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***Our Water* at Araluen Art Centre**

Explore the latest interactive exhibition by Australia's National Science and Technology Centre as Questacon brings their *Our Water* exhibition to the Red Centre, appearing at the Araluen Art Centre from 7 May to 12 June 2011.

MAGNT Deputy Director South, Michael Cawthorn said that this will be a great way to learn about how we can better utilise our water.

"With \$1.7 million funding from the National Water Commission, Questacon's latest travelling exhibition is designed to engage and inspire visitors to expand their understanding and delve into Australia's unique water situation," Mr Cawthorn said.

"The 28 exhibits are designed to inform and challenge visitors to make decisions about water, whilst examining the consequence of the different uses of water in Australia.

"I encourage everyone to come along as the exhibition is targeted at people aged between 10 through to adults and has strong links to maths and science curricula.

"Not only would it be an enjoyable day out for the whole family, but everyone would learn a thing or two about something as important as *Our Water*."

Ms Smith said the interactive exhibits explore the themes of agriculture, urban water, recycling and water sustainability, environmental water and water treatment.

"It allows visitors to play the role of the farmer to decide how they are going to use their water allocation, dance to make it rain and use a pinball game to see the water cycle in a whole new light," Mr Cawthorn said.

The exhibition left the National Science and Technology Centre in Canberra in August 2010 and has been travelling across Australia since.

It will stop at 14 locations over the next two years and is expected to be visited by hundreds of thousands of people eager to expand their water knowledge.

Our Water will be at Witchettys Gallery at the Araluen Art Centre from 7 May through to 12 June 2011.

For more information about upcoming events at the Araluen Cultural Precinct go to www.araluen.nt.gov.au.

**Media Note – for further information contact Michael Cawthorn on 08 8951 1101
Image – Children playing with the exhibits, Courtesy of Questacon**

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