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## Scitech Chemistry Roadshow Travels to the Albany Region

From experimenting with common household ingredients to exploring chemical reactions within the human body, 13 primary schools across the Albany region will get valuable hands-on experience during Scitech's 'Primary Science Tour' from 19 February to 13 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).

Chris Shirley, Acting Scitech Chief Executive Officer, said "The Primary Science Tour is part of Scitech's ongoing commitment to bring STEM skills and knowledge to regional and remote communities in Western Australia. If 75% of the fastest growing jobs need STEM skills, then 100% of students need access to integrated STEM learning, to be ready to seize the opportunities of the future workforce."

"Thanks to the support of our program partner Rio Tinto, we continue our mission to engage and inspire Western Australians in STEM".

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.

In 2019, Scitech visited over 120 regional communities and our Scitech trucks travelled over 100,000 kilometres across Western Australia to bring STEM engagement and inspiration to all corners of the state.

For the 2020 Albany Primary Science Tour, Scitech will be travelling to Parklands School, Walpole Primary School, Woodbury Boston Primary School, Bethel Christian School, Spencer Park Primary School, Spencer Park Ed Support, Kendenup Primary School, Cranbrook Primary School, Frankland River Primary School, Flinders Park Primary School, Lockyer Community Kindergarten, Mount Lockyer Primary School, Lower King Community Kindergarten and Albany Community Kindergarten.