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## STOCKLAND AND THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM TEAM UP TO OFFER CUSTOMERS A CHANCE TO DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF SHARKS

Stockland and the Australian Museum have teamed up to tour a one-of-a-kind *Sharks* exhibition across a number of Stockland's New South Wales and Queensland retail town centres.

Split into three sections, *Sharks* offers customers a unique chance to explore a range of shark species including those that are extinct or endangered. The exhibition combines contemporary science with life-size models and compelling narrative to help educate customers on the importance of sharks in our ecosystem.

Stockland Burleigh Heads will host the tour from Monday 1 March to Wednesday 31 March, located outside ALDI. The exhibition will then travel on to Stockland Hervey Bay in Queensland where it will run for the month of April, before heading down to Stockland Wetherill Park in New South Wales for the month of May.

Centre Manager at Stockland Burleigh Heads Sharron Puck, said that the centre was thrilled to be the first Stockland centre in Queensland to offer the exhibit to customers.

"It's great that we can once again work with the Australian Museum and be the first Stockland centre in Queensland to offer customers a chance to get up close and personal with some incredible life-size shark models, and to learn about these powerful creatures in a fun and educational way."

Director and CEO, Australian Museum, Ms Kim McKay AO, said sharks and their cousins have been around for 400 million years and yet we still have much to learn about them.

"To look at a shark is to see a great example of evolutionary success. Whether they are disguising themselves on the reef floor or swimming at 70 km per hour after a school of fish, sharks are perfectly adapted to their environment.

"We are pleased to partner once again with Stockland touring these new displays of replica specimens, providing the opportunity to learn and appreciate the invaluable role that sharks play in our oceans."

The innovative exhibit was designed and built in collaboration with a team of scientists to bring a range of shark species to life, including the legendary and extinct megalodon. Customers will even have the chance to snap a selfie in front of the monstrous jaws of the megalodon.

Ms Puck continued: "The exhibit also explores the effects of factors such as evolving ecosystems on sharks as a species. That, coupled with some incredible visual, audio and tactile fun, we know it will be a huge hit with customers of all ages.

“It’s exciting that we’re able to organise something a bit different like this to bring the community together and provide them with a fun and educational experience.”

Stockland Burleigh Heads will also host a series of additional interactive activities in-centre, which includes a marine life scavenger hunt on Saturday 27 February that will run for two weeks, and will challenge children to learn more about sea creatures and the key roles they play in our ecosystem.\*

Customers also have an opportunity to enter a competition for a chance to win a \$10,000 holiday swimming with whale sharks at Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia. T&Cs apply, please visit [australian.museum/win](http://australian.museum/win) for more details.

*\*Please visit [www.stockland.com.au/burleighheads](http://www.stockland.com.au/burleighheads) for more information and the full schedule of events.*

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The [Australian Museum](http://australian.museum) (AM) was founded in 1827 and is the nation’s first museum. It is internationally recognised as a natural science and culture institution focused on Australia and the Pacific. As custodian of more than 21.9 million objects and specimens, the AM is uniquely positioned to provide a greater understanding of the region through its scientific research, exhibitions and public and education programs. Through the Australian Museum Research Institute (AMRI), the AM also plays a leading role in conserving Australia’s biodiversity through understanding the environmental impacts of climate change, potential security threats and invasive species.