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## Media Release

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### **Questacon wins Tourist Attraction category at the Canberra Tourism Awards**

On Friday 17 November, Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre was honoured at the 2017 Canberra and Capital Region Tourism Awards held at the National Museum of Australia.

Questacon won the Tourist Attraction category, recognising its longstanding commitment to tourism excellence in the Canberra region.

“This award recognises 2017 has been an incredibly innovative year for Questacon” said Senior Manager, Centre, Retail and Tourism, Tristan Hoffmeister.

“This year we welcomed over half a million visitors through our doors for the first time in Questacon’s history. We opened two blockbuster exhibitions and also expanded our activities through after-hours events. We are proud to support and promote growth in our region by generating unique and engaging experience for visitors to Canberra and locals alike.

Questacon continues to support the diversity of world-class tourism experiences on offer in our region. It is encouraging that Canberra is receiving international accolades for the experiences we already offer” said Mr Hoffmeister.

Questacon’s iconic science centre in the Parliamentary Zone is one of Australia’s leading national attractions. Each year, Questacon reaches more than three million people nationally through its innovative STEM activities that engage, excite and inspire.

Questacon’s second facility in Canberra, The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre, is the hub for Questacon’s national programs and travelling exhibitions. Located in Deakin, the Centre also offers specialised school and holiday workshops.

The annual Canberra and Capital Region Tourism Awards showcase the best of the region’s tourist industry products and promote, encourage and reward tourism excellence.

Questacon will represent the Canberra and Capital Region at the 2017 Australian Tourism Awards in Perth in February 2018.

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