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SKILLED VETERANS TO BOOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Veterans in Hawkesbury are set to reap the benefits of a new guide designed to help them compare and match their skills from military service to jobs within local councils.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said a veteran looks at the chart, sees their rank and skillset and compares that to a job in local council.

“Showing leadership, following direction and handling high pressure situations in the defence force are transferrable skills that our veterans can put on their resumes and fill some incredible jobs,” Ms Preston said.

Minister for Veterans John Sidoti said the NSW Local Government Rank to Grade Guide, maps out how positions within the Australian Defence Force align to NSW Local Government job grades.

“This programme targets those that do the hiring in local councils by educating them on exactly how valuable the skill sets of our veterans are,” Mr Sidoti said.

“We spend so much time and effort training our men and women to be ready for battle and we need to replicate that intensity when we help them look for work after life in the defence force.”

The Rank to Grade guide forms an integral part of the successful Veterans Employment Programme, which has already exceeded expectations in the public sector.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said this is going to be a game changer because it will help our veterans’ job applications stand out from the rest.

“The guide will not only provide veterans with a rewarding career path but also bolster the ranks of local government with the invaluable skills, knowledge and experience of our military personnel.

“This is a win-win-win situation for councils wanting to utilise the skills of our veterans, for communities to benefit from the knowledge and experience they bring and for vets to have meaningful post-service careers.”

NSW local councils employ approximately 45,000 personnel across 128 council locations. For more information drop in to your local council or head to www.vep.veterans.nsw.gov.au

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