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AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL DIVE EXPO BACK IN 2018

- **New Marine Program for Schools**
- **Presentations by Industry Experts**
- **Dive Try Outs in On-site Pool**

The 2018 instalment of the Australia International Dive Expo (AIDE) will take place once again at the International Convention Centre Sydney as part of the Sydney International Boat Show from 2-6 August.

For the second year, AIDE will feature in the largest recreational boating event in the Southern Hemisphere, taking up prime positioning again in the main hall.

2017's collaboration between the two Shows proved a huge success in bringing together water-lovers, while opening up a host of new opportunities to both exhibitors and visitors.

With interest in scuba diving on the rise, the organisers of AIDE have shared that a marine program for school students will debut this year.

AIDE Director Ness Puvanes says the decision to start a school program as part of the Show is to not only get the next generation excited about the underwater world, but importantly, inspire them to take up scuba diving and also to learn about and get involved in marine conservation. The marine program will cover the key topics of scuba diving, photography/videography skills and ocean conservation.

Other highlights in this year's show include three on-site pools for dive try-outs and product demonstrations, dive gear maintenance workshops and a series of presentations by marine experts.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to shop for their next dive holiday, sign up for new dive courses, check out the latest scuba gear, photography equipment and get updated on new underwater gadgets and gizmos.

As per every year, there will be prizes to win including dive holidays, equipment and courses. There will also be a kids' corner for families with young children and for young photographers, there will be video and photography competition for registered schools.

Registration will open in June, when visitors can purchase their tickets online to avoid queues.

The Australia International Dive Expo will be running from 2 – 6 August 2018 as part of the Sydney International Boat Show. Opening times will be 10am to 8pm in the halls, with the adjoining marina display closing daily at 7pm.

For further information about AIDE including the list of exhibitors, presentations, activities and workshops will be updated from time to time at www.australiadiveexpo.com. To find out more about the boat show, visit www.sydneyboatshow.com.au.