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BIKE MECHANICS

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 22 October, twelve volunteers from BHP's P&S Newman East, SI and HV Team contributed their Friday to assist Bicycles for Humanity at Midvale. After an introduction, the team were ready to start fixing some second-hand bikes. Splitting into pairs, each group worked on different bikes. Two groups were tasked to fix rusted bikes from Rottnest Island. The other groups stripped bike parts such as pedals, working gears, saddles, chains, handlebars. The aim of Friday's task was for the bikes to be shipped to rural communities in Africa. New mechanical skills were learned from the team, including how to fix and replace a broken tyre or flat tube. Some bikes were a real challenge, especially the overly rusted bikes. As the day wrapped up, the team successfully managed to fix over 50 bikes, which is an incredible result in a 4 hours time frame. Well done to this team!



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