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Why did you choose to undertake a traineeship? I chose a traineeship because I was personally ready to head off to university. In a traineeship you not only earn money and get experience, but you also finish the traineeship with a degree. For example I will be receiving a cert III in Business.

What is your traineeship like and what duties do you generally undertake? My traineeship is working within the Indigo Shire Council. In my position I am a corporate service trainee. It is a great place to work and the coursework is very relatable with what you are doing every day. My duties include customer service, data entry, mail outs, helping customers and completing delegated tasks.

Describe a typical day in your traineeship? I get in at 8:30am from Monday – Friday, I open up the front doors and get prepared for the day with money, keys and lots of coffee. I usually start off with some simple data entry into the database to keep things updated. My day then varies depending where I am located and what day it is. I usually answer some calls and help people at the front desk. Then perform any delighted tasks that I am given throughout the day, then at lunch to go down to Gum Tree Pies and get a steak and red wine pie. Throughout the day if it is not overly busy I get some of my coursework completed, then I leave at 5pm and do it all over again the next day.

What have been some of the highlights from your traineeship? The main highlight is working at a well-respected council. There is the possibility to be offered another position working at the council (or place of placement) to further your career which is always great. For me personally I have been offered a position in the Community Development team working with youth. It has opened so many more doors for me and not to mention working for a council looks pretty damn good on your resume.

Why should school leavers consider doing a traineeship? You should consider doing a traineeship as it is a great way to get a qualification and earn some money before you go to university (if that is what you are going to do), or just to simply get your foot in the door and open up some options for your future.!

