



FUTURE ANYTHING

National Semi Finals 2024

Info for Pitching Teams

Tuesday 22 October 2024 (Semi Finals 1-4)

Thursday 24 October 2024 (Semi Finals 5-8)

Future Anything National Semi Finals 2024 Pitching Team Info Pack

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1. National Semi Finals Checklist

We suggest you print and use this checklist to help stay across all the key event deadlines.

IMPORTANT: REMEMBER ALL TIMES ARE AEST (QLD Time) - please adjust the times for your location/time zone.

ITEM	INFO	DEADLINE	DONE?
Check the detailed running orders and put your Semi Final into your calendar.	Pages 9-12	NOW	<input type="checkbox"/>
MANDATORY MEDIA PERMISSION FORM: Have a parent/caregiver return the Media Release Form (PDF) . You will NOT be able to participate without this form being returned.	Media Release Form	NOW / Thurs 17 October 5pm AEST	<input type="checkbox"/>
MENTORING: Book your 20-minute team mentoring session with the Future Anything Team	Book mentoring here	NOW	<input type="checkbox"/>
SET UP YOUR TECH: Work with your teacher to set up & test your access to Zoom on a computer/laptop. Arrange a quiet space with good internet for your pitch.	Page 13	ASAP	<input type="checkbox"/>
RALLY SUPPORT: Work with your teacher to organise a school Watch Party so your classmates can support you. Post on socials to rally support & have your community register to watch you.	Page 14	ASAP	<input type="checkbox"/>
SLIDES: Upload your slide deck in PowerPoint widescreen mode (16:9), labelled with your school & team name to the Dropbox link here .	Dropbox link here	Thursday 17 October 5pm AEST	<input type="checkbox"/>
TECH CHECK: Join Tech Check Drop In Session on Zoom	Zoom Link here	Wed 16 Oct 8-10.30am AEST	<input type="checkbox"/>
EVENT DAY 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Semi Final 1 – be online at 8.45am AEST > Semi Final 2 – be online at 10.15am AEST > Semi Final 3 – be online at 11.45am AEST > Semi Final 4 – be online at 1.15pm AEST 	Zoom Link here	Tuesday 22 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/>
EVENT DAY 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Semi Final 5 – be online at 8.45am AEST > Semi Final 6 – be online at 10.15am AEST > Semi Final 7 – be online at 11.45am AEST > Semi Final 8 – be online at 1.15pm AEST 	Zoom Link here	Thursday 24 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/>



2. Congratulations!

Your team has been selected to participate in one of the Future Anything Activate 2024 National Semi Finals! We can't wait to hear you pitch your innovative, scalable and sustainable idea.

In addition to profile and glory, the winning team from each of the eight Semi Finals will progress to pitch at the Future Anything National Grand Final on Tuesday 19 November. The eight Runners Up (and one People's Vote wildcard) will progress to the Grand Final Showcase.

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

We strongly recommend you and your teacher read this document carefully as soon as possible.

There is a Checklist on page 3 that you can use to ensure you don't miss any critical deadlines.

3. Your Future Anything Contact

Please read this document carefully.

If you have any questions **in advance of the event**, please email us as soon as possible at hello@futureanything.com

In case of any issues **on the event day**, please contact:

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4. Event Summary

All teams MUST be online via the event Zoom link absolutely no later than **15 mins before** the official start time of their Semi Final.

EVENT DATE & OFFICIAL START TIMES: Tuesday 22 October 2024

- > Semi Final 1: 9am – 10am AEST
- > Semi Final 2: 10.30am – 11.30am AEST
- > Semi Final 3: 12 noon – 1pm AEST
- > Semi Final 4: 1.30pm -2.30pm AEST

[View the detailed running orders for Semi Finals 1-4 here.](#)

EVENT DATE & OFFICIAL START TIMES: Thursday 24 October 2024

- > Semi Final 5: 9am – 10am AEST
- > Semi Final 6: 10.30am – 11.30am AEST
- > Semi Final 7: 12 noon – 1pm AEST
- > Semi Final 8: 1.30pm -2.30pm AEST

[View the detailed running orders for Semi Finals 5-8 here.](#)

IMPORTANT: All times are AEST (QLD time). If you are in any other State, please be sure to adjust the times for your own time zone.

