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***Above and Beyond* cleared for extended layover**

Due to popular demand Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre’s current blockbuster exhibition, *Above and Beyond*, has been extended until 8 October 2017.

Above and Beyond is an international aviation and aerospace exhibition presented by Boeing and developed in collaboration with NASA and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Questacon Senior Manager Centre, Retail and Tourism, Tristian Hoffmeister said *Above and Beyond*, which was originally scheduled to close on 23 July, has been one of the most popular travelling exhibitions Questacon has hosted to date.

“The 2016-17 period has been the most successful ever for Questacon, with more than half a million visitors experiencing the exhibitions at the Centre in Canberra. This is in part due to the engaging content in *Above and Beyond* and Questacon’s dynamic exhibition programme,” Mr Hoffmeister said.

Already enjoyed by more than three million people at venues in North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, *Above and Beyond* has been seen by an additional 160,000 visitors since opening at Questacon in March this year.

Explored through five key themes that define flight and space travel—Up, Faster, Higher, Further, and Smarter—*Above and Beyond* is a hands-on journey that engages visitors of all ages and interests with the science and innovations behind flight.

“Questacon strives to engage and motivate visitors of all ages through inspirational learning experiences. Through the use of immersive simulations, augmented reality, and a range of interactive design challenges *Above and Beyond* is exciting the next generation of global aviation and aerospace innovators,” said Mr Hoffmeister.

Using cutting edge technology, *Above and Beyond* gives visitors to Questacon the chance to design and test-fly their own supersonic jet, spread their wings and experience flight as a bird or a futuristic wing-flapping aircraft, and take an elevator ride to the edge of space.

Packed with fun interactive challenges, vehicle concept models and prototypes, immersive media presentations, and inspiring stories, *Above and Beyond* invites Questacon visitors to experience what it takes to make the “impossible” possible and join the epic journey into the sky and beyond!

Above and Beyond will be open at Questacon until 8 October 2017.

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