

# WANT TO MAKE RECREATION YOUR WORK?

WHY NOT LOOK AT A CAREER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?



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There are a wide range of Recreation and Leisure careers available in Local Government.

Some of the services councils provide include:

- Health and fitness clubs, gymnasiums and sports centres
- Health and fitness programs and campaigns in various locations around the council area
- Lifeguard services in coastal areas

These services require talented, qualified staff in a range of fields, including:

- Fitness, swim and aerobics instructors
- Lifeguards

Councils also play an important role in health advocacy and community development, so many jobs combine on the ground practical experience with theory.

As a first year Recreation and Leisure worker for example, you could be helping encourage community use of facilities and developing programs, activities and ideas for further community involvement.

Preparing proposals and submissions for external funding applications may also form a significant part of the job.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There are a number of pathways into Recreation and Leisure roles in councils. Some options include:

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

Many jobs in Recreation and Leisure 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 Applied Science (Exercise and Sports Science) – various universities
- Bachelor of Health Science (Leisure and Health) – Charles Sturt University
- Bachelor of Management in Leisure – University of Technology Sydney
- Diploma of Facility Management – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate III and IV in Community Recreation – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate III, IV and Diploma of Fitness – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate II in Community Recreation (also available as a school based traineeship) – TAFE or private RTO

## FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT...

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

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