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### **Chair of Centroc Supports Take Your Daughter to Work Day on 8 November 2011**

Central NSW Councils (Centroc) represents over 236,000 people covering an area of more than 70,000sq kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Boorowa, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Harden, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Wellington, Young and Central Tablelands Water.

At the Centroc Board Meeting in August this year, Centroc agreed to support and participate in the second year of the Take Your Daughter to Work Day initiative.

“This is a great chance for the young girls in our communities to experience the broad scope of employment that exists here,” said Cr Phyllis Miller, Chair of Centroc, Mayor of Forbes.

On 8 November 2011, employees of the Centroc Councils will be giving young girls in their community an opportunity to experience what it is like to work in Local Government. Council employees will be able to take their daughters or other young women in the community to their place of work for the day and be involved in a structured program, exposing them to the breadth of opportunities in Local Government employment.

“Local Councils are a major employer and this program will allow young women to experience first hand what is possible in their home town. Across the Centroc Councils we have women working in a variety of roles. There are female mayors, general managers, engineers, town planners, department directors, accountants, rangers and truck drivers. The list goes on,” said Cr Miller.

Cr Miller went on to say, “The Councils of Centroc work cooperatively on many issues that affect the region and this initiative is a show of unity to address employment and skill shortages in the area.”

Centroc has committed to supporting this program in an effort to increase the awareness of employment in Local Government and to expand the scope of women into managerial and non-traditional roles. Cr Miller said, “Our council is the heart of our community and by promoting what Local Government has to offer in employment and career development we will be better placed to retain our youth in our town and attend to the skill shortages in Local Government by ‘growing our own’ personnel”.

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