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Scitech Chemistry Roadshow Travels to Great Southern Region

From experimenting with common household ingredients to exploring chemical reactions within the human body, 13 primary schools across the Jerramungup-Hopetoun-Esperance region will get valuable hands-on experience during Scitech's 'Primary Science Tour' from 12 February to 1 March.

The tour brings chemistry shows and workshops to primary school students living in regional Western Australia and aims to increase student interest and participation in science, engineering, technology and maths (STEM). Scitech is committed to bringing STEM skills and experiences to regional and remote communities. In 2018, Scitech visited 493 schools and travelled 112,000 kilometres across Western Australia to bring STEM engagement and inspiration to all corners of WA.

With a partnership spanning more than 15 years, Scitech and Rio Tinto developed the 'Primary Science Tour' program in response to an ever-changing world and the need for all Western Australians to have access to the development of vital STEM skills.

Ms Deb Banning (formerly Hancock), Scitech Chief Executive Officer, said "The world continues to change at an increasing rate, and the skills needed for our future workforce are also changing. The 'Primary Science Tour' is part of Scitech's ongoing commitment to regional WA and the need to support all Western Australians to be part of a STEM-literate workforce that is required to continue to strengthen our State's economic and social future."

"Through our regional touring programs such as the 'Primary Science Tour,' we are facilitating long-term engagement and STEM capability development for a future workforce that will be equipped with the skills required for future jobs."

Covering a range of chemical sciences, the tour's 'Mix and Make' sessions cater for students from Kindergarten to Year 3, with student scientists exploring what happens when various elements are combined. 'Element of Surprise' sessions are aimed at Years 4 – 6 and encourages students to explore chemistry and reveal unseen properties.

The 'Primary Science Tour' will be travelling to the following schools:

12 February	Ongerup and Borden Primary Schools
13 February	Gairdner Primary School
14 February	Jerramungup District High School
15 February	South Stirling, Wellstead, Mount Manypeaks Primary Schools
18 February	Hopetoun & Jerdacuttup Primary Schools
19 February	Munglinup Primary School
19 & 20 February	Esperance Primary School
21 February	Scaddan and Salmon Gum Primary Schools
22 February	Esperance Christian School
25 February	Condingup Primary School
26 February	Nulsen Primary School
27 & 28 February	Castletown Primary School
1 March	Norseman District High School