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STEM Careers Expo Rocks Albany

The 'Science Rocks Career Expo' is a comprehensive science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) career expo and science festival for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students in Albany and the Great Southern region.

From 23 – 24 May, Perth based and local organisations will showcase a range of STEM careers at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre to the more than 500 students expected to attend.

Since 2014, the Great Southern Science Council (GSSC) has run this annual event in conjunction with the Museum of the Great Southern.

In 2015, and now 2019, the event has expanded to reach more students and teachers, thanks to funding support and hands-on planning from Scitech and Rio Tinto.

Ms Deb Banning, Chief Executive Officer, Scitech said, "The 'Science Rocks Career Expo' is a vitally important event to show students the relevance and importance of pursuing a STEM pathway. We know that 65% of children entering primary school today are expected to take up jobs that do not yet exist, and that 75% of the fastest growing occupations now require STEM skills and knowledge."

"It is simply critical that we therefore ensure students have the skills and knowledge they need for the future workforce, and the first step is to show them what opportunities exist, and how they can pursue them."

Katy Evans, Great Southern Science Council Chair said, "With strong support from partners Scitech and Rio Tinto, the expanded 2019 event features more presenters from a wider range of science careers, and extra sessions to reach more than 500 students and 25 teachers in the region."

Science professionals from the Great Southern region and Perth metro organisations including Murdoch University, Bush Heritage Australia, Engineers Australia and The University of Western Australia Albany campus will run exhibitor booths with interactive demonstrations.

Speakers will share their own career journeys, advice on paths into STEM fields, as well as a snapshot into a typical working day and what they love about their work.

Every year Scitech, in partnership with Rio Tinto, tours a regional careers festival to a different town. Working with local STEM organisations and professionals, the events target all lower secondary school students in the area. In 2018, Scitech's STEM career expo was in Kalgoorlie, in 2019 Albany, and in 2020, will move to Geraldton.