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Scitech Welcomes Chris Palandri as Board Chair

The Scitech Board and Executive Leadership Team are pleased to welcome Mr Chris Palandri, Regional Managing Director of Multiplex WA, as Board Chair.

As an experienced executive with a strong track record in construction, engineering and property development, Mr Palandri brings a wealth of business acumen and management expertise to the Scitech team.

Mr Palandri says he is committed to elevating STEM literacy across Western Australia, and to attaining greater investment from industry and government to help Scitech achieve this aim.

“The importance of acquiring STEM skills has never been higher for young people in Western Australia,” Mr Palandri said.

“The multi-faceted aspect of Scitech fascinates me – the bit that people see, recognise and understand is the Science Centre, but that’s just the beginning. You open Scitech up and it’s layer upon layer of activity that touches all parts of the State – and all of it is dreamt up and built right here in Perth. It’s a fascinating business.”

Kalien Selby, Scitech’s Chief Executive Officer is thrilled to have Chris on board and said that “Chris brings many great ideas and energy to the role and I am confident his leadership will steer Scitech closer to realising our mission – enabling Western Australians’ interest, capability and participation in STEM.”

Mr Palandri recognises the opportunity for Scitech to sharpen its focus and increase impact through the Science Centre, outreach to the community and teacher professional development programs.

“We want to focus on our core activities: influencing children, young people, their families and teachers, and stimulating their STEM thinking,” Mr Palandri said.

“Scitech already visits every school in WA every three years. I’m not sure that many people know that. The logistics of that are astounding.”

“But we would like Scitech to be available to more people yet. One of our priorities will be to expand our reach and get out to more communities even more often, so we can have a greater influence on more people.”

Mr Palandri is a past board member of the Property Council of Australia and a current Board member of the Australian Institute of Management WA.

His career has taken him through travels across Australia and New Zealand, but Mr Palandri says he understands how Scitech fits in the hearts and minds of West Australians.

“There’s hardly a West Australian who doesn’t know Scitech, young or old, it doesn’t matter - it’s a people’s brand. We have a great foundation and I’m really excited about what our future holds.”