

# News releases - Geoff Brock

## New trainees get their first taste of Local Government

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Young trainees from the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island will today attend their first induction as part of the State Government's \$4 million Regional Youth Traineeship Program.

The *Welcome to Local Government Induction* event in Goolwa is the first of a series of inductions across South Australia designed specifically for program trainees and supervisors.

The 12 trainees attending the induction today are part of 57 Round 2 inductees bringing the total number of trainees recruited under the program across the State to 114.

They will meet face-to-face and hear from Round 1 trainee and NAIDOC and Young Citizen of the Year Award winner Ashleigh Darrie on how the program benefits starting a career in the regions.

### Background

The Regional Youth Traineeship Program is a \$4 million Regional Development initiative delivered on behalf of the State Government by the Local Government Association.

The 114 trainees from South Australia are young people aged between 17 and 24 living in the regions who were either unemployed or didn't work full time.

Participants benefit from tailored training and work plans, so on completion of 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

The Regional Youth Traineeship Program is helping to provide sustainable employment opportunities in our regions.

The program is a very successful example of different levels of government working together to build strong regional communities.

These induction workshops, in particular, provide a wonderful opportunity for trainees to build their knowledge and confidence towards a strong and successful future career.

### Quotes attributable to LGA President Lorraine Rosenberg

The program is a unique opportunity to get regional South Australians into careers in councils.

The work that they do in local government is a real benefit to the regions and helps to make their communities stronger.

**Quotes attributable to Alexandrina Council RYTP trainee Ashleigh Darrie**

The Regional Youth Traineeship Program is a great opportunity to get young people in the regions started on a long-term career in local government.

I've really enjoyed my time with Alexandrina Council, and it's something I'm proud to have on my resume.