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Take an 'Ocean Odyssey' at Scitech Over Summer

These summer holidays, Scitech is diving to new depths to explore our amazing oceans and reveal the essential role that they play in our lives. Families and friends can take an 'Ocean Odyssey' together, to learn and play in Scitech's amazing watery world, with activities and experiences for all ages.

Ms Deb Hancock, Chief Executive Officer, Scitech said, "The ocean covers more than 70% of the surface of our planet and yet despite our reliance on this precious life source, more than 80% of this vast, underwater realm remains unmapped, unobserved, and unexplored. The ocean essentially provides a largely unexplored world to learn about and experience. These school holidays, Scitech will reveal some of the ocean's secrets, demonstrating how important and special this ecosystem is, and why we should be protecting it for generations to come."

'[Expedition Reef](#)', a new show in the Scitech Planetarium, will plunge audiences into the bustling, biodiverse communities hidden within coral reef ecosystems around the world to discover how corals live, breathe, and reproduce.

Discoverland will have a custom designed water play experience where our younger scientists (aged 2 – 6 years) can experiment with flow and currents. Visitors of all ages can create their own 'Sea Symphony', combining different sounds of the ocean and ocean animals with a DJ-style Launchpad.

The CSIRO Lab will be running inspiring workshops for ages 4 to 16, including how to construct an unsinkable boat in the Marine Engineering Challenge workshop (7 – 16 years) or investigating the age old question 'Does it Float?' (4 – 6 years).

Visitors can help build a homemade reef with animals and corals based on the Ningaloo Reef, explore what we need water for with Gotcha the Goanna in a puppet show, or design and catch a magnetic fish in The Tinkering Space.

The 'Meet the Scientist' sessions will return with a vast array of water experts answering visitor's questions every day. From oceanographers to shark specialists, turtle taggers, coral scientists and underwater photographers, there will be something of interest for everyone.

Details

Date: Friday 14 December – Sunday 3 February

Time: Science Centre will be open 9am – 5pm. CSIRO Lab workshops are at various times

Location: Scitech, Cnr Sutherland St and Railway Pde

Book tickets: <https://scitech.rezdy.com/215324/general-admission-tickets>More info: www.scitech.org.au

'Expedition Reef' is a production of the California Academy of Sciences and is presented by Scitech.

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