EVENT ZOOM LINK:

<https://av1-qld-au.zoom.us/j/82271860810?pwd=TLqDOe9ZEhRDp6EL6ozWj6OaGs4AkA.1>

Meeting ID: 822 7186 0810

Passcode: 419619

EVENT FORMAT:

- > Each Semi Final will be hosted by the Future Anything team with 3 independent judges selecting the winners.
- > When it's your turn to pitch, the host will introduce your team. Each team will give a **3-minute live pitch then face c. 5 minutes of questions from the judges**. You can use PowerPoint slides. These MUST be submitted in advance ([see page 7](#)). Teams will only be on screen during their own pitch/Q&A but can watch the rest of the event via the Zoom link.
- > The judges will announce a **winner** and a **runner up** at the end of each of the Semi Finals. The online audience will choose their **People's Vote winner** via a live poll, so be sure to rally support for your team and organise a Watch Party at your school ([see page 14 for ideas!](#)).
- > This event will be broadcast so all students much have a parent/caregiver complete and return the [Media Release Form \(PDF\) here no later than Thursday 17 October.](#)



EVENT PLATFORM & ACCESS:

- > Teams will pitch using Zoom live from your own school. Teachers MUST ensure Zoom is enabled by your school network BEFORE THE EVENT DAY and you have a suitable laptop/computer and a stable internet connection prior to the event starting. More info on tech set up recommendations can be found on [page 14](#).

The Zoom link is only to be used by pitching teams. Friends & family should register for the livestream link at <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-national-semi-finals>

- > There is a Tech Check Drop In session on Wednesday 16 October between 8am and 10.30am AEST. We strongly recommend every team (or their teacher) drops in for 10 minutes to check your set up in advance ([see page 9](#)).

5. Mandatory Media Permission Form

Every participating student MUST have a parent/caregiver complete and return the [Media Release Form \(PDF\) here](#).

Forms can be emailed directly to hello@futureanything.com or to your class teacher for them to send to Future Anything.

The deadline for the return of Media Permission Forms is Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5pm AEST.

You will NOT be able to participate without this form being returned.



6. About Your Pitch & Slides

Q. HOW LONG SHOULD OUR PITCH BE?

You have **3 minutes** (max) to pitch your innovative, scalable and sustainable idea to the panel. Out of respect for other teams, please stay to time. You will hear a bell when you have 30 seconds to go, and again at the end of 3 minute .You WILL be cut off if you go over time. We recommend you practice your pitch to ensure you're under the limit.

Q. WHAT SHOULD WE COVER 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?

Need some inspiration? Check out pitches from previous Future Anything finals [here](#)

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

Yes – please ensure you read the following info carefully:

- > All slides must be created in PowerPoint Widescreen (16:9) mode
- > Do NOT include video, transitions or multiple builds within a slide. Text should be min. 20pt
- > Please ensure your slides are clearly labelled with both your Team and School Name
- > Final slides must be submitted no later than 5pm on Thursday 17 October by uploading them to Dropbox at: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/cAxcoD2vPVkyq6Wp5ghW>. **Slides submitted after this date will not be accepted.**
- > Slides will be controlled by the Webinar Host - presenters must say 'next slide' to change.

Q. WHO ARE THE JUDGES? ARE THEY SCARY?

You can see the Semi Finals judges [here](#). But no, they're not scary! They are all interesting humans who are passionate about new business ideas & supporting emerging entrepreneurs. They've all had successes, but also failures and they want to support you, the next generation of Aussie changemakers.



Q. WHAT DO WE WIN?

- > The **WINNER** of each Semi Final will progress to pitch live (in person or online) at the National Grand Final on Tuesday 19 November in Brisbane.
- > The **RUNNER UP** of each Semi Final will progress to showcase (i.e. exhibit) at the National Grand Final on Tuesday 19 November in Brisbane.
- > One **PEOPLE'S VOTE** winner from the Semi Finals will receive a wildcard to progress to showcase (i.e. exhibit) at the National Grand Final.
- > All teams in the National Grand Final will be in with a chance of winning funding and support to launch their businesses into the real world.

