Dr Cranky's
a bike for every child

Bicycle Hospital

Turning unused bikes into rides for kids who need them.

A volunteer-run charity program at your school, supported by Dr Cranky's.

About Dr Cranky's

Dr Cranky's is a registered charity working with local councils, schools, and communities to ensure every child has access to a safe, working bike. We help families check and fix their bikes, and provide recycled bikes, helmets, and locks to those who could not otherwise afford them.

Why a Bicycle Hospital?

- Ensures every child at your school can get riding
- Turns unused bikes at home into bikes for kids who need them
- Builds parent and carer connection through low-commitment volunteering
- Hands-on STEM, sustainability and bike mechanic learning for students
- Supports Ride2School and other active travel initiatives

8,000+	126	700,000+	12,900+
children given access to a safe, working bike	sites reached	extra bike rides generated per year	community connections made

How the Bicycle Hospital Works

Unlike Dr Cranky's staff-run programs, a Bicycle Hospital is run at your school, by your school — with Dr Cranky's providing the training, kit and ongoing support to get it up and running.

Weekly or fortnightly sessions, before and/or after school. Families donate unused bikes, and volunteers check, repair and pump tyres using the tools Dr Cranky's provides. Children needing a bike register their name, age and parent contact details, and take home a working bike, helmet and lock — to keep.

School support needed: at least two parent or staff volunteers to coordinate and run sessions. Children are encouraged to help. No bike mechanic experience necessary — Dr Cranky's provides training.

What's Needed From Your School

- A lockable space to store 2–3 bikes, tools, a workstand and pump — a shed, bike cage or similar
- At least two volunteers willing to coordinate and run sessions regularly
- Promotion through the school newsletter and assembly announcements

What Dr Cranky's Provides

- Up to 10 hours of in-person volunteer training at your school
- A bicycle repair kit — pump, tools, workstand and spare parts
- Ongoing phone, online and in-person support, plus school visits
- Volunteer worker and public liability insurance

Support & Funding

The Bicycle Hospital is free to set up and run. Spare parts and tools are covered by voluntary participant donations, accepted on the day. All donations over $2 are tax-deductible — Dr Cranky's is a registered DGR charity.

Ready to start a Bicycle Hospital at your school?

Get in touch — we'll help you set up training, kit and ongoing support.

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