

## Minister Geoff Brock

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### Positive response to government's regional youth traineeship offer

Regional local governing authorities have responded positively to the State Government's Regional Youth Traineeship Program, but there is still time for more to take up the offer with the 'Expressions of Interest' period now closing on Friday, September 18.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said that 28 regional local governing authorities so far had taken up the \$2 million Regional Youth Traineeship Program established by the State Government.

"The Regional Youth Traineeship Program – funded through the State Government's \$10 million Regional Development Jobs Accelerator Fund – is offering each of South Australia's 57 local governing authorities a grant so they can provide entry level employment and training to a trainee for two years," Mr Brock said.

"The traineeships are aimed at young people aged between 17 and 24 living in our regions who are unemployed or don't have a full time job.

"Trainees will benefit from tailored training and work plans, so that when they've completed their two year traineeship they'll be ready to take advantage of further employment opportunities.

"Each participating regional body will receive up to \$14,500 per annum – \$29,000 over two years," Mr Brock said.

"If we don't receive EOIs from all 57 eligible regional bodies, those who have expressed interest will have the chance to support an additional trainee through this program," Mr Brock said.

"The program has been designed to encourage regional local governing bodies to continue employing the trainees after those two funded years and is being delivered by the Local Government Association of SA.

"Strong regions mean a strong South Australia, and this program is a great example of the different levels of government working together to create vibrant, sustainable regional communities with a skilled workforce," Mr Brock said.

Organisations eligible to apply for funding under the Regional Youth Traineeship Program are regional Councils, the Outback Communities Authority, Aboriginal Community Councils, the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yunkunytjatjara (APY) and Maralinga Tjarutja. For information on how to lodge an Expression of Interest contact the Local Government Association of SA's Regional Youth Traineeship Program Coordinator on 8224 2013.