



INFORMATION SHEET

Scitech Facts

All the facts, stats and highlights that make Scitech a world leader in innovative and creative STEM engagement.

Our Science Centre – by the numbers

Scitech opened on 13 August 1988, and we now welcome 300,000 visitors each year.

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Features include:

- the Southern Hemisphere's largest Planetarium – with an 18m domed screen and up-to-the-minute discoveries updated in real time
- 2 specialised theatres – Chevron Science Theatre, Puppet Theatre
- more than 4000m² of experiences and exhibit space
- 1 temporary exhibition – located in the Feature Exhibition Gallery
- 5 permanent galleries – Explore Your World, Kaartadjin Koorliny, Rio Tinto Innovation Central, Discoverland, and the Western Australian Science Zone
- a dedicated Tinkering Space – for visitors to think, make, try and refine their ideas
- a functioning Scitech Lab – for small-group, hands-on workshops for children and youth
- and The Discovery Shop – with ever-changing products, gifts and ideas to take home.

Scitech in the world

At Scitech, we're proud to directly engage more than 500,000 Western Australians in STEM every year, plus many more people online and around the world.

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We facilitate:

- STEM learning and engagement – via hundreds of innovative programs throughout Western Australia every year
- regional access to STEM – including visits to every primary school in regional and remote WA every three years (more than 400 schools)
- teacher support – with over 600 STEM professional development workshops and events throughout Western Australia each year, incorporating the latest in pedagogy
- science awards and graduation prizes – helping every primary school in WA celebrate students who demonstrate a passion for science (currently taken up by around 80% of schools)
- support for National Science Week in WA – since 1997 we've been a key player
- business leasing of our Perth-designed and built STEM exhibitions – taking Scitech to more than 1.15 million people in Asia, North America and beyond
- Scitech-designed and built, fully transportable feature exhibitions – able to be packed into two 40ft sea-freight containers
- an ever-growing digital presence – including a science news and storytelling platform, Particle, as well as increased digital and social media engagement
- multi-award-winning experiences – as three-time winners of the Creative Industries category of the Western Australian Industry and Export Awards, in 2018 we qualified for induction into the WA Industry and Export 'Hall of Fame'.

Scitech people and partners

From our Scitech Volunteers to our Nobel Laureate patrons and major partners, since 1988 it's been the passionate people behind Scitech that make us tick.

Scitech people include:

- our five CEOs – Dr Seddon Bennington (1987–94), Dr Annie Ghisalberti (1995–99), Alan Brien (2000–17), Deb Banning (2017–19) and Kalien Selby (CEO 2019–now)
- our 140 employees – full time, part time, casual and contract
- our large volunteer team – including 121 people trained as Scitech Volunteers, ranging in age from 16 to 76
- our patrons – dual 2005 Nobel Prize Laureates in Physiology or Medicine, Professor Barry Marshall AC and Emeritus Professor J. Robin Warren AC
- our active members – who visit on average more than three times a year
- our hundreds of alumni – spanning the globe and three generations, including members who have been part of Scitech since before we opened
- our government, corporate and community partners – supporting us to provide STEM services across WA
- and, of course, the WA Government – who in 1984 established the Western Australian Science Industry and Technology Council (SITCO) in recognition of the value a science centre would bring to WA.



Scitech mission is to increase awareness, interest, capability and participation by all Western Australians in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.