

Join the 2025 Cawthron Scitec Expo judging team and help inspire the next generation of scientists!

The [Cawthron Scitec Expo](#) is back for 2025 this August 19 and 20 at Founders Park in Nelson. This bi-annual event is open to all Nelson Tasman primary, intermediate and secondary school students (Years 1- 13). We are looking for volunteer judges who can help recognise and encourage students as they explore science through topics of personal interest.

Why be a judge?

Being a judge is challenging, but also incredibly rewarding. You'll have the chance to:

- Make an impact on the lives of talented young people, and maybe even influence their future career choices
- Engage in a community initiative that utilises your professional skills and abilities
- Work alongside scientists, teachers, environmentalists, engineers, communicators, artists and businesspeople who understand and appreciate the value of science
- Take part in professional development
- Encourage and inspire our future generation

Here's what some previous judges have said they got out of being involved:

"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."

Who we are looking for

We are seeking trained professionals who are:

- Available on Tuesday August 19 and/or Wednesday August 20
- Genuinely keen to encourage and inspire the next generation
- Capable of methodically and fairly assessing student projects within the guidelines provided by our lead judges
- Sound communicators who can provide thorough feedback – both written and oral – in a constructive and positive manner to school students.

How to get involved

Simply complete the registration form [here](#), including any dietary requirements as we provide a catered lunch for all judges.

We'll be in touch after you register. The judging schedule will be confirmed in late July once student registrations close.

Thank you for your interest! You can reach us at foundation@cawthron.org.nz if you have any questions.