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City of Mitcham Graduate Program Team - City of Mitcham Graduate Program

The City of Mitcham Graduate Program, in partnership with Flinders University, demonstrates strategic collaboration to deliver positive graduate, employment and community outcomes.

Since the initial pilot recruitment in 2019, 21 graduates have commenced with 17 securing ongoing or long term contract employment with the City of Mitcham. For recent graduates, it represents a career path that can kick-start their careers, suit their skill set and interests, and deliver ongoing development opportunities.

For the City of Mitcham, it is a partnership which supports the achievement of its community vision Mitcham 2030 in areas such as workforce planning, culture, positive change, innovation and partnerships. It attracts capable, energetic people with innovative ideas, and offers access to professional development opportunities whilst contributing to services delivered by Council.

For Flinders University, it demonstrates to students that the skills and knowledge gained at University can immediately be applied to a workplace.

This program has brought the local government sector back into the limelight as an exciting career path, with a range of opportunities, where graduates can make a real difference to their local community.

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City of Onkaparinga Libraries & Neporendi Aboriginal Forum Inc. - Southern Deadly Yarns Project

In 2020 Onkaparinga Libraries and Neporendi Aboriginal Forum Inc*. planned and delivered Southern Deadly Yarns, a series of virtual author events highlighting the work of First Nations authors, who are often underrepresented in mainstream publishers' publicity programs.

The yarns examined topics of truth telling, recognition and what makes a good yarn. The partnership between Onkaparinga Libraries and Neporendi demonstrates leadership in collaborative practices between local government entities and Aboriginal community organisations.

At the core of Southern Deadly Yarns is a genuine commitment from Onkaparinga Libraries and Neporendi to promote partnerships that cross racial lines and advance educational opportunities for all community members. The initiative seeks to support the ancient ways and embrace the narrative of storytelling and yarning (the art of conversation) as a way of transferring intergenerational knowledge.

**Neporendi is an Aboriginal community controlled not for profit, non-government organisation established in 1992. Encompassing the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide and Fleurieu Peninsula. It supports and provides programs to build on the resilience of Aboriginal families and communities by promoting and delivering events and activities to further the cultural, economic, political and social development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*

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City of Unley - Cohousing for Ageing Well Project Team - Cohousing for Ageing Well Project

The population of Adelaide is ageing but there are limited options to downsize within the community when physical, financial and social needs change. This innovative collaborative project was bold, working smartly alongside the development of new planning policy to cherish heritage and character homes, whilst also redesigning them for a new future of residential living. 'Cohousing for Ageing Well' used community co-design principles with older residents to create housing that retains street character and existing buildings for social cohesion, maintains vegetation for health and climate benefits, whilst also providing accessible homes with shared amenities to combat social isolation.

The project employed cross council collaboration between the City of Unley, City of Burnside, City of Prospect and Town of Walkerville as well as housing researchers from the Architecture Program at UniSA, under the financial support of the Office for Ageing Well and partnership with the State Planning Commission, and Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (now PlanSA). Outcomes included a suite of innovative co-housing designs sympathetic to local housing styles yet designed to promote ageing in place, and a submission, proposing an amendment to the State Government's new Planning and Design Code which would facilitate the transfer of these new cohousing concepts into reality.

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