

Science to win ahead of zombies

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CAN modern science help Territorians fend off the zombie apocalypse?

Scientists will tonight reveal how medicine could stop bacteria from becoming resistant to antibiotics and essentially ward off any kind of world-ending disease plague.

Menzies senior research officer Tegan Harris and Charles Darwin University lecturer Martin Boland will take part in the Pint of Science talk and explain what happens when bacteria becomes resistant to antibiotics and how medicine was made to fix it.

Ms Harris said the over-usage of antibiotics had caused some mechanisms in bacteria to become more resistant to the drugs.

"We are creating an environment where bacteria can become resistant," she said.

"Unknowingly we can create bacteria that has resistance to antibiotics and they can spread the resistance to other bacteria."

Mr Boland will discuss how modern medicine could stamp out disease outbreaks.

The *How can science help in a zombie attack?* talk is on tonight at Duck Nuts Vodka Bar at 5pm.

Tickets are for sale for \$5.



Zombie Georgina Davies is worried her breed may be stopped from taking over the world by modern science Picture: KATRINA BRIDGEFORD