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Career Inspiration the focus for young regional trainees

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Young trainees from the councils of Port Augusta, Whyalla, Roxby Downs, Coober Pedy and the Outback Communities Authority are today attending a networking and professional development event as part of the State Government's \$2 million Regional Youth Traineeship Program.

The 'Welcome to Local Government Induction' event in Port Augusta is one of a series around the State designed specifically for program trainees and their supervisors.

Participants today are meeting face-to-face with other trainees from the region, undertaking professional development and hearing from local role models.

The speakers include Ashleigh Stiling - 2015 SA Telstra Young Business Woman of the Year and Operations Shift Coordinator at Harsco Metal and Minerals (Whyalla) and Kate Hansen, Relationship Manager at Beyond Bank (Port Augusta) and a 2015 nominee for Trainee of the Year in the Port Augusta Business Awards.

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 either unemployed or didn't have a full time job.

Participants benefit from tailored training and work plans, so when they complete their two year traineeships they'll 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 Regional Development Minister 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.

These induction workshops are providing a wonderful opportunity for trainees supported by the 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 Port Augusta brings together trainees from the Port Augusta City Council, the District Council of Coober Pedy, the municipal Council of Roxby Downs, the Corporation of the City of Whyalla and the Outback Communities Authority, hosted by the Port Augusta City Council.

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