

# New trainees get their first taste of Local Government

**Geoff Brock** August 15, 2017

Young trainees from the Yorke and Mid North region 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 Port Pirie is the sixth in a series of inductions across South Australia this year designed specifically for program trainees and supervisors.

Today's induction will be attended by 12 trainees from the program, which over its two rounds has brought the total number of trainees recruited across the state to 114.

They will meet face-to-face and hear from guest speakers on how the program benefits starting a career in the regions, including Nyrstar Senior Contract Coordinator Jarrad Davies and Kelly Engineering Production Manager Luke Ellery.

State Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock will attend the event to meet the trainees.

## **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.