

Take an in-depth journey into the worlds of science, space and technology, unearthing new information about discoveries from our past, to visions of the future.

We explore the finite to the infinite, searching for new worlds and rediscovering the old ones.



6 x 60 min



LIFE Beyond Earth

Life Beyond Earth looks at the possibility of life evolving in the oceans of distant worlds including places within our own solar system. What kind of microbial life could exist? Would this life resemble anything like DNA or carbon based lifeforms?

The question is no longer if, but When?

With interviews from exobiologists and experts in astrophysics, we will develop an insight into these fascinating questions. Would life mimic our own or something entirely alien?

With 3D animation and visualisations, we will explore the alien environments, the microbes and viruses that might exist; events that shape evolutionary processes over time to more evolved multi cell creatures and what would be required for the emergence of intelligence?

With the number of planets now being observed, why hasn't the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, located any radio or other signal sources or is mankind truly alone?

All these and other questions will be asked and the answers speculated upon, in Life Beyond Earth.

The Next Great

EXTINCTION

Extinction: a planet-wide and rapid reduction of the bio-diversity of life on earth and in its oceans.

There have been five in our planet's history...

Are we about to experience the 6th?



Has the industrialization of the planet by humans and the release of carbon and other pollutants into the atmosphere, brought us to the tipping point of another great event or is this an unavoidable planetary phenomenon intrinsic to our planet's DNA?

With interviews from experts in their fields, we endeavour to find out how fragile this planet is and what the coming decades look like as we encrouch on the Next Great Extinction Event.



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Artificial Intelligence:
Creating the code for consciousness.

The evolution of thinking machines and how they are changing our lives.

With interviews from scientists and engineers, programmers and futurists; dispelling the fear of homicidal robots. Turning algorithms into useful tools of reasoning and understanding to improve and conserve our future now.

germ warfare

The battle against the superbugs

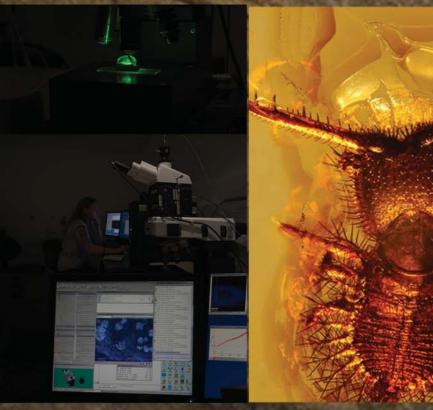
How science is fighting the rapidly emerging threat of antibiotic resistant superbugs.



The overuse of antibiotics around the world is creating new, more resilient super strains of common bacteria. Can science keep up our defences? Is the once considered 'magic bullet' of antibiotics aimed squarely back at us?

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A paleontologist's window into the past discovering 100 million year old treasures.



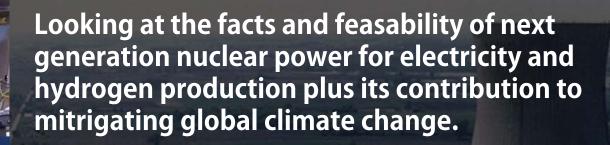


With the latest techniques of modern science new discoveries are being made now, expanding our knowledge of millennia long gone.

With interviews from paleontologists and technicians; how they reveal ecosystems of early animals and plants from 230 million years ago to modern times, through the unique 3-D preservation potential of fossil tree resin or amber.



Is it time to rethink nuclear power as part of the renewable energy mix in combating global climate change?



Fossil fuels; coal, gas and oil are altering the planet at unprecidented speeds. Renewables: wind, solar, wave biomass and geo thermal all have their part to play However only Nuclear technology has the capability for base load power to shift the world from coal and oil to a zero carbon and hydrogen economy.

With the success of the anti nuclear movement and several accidents, the nuclear power industry has a bad rap. However not all is what it seems.