

AUTISM WORKS

Employment Summit

Program



Government of
South Australia

MORNING

8:15am	Registration and coffee	
9:00am	Opening and welcome	Dorian Tisato, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
9:10am	Welcome to Country	Robert Taylor, <i>Kurna, Ngarrindjeri, Narungga, and Nganguraku man</i>
9:25am	Minister's welcome	The Honourable Emily Bourke MLC, <i>Minister for Autism</i>
9:35am	Premier's address	The Honourable Peter Malinauskas, <i>Premier of South Australia</i>
9:50am	Keynote addresses	Professor Colin Stirling, <i>Flinders University</i> Sir Nick Hine, <i>Babcock International Group</i> Sam Weavers, <i>Sam's Popcorn</i>

10:35am Morning tea and exhibition

11:05am	Autism Awareness and Understanding training	Dr Emma Goodall, <i>Department of the Premier and Cabinet</i>
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AFTERNOON

12:00pm	Hidden Disabilities	Justin Bruce, <i>Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Australia & New Zealand</i>
12:10pm	Panel discussion Where do key industry figures see the opportunities in Autistic employment?	Facilitated by Bruce Djite, <i>Property Council of Australia</i> , with: Nick Addison, <i>Adelaide Oval</i> Jessica Gadsby, <i>Leaders IT</i> Anna Moeller, <i>AHA/SA</i>

12:55pm Lunch and exhibition

2:05pm	Breakout sessions	
	1 Autism Works in the Community Grants Program 2025	Hall E1 Dr Tanya Day, <i>Office for Autism</i>
	2 Universal design for autism inclusion	Plenary Facilitated by Rebecca Lawson-Cooke, <i>Turner and Townsend</i> , with: Warwick Gregg, <i>Buildsurv</i> Georgia Miller, <i>Job Access</i> Jessie Smith, <i>JFA Purple Orange</i> Tom Clark, <i>Workspace</i>
	3 Showcasing Autistic inclusion initiatives in the workplace	Hall E3 Facilitated by Maggie Rutjens, <i>Department of the Premier and Cabinet</i> , with: Malcolm Mayfield, <i>Built Environs</i> Luke Goldup, <i>Built Environs</i> David Smith, <i>Employ for Ability</i> Louise Nobes, <i>KIK Innovation</i>
	4 Building stakeholder support for inclusive initiatives	Hall E2 Facilitated by Dylan Jones, <i>Office for AUKUS</i> , with: Bianca Luraschi, <i>Bright Star Support Services</i> Kelly Vincent, <i>Adelaide Airport</i> Rebecca Jessop, <i>Department for Education</i> Deanna Wallis, <i>Wallis Cinemas</i>
3:00pm	Closing address	Natsha Copley, <i>DXC Technology</i>
3:20pm	Thank you	Sarah Kemp, <i>Office for Autism</i>
3:30pm	Close	