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State Government allocates a further \$2m towards local government youth traineeships

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The State Government is doubling its commitment to the successful \$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.

The Regional Youth Traineeship Program offers \$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.

In Round One, 57 traineeships across the State have been taken up by 36 regional councils, the Yalata Aboriginal Community Councils and the Outback Communities Authority.

Due to the success of the first round of traineeships, the State Government is allocating a further \$2 million for Round 2 of the program.

Background

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

The Local Government Association is delivering the program on behalf of the State Government.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

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

I'm particularly pleased that some of the councils involved have decided to enrol their trainees in a Business course in the first year of their traineeships which will further increase their job opportunities.

Others have also given their trainees the opportunity to gain experience in all aspects of council activity so they can choose the areas they wish to work in during the second year of their traineeships.

I've met with many of these trainees during my visits to our regions and have been impressed by their commitment and gratitude for being given the opportunity to enter the workforce for two years.

Quotes attributable to LGA President Dave Burgess

It's been fantastic to see councils around South Australia embrace the Regional Youth Traineeship Program.

I encourage councils who haven't participated so far to come on board and take on a young trainee through the second round of this program.

This is a terrific opportunity, not just for the participating councils, but also for young people in our regions to get their foot in the door, and gain that important first job.

This program is another great example of State and Local Government working in partnership to drive jobs and economic activity for the benefit of local communities.