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Blockbuster *Above and Beyond* exhibition lands at Questacon

International aviation and aerospace exhibition *Above and Beyond* touches down at Questacon tomorrow. This interactive multisensory exhibition invites visitors to experience what it takes to make the ‘impossible’ possible in and above the sky.

Above and Beyond is presented by Boeing and developed in collaboration with NASA and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. From flying cars and supersonic planes to space elevators and mega-rockets, *Above and Beyond* will take visitors faster, further and higher for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Already enjoyed by more than three million people in Washington DC, Seattle, Chicago, London, Dubai and Japan, Questacon is the first Australian stop for this blockbuster exhibition.

Questacon Senior Manager Innovation, Jared Wilkins said, *Above and Beyond* is designed to engage visitors of all ages with both the innovation and the science behind flight.

To celebrate the opening of *Above and Beyond* tomorrow, Questacon invites visitors to the Take Flight @ Questacon event on the lawns opposite the Centre. “Visitors can take a ride in Questacon’s tethered hot air balloons and participate in flight related activities delivered by the Royal Australian Airforce, The Australian Army, Royal Aeronautical Society and Recreation Aviation Australia.

“In addition to the outside programme, Questacon is delighted to welcome Mr Badri Younes, Deputy Associate Administrator for Space Communications and Navigation at NASA, who will speak in the theatre about the future of space exploration. Boeing’s Age of Aerospace documentaries will also be screening,” said Mr Wilkins.

President of Boeing Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific, Maureen Dougherty said the exhibition is a celebration of flight and space travel and inspires the next generation of global aerospace innovation. “We are excited to be presenting *Above and Beyond* at Questacon this year and are thrilled to be inspiring the next generation of pilots, aerospace engineers and astronauts with this unique exhibition.

“*Above and Beyond* at Questacon coincides with Boeing’s 90th year in Australia and promises to show young people who want careers in the industry that they can do that right here in Australia,” said Ms Dougherty.

The programme for Take Flight @ Questacon is attached. More information is available at www.questacon.edu.au

Above and Beyond, supported by Media Partner Nine Canberra, opens on Saturday 25 March and closes on 23 July 2017.

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