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BICYCLE MECHANICS FOR A DAY

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 20 storage containers filled with over 8000 bikes to small and rural communities in Namibia, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia and Malawi.

On September 14, seven enthusiastic volunteers from BHP's Mining Systems - FMS contributed their Tuesday to support Bicycles for Humanity in repairing, fixing and maintaining their workshop full of bikes. After a quick introduction by Jamie, the team was ready to get their hands dirty and unlock their mechanical skills. The task for the day was stripping additional bikes for spare parts, including the pedals, brakes, handlebars, chains, gears, and bottom brackets. Two team members had the opportunity to test drive the bikes they had fixed and it was all geared to go. The team thrived on their new skills learned and enjoyed learning more about this grassroots organisation. Jamie was blown away by the number of bikes the team managed to accomplish in such limited hours. B4H greatly appreciated the team's enthusiasm, time, assistance and efforts in making an impact to their organisation. A job well done!



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