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Career inspiration the focus for young regional trainees

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Young trainees from the councils of Mallala, Light and Gawler 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 Mallala 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 Barossa-based business consultant Angela Pickett and Janine Harding, Community & Communications Officer at the District Council of Mallala.

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 brings together trainees from the District Council of Mallala, the Light Regional Council and the Town of Gawler, hosted by the District Council of Mallala

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.