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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **COUNCIL LAYING OUT CAREER PATHWAYS**

Coonamble Shire Council is giving a fresh start for job seekers through the Local Government Apprentices, Trainees and Cadets program.

Council anticipates offering apprenticeships in horticulture, plumbing and mechanics, cadetships in accounting and in health and building and a traineeship in engineering.

The Local Government Apprentices, Trainees and Cadets Program is part of a NSW Government investment of \$252 million to place 1,300 people in one-the-job training programs across the State.

While many people are familiar with apprenticeships, traineeships are similar, in that they are regulated by government and established under a training agreement. Training Services NSW regulates both apprenticeships and traineeships in this State.

Apprenticeships and traineeships combine on-the-job, practical work with an employer and formal training with a training provider. Those in these roles learn new skills while working, leading to a nationally recognised qualification in their industry.

Apprenticeships usually continue for three to four years, while traineeships are for one to three years. They can be part-time, full-time or school-based.

Cadetships are for those in their second last or final year of university studies, with Council itself responsible for preparing a training program for those who entering the workforce through this pathway.

Mayor Danny Keady said, "This program encourages local people to stay within the community to build their skills and to remain close to their family and support networks. It is important for the prosperity of remote rural communities like ours to offer entry-level opportunities for people to stay within their home towns without having to seek career development and growth in larger urban centres."

General Manager Paul Gallagher said, "Local Councils have traditionally been an entry point for local people to enter the workforce and begin a career path in a trade or profession. We look forward to welcoming applicants in each of the roles that will soon be advertised."

Paul Gallagher  
**GENERAL MANAGER**