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Science and art collide in dazzling free exhibition in Sydney this August

Discover the kaleidoscopic beauty of life at a cellular level when the Centenary Institute's *When Art Meets Science* exhibition comes to one of Sydney's most surprising exhibition spaces – the Fountain Court of NSW Parliament House.

On display until 31 August, the exhibition showcases jaw-dropping images captured by researchers in the course of their ground-breaking medical research at the Centenary Institute. From cancer cells reminiscent of icy fractals to jewel-like brain cells captured in a sparkling web, the microscope-generated photos are as dazzling as the stories behind them.

"We're thrilled to present *When Art Meets Science*, an extraordinary exhibition showcasing the brilliant synergy between art and medical research," says Professor Marc Pellegrini, the Centenary Institute's Executive Director. "Through captivating scientific images, we champion the beauty of science and celebrate the incredible advancements achieved by our dedicated researchers."

Minister for Medical Research David Harris is pleased to be hosting the exhibition at Parliament House and believes the images, covering a wide range of research areas from Alzheimer's disease to skin cancer, will resonate with the community.

"I encourage everyone who can to visit Macquarie Street this month to see these images, which not only hold profound scientific significance but celebrate the beauty that emerges when art and science converge," Mr Harris says. "It's a chance to marvel at the microscopic details of life and health, and to learn about what goes into developing new disease treatments and cures."

All scientific images on display are entries in the Centenary Institute's annual Scientific Image Prize. Visitors to Parliament are encouraged to vote for their favourite image, with the winning entry to be awarded the People's Choice Award.

See *When Art Meets Science* on weekdays between 9am and 5pm at NSW Parliament House (6 Macquarie Street, Sydney) until Thursday 31 August 2023. Entry is free and though the building is undergoing restoration works, it remains open to the public. For those unable to visit in person, a virtual exhibition can be explored at www.bit.ly/when-art-meets-science.

Other exhibitions at NSW Parliament this August
Reconciliation NSW's Schools Reconciliation Challenge returns to Parliament House from 1 August to 28 September, with artworks showcasing school students' visions for reconciliation across Australia. This year the theme is *From River to Sea: Our Island Home*.

By popular demand, there's also more time to visit exhibition *Songline* – a series of artworks by Indigenous artist Kim Healey exploring Bundjalung culture and connection to Country. The exhibition's run has been extended through August.

See www.bit.ly/events-and-exhibitions for more information

About the Centenary Institute and the Scientific Image Prize
Based in Sydney, the Centenary Institute is a world-leading, independent medical research organisation dedicated to tackling humanity's most pressing health challenges. The Institute works to unlock knowledge of complex diseases and develop treatments to save lives, with key areas of focus including inflammation and immunity, cardiovascular disorders, cancer and age-related diseases. See www.centenary.org.au.

The Scientific Image Prize is an annual competition, with images entered by Centenary Institute researchers that are of scientific importance and artistic works in their own right. Visitors to Parliament during August can also help vote in the People's Choice Award category.

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