7. Pitch Mentoring Session

Every team can access their own 20-minute mentoring session with the Future Anything team. This is a great opportunity to get some feedback on your ideas and get some expert advice on how to ensure your pitch goes with a bang!

[Click here](https://calendly.com/future-anything/semi-finals-coaching) to book your mentoring session or visit <https://calendly.com/future-anything/semi-finals-coaching>

8. Tech Check Session

There is a 'Tech Check Drop In' session for all pitching teams when our friendly AV Technician, Andrew, will be on hand to for teams and/or teachers to check your Zoom access, make sure your slides, audio and video work and that the audience will be able to hear/see you properly.

You will only need to drop in for 5-10 minutes but we strongly recommended every team and/or their teacher drops into this session as there will be very little time on the day for last minute checks:

TECH DROP IN SESSION DATE:	Wednesday 16 October 2024
TECH DROP-IN SESSION TIME:	Between 8am and 10.30am AEST
TECH DROP-IN SESSION LINK:	https://av1-qld-au.zoom.us/j/82271860810?pwd=TLqDOe9ZEhRDp6EL6ozWj6OaGs4AkA.1
	Meeting ID: 822 7186 0810
	Passcode: 419619



9. Event Running Orders – Semi Finals 1-4

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TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

SEMI FINAL 1 – Starts 9am AEST

JUDGES: Chloe Alley, Peter Maynard & Suzanne Thompson– [meet them here!](#)

ZOOM LINK	Zoom Link here
8am-8.45am AEST	Tech Check Drop In Session (via link above)
8.45am AEST	All Semi Final 1 pitching teams to join session no later than 8.45am AEST
9am AEST	EVENT STARTS - Welcome from Future Anything host
	Pitch 1: Medi Manage - Brigidine College Indooroopilly
	Pitch 2: E scooter trailers - Brisbane South State Secondary College
	Pitch 3: Meal Mates - Ipswich Girls' Grammar School
	Pitch 4: WasteXpress - Mountain Creek State High School
	Pitch 5: HydraBand - St Andrew's Anglican College
	Judges deliberate / winners announced
10am AEST	EVENT ENDS

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

SEMI FINAL 2 – Starts 10.30am AEST

JUDGES: Alicia Cohen, Sam Bricknell & Sandra Gracia– [meet them here!](#)

ZOOM LINK	Zoom Link here
8am-8.45am AEST	Optional Tech Check Drop In Session (via link above)
10.15am AEST	All Semi Final 2 pitching teams to join session no later than 10.15am*
10.30am AEST	EVENT STARTS - Welcome from Future Anything host
	Pitch 1: Sun Kissed - Bishop Druitt College
	Pitch 2: Rubbish For Refunds - Bowen State High School
	Pitch 3: Legend Programming (Echo) - Brisbane Boys' College
	Pitch 4: Bush Safety Checkpoint - Brisbane South SSC
	Pitch 5: Sea Savers - Ipswich Girls' Grammar School
	Judges deliberate / winners announced
11.30am AEST	EVENT ENDS



TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

SEMI FINAL 3 – Starts 12 noon AEST

JUDGES: Batoul Soliman, Peter Ball & Rosie Thomas OAM – [meet them here!](#)

ZOOM LINK	Zoom Link here
8am-8.45am AEST	Optional Tech Check Drop In Session (via link above)
11.45am AEST	All Semi Final 3 pitching teams to join session no later than 11.45am*
12 noon AEST	EVENT STARTS - Welcome from Future Anything host
	Pitch 1: Present Pot - Brisbane Grammar School
	Pitch 2: Eco Junior - Canterbury College
	Pitch 3: SproutPen - Ipswich Girls' Grammar School
	Pitch 4: Sun and Surf Supplies - Marymount College
	Pitch 5: Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve - St John Fisher College
	Judges deliberate / winners announced
1pm AEST	EVENT ENDS

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

SEMI FINAL 4 – Starts 1.30pm AEST

JUDGES: Dante St James, Fleur Johnston & Jackson Rowland – [meet them here!](#)

