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### Questacon and Toyota inspire teachers in West Melbourne

Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre and the Toyota Community Trust have partnered to deliver a series of engaging science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) workshops for teachers and school leaders in Melbourne.

Through a grant from the Toyota Community Trust, Questacon will deliver *Questacon STEM Futures*, a series of intensive professional learning workshops for teachers and school leaders from 3-7 June 2019.

Developed by Questacon, *STEM Futures* will be open to 40 primary school teachers, 40 high school teachers and 40 school leaders from the West Melbourne region.

*STEM Futures* will equip teachers and school leaders with the skills and confidence to deliver hands-on minds-on STEM activities to their students.

Teachers will explore how pedagogical change can help build students' general capabilities and develop ways to assess the growth of content knowledge, skills and general capabilities in the context of learning.

“The future of mobility will be determined by the next generation of STEM talent. Toyota Australia has played an integral role in Australian communities for more than 50 years and is proud to continue to support young Australians to pursue careers in STEM,” said Mike Rausa, Chairman of the Toyota Community Trust.

Held at Scienceworks in Melbourne, and in collaboration with the Wyndham Tech School, *STEM Futures* will provide an opportunity for teachers to explore the many interactive exhibits and explore practical ways to leverage learning from the science museum to take back into the classroom.

School leader sessions will explore the role of the school leadership team in building strong school-wide STEM and the way thinking practices can be harnessed to drive strong school improvement practices.

Questacon is one of seven organisations to receive a grant from the Toyota Community Trust.

Through the delivery of these workshops, Questacon, in partnership with the Toyota Community Trust, will empower teachers to deliver impactful STEM learning in a way that builds both transferable knowledge and skills.

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