



BIKES BIKES AND MORE BIKES!

Team Highlights:

Fixing bikes

Being able to do something meaningful

The people

Learnt something new

Tearing down a bicycle

Team work, knowledgeable and friendly mechanics.

Learning new skills and having the knowledge in the event of a bike repair

Established in 2011, Bicycles for Humanity WA (B4HWA) is part of an exciting global volunteer-run, non-profit organisation that utilises donated bikes to help alleviate poverty through sustainable transport. Annually, over 1.5 million bikes are sold across Australia and roughly half of these bikes are abandoned or unused. B4HWA puts this huge resource to work in some of the world's poorest regions. To date, B4HWA have delivered 19 storage containers filled with over 6900 bikes to small and rural communities in Namibia, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia and Malawi.

On Tuesday 9 May, a team of eight volunteers from the Eastern Region - Site Technology - Mining Systems team contributed their time to support B4HWA in repairing, fixing, and maintaining their workshop full of bikes. The team came ready to get their hands dirty, and after a quick introduction to the organisation by Jamie, they split into teams of two, paired up with a B4HWA volunteer and got to work. The tasks for the day included repairing bikes that would be sold locally, as well as fixing and repairing bikes that would soon be sent overseas to the Democratic Republic of Congo. This included stripping the bikes of spare parts, removing bike seats from their poles, removing the front wheels, tying this all together and loading them into the shipping container. Team members put their new skills to the test, with a few team members taking their newly fixed bikes for test rides throughout the day.

The B4HWA team enjoyed having the volunteers help throughout the day - and greatly appreciated all their efforts in supporting this great organisation. Thanks to this awesome team for assisting B4HWA - we hope you enjoyed your volunteering experience.

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

