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Providing Employment Opportunities for Women

South Gippsland Water is proud to launch an employment program offering women the opportunity to learn and gain hands on experience in the water industry.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director South Gippsland Water said, "South Gippsland Water recognises that a diverse workforce improves overall performance of an organisation whilst also benefiting our local communities and the customers we service. South Gippsland Water is offering a traineeship specifically targeted at the regions' women who may be interested in a practical, hands on career". Launching this week it coincides with International Women's Day on March 8th, this year's theme is #PressForProgress. Mr du Plessis went onto to say that, "South Gippsland Water is doing just that, by looking to ensure diversity and providing opportunity for females in roles that have been traditionally male dominated".

The traineeship is based in the Corporation's Water Treatment and Quality Team. Delivering clean, clear drinking water to our communities plays an important part in the region's health and wellbeing. The role offers an opportunity to make a real difference and be part of an inclusive, committed and supportive team at the same time. By learning how to sample and test drinking water quality and working with others to support operation of treatment processes and equipment, this role brings a high level of variety.

The role suits a woman interested in being out and about in the region, visiting different South Gippsland Water facilities to collect water samples, and supporting water treatment plant operators as they work to ensure water is delivered to regional communities to high standards. A friendly nature and an analytical mind set, along with an interest in, and secondary college level knowledge of chemistry and mathematics is ideal.

A Certificate III in Water Industry Treatment will be achieved over a two year period as part of the traineeship, supported by South Gippsland Water. The role is fixed term for this period with the potential, subject to a vacant position, to be appointed to an on-going position at completion.

View the role advertised in this newspaper, the full position description and a short information video on the Corporation's website www.sgwater.com.au/about-us/careers. An information session for interested candidates will be held at the Leongatha Water Treatment Plant, 210 Harveys Road, Ruby on Friday 16th March 2018 from 10am. Please email recruitment@sgwater.com.au to book a place.

Know a woman who might suit the job? Feel free to spread the word.

For a confidential discussion regarding employment at South Gippsland Water phone People and Culture on 1300 851 636.

*This role is open to female candidates only. A *Special Measure* under Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 has been applied.



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