



MEDIA RELEASE

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REES GOVERNMENT EXPOSES SCIENCE AS “NOT NERDY, BUT COOL”

Minister for Science and Medical Research, Tony Stewart, today said science and engineering will take centre stage in Sydney over the next two days at the Rees Labor Government's annual Science EXPOsed event.

"I'm really looking forward to launching Science EXPOsed tomorrow, and joining with Year 8 and 9 high school students in exploring the latest in science and technology, and learning about all the fabulous careers in science," Mr Stewart said.

"This great event will prove science is far from nerdy, but is fun, cool – and inspiring!

"And it will be staged at four of Sydney's most historic and fascinating venues - Hyde Park Barracks, Parliament House, The Mint and Australian Museum.

"Science EXPOsed has been running since 2004 and gets better each year.

"Over the next two days more than 1600 Year 8 and 9 students will attend the event from 55 high schools from Sydney, the Hunter Valley, Illawarra, Central Coast and South Coast," Mr Stewart said.

"This year we have a wide selection of interactive exhibits, workshops, science shows, panel discussions and competitions for students.

"There will be hands-on experiments like solving crimes using DNA and forensic evidence, creating electronic circuits, using science in movies and Dr Karl Kruszelnicki inspiring students with 'Great Moments in Science'.

"Science EXPOsed will show students that science and engineering careers can take them anywhere in the world - from the smallest particles of nanotechnology to the big universe of astronomy and space exploration."

"The fact is that science operates at the cutting edge of innovation and has the capacity to change the world and contribute to a better future for mankind," Mr Stewart said.

"We want Science EXPOsed to encourage more high school students to study science-related subjects like physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics in their HSC and university years, putting them on a path to a science career.

"More scientists are needed to create an innovative future for NSW, and there is strong demand for scientific skills in areas including medicine, computing and engineering."

For more information on Science EXPOsed visit www.osmr.nsw.gov.au/scienceexposed

****MEDIA PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES****

9.30am – Science EXPOsed launch - Hyde Park Barracks, Macquarie Street, Sydney

10.15am – “Indigenous Astronomy” event - The Mint, Macquarie Street, Sydney

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