ZOOM LINK	Zoom Link here
8am-8.45am AEST	Optional Tech Check Drop In Session (via link above)
1.15pm AEST	All Semi Final 4 pitching teams to join session no later than 1.15pm*
1.30pm AEST	EVENT STARTS - Welcome from Future Anything host
	Pitch 1: Paws&Pages - Canterbury College
	Pitch 2: Street Solutions - Cardijn College
	Pitch 3: Infinite Swims - Livingstone Christian College
	Pitch 4: Booby Bites - Strathcona Girls Grammar
	Pitch 5: Pride Hunt - Thomas More College
	Judges deliberate / winners announced
2.30pm AEST	EVENT ENDS

* If teams join the Zoom webinar early, please note that the previous Semi Final may still be in progress. Please be patient and our AV Technician (Andrew) will bring your team onto screen at the right time for your event.



10. Event Running Orders – Semi Finals 5-8

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THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

SEMI FINAL 5 – Starts 9am AEST

JUDGES: Juanita Wheeler, Lachlan Munro & Tanya Andrews– [meet them here!](#)

ZOOM LINK	Zoom Link here
8am-8.45am AEST	Tech Check Drop In Session (via link above)
8.45am AEST	All Semi Final 5 pitching teams to join session no later than 8.45am AEST
9am AEST	EVENT STARTS - Welcome from Future Anything host
	Pitch 1: MS Breathable Pyjamas - Fairholme College
	Pitch 2: ReRoute - Kildare College
	Pitch 3: Re-Leaf Australia - Loreto Kirribilli
	Pitch 4: Girls Only - Sheldon College
	Pitch 5: Contaminated Canals - Matthew Flinders Anglican College
	Judges deliberate / winners announced
10am AEST	EVENT ENDS

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

SEMI FINAL 6 – Starts 10.30am AEST

JUDGES: Allan Shaw, Heidi Eiser & Helen Connolly – [meet them here!](#)

ZOOM LINK	Zoom Link here
8am-8.45am AEST	Optional Tech Check Drop In Session (via link above)
10.15am AEST	All Semi Final 6 pitching teams to join session no later than 10.15am*
10.30am AEST	EVENT STARTS - Welcome from Future Anything host
	Pitch 1: Cluck Cluck Covers - Kildare College
	Pitch 2: Happy-aids! - Macgregor State High School
	Pitch 3: SafeSurf - Matthew Flinders Anglican College
	Pitch 4: BusEase - Servite College
	Pitch 5: Health T - Sheldon College
	Judges deliberate / winners announced
11.30am AEST	EVENT ENDS



THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

SEMI FINAL 7 – Starts 12 noon AEST

JUDGES: Carmen Pascoe, Ashutosh Vaitha, & Pete Horsley – [meet them here!](#)

ZOOM LINK	Zoom Link here
8am-8.45am AEST	Optional Tech Check Drop In Session (via link above)
11.45am AEST	All Semi Final 7 pitching teams to join session no later than 11.45am*
12 noon AEST	EVENT STARTS - Welcome from Future Anything host
	Pitch 1: The Screen Time Browser - Matthew Flinders Anglican College
	Pitch 2: BioTent - Ferny Grove State High School
	Pitch 3: Attack Twice - Kildare College
	Pitch 4: Kikjabs - Macgregor State High School
	Pitch 5: Flossy Flavors - Queensland Academies for Health Sciences
	Judges deliberate / winners announced
1pm AEST	EVENT ENDS

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

SEMI FINAL 8 – Starts 1.30pm AEST

JUDGES: Abby Ballard, Anastasia Tyurina & Zachary Fook – [meet them here!](#)

ZOOM LINK	Zoom Link here
8am-8.45am AEST	Optional Tech Check Drop In Session (via link above)
1.15pm AEST	All Semi Final 8 pitching teams to join session no later than 1.15pm*
1.30pm AEST	EVENT STARTS - Welcome from Future Anything host
	Pitch 1: Calm Charms - Emerald State High School
	Pitch 2: Bright Knights - Ferny Grove State High School
	Pitch 3: EduGo Mobile Tutoring - Kenmore State High School
	Pitch 4: AuraRoutes - Loxton High School
	Pitch 5: Shadow - Queensland Academies for Health Sciences
	Judges deliberate / winners announced
2.30pm AEST	EVENT ENDS

* If teams join the Zoom webinar early, please note that the previous Semi Final may still be in progress. Please be patient and our AV Technician (Andrew) will bring your team onto screen at the right time for your event.



