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Kick Start Your Career

Most university students don't experience the practical side of the career for which they are studying until well into second year. That's why Chris Land appreciates the hands-on work experience he undertakes with Dalby Town Council as part of the education bursary he was awarded in 2005.

Chris has just finished his second year at Griffith University studying a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health. Working in Council's community services department during vacations, Chris has been able to build on his knowledge and practical experience as he advances through his degree.

"Thanks to the bursary I have been able to complete a number of interesting projects with Council. From researching micro-chipping methods for dogs and cats, to attending health inspections of food premises, and assisting Council comply with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for its landfill operation", Mr Land said.

"It really helps putting the theory I've learnt into practice - it answers a lot of questions," he said.

Chris strongly encourages local students interested in studying a discipline oriented towards local government to apply for Council's 2007 Education Bursary.

"You'll not only gain valuable work experience, but be paid for the time you work. It's also an excellent networking opportunity because you meet industry peers that you'll be working with in the future," Mr Land said.

Dalby Town Council Chief Executive Officer Stephen Hegedus said the bursary is designed to give local youth an insight into the wide variety of professions that local government has to offer as well as helping to kick-start their careers.

"Bursary students have an advantage over their peers by gaining valuable work experience while they study, something that many employers look for when hiring graduates," Mr Hegedus said.

Applications for the 2007 Education Bursary should be lodged with Council before close of business Friday 9 February 2007.

For more information visit Council's website www.dalby.qld.gov.au or contact Council's Human Resources Officer Michelle Brown on 4672 1128.

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