

## Minister Geoff Brock

Minister for Regional Development  
Minister for Local Government

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### \$2m program creates 57 regional youth local government traineeships

There's been a strong response to the State Government's \$2 million program to help young people living in the regions to enter the workforce full time with a two year traineeship in local government.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said the Regional Youth Traineeship Program offered \$14,500 a year to regional governance bodies across the State towards the cost of providing entry level employment for a trainee for two years.

"57 traineeships across the State have been taken up by 36 regional councils, the Yalata Aboriginal Community Councils and the Outback Communities Authority," Mr Brock said.

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

"The program has also been designed to encourage councils to continue employing these trainees after those two funded years of training.

"The trainee positions taken up cover a range of employment skills, including job areas such as admin services, IT, horticulture, civil works, library assistants, waste management, community services, visitor information and waste management.

"This program is giving young people in our regions the opportunity to enter the workforce fulltime, work in their areas of interest for two years and come out job-ready with a whole new range of new skills," Mr Brock said.

"The Local Government Association is delivering the program on behalf of the State Government," Mr Brock said.

Local Government Association President Dave Burgess said he was pleased by the positive response from councils to the new program.

"This is a terrific opportunity for our regions which has generated significant interest and enthusiasm from local government.

"It's a great example of State and Local Government working together to drive jobs and economic activity for the benefit of communities.

"This program will benefit communities and regional councils across the State by employing and keeping young people in our regions," Mr Burgess said.

## **COUNCILS PARTICIPATING IN THE TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM**

### **LIMESTONE COAST (4)**

TATIARA DC  
MT GAMBIER CITY COUNCIL  
WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

### **LOCATION**

BORDERTOWN (1)  
MOUNT GAMBIER (2)  
MILLICENT (1)

### **RIVERLAND (4)**

RENMARK PARINGA COUNCIL  
BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL

RENMARK (1)  
BERRI (3)

### **MURRAY AND MALLEE (6)**

RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE  
MID MURRAY COUNCIL  
SOUTHERN MALLEE DC

MURRAY BRIDGE (2)  
MANNUM (2)  
PINNAROO (2)

### **ADELAIDE HILLS/FLEURIEU (8)**

ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL  
KANGAROO ISLAND COUNCIL  
MT BARKER DC  
CITY OF VICTOR HARBOR  
YANKALILLA DC

WOODSIDE (1)  
GOOLWA (2)  
KINGSCOTE (1)  
MT BARKER (1)  
VICTOR HARBOR (2)  
YANKALILLA (1)

### **YORKE PENINSULA (5)**

COPPER COAST DC  
YORKE PENINSULA COUNCIL

KADINA (2)  
MINLATON (3)

### **MID NORTH (10)**

TOWN OF GAWLER (2)  
NORTHERN AREAS COUNCIL  
CLARE AND GILBERT VALLEY COUNCILS  
GOYDER REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MALLALA DC  
LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

GAWLER (2)  
JAMESTOWN (2)  
CLARE (1)  
BURRA (2)  
MALLALA (1)  
KAPUNDA (2)

### **UPPER AND FAR NORTH (4)**

ROXBY DOWNS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL  
MT REMARKABLE DC

ROXBY DOWNS (1)  
QUORN (2)  
MELROSE (1)

### **WEST COAST (10)**

YALATA ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WUDINNA DC  
STREAKY BAY DC  
LOWER EP DC  
ELLISTON DC  
CLEVE DC  
TUMBY BAY DC

YALATA (3)  
WUDINNA (1)  
STREAKY BAY (1)  
CUMMINS (2)  
ELLISTON (1)  
CLEVE (1)  
TUMBY BAY (1)

### **SPENCER GULF (6)**

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL  
OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY  
PORT PIRIE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
CITY OF WHYALLA

PORT AUGUSTA (2)  
PORT AUGUSTA (1)  
PORT PIRIE (2)  
WHYALLA (1)