

# Bikes for Refugees SA Inc: Information for people needing a bicycle

Child's bike



road bike



mountain bike.



Bikes for Refugees SA Inc (ABN 20 663 461 735) is a small charity, giving free second hand bikes, to people in need. The bikes are donated by the public, checked & tested, and OK for careful road riding.

Adelaide is a good city for bikes. It is flat, the weather is good. There are quiet streets to ride on, not just busy roads.

To get a free bike

– we need a referral from someone who knows you - to confirm you are eligible.

--you need to book an appointment with us - to visit our workshop to get your bike.

The first step, is for someone to contact us by phone or email. Contact Mike Brisco, 0435 02 16 81 or email [mikebrisco@gmail.com](mailto:mikebrisco@gmail.com) . We can take it from there.

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## REFERRAL FORM

Name of person who needs bikes \_\_\_\_\_ How many bikes they need \_\_\_\_\_

Referrer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position & Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Referrer's signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Need** Please tick one

- refugee or asylum seeker, arrived after 2011.
- other need eg disability, mental health, community / government program, low income, Aboriginal.

**2. Checklist**

- They need a bike, they don't have a bike already.
- They are happy to get a second-hand bike not a new bike
- They can look after bikes, eg pump tyres
- They'll need helmet lock, and maybe lights. They may need to buy those\*
- At home, they can keep bikes secure from thieves , e.g locked garage or in the house
- Other places, they *must* lock the bike *every time they leave it - even just 1-2 minutes*\*\*

**3. Please book an appointment** --- contact Mike Brisco, 0435 02 16 81

**4. Finally, print this form, for them to bring and give to us.** *Thank You !*

**Location** 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide 5000 (City centre, near Central Market)

**Opening times** Every Saturday 9-2. May be open weekdays also, please ask.

**Website** [adelaidebikeworkshop.wordpress.com](http://adelaidebikeworkshop.wordpress.com)

\*New helmets and locks from \$10 – from us, K-mart, Target etc. \*\* Beware! In Adelaide, thieves are always looking to find bikes they can just ride off on quickly. They come to the front of your house, go into your back yard. They look at the library and outside shops.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

*What to expect* bikes are second-hand, 3 to 10 years old. All have wear and tear, but are OK to ride.

Ridden carefully on roads, they should last several months.

*Condition* varies. Some are almost-new. Others are old with scratched paint and rust

*Quality* varies, from e.g. cheap brands sold by supermarkets where the bike parts are not strong and break easily - to reliable brands from bicycle shops where parts are strong and last a long time.

*If you're from overseas, please note:* bikes in Australia may be different from bikes in your country. Maybe in your country, bikes carry heavy things or people. The roads are rocky, not smooth. So the bikes must be strong and tough. They are heavy, but you can ride them how you like, and they will not break. In Australia, bikes are more for recreation. People use their bikes for exercise, and like to go fast. So they like the bikes to be light, and this means the bikes are not so strong. They are OK to ride carefully. But they are not strong enough to carry heavy loads, or extra people. And you need to be careful how you ride them.

**Warranty** we know these are old bikes. we can't check everything, and sometimes they go wrong. If your bike breaks within 4 weeks, please contact us. We'll usually ask you to bring it in so we can fix it for you. y

**Visiting the workshop to choose your bike** Most people like to choose their bike themselves. You are welcome to visit the workshop at Plympton, see what bikes we have, and pick one you like. A volunteers will check it for you (takes about 1 hour), make sure it is OK - you can then take it home.

If you want to come to the workshop, you MUST make an appointment. No appointment – no bike.

**Ordering a bike:** Alternatively, welfare organisations can order bikes for their clients – we pick them out & the organisation picks them up from us. Please tell us the client's age, gender, height (tall / average / short), so we know what they need.

**When you get your bike** Please take time to get used to the bike. Ride cautiously and carefully for a few days – get to know how the bike handles – and how to ride it safely.

**Repairs after warranty period** Adelaide Community Bicycle Workshop, provides free or low cost help to all cyclists & all members of the public are welcome. The Workshop won't do the repair for you. Instead, it teaches you how to do the repair yourself, and you can borrow tools. That way, the bike gets repaired, and you learn about bike mechanics, so you can repair the bike yourself in future. Experienced volunteer mechanics explain what to do, you can borrow tools, and there's a large stock of inexpensive parts.

**Bike theft** A big problem. Adelaide has an increasing number of thieves who circle regularly round the city and suburbs, actively looking for things they can easily steal. Unlocked bikes are a common target, the usual pattern might be – knock on front door – no one home – check round over the back gate – empty yard, see an unlocked bike, just pick it and ride off on it. Even old bikes get targeted. . Most houses get visited 2-3 times a year, and the rule is, if you leave something out, need to actively take this risk into account. A newly arrived family, won't get visited for a few months so may think things are safe. But sooner or later a prowler shows up while they are at school and the bikes are gone. We hear a lot of stories of this. ... At home, keep the bikes indoors, or in a locked garage. Outside the home, lock your bike up every time you leave it, even if you just go into a shop. You might be OK 4 or 5 times, but and you think things are safe in Adelaide. then your bike will be stolen. The police will not find it. *If your bike is stolen, we can't give you another one.*

## Contact & further information

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Opening. Saturday 9 to 2; Monday & Tuesday 10-6; other days also depending if volunteers available..

"Bikes for Refugees SA Inc" is registered as a Charity, with the Australian Charities & Not-for-Profits Commission . It operates under the Bicycle Institute of South Australia inc ([www.bisa.asn.au](http://www.bisa.asn.au)) , Gpo box 792, Adelaide 5001– a community group that supports cycling for everyday transport. Info sheet written by Mike Brisco – 5 November 2014