



# BHP

## A WHEELIE GOOD TIME

Bike rescue organisation, Dismantle aims to enable and empower vulnerable young people to live their life in a self-directed way. Dismantle educates at risk-youth with hands-on mechanical skills, by mentoring these individuals in organising and fixing bikes. Social skills, confidence and teamwork are some of the major valuable skills learned through their Bike Rescue Program. Participants are further able to harness their own sustainable transport solutions in everyday life by using their repaired bikes.

On Wednesday the 7th of December, 10 members of the Engineering NPI & IPRO GTS team got together for a day of bike sorting and quality control. To start off the day, the volunteers started sorting through hundreds of donated bikes and cleaning up the storage area and stacking them into various categories. The team were also responsible for selecting the bikes that were able to be saved and used for parts, or if the entire bike was destined for the skip bin. The team were told to be ruthless with their selections with the number one rule being: "when in doubt, throw it out!".

After a morning of sorting and organising the stock in the outdoor sheds, the team begun dismantling the bikes by removing the wheels, handlebars, brake levers, bells, reflectors, gears, and chains. The volunteers put on their thinking caps and decided if the parts were worth reusing or not. Once the wheels were off, they put them through the test of whether or they were in good condition and if they ran 'true'. Keeping an eye on the rotation of the wheel, anything with a slight wobble was to be thrown into the metal bin. To end the day, the group was shown how to test and change a bike tyre, a valuable life skill for anyone to learn.

It was a wonderful day for everyone involved and the team shared many laughs along the way. Well done to everyone for their contribution to such a wonderful cause. Thanks BHP!



[You can view more photos from the team day \*\*HERE\*\*.](#)

