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Peterborough Community Development Officer appointed

Economic development initiatives in Peterborough are being supported through the appointment of a new Peterborough Community Development Officer.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said Ms Nicole Lewis took up the full time three year position earlier this month based in the one-stop-shop on Main Street, Peterborough.

“Ms Lewis grew up in the area and has an excellent understanding of Peterborough and surrounding region, the issues affecting its people and opportunities for the future,” Mr Brock said.

“As well as her in-depth knowledge of the area, Ms Lewis comes with experience and skills in township renewal.

“When I visited the region earlier this year, I was told of the need for a single, visible, co-ordinating role of this nature in Peterborough.

“I announced my support to create and fund this new position at the Mid North Country Cabinet in March.

“I’m confident this new role will prove be a welcome source of support to the community and will assist in finding new avenues for regional economic growth,” Mr Brock said.

Chair of Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North, Kay Matthias said the Peterborough Community Development Officer position would promote small scale economic development initiatives and assist the Peterborough Council and community groups with community infrastructure projects.

“The role will also assist facilitating community employment projects that might be funded through State or Federal programs and help coordinate the delivery of State services to best benefit Peterborough,” Ms Matthias said.

District Council of Peterborough Mayor Ruth Whittle welcomed the appointment of Ms Lewis.

“We look forward to Ms Lewis working with Council, the RDA and community members to bring greater opportunities for the area,” Ms Whittle said.

The Peterborough Community Development Officer position has been funded by the State Government, and is employed by Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North with close support of the Peterborough Council.