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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 Hervey Bay will host the tour from Thursday 1 April to Friday 30 April, located at Centre Court, near JB Hi-Fi. The exhibition has just completed a tour at Stockland Burleigh Heads in Queensland, and will continue to travel on to Stockland Wetherill Park in New South Wales after Hervey Bay for the month of May.

Centre Manager at Stockland Hervey Bay Paul Davis, said that the centre was thrilled to offer the exhibit to customers.

"It's great that we can once again work with the Australian Museum to offer Stockland 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 kilometre 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.

Mr Davis 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 Hervey Bay will also host underwater craft workshops where children will have the opportunity to create their own underwater world or decorate a shark frame. The workshops will run from Tuesday 6 April to Saturday 17 April, from 10am to 2pm, located at Centre Court, near JB Hi-Fi.

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/herveybay](http://www.stockland.com.au/herveybay) for more information and the full schedule of events.*

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#### **About the Australian Museum**

The [Australian Museum](http://www.australianmuseum.gov.au) (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.