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2022 intake of apprentices and trainees ready to hit the ground running

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) has welcomed 24 apprentices and trainees for its 2022 intake at an induction ceremony held this morning at the Boyne Tannum Community Centre.

The 24 eager recruits will fill a variety of roles across several business units at locations across the Gladstone Region including Agnes Water, Benaraby, Calliope and Gladstone.

These roles include:

- Cert III Business x12
- Cert III Parks and Gardens x2
- Cert III Water Industry Operations x2
- Cert III Waste Management Operations
- Cert III Civil Construction
- Cert III Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Cert III Plumbing
- Cert III Automotive Mechanical (Heavy Road Transport)
- Cert III Live Production and Services
- Cert III Financial Services
- Cert IV Business.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said it was fantastic to see so many new faces join an organisation that is committed to delivering outstanding service to the community.

"I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to apply and wish the successful applicants the best of luck on their GRC journey," Councillor Burnett said.

"Council is proud to serve close to 63,000 residents across 10,489 square kilometres and it's great to see roles have been filled in a variety of different locations within the Gladstone Region.

"Our People Services and Learning and Development Teams took a different approach to finding suitable apprentices and trainees by strategically aligning the recruitment period with other key businesses and industries in our region, allowing us to reach a more competitive pool of applicants.

"This adjustment also meant that school leavers that were successful in joining our business, were able to get a vision on the beginning of their career path before finishing the year ensuring that we're keeping our local talent, local."

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Council's 2022 apprentices and trainee intake has been assisted by the First Start program under the *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* initiative.

First Start provides wage subsidies to local councils and community-based organisations to employ additional trainees.

The program offers opportunities to young people and disadvantaged job seekers to gain nationally recognised qualifications and 12 months employment by undertaking a traineeship or longer for apprenticeships.

First Start is one of seven programs that make up the Queensland Government's *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* initiative.

Visit <u>www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/jobs-council</u> to find out further information on how to apply for available positions within Gladstone Regional Council.

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