

# News releases - Geoff Brock

## Career inspiration the focus for young regional trainees

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Young trainees from Berri Barmera Council, District Council of Renmark Paringa and Southern Mallee District Council will meet together in Berri today for networking and professional development, one of a statewide series of events as part of the Regional Youth Traineeship Program.

The 'Welcome to Local Government Induction' events are designed specifically for the Regional Youth Traineeship Program trainees and their supervisors, and participants today will be meeting face to face with other trainees from the region, undertaking professional development, and hearing from inspiring local role models.

Glossop-based horticulturalist Sandy Efrosinis, of Pennyfield Pome, and Ella Winnall, Community Services Coordinator (Tourism & Transport) at Berri Barmera Council, will share inspiring stories of their career journeys with trainees to encourage thoughts about future career possibilities.

### Background

The Regional Youth Traineeship Program is a \$2 million Regional Development initiative through the Jobs Accelerator Fund, delivered on behalf of the State Government by the Local Government Association.

The 57 trainees from across South Australia are young people aged between 17 and 24 living in the regions who were unemployed or didn't have a full time job.

Trainees benefit from tailored training and work plans so on completion of their two year traineeship they will be ready to take advantage of further employment opportunities.

The program has been designed to encourage the regional local governing bodies to continue employing the trainees after the two funded years.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Geoff Brock

Strong regions mean a strong South Australia, and the Regional Youth Traineeship Program is a great example of the different levels of government working together to create vibrant, sustainable regional communities with a skilled workforce.

There is nothing like meeting face to face to stimulate enthusiasm, and these induction workshops are providing a wonderful opportunity to trainees supported by

the Regional Youth Trainee Program to build their knowledge and confidence for successful career opportunities in the future.

The workshops are also an ideal opportunity for each region to share and celebrate the successes of their own young people.

### **Quotes attributable to LGA President Mayor Dave Burgess**

Today's event in Berri brings together trainees from the Berri Barmera Council, District Council of Renmark Paringa and Southern Mallee District Council, hosted by the Berri Barmera Council.

We're also welcoming a trainee from Murraylands and Riverland Regional Development Australia to take advantage of today's program.

The theme of the workshops is 'educate, inspire, inform, network and share', and the day will build on what the trainees have already gained from council workplace inductions, as well as offering ideas and guidance on career development.