

Media Release

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Council welcomes 21 new Apprentices and Trainees for 2025 intake

Gladstone Regional Council has welcomed 21 Apprentices and Trainees for its 2025 intake at an orientation day held this week at the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.

Roles include:

- 6 x Business Administration Trainees
- 2 x Botanic Apprentice
- 2 x First Nations Fire Trainees
- 2 x ICT Trainees
- 2 x Plumber Apprentices
- Community Service Trainee
- Electrical Apprentice
- Event Management Trainee
- Live Production Trainee
- Process Operator Trainee
- Waste Management Trainee
- Workplace Health and Safety Trainee.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said recruits will fill roles across the region.

“Our Apprentices and Trainees will be based at facilities including Tondoon Botanic Gardens, Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct, as well as various offices, depots and rural transaction centres,” Councillor Burnett said.

“We had a fantastic response when we put the call out for applications, with 390 people expressing an interest to work at Gladstone Regional Council.”

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) CEO Leisa Dowling said she is excited and proud to welcome 21 new people to the GRC family.

“During their placement, our apprentices and trainees will work with highly experienced mentors, many who have decades of experience at Council or in local government,” Ms Dowling said.

“They will receive valuable on-the-job training and support to develop their employability skills, knowledge and experience, and as a Council, we are proud to play our part in helping to facilitate the upskilling of our region in a diverse range of roles.”

Council’s apprenticeship and traineeship program has been assisted by the First Start program.

First Start is one of eight programs under the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative and provides wage subsidies to local councils and community-based organisations to employ additional trainees.

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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.

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/jobs-council to learn more about careers at Council, including current vacancies, application and recruitment processes.

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