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## Celebrating 30 Years of "The Scitech Effect," and Scitech's New Future Direction

On Monday 13 August 2018, Scitech turns 30 years old. In 1988, the Western Australian State Government launched Scitech with the mission to increase awareness, interest, capability and participation by all Western Australians in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

At the time, the Government recognised STEM education and STEM careers as the key to ensuring an innovative, prosperous and sustainable economy and community.

Scitech has made a significant difference in the lives of Western Australians over the past 30 years. The wonder. The passion. The STEM knowledge that opens up our minds to the world around us. This is "The Scitech Effect." It is felt by anyone who has engaged with Scitech.

To continue "The Scitech Effect", and to plan for a bright new future, Scitech is excited to launch the "New Scitech" strategy, which will drive the future direction of Western Australia's leading STEM organisation into its next 30 years of success.

Ms Deb Hancock, Chief Executive Officer, Scitech said, "Thirty years after Scitech was launched, the imperative to engage the community in STEM is as relevant as ever – in fact, even more so. The future of work continues to evolve as the rate of technological innovation speeds up, with over 75% of the fastest growing future jobs requiring STEM skills."

"Scitech's continuing mission, strategy and passion is to ensure that ALL Western Australians have the opportunity to access and develop these critical STEM skills to deliver a bright future for every Western Australian."

For thirty years, Scitech has created clever, relevant and inspiring ways to engage and stimulate our minds by explaining the world of STEM. We have engaged with children, parents and grandparents; students and teachers; government and industry leaders; community groups; Scitech staff and volunteers; international audiences and even NASA astronauts and scientists.

Scitech recognises and thanks everyone who has enabled Scitech to be everything that it is today.

In 2018, every Western Australian is invited to join in and celebrate Scitech's past 30 years; and to be involved in Scitech's bold and exciting future.

