

FAMELAB - LIVE! POWERHOUSE MUSEUM CAFE - TUESDAY 24 MARCH

Join us for a FREE night of surprises, laughs, drama, genius and amazing stories of science. Hear passionate scientists describe their new research in just three minutes, with no jargon.

The night is hosted by ABC TV's Ruben Meerman (Catalyst, Surfing Scientist)

Through March FameLab, the British Council's international science communications competition, presents live-on-stage events across Australia in which entrants will entertain with tales of science, told boldly. (List of entrants on page 2)

SHORT, SHARP, SCIENCE STORIES IN THREE MINUTES!

See Australia's best up-and-coming scientists explain their new ideas. Some of the research topics on the night include: Visual illusions, how good is cat flu vaccine? - moving horses without stress, the role of pre and probiotics in chronic kidney disease, spiders in cities, brain waves as a cure for Alzheimers - and how health is more than the absence of disease.

There are entrants competing from the University of Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, Australian National University, University of Queensland and Murdoch University. Full list of scientists on next page.

The state winners will compete in the FameLab final in May and could win a spot at the Cheltenham Science Festival in the UK.

This event is free to attend and everyone is welcome.

6.30pm-8.30pm, Tuesday 24 March 2015, Powerhouse Museum Café
Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences, 500 Harris St, Ultimo
(5 mins walk from Central Station)

Bookings: <http://famelabsydney.eventbrite.com.au>

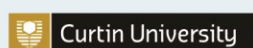
INTERVIEWS - Interviews are available with the scientists and with spokesman Ruben Meerman (ABC TV) about the FameLab competition or the research topics.

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NSW FameLab Tuesday 24 March at Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

Astrid Zeman, Macquarie University, Information Technology: Computational modelling of Visual Illusions

Barbara Padalino, The University of Sydney, Veterinary Science: Transport stress in horses

Lizzy Lowe, The University of Sydney, Biological Sciences/Ecology: Spiders in cities

Mark Westman, The University of Sydney Veterinary Science: Does the FIV vaccine stop cats from contracting FIV?

Sangeeta Bhatia, University of Western Sydney, Mathematics: I have my mother's eyes (and the maths to prove it)

Rina Soetanto, The Australian National University, Medicine: Mending a broken heart- a big role for small RNAs

Sofie De Meyer, Murdoch University, Biology: Lebeckia: a perennial plant for deep sandy soils

Megan Rossi, The University of Queensland, Medicine: A gut feeling about kidney disease

Genevieve Steiner, University of Western Sydney, Psychology: Can our own brainwaves help us cure Alzheimer's disease?

Jennifer Hunter, University of Western Sydney, Measuring health outcomes that are more than the absence of disease

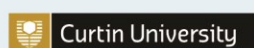
And MC for the event, **Ruben Meerman** (ABC TV Catalyst reporter, educator, author of children's science books)

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