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Future Anything acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work, and we celebrate their long and continuing connection with land, waters and culture.



1. Congratulations!

Your team is pitching live at the Future Anything Activate National Grand Final 2024.

The event takes place on Tuesday 19 November in person at The Triffid in Brisbane and live online.

This document tells you and your teachers everything you need to know to have the best chance of success and to enjoy a smooth experience on the day.

Please read this document carefully and complete the Checklist to ensure you don't miss any deadlines and you're ready to rock and roll on the day!

2. Event Contacts

If you have any questions **in advance of the event**, please email us at

hello@futureanything.com

On the **event day**, please contact:

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3. Event Date & Timing Summary

EVENT DATE: Tuesday 19 November 2024

EVENT VENUE: The Triffid, 7/9 Stratton St, Newstead QLD 4006.

[View on Google Maps here.](#)

The Triffid is located on the land of the Turrbal & Jagera people.



EVENT TIMING SUMMARY

All times are AEST (QLD time)

TIME	ACTIVITY
12.30pm (PROMPT)	All Pitching Teams to arrive Lunch (provided) & team building with Nic Dyson
1pm (PROMPT)	Mandatory rehearsal & mentoring for all pitching teams with Nic Dyson
3pm – 4.30pm	Working time - polish your pitch!
4.30pm	Dinner (provided)
5pm	Showcase Doors Open - audience & judges visit showcase
6pm	National Grand Final begins Pitches 1-4
c. 7pm – 7.20pm	Interval – Audience visits showcase
c7.20pm	National Grand Final continues Pitches 5-8
8.45pm	National Grand Final Ends & teams depart.

TRANSPORT

We recommend you use public transport if you can, as parking can be tricky. It's a 100m walk to the Commercial Road CityGlider bus stop. From here, buses go to/from West End, South Brisbane, the CBD, and Fortitude Valley and Teneriffe. There's limited street parking around Newstead or you can pay for parking at the Gasworks. Paid street parking is from 7am - 7pm, and unmarked spots are for 2 hours free parking.



4. Checklist & Deadlines

There is heaps of information in this document. You can use this checklist to help stay across all the key deadlines.

ITEM	INFO	DATE/ DEADLINE	DONE?
Check the detailed event times and put the National Grand Final into your calendar.	See page 3+4	ASAP	
MENTORING: Book your 30-minute team pitch mentoring session with Nicole Dyson here .	See page 8	ASAP	
SLIDE DECK Upload your slide deck in PowerPoint widescreen mode (16:9), clearly labelled with your school AND team name to Drobox here	See page 7	By 5pm AEST, Thurs 14 November	
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: Email any special dietary to hello@futureanything.com requirements (any requirements received after the deadline cannot be accommodated)		By 5pm AEST, Thursday 14 November	
SUPERVISOR, FRIENDS & FAMILY TICKETS: Have your teacher/supervisor, friends and family to register for the Grand Final at https://events.humanitix.com/national-grand-final-2024	See section 5	ASAP	

5. Tickets, Supervision & Risk Management

- > Each team **MUST** be accompanied by a teacher/supervisor.
- > Pitching and showcase students **DO NOT** need to book a ticket but **all supervisors (including teachers, caregivers and parents) MUST book a ticket at <https://events.humanitix.com/national-grand-final-2024>**
- > Participating schools are required to ensure a suitable level of supervision for their students attending the event.
- > Schools are required to comply with their own school's risk management policies. A risk assessment exemplar is available [here](#).
- > You can access Future Anything's Public Liability Insurance Certificate [here](#).

6. Event Format & Running Order

- > Pitching teams will pitch live to a panel of judges.
- > Pitches should last no more than 3 minutes. There will be c. 4-5 minutes Q&A from the judges for each team.
- > The Grand Final Winner, Runner Up & Highly Commended will be chosen by the judges from the Pitching Teams. They will win funding and support to launch their business in the real world.
- > Pitching teams DO NOT have a Showcase Expo display.
- > [See Pitching Team FAQs overleaf for further info about the pitches](#)

RUNNING ORDER: TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2024	
12.30pm (PROMPT)	All Pitching Teams to arrive Lunch (provided) & team building with Nic Dyson
1pm (PROMPT) – 3pm	Mandatory rehearsal & mentoring for all pitching teams with Nic Dyson
3pm – 4.30pm	Working time - polish your pitch!
4.30pm	Dinner (provided)
5pm	Doors open. Audience visits Showcase Expo + starts voting
6pm*	National Grand Final Starts
	PITCH 1: SafeSurf - Matthew Flinders Anglican College
	PITCH 2: Happy-aids! - MacGregor State High School
	PITCH 3: E scooter trailers - Brisbane South SSC
7pm – 7.20pm	PITCH 4: Infinite Swims - Livingstone Christian College
	Interval - Audience visits Showcase
	PITCH 5: AuraRoutes - Loxton High School
	PITCH 6: SproutPen - Ipswich Girls' Grammar School
	PITCH 7: Sun Kissed - Bishop Druitt College
8.45pm	PITCH 8: Kikjabs - MacGregor State High School
	Judging & Future Anything Educator Awards 2024 winners announced
	Judges announce Grand Final Winner, Runner Up & People's Choice & Showcase Winners
8.45pm	National Grand Final ends

* Final running order for team pitches is subject to change.

