

## Encouraging and inspiring future generations of scientists!

The Cawthron Scitec Expo is an annual event that encourages and supports Nelson Tasman students to explore science through topics of personal interest. This year's expo is exclusively for secondary school students (years 9 – 13). It is being held at Founders Park in Nelson on Tuesday 6 September.

### Why not join our judging team?

Being a judge is hard, but it's worth the effort. You are making a memorable impact on the lives of some very talented young people. Some students' perceptions of you could influence their career choices. As a judge you need to be;

- Available on Tuesday 6 September
- Genuinely keen to encourage and inspire the next generation
- A trained professional capable of methodically and fairly assessing student projects within the guidelines provided by our lead judges
- A sound communicator who can provide thorough feedback – both written and oral - in a constructive and positive manner to secondary students.
- Competent with technology, particularly with operating video-conferencing

### What's in it for you?

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in a community initiative that utilises your professional skills and abilities. As a judge, you will be working alongside scientists, teachers, environmentalists, engineers, communicators, artists and businesspeople who understand and appreciate the value of science. It's a great way of engaging in professional development, with a catered lunch for all volunteers. But most importantly, it's a chance to encourage and inspire our future generation.

Don't believe us? Here's what judges said they got out of being involved last year;

*"Quite a buzz remembering what kids are capable of. I learnt some things from some of the projects. A chance to meet some other interesting people who were judging."*

*"Meeting the young people and being very impressed, and also collegiality with fellow judges."*

*"I found it very rewarding to participate in judging and encourage children into science."*

### How do you become involved?

Simply complete the judges registration form [here](#).

We'll be back in touch in early August after online entry registrations close and we've had the chance to prepare a judging schedule.

**Thank you for your interest!**