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A Journey Through Space with the Victor Harbor Library

The Victor Harbor Library is hosting SkyWatch and their educational planetarium program, with sessions for all ages, for National Science Week 2023.

SkyWatch Astronomy Education is a South Australian business that encourages people to learn about the night sky. The facilitator will present a 360 degree movie inside an inflatable planetarium 'mirror dome' related to the age group in attendance.

While experiencing the 360 degree movie *Earth's Wild Ride*, participants in session 1 and 2 travel to the moon in the year 2081. They view the shadow of the moon crossing Europe before they are then transported back in time to an ice age, flying up the slopes of an active volcano, visiting with dinosaurs and more.

Participants in session 3 will experience the movie *Oasis in Space* which will take them on a ride through the solar system learning about discoveries made over the last few decades.

As well as showing an exciting 20-minute movie, the planetarium showcases the night sky and looks at the constellations, galaxies, nebulae, planets, Sun and Moon. It also examines their movement across the sky from any time and place.

City of Victor Harbor Deputy Mayor, David Kemp, says this is set to be a great experience for all ages.

"From preschoolers to adults, this is about harnessing your curiosity, broadening your knowledge of space, astronomy, geography and prehistoric history in an interactive and exciting format."

"You're never too young or old to learn about the wonder of space. The Victor Harbor Library is so excited to be offering this unique experience."

The facilitator Dean Davidson, the owner of SkyWatch, is past President of the Astronomical Society of SA, and has been a keen amateur astronomer for many years.



Three sessions will be held on **Saturday, 19 August 2023:**

- **Session 1:** 10 - 10.45am – Ages 3-10 years
- **Session 2:** 11 - 11.45am – Ages 8-14 Years
- **Session 3:** 12 - 12.45pm – Adult (15+ yrs)

Bookings open 1 August 2023 and spaces are limited. Bookings can be made at victor.sa.gov.au/libraryevents

About National Science Week

National Science Week is Australia's annual opportunity to meet scientists, discuss the hot topics, do science and celebrate its cultural and economic impact on society.

First held in 1997, National Science Week has become one of Australia's largest festivals. Last year about 1.9 million people participated in more than 1,600 events.

In 2023, National Science Week events will be held online and right throughout Australia, with everything including science festivals, music and comedy shows, expert panel discussions, interactive displays, open days and online activities.

The festival is proudly supported by the Australian Government with partners CSIRO, the Australian Science Teachers Association and ABC Science.

National Science Week will run from 12-20 August 2023. Information about events across the country can be found at scienceweek.net.au