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Questacon named best attraction at 2017 Australian Tourism Awards

On Friday night, Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre won Gold in the Tourist Attraction category at the 2017 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards in Perth. The award recognises Questacon as a leader in tourism engagement providing exceptional tourism products and services for the Australian tourism industry.

The win in Perth marks a huge year for Questacon and comes just one year after taking home gold in the same category at the 2016 Awards in Darwin. Last year, Questacon’s iconic science centre in Canberra’s Parliamentary Zone welcomed a record 511 515 visitors from across Australia and around the world.

In accepting the Award, Questacon Director Professor Graham Durant said “This Award recognises Questacon’s contribution to tourism in the Canberra and Capital region and in Australia. Our team works hard to provide every visitor to Questacon with an unforgettable experience and we ensure that we work alongside our local industry to create an attractive destination for interstate and international travelers.”

“Receiving this Award for the second year in a row is testament to our dedication to each and every visitor as well as the tourism industry at large,” said Professor Durant.

In accepting the Award, Professor Durant also acknowledged Questacon’s industry partners: the National Capital Attractions Association, National Capital Educational Tourism Project, and 3infun partners, Cockington Green Gardens and the Australian Institute of Sport.

Each year, Questacon reaches more than three million people through a range of inspirational experiences designed to excite and motivate across two facilities in Canberra. Questacon’s second facility, The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre, offers school and holiday workshops and is the hub for Questacon’s national programs and travelling exhibitions.

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