

Media Release

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A day in the life of West Coast Council

Is Council just about roads and rubbish?

Why does Council want to collect all our cats and dogs' names?

Why are there so many people employed within Council?

West Coast Council will be cracked open to students from Mountain Heights and Rosebery District High School from 6 to 10 September 2021 through a pilot program developed to offer a practical work experience program within local government.

The initiative, as part of Cradle Coast Authority's (CCA) Local Government Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASbA) Program, 'A day in the life of West Coast Council' is aimed raising awareness of the career opportunities for young people in local government.

The week-long program will provide a small group of students with a "taster" of the different roles and functions within Council. Key areas to be explored include: customer service, governance, regulatory services, parks and gardens, waste management and more. The program allows students to "shadow" Council staff to gain valuable, hands-on work experience while encouraging them to think about local government as a future career path.

During the week, students will undertake a nationally accredited skills training unit "Work in local government" which will provide them with a certificate of attainment to add to their resume.

Following on from this, students will be invited to apply for a Governance Apprenticeship with West Coast Council commencing in 2022 as part of the second round of the Local Government ASbA Program aimed at increasing the number of ASbAs in local government to address current structural workforce challenges.

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