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## Council traineeships to boost local skills

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Cook Shire Council is targeting disadvantaged jobseekers, with two full time traineeships in the pipeline.

The two 12 month Business Administration traineeships would be advertised in the coming weeks, Cook Shire Council Business Services and Human Resources Manager Tracey Boulton said. "We strongly encourage people from our target group to apply and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to gain hands on experience within a large and multi-skilled workforce," Ms Boulton said.

To be eligible, applicants must be aged 15 and older and no longer at school, and able to meet citizen, residency and visa requirements to undertake a traineeship. "These positions are targeted towards young people aged 15 to 24, mature aged jobseekers aged 45 and older, long-term unemployed, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, migrants and refugees, women re-entering the workforce and people with a disability," Ms Boulton said.

Cooktown born and bred Chelsea Scanlan completed a Business Administration traineeship with Council last year, and has since found full time employment at Council. "Council has given me the opportunity to complete my traineeship and provided me with the skills and knowledge so I can step up into a new role," Ms Scanlan said.

The positions are partly funded by the Department of Education and Training's Skilling Queenslanders for Work's First Start Program.

For more information contact Council's Human Resources team via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444.

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