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Scitech scoops multiple awards in stellar week

Scitech has won two prestigious awards in as many days, recognising our leadership and long term positive contributions to the community and industry sectors.

On Thursday 27 October Scitech and Rio Tinto were awarded the **Enduring Partnership Award** from Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) for their longstanding partnership.

The following night Scitech was awarded the **2016 WA Export Creative Industries Award** for the second year in a row.

"We are extremely proud to be recognised for our ongoing efforts to engage and inspire local, national and international communities in STEM through our regional education initiatives and highly successful Travelling Exhibitions program. These awards are truly for everyone at Scitech," said CEO Alan Brien.

The Enduring Partnership Award, presented as part of the inaugural DMP Community Partnership Awards, recognised the positive outcomes achieved by Scitech and Rio Tinto through a partnership spanning more than 14 years.

Kellie Parker, managing director Planning, Integration and Assets at Rio Tinto Iron Ore, said the award provided a great opportunity for Rio Tinto and Scitech to share highlights from a fruitful partnership.

"We are immensely proud of the partnership we commenced with Scitech back in 2002. Since then, Rio Tinto and Scitech have built the strong foundations of a model that is reaching students in every community across Western Australia on a three yearly basis. This includes Rio Tinto's Pilbara towns and regional communities where our employees live and work", said Ms Parker.

Since 2002 this partnership has reached more than 1.5 million Western Australians, delivering science education programs to regional and remote students, teachers, and communities right across the State.

Rio Tinto supports Scitech's state-wide touring programs including the Beijing Bound and Aboriginal Education programs, as well as the Rio Tinto Innovation Central gallery at Scitech's City West home.

The 2016 WA Export Creative Industries Award recognises Scitech's innovative Travelling Exhibitions program which saw Scitech exhibitions installed around the world including the recent *Astronaut* exhibition on display at NASA's Space Center Houston.

As a leader in the Western Australian STEM community, Scitech acknowledges its role as a catalyst for education and engagement. Both of these esteemed awards recognise the innovation, initiative and commitment of Scitech to drive growth and impact in its business activities, with the aim of securing a bright future for all Western Australians.

