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**BAG IT:** Monika Marek fills showbags for the Royal Adelaide Show yesterday

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IT may be 15 days until showtime, but Bedford Industries is already having bags of fun – 242,000 showbags, that is.

South Australia's largest employment provider for people with a disability is busy packing a record number of bags in time for the Royal Adelaide Show at the Adelaide Showground from September 2 to 10.

Bedford Industries chief executive Max Dyason said about 300

people – employees, including Monika Marek, and staff – were halfway through the job, which would take close to two weeks to complete.

"It's the biggest year in my memory ... almost a quarter of a million showbags," he said.

With 39 varieties of showbags – including the popular Bertie Beetle, Kit Kat and Snakes Alive – to pack, the Panorama headquarters has become a giant lolly shop, turning everyone into "big kids".

"We have had senior business

people visiting through the packaging department who wanted to get hold of the showbags," Mr Dyason said.

"It adds life, colour and fun ... it's a sea of colour.

"It lifts the spirits of people who work here and visitors."

Bedford Industries will also be at the Royal Adelaide Show next month, with its Outback Designs range of furniture available to buy in the Goyder Pavilion.

"It's the first time we have ever had a stand at the Show," Mr Dyason said.