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Scitech Brings Physical Sciences to the Great Southern Region

Scitech's first visit to the Great Southern since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions has reignited curiosity and excitement about science, engineering, technology and maths (STEM) at 14 primary schools across the region.

From 7 – 25 September, Scitech's Primary Science tour demonstrated the nature of motion using the wonders inside a toy box and tested – and defied – the Rules of the Universe through physical science shows and workshops.

Kalien Selby, 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, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic".

Covering a range of physical sciences, the tour's 'Move It' sessions cater for students from Kindergarten to Year 3, with student scientists exploring how various objects move depending on their size, shape and surroundings. 'Prove It' sessions are aimed at Years 4 – 6 and encourages students to explore and challenge the laws of physics.

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

COVID-19 led to a shift in Scitech's touring schedule for 2020; however, schools have been swift to book in a visit from Scitech's inspiring Science Presenter's and their distinctive red trucks, with Term 3 and 4 regional tours almost fully booked.

For the 2020 Great Southern Primary Science tour, Scitech will travel to Corrigin District High School, Babakin Primary School, Yealering Primary School, Wickepin Primary School, Kondinin Primary School, Hyden Primary School, Kulin District High School, Lake King Primary School, Nyabing Primary School, Lake Grace District High School, Newdegate Primary School, Pingrup Primary School, Kukerin Primary School and Dumbleyung Primary School.