7. Important Pitch Preparation & FAQs

Q. HOW LONG SHOULD OUR PITCH BE?

Each team has **3 minutes** (max) to pitch your innovative, scalable and sustainable business idea. Out of respect for other teams, please stay to time. The judges may cut you off if you go over three minutes. We recommend you practice and time your pitch to ensure you're under the time limit.

Q. CAN WE USE SLIDES? HOW DO WE SUBMIT THEM?

Yes – please ensure you read the following info carefully

All slides must be created in PowerPoint Widescreen (16:9) mode. Text should be min. 20pt.

Final slides must be submitted by 5pm AEST on Thursday 14 November via Dropbox here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/cAxcoD2vPVkyq6Wp5ghW>

Please ensure your slides are clearly labelled with both your Team and School Name.

Slides submitted after this date will not be accepted.

Q. WHAT SHOULD WE INCLUDE IN OUR PITCH?

[The rubric the judges will be using is here \(PDF\)](#). This is what they're interested in:

- > **Innovation** – What problem is the idea solving? Why does this problem matter? Is your solution original or has it been done before? Why is your idea different to others?
- > **Impact** – will your idea really make a difference? Is there potential for it to scale and grow? Is the idea sustainable? How will you measure your impact?
- > **Implementation** - how will the idea happen? Is it realistic? Have you thought about things like budgets/timelines/risks? How will you make money?

Q. HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR OUR PITCH?

There's lots of help available to help you prepare for your pitch.



To get you started, here are four things to do NOW to help you set yourself up for success:

1. Watch your Semi Final pitch back - you'll find it on the Future Anything YouTube channel [here](#).
2. After watching, fill in the [Traffic Light Reflection template here](#) on what you feel went well (green), what you think went okay but could be improved (yellow), and what you didn't cover/ do that you should have for your Grand Final pitch (red). You might use the Judge's Rubric (in the Info Pack) to guide this, and make sure to consider both your pitch AND your idea.
3. Review the MP4 of feedback from Nic (she'll email this to your whole team by Friday 1 November), and apply this feedback to your idea and your pitch.
4. Book in a personalised Zoom mentoring session with Future Anything's Nicole Dyson. [Pick a time from her calendar here](#).

5.

(If the link above doesn't work for you, please try again off your school IT network as sometimes Education QLD schools can struggle to access the link whilst at school.)

Q. WHO ARE THE JUDGES? ARE THEY SCARY?

[Meet the judges here](#). But no, they're not scary! They are all super interesting humans who are passionate about hearing new ideas and supporting emerging entrepreneurs. They have started lots of their own businesses and have all had successes, but also lots of failures. They all want to support you, the next generation of Aussie changemakers.

If you're worried about the questions they might ask, check out last year's Grand Final on YouTube [here](#) to see the questions that were asked last year - this can give insight into some of the things that the judges are looking for.

Q. WHAT DO WE NEED TO BRING ON THE DAY?

- > Refillable water bottle.
- > Any prototypes or other materials to use during your pitch. This could include anything you'd like to put on the judges' table during your pitch to help them understand your idea.
- > Lunch and dinner will be provided free of charge. Feel free to bring snacks, and if you have any special dietary requirements, please email them to hello@futureanything.com by Thursday 14 November at the latest. We will not be able to accommodate any requirements received after this date.



Q. WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

Prizes for the National Grand Final Winners will be announced closer to the event date but will include both funding and support to help launch the winning ideas into the real world.

Q. WHAT ABOUT TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION?

All teams/schools are responsible for organizing their own travel and accommodation. We recommend booking as early as possible as costs increase close to the event date and Brisbane is already very busy on the night of the event. [There is a list of suggested accommodation options here](#)

Q. CAN OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY ATTEND?

Yes! If your friends, family and school community would like to attend on the night, or watch the pitching live online, they can grab a free ticket at <http://www.futureanything.com/national-grand-final-2024>

Please note: Pitching and Showcase students do not need to register for a ticket- seats will be reserved for you. All accompanying parents and teachers should book their seats via the link above.

We strongly encourage your supporters (family, teachers, friends, school community, supporters) to register for a ticket as soon as possible as this event WILL sell out!

Q. CAN WE PROMOTE THE EVENT ON SOCIALS?

You sure can! This is a wonderful opportunity for your friends, family and school community to see you in action. The link to promote on your socials for them to register is <https://futureanything.com/national-grand-final-2024/>

To rally support by posting on socials and work with your you can use **#BendingTheFuture** and, if you tag Future Anything, we'll share too!

- > Facebook: [@FutureAnything](#)
- > Instagram: [@future_anything](#)







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