



Barkuma works alongside people with disability to find rewarding jobs, learn new skills, explore their talents and be included in the community.

Open employment means that you are employed in the mainstream workforce.

Our participants work in a variety of roles and industries with over 300 local employers, including:

- Aged care
- Business and administration
- Fast food
- Hospitality
- Maintenance and cleaning
- and many more

If you'd like more information please contact our Intake Coordinator on 8414 7100.



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Our speciality

Barkuma specialises in assisting people with Developmental Disabilities which includes, but is not limited to:

- Intellectual Disability
- Down Syndrome
- Autism (including Asperger's)
- Learning Disability
- Acquired or Traumatic Brain Injury acquired prior to 18 years of age.

As a Specialist Disability Employment Service Provider, Barkuma can work with people from across the Adelaide Metropolitan, Barossa and Gawler areas.

Why choose Barkuma?

- Barkuma has expertise in supporting people with Developmental Disabilities to find and maintain employment.
- Barkuma has over 30 years experience delivering Disability Employment Services in South Australia.
- Once a suitable job opportunity has been found, Barkuma will provide one on one support in the workplace to assist you to maintain your employment.
- Barkuma have been recognised nationally for our service, receiving Runners Up in the 2018 National Disability Service Open Employment Excellence award.

How do I access this support?

Barkuma works with you to make sure you are supported throughout your employment and have a process to make you reach your goals. This process includes:

Send enquiry to Intake Coordinator

Assess your eligibility and sign you up

Meet your support team

Pre-employment activities

Job searching

Work experience

Paid employment

Tim's Story



In 2013 Des's Minibuses offered Tim Norton, one week of work experience while at school. This work experience period exposed Tim to an environment that he loved and after this opportunity, he became very interested in working with buses.

When Tim came into the Barkuma's Disability Employment Service in 2016, he mentioned how much he enjoyed his time at Des's. It was now Barkuma's turn to ensure they got the job that was right for Tim and began talking to Des's about an opportunity.

Bruce mentions "Barkuma and Des's Adelaide have a great working relationship and the mentoring service of the support workers is the pivotal point of success in the relationship." As a result, Tim was offered work two days a week and jumped at the chance to work with Des's.

Tim says "I love every minute of working with our buses."