11. Zoom, Tech & Room Set Up Info

IMPORTANT: If you have team with several team members, you should all be together on one Zoom connection (i.e. don't use a separate individual Zoom connection for each team member).

ZOOM SET UP/PRE-REQUISITES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- > Use of a **laptop** or **desktop computer** is strongly recommended. It will need to have the latest version of the Zoom Desktop Client / Mobile App installed and tested.
- > Broadband internet connection – 2.5Mbps up/down minimum is recommended (closing other applications, and pausing file sharing apps such as Dropbox/Google Drive/OneDrive can assist in creating a more stable connection). Use a wired internet connection if you can, it's more reliable than WIFI or mobile.
- > Ensure your camera and mic are recognised by the software:
- > [How to test audio / How to test video](#)
- > Ensure your screen view is set to “gallery view” for the duration of the event
- > Click the arrow next to the “Start/Stop Video” button to access Zoom’s video settings and select: Hide non-video participants.
- > **IMPORTANT TIP: if you have been running Microsoft Teams (or any other video conference software) on your computer, you must shut Teams down completely to release your camera & mic for Zoom to use.**
- > Do not share the Zoom link provided with classmates or family. This is for pitching teams only. Check out details in the ‘Watch Parties’ section below for details of how your supporters can watch the event live on YouTube.
- > You will only be on screen when it is your turn to pitch. Our AV technician (Andrew) will upgrade your team to ‘presenter’ status when it is your turn to pitch. He may ask you to switch on your camera/mic so be sure to listen for instructions.

PITCHING ROOM SET UP RECOMMENDATIONS

- > Set up your ‘pitching room’ in advance – this could be a quiet classroom or space away from noise or distractions.
- > Your pitching room should have good, reliable internet access.
- > Make sure you are in a quiet, well-lit area and that the camera is at eye level and has a wide enough angle to capture your whole team.
- > Avoid having any bright light behind your team (i.e. windows, lamps etc)
- > Think about our backdrop – could you show your business and/or school logo? Have you got a prototype or image of your product or service?
- > In you have classmates watching the event live, they should be in a different room to ensure best quality sound.



12. Watch Parties & Rallying Support

All Semi Finals will be broadcast live online so your everyone can watch and support their favourite team. There will be a live *People's Vote* in all of the Semi Finals, so the more supporters you have watching, the more likely you are to win this award! The link for the People's Vote will be provided at the end of the pitches as the judges 'leave the room' to deliberate.

Here are three ways to get your supporters on board:

ORGANISE A WATCH PARTY AT YOUR SCHOOL

Work with your teacher to arrange for your classmates or students from across your school to watch your Semi Final live together and barrack for you! Your watch party could be set up in a classroom or school hall (it will need to be separate from your pitch room so it's quiet).

If your classmates have access to an internet connected device, they'll also be able to support your team in the live online People's Vote.

BUILD YOUR ONLINE SUPPORT TEAM

Anyone, anywhere in the world, can watch your Semi Final live online on YouTube to support you and (importantly) to vote for you in the People's Vote!

Encourage your friends, family and school community to register for a free ticket at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/2024-national-semi-finals>

GO WILD ON SOCIALS

There are social tiles for you to use across your own socials in [Google Drive here](#). Talk to your teacher about whether your team can be promoted on your school's social channels.

Why not record a sixty second video explaining your idea and why you should win and have your school post it on their socials?

Make sure your 'ask' in your posts/video is that people register for a free ticket to tune in to watch your Semi Final so they can vote for you in the People's Vote.

The link to promote is: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-national-semi-finals>

Use **#BendingTheFuture** and, tag Future Anything on Facebook: [@FutureAnything](#) or Instagram: [@future_anything](#)





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