



Skills gained:

- Learn to repair and re-use
- Work with an experienced bicycle mechanic
- Become familiar with bicycle-specific tools in a state of the art workshop
- Be a part of a sustainable initiative in your community
- Share your own skills with other volunteers and work as a team



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Upcycles is a bicycle upcycling hub. We upcycle bikes for donation and sale. We are proud to reduce landfill and encourage bike riding to reduce carbon emissions. Situated in the Upper Yarra Valley, **Upcycles** is nestled within a bike rider's dream destination, with rail trails, aqueduct trails, scenic road routes, and an expanding network of mountain bike trails amongst beautiful mountains.

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ECOLOGICAL &
SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

THE PROGRAM

Here we will collect discarded bicycles and unwanted bicycle parts provided by local bike shops. We will work with youth teams and other community members of all abilities to refurbish the bicycles for both charity and for sale at ECOSS. The proceeds of the sales of the bikes will be reinvested into purchasing essential tools and parts to continue the program.

The program will provide pathways to employment in the growing bicycle industry in the Upper Yarra Valley, providing connection between providers, consumers and those seeking skills training and career opportunity.

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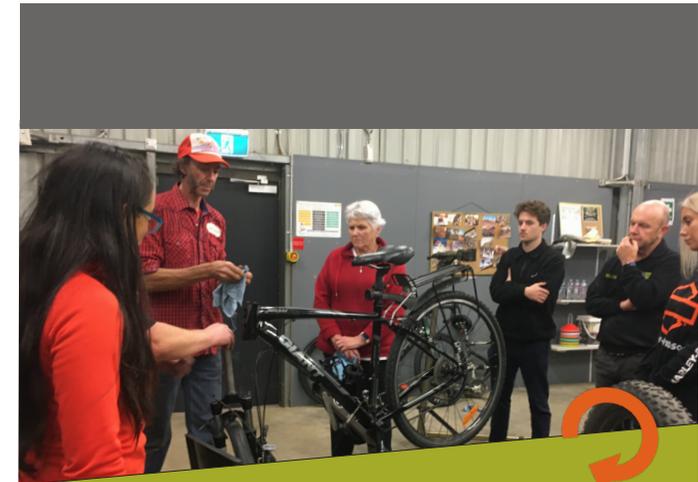
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SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT



Upcycling at ECOSS will also provide a hub and community space for like-minded people to gather to reduce landfill, whilst increasing connectedness, promoting fitness and positive mental health. The provision of a well-equipped repair cafe workshop space enables opportunities for the rise of small businesses.

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EDUCATION

As well as working with the resident bicycle mechanic, formal courses are scheduled every two weeks for the general public. Courses cover fixing flat tyres, tuning gears and assisting participants with comfort, sizing and general maintenance.

About 98 per cent of a bike can be recycled or reused. Do that and you have a decent-quality, low-cost bike available for somebody in the community.

