBI as there are no secure facilities in the venue.

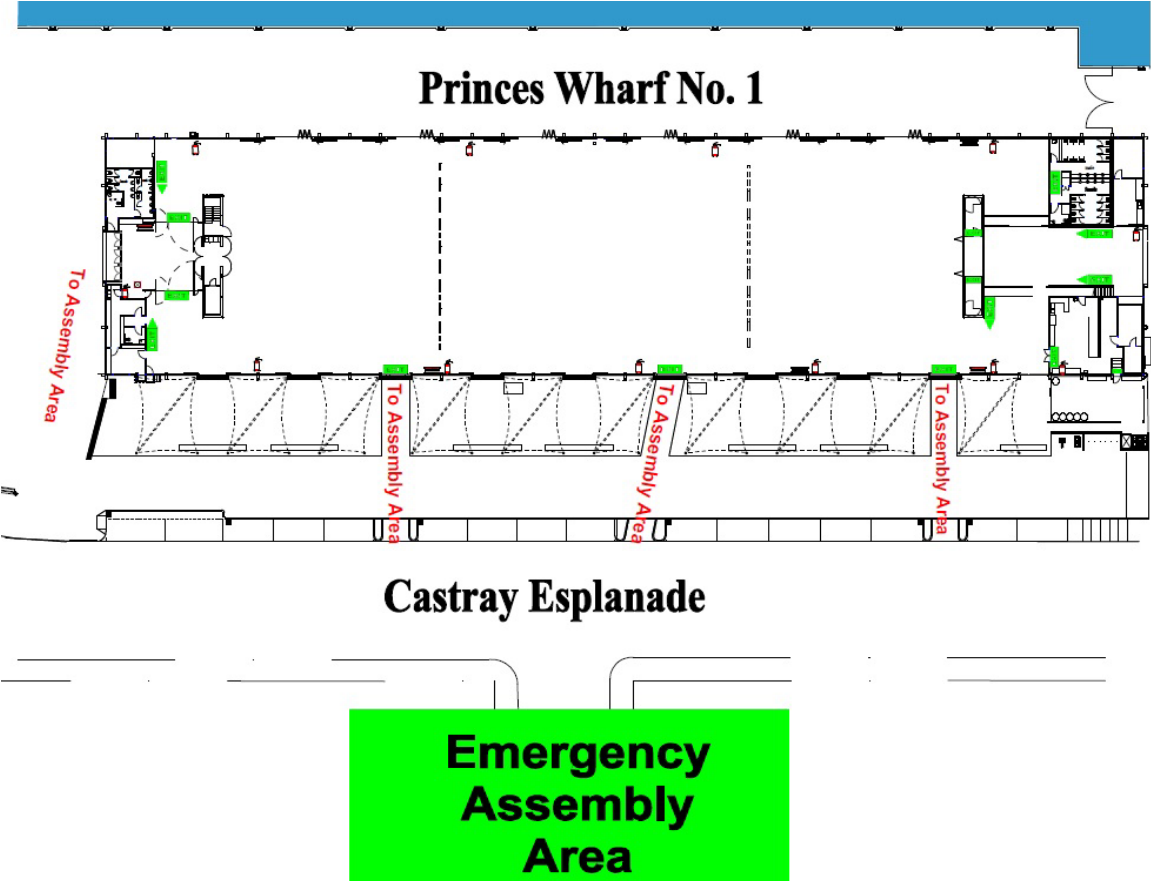




Internet access

- Internet will be available via our FESTIVAL OF BRIGHT IDEAS WIFI Network/. The password is: **lightwave**
- Internet speeds are expected to be slower than experienced at your workplace and may be affected by the large volume of site patrons at FoBI.
- It is recommended all content (videos, presentations, etc.) should be pre-loaded onto your laptop or brought on portable drives, rather than relying on internet connectivity.

PW1 Fire & Emergency Evacuation Procedure Map



Fire Wardens:

Tom and Matt
from Princes Wharf 1

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Site Managers (University of Tasmania):

- **0438 616 747 – Belinda Brock,**
Manager, Community Engagement
- **0437 382 675 – Justin Clarke**
Events Officer
- **0435 159 298 – Jaycee Jiang**
Events Officer
- Email: Inspiring.Tasmania@utas.edu.au

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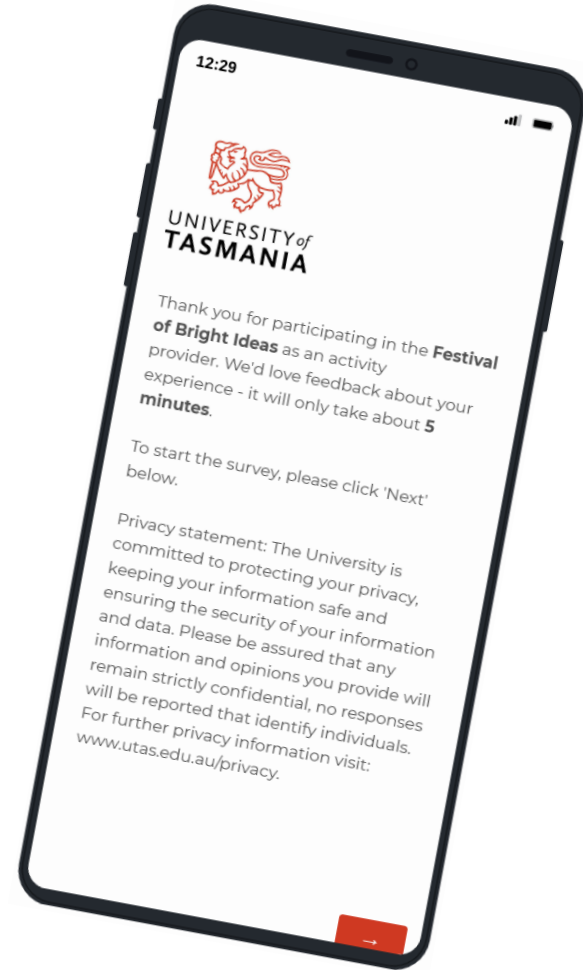
The lead organiser for each activity will receive an email after FoBI requesting feedback.

Visitors can complete the Visitor Survey during their visit to FoBI on Saturday on iPads when approached by one of our volunteers/staff.

Ticket holders will also receive an email after FoBI requesting their feedback.

School organisers will receive an email after FoBI requesting their feedback.

Volunteers will receive an email after FoBI requesting their feedback.





Important Resources

- To help keep FoBI safe, smooth and enjoyable for everyone, please ensure all activity providers, volunteers and event staff have reviewed this briefing information before the event.
- The **FoBI Event Briefing, Safety Induction, and Risk Assessment** can be accessed here: <https://festivalofbrightideas.com.au/fobi-briefing-and-induction/>



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Thank you