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WHY NOT LOOK AT A CAREER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?



LANDCARE AND CONSERVATION

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There are a wide range of Landcare and Conservation careers available in Local Government.

Councils are responsible for managing a wide range of natural resources, including parks, bushland, rivers, catchments and coastal areas. They deal with important national and global issues such as managing salinity and climate change.

Councils are involved in conservation and rehabilitation activities and the development of regional management plans, in both rural and fringe metropolitan areas. This will often include working with community groups and other agencies. Many councils are increasingly take a leading role in educating the community about sustainable use of resources.

As a first year Environmental Officer, you are likely to have the opportunity to develop conservation projects from scratch and working with key community groups to ensure that the projects are effectively implemented. Coordinating volunteers on conservation programs will also be a major role.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There are a range of pathways into landcare and conservation roles in councils. Some options include:

- Applying for a traineeship position with a council and studying while you work
- Moving into a landcare and conservation role from another area within council
- Completing a university or vocational qualification prior to working in council

Many jobs in landcare and conservation do not require a university degree. There are vocational education and training courses offered by TAFE and other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) which will articulate into degrees, if you choose to take your education further.

Examples of qualifications you might consider are:

- Bachelor of Environmental Science
- Advanced Diploma of Applied Environmental Management - TAFE
- Certificate III, IV or Diploma in Conservation and Land Management - TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management (also available as a school based traineeship) – TAFE or private RTO

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT...

- www.lgsa-plus.net.au and www.careergov.com.au to learn more about careers in local government
- www.counciljobs.com to look at jobs currently available in local government
- www.goingtouni.gov.au to see the range of university courses available
- www.tafensw.edu.au to find out more about TAFE courses in NSW
- www.counciljobs.com to look at the jobs currently available in local government
- www.sbatinnsw.info to find out more about school-based traineeships in NSW
- www.lgsa.org.au to locate all councils across NSW

Remember, council job opportunities are advertised in local and national newspapers.