



## Be part of the reduce waste, reuse, and upcycle movement as a Volunteer Repair Café Repairer

We are looking for volunteer “Repairers” to join our healthAbility Repair Café in Whitehorse. If you have the repairer skills and experience and would like to help reduce waste, reuse and upcycle items so they don’t end up in landfill, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

### Who are we?

healthAbility is a not-for-profit community health organisation that works to address the root causes of vulnerability, prevent disease and promote lifelong health outcomes, empowering people in our community to live better and longer lives.

### What is a Repair Café?

Each year, tons of household items end up in landfill simply because they were broken. Repair Cafés try and fix broken items so they can continue to be used for years to come.

### What is a Repair Café “Repairer”?

Repairers try and fix broken household items that were destined for landfill so they can continue to be used. Where possible repairers will demonstrate how the broken item can be repaired and in doing so share some basic repair skills.

Repairer responsibilities include but are not limited to;

- Willingness to connect, assist and share knowledge with all members of the community, of all abilities and backgrounds including people with limited skills or abilities, people with a disability or people just wanting to socialize.
- Taking on repair projects relevant to skills and area of expertise, where it is safe to do safe, in line with the requirements of the role.
- Support the Repair Café values and ideals in practice.
- Follow and adhere to the values of healthAbility.
- Follow and promote safe work practices, procedures and instructions as per healthAbility Occupational Health and Safety.
- Report to Repair Cafe Manager all hazards or incidents that cause or may cause harm.
- Follow all fire and emergency evacuation procedures as required by healthAbility and Repair Café location.

### Repairer skills and experience:

- Skills in specialist Repairer area – possible trade background
  - Please Note: For the Electrical Repairer position, you must be a qualified (licensed) electrical technician/engineer.
- Good communication, interpersonal and teamwork skills, ability to form relationships with community members visiting the program.

- Capacity to follow guidelines, be flexible, provide feedback and ideas to Manager
- Participate in problem solving, planning, implementation and evaluation of the activities you undertake.

**Repair skill sets required:**

- General Support with Admin/Reception/Coordination
- Meet & greet, house rules & waivers, collect data
- Repair Café “Floater” - someone who just helps in any area as required
- Bike Repairs - fixing brakes, cables, resetting gears, punctures
- Clothing & Sewing Repairs - fixing zips, hems, patches, buttons
- Furniture Repairs - fixing dining room chairs, picture frames, small wooden items
- Basic PC & Laptop Repairs - resetting factory defaults, removal of virus/malware, cleaning
- Clock & Watch Repair - clean, battery replacement, simple obvious repairs
- Electronic Repairs - radio, CD players
- Mechanical Repairs - vacuum
- Electrical Repairs - hair dryer, toaster, desk lamp, CD player
- Musical Instrument Repairs - cleaning, tuning, simple fixes, new strings (supplied by owner)
- Book Binding Repairs - simple repairs
- Jeweler Repairs - cleaning, simple repairs like resetting stones, fixing links
- Odd Job Repairs - be prepared for anything!

**If you want to work with great people - we'd love to hear from you.**

Any enquiries can be made to Stewart Blair, Manager Men's Shed & Repair Café.  
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*Volunteering with healthAbility is conditional upon being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or medically exempt and providing satisfactory evidence of the same.*