



Hands On SA
Inspiring Better Lives

Employment Opportunities

Hands On SA is an Australian Disability Enterprise recognised for providing high quality and meaningful supported employment for people living with a disability.

Hands On SA was founded in 1963 by a group of parents of children with a disability who wanted to provide their children with vocational training and real employment opportunities. Hands On SA is a public not-for-profit organization which places an emphasis on so much more than just work.

Working for Hands On SA

Hands On SA provides jobs for more than 150 employees across increasing areas of activity. At every stage we endeavour to promote core values of providing meaningful, secure and supported employment in a positive and educational environment.

It is our goal to build upon employees' existing abilities and maximise their inclusion in the community. By maintaining an individual-centred approach, Hands On SA prioritises social development and employee satisfaction.

Supported Employment Program

Hands On SA provides a diverse range of jobs ensuring each supported employee has access to meaningful employment. Casual, part time and full time employment is available. Days and times of work are flexible to meet the needs of individuals.

Primary roles within the supported employment program exist across a variety of industry segments, involving:

- Packaging
- Assembly
- Mail out campaigns
- Machine operation
- Process work

Upon commencement of supported employment, Hands On SA creates an Individual Employment Plan. This document includes supported employees, staff and carers in identifying strategies to achieve vocational goals.

Employment is available at our Kent Town and Oakden sites which both feature newly refurbished facilities.



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Becoming a supported employee

To be eligible for supported employment all you need is:

- To have a disability support pension (DSP) or approval from Centrelink to access supported employment
- A willingness to work a minimum of 8 hours per week
- To be aged 16 years and over .

If you are unsure of your eligibility, we encourage you to contact us. One of our friendly staff will be happy to speak with you regarding your individual circumstances and advise how Hands On SA may be able to assist you.

Life as a supported employee

Bianca is a current supported employee of Hands On SA, and is a great example of how the organisation can provide support to people living with a disability.

After struggling with fluctuating work for years, Bianca was seeking something stable and rewarding. Now, after two years, Bianca works alongside her husband and appreciates the independence and value that Hands On SA has brought to her life.

Work Experience:

Another option if you are aged 16 years and over and interested in trying employment with Hands On SA is to start a work experience trial.

Hands On SA has for many years provided students aged 16 years and over and living with a disability with a range of work experience placement options.

These placements provide students with the opportunity to gain diverse new skills and be exposed to the world of work. Placements will present both responsibilities and challenges and are highly rewarding experiences.

To apply for a work experience placement, please contact us.

Benefits of joining the Hands On SA team:

- Build a support network with fellow supported employees and staff which can lead to long term friendships and social connections.
- Gain a sense of contribution and achievement. Each individual is matched with rewarding work which builds upon their skills and abilities.
- Earn independence which comes with paid employment.
- Learn new skills and undergo training and development to achieve personal vocational objectives.
- Receive ongoing support from qualified and dedicated staff from Hands On SA.



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