

# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Regional Youth Traineeship program creating even more jobs**

Fifty-seven new jobs will be created through the second round of the Regional Youth Traineeship program, kick-starting the careers of young South Australians in the local government sector.

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 were taken up by 32 regional councils, the Yalata Aboriginal Community Council and the Outback Communities Authority.

39 councils are participating in Round 2, including 13 for the first time.

114 new traineeships are being created through the first two rounds of this program.

### **Background**

The Regional Youth Traineeship program was started in 2015 to encourage young people in regional South Australia to start their careers through a two-year traineeship in local government.

The program is available to people aged between 17 – 24 who are either unemployed or have never been employed on a permanent full-time basis for longer than six months

The State Government has contributed \$4 million to the program, which is managed by the Local Government Association.

Seventy-five per cent of regional councils will take part in Round Two of the program.

The thirteen new councils confirmed to participate in the second round of the program are:

- Barossa Council (2 trainees) – ICT and Admin
- District Council of Orroroo Carrieton (1) – Civil Works
- District Council of Peterborough (1) – Horticulture
- Wakefield Regional Council (1) – Admin
- District Council of Ceduna (1) – Civil Works
- City of Port Lincoln (2) – Horticulture and Admin
- District Council of Kimba (1) – Admin
- District Council of Grant (2) – Wastewater and Admin
- Naracoorte Lucindale Council (1) – Horticulture
- Coorong District Council (2) – Both Admin
- District Council of Karoonda East Murray (2) – Both Admin
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie (2) – Both Admin
- District Council of Yankalilla (1) - Horticulture

Other councils participating in Round 2:

- Adelaide Plains Council (1) – Customer Service
- Light Regional Council (2) – ICT and Wastewater
- District Council of Copper Coast (2) – ICT and Tourism
- District Council of Mount Remarkable (2) – Both in Civil Works
- Northern Areas Council (2) – Admin and Civil Works
- Port Pirie Regional Council (1) – Admin
- Yorke Peninsula Council (1) – Admin
- District Council of Cleve (1) – Civil Works
- District Council of Tumby Bay (1) – Admin
- District Council of Elliston (1) – Admin
- District Council of Streaky Bay (2) – Civil Works and Wastewater
- City of Mount Gambier (1) – Admin
- Tatiara District Council (1) – Admin
- Wattle Range Council (2) – Both in Horticulture
- Town of Gawler (1) – Horticulture
- Berri Barmera Council – Tourism and ICT
- Mid Murray Council (2) – Horticulture and Admin
- Rural City of Murray Bridge (1) – Admin
- Renmark Paringa Council (1) – Horticulture
- Adelaide Hills Council (2) – Both in Arboriculture
- Alexandrina Council (2) – Admin and Wastewater
- Kangaroo Island Council (2) – Both in Civil Works
- District Council of Mount Barker (1) – Horticulture
- City of Victor Harbor(1) – Admin
- City of Port Augusta (2) – Both in ICT
- Corporation of the City of Whyalla (1) – Events

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

It's really important we provide young people in South Australia with an opportunity to get a start in the workforce – and that's exactly what this program does.

Round One was a resounding success, giving 57 people a traineeship that arms them with valuable skills in an important and growing sector.

I've been fortunate enough to meet several trainees in different parts of our State and it's great to see how they've grabbed the opportunity to be a part of the program with both hands.

I thank councils for their support and look forward to meeting many more participants.

### **Quotes attributable to LGA President Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg**

This is a fantastic partnership between State and Local government, and it's great to see it expanded to even more councils in its second year.

The program gives young people the chance to jumpstart a career in local government, and provides councils with an infusion of youth and energy.

I wish all of this year's trainees well, and look forward to working with them in the years ahead as valued members of the local government family.