



Team Highlights

"Understanding the purpose of the organization".

"The opportunity to have a short, but impactful connection with some of the workforce".

"Realization of how much waste we produce and how that waste could be useful for someone else".



BANTER, BOOKS AND BARGAINS!

Good Sammy is a social enterprise focused on providing meaningful employment opportunities and pathways for Western Australians with disability. Their vision is to create a better future for people with disability and believe in creating inclusive workplaces as this is the foundation for an inclusive society. Good Sammy currently has 27 op shops, located from Albany to Geraldton and employs more than 265 employees with disability, in a variety of roles.

On Friday, 28 October, the MECoE Engineering team got together for a morning of team building and volunteering at the Good Sammy Warehouse in Canning Vale. On arrival, the team was greeted by Good Sammy CEO Kane Blackman and Volunteer Coordinator Karen Andrews, who took the team through a small introduction of the organisation and its purpose. The CEO spoke to the group about his own personal story and why Good Sammy means so much to his family. After the team was taken through an informative tour of the facility, the first group was sent to the warehouse floor to sort through electrical goods and cables (some old and some very new!) Meanwhile, other volunteers spent time sorting clothing into one of three options: summer, winter or neutral. Other tasks included sorting books into categories (children and adult) and packaged up for distribution to the local op shops. The other volunteers put their hands up to assist with uploading information to the newly launched online store. Tasks involved adding measurements, weight of the item, and creating descriptions to match the image.

The team especially loved interacting with many young employees with disabilities who were able to show them the ropes and enjoy lots of banter throughout the day!

A big round of applause to the BHP team for making such an impact in just a few hours. We hope you enjoyed the experience.



To view all the photos from the day please click here.