

MEDIA STATEMENT

NEW NDIS SERVICE OPENS IN THE SOUTH EAST

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Bedford Group, the largest provider of disability employment in South Australia, has now expanded its services in the South East with a brand new, purpose-built Learning and Experiences Hub.

Co-located at the existing timber mill on Attamurra Road, Glenburnie, the centre provides programs for NDIS clients to develop skills that can be used at home and skills for transitioning into work.

General Manager, Day Options and Experiences, Stefanie Veitch, says "The new Learning and Experiences Hub provides a great opportunity to support the local community and support clients to both develop skills and enjoy social experiences."

According to statistics collated by Australian Network on Disability^{*}, 1 in 5 Australians is living with some form of disability. Along with disability often comes social isolation, reduced health outcomes and restricted employment opportunities.

The Learning and Experiences Hub will provide programs and activities to support people with disability to connect to a community, improve confidence by learning techniques in art and music, and to join in on communal outdoor activities that promote health and wellbeing.

Importantly, the Hub will offer real-life skills which can be applied at home, such as cooking skills and IT skills (to connect with friends and family), but which may also lead to employment pathways, ie; in food service and in other roles which require a working knowledge of IT.

The Hub has a custom-built teaching kitchen, an art space, IT suite, music room and sensory room.

Programs are run both in-house and out in the community to suit individual client needs and interests. Sessions include cooking, IT, literacy and numeracy, and photography.

Get in touch with Bedford and book today.

Phone (08) 8275 0211 or visit our website:

bedfordgroup.com.au/mtgambier-day-options

*https://and.org.au/resources/disability-statistics/

The largest employer of people with disability in South Australia, <u>Bedford</u> provides a range of services for over 1300 clients across 17 sites.

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