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NEW RESOURCES DEPLOYED TO UPSKILL LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Specialist staff within the Office of Local Government will soon be deployed to assist councils access training to upskill employees impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSW Government announced today.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said now more than ever we need to be supporting our local government employees.

“This additional support from the NSW Government will ensure council workers are better able to access subsidised training and education,” Mrs Hancock said.

“Over 700 training courses are available for local government employees to access thanks to the NSW Government’s Smart and Skilled program.”

The Office of Local Government will work closely with councils to identify training needs and priorities and assist facilitating partnerships with training providers.

“Opportunities for apprenticeships and traineeships are also available, assisting workers and future local government employees gain and maintain valuable employment,” Mrs Hancock said.

Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee said Smart and Skilled was a successful program aimed at enhancing opportunities for those seeking employment and improving access to vocational training.

“Access by councils to the NSW Government’s Smart and Skilled program is essential to ensure the local government workforce is able to upskill and therefore better serve their local communities,” Mr Lee said.

For more information, visit: <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/>

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