

Aranui Bike Fixup Annual Report 2025



Vision Statement

Aranui Bike Fixup aims to enable people to experience the freedom and wellbeing that comes from biking more often. We achieve this through free weekly bike maintenance sessions based in the Aranui/Wainoni area, donating restored bikes to those who need them, and taking youth out on regular rides to connect with the beauty of nature and build fitness and resilience. Reducing waste & carbon emissions, teaching repair skills, and mentoring youth are all important aspects of our work.

Video of expeditions available at: <https://youtu.be/7mQCSq2By1o>

Aranui Bike Fixup Weekly Workshops



Aranui Bike Fix Up operates workshop sessions on Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm. A team of volunteers helps locals in the East of the city to learn bike repair skills and repair their own bikes and also restore donated bikes to be given away. These sessions have been a great way to connect to the local community and have resulted in over 260 repair sessions and 300 bikes given away in 2025.

Our location at Revive Church, 118 Shortland Street has been working well and we are planting a few fruit trees and veges around the perimeter to encourage healthy eating opportunities and have obtained an additional container for storage.

Since beginning in 2020 we we have given away around 1500 bikes and hosted 1300 repair sessions which has been achieved with around 3700 volunteer hours of work.

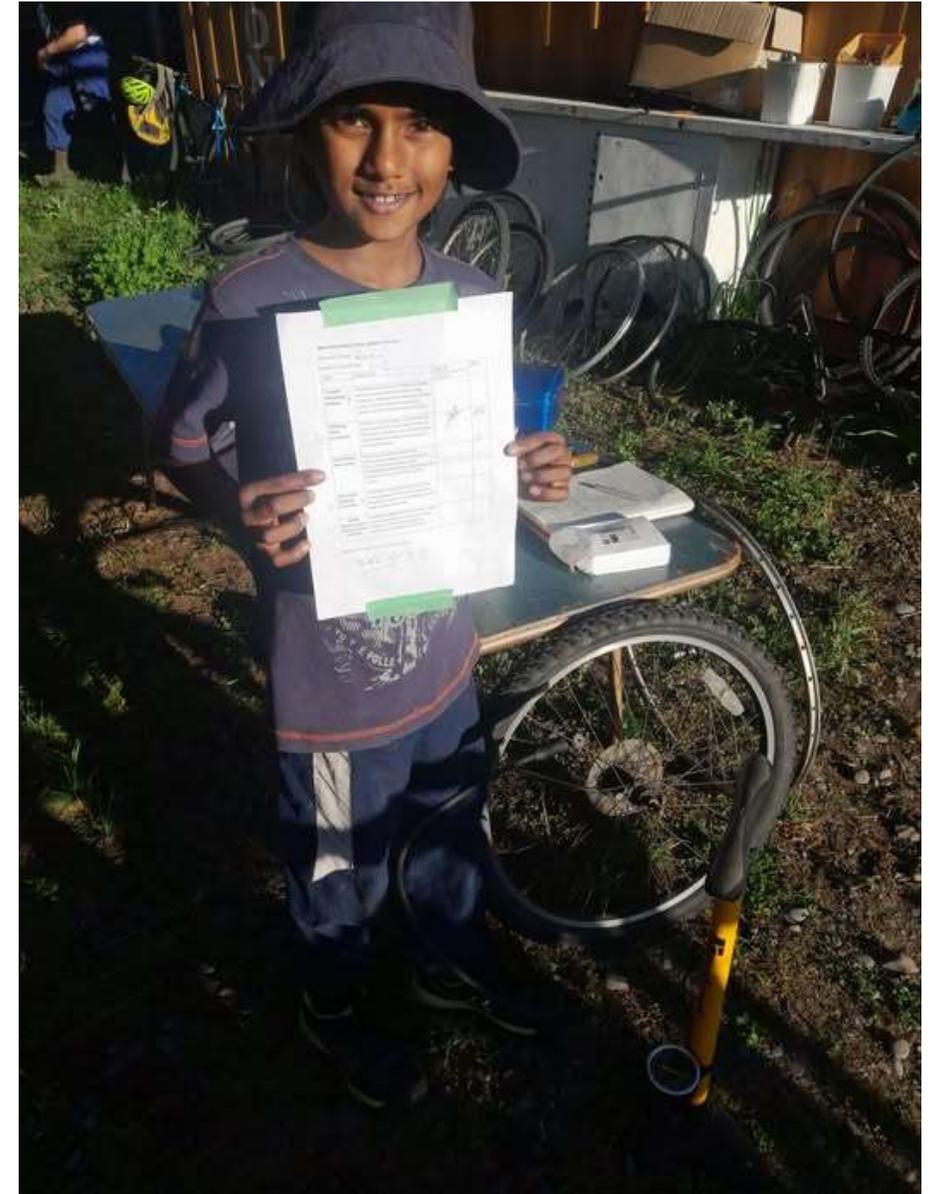
Aranui Bike Fixup Kai and Clothes

Since July 2025, Revive church has been hosting a monthly meal and free clothes giveaway for the bike fixup which has been greatly appreciated, and is a good way to connect with the community. Kids and families enjoy the youth space with basketball, table tennis and a pool table.



Youth mechanic training

In 2025 we began a “Level Up Challenge” where kids learn a bike repair skill and have it signed off when they can demonstrate their competence to do that skill solo. Skills include puncture repair, chain oiling, brake adjustment, gear adjustment etc. There have been a small number of kids engage with the challenge and we hope to get more participating next year.



Youth mechanic training

RAD bikes hosted two youth mechanic workshops in school holidays during 2025 which we took seven kids along to learn the ABC's of bike maintenance.



Bike Library

We have a covered trailer and a collection of bikes and helmets that we can loan out. This has been used several times during the year to assist beginner riders at Phillipstown Community Hub, Haeata school, and other community groups.



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Bike Blenders

The two bike blenders have been loaned out to a number of groups in the local area making delicious smoothies with a lot of fun along the way.



Whitau School Personal Bike Check-Up Day at Whitau School.

Whitau school have a bike skills track that kids enjoy riding on. Up to 150 kids have their own bikes they like to bring along but many were in disrepair. In conjunction with cycle safe staff from CCC, Whitau school staff and several volunteers from Aranui Bike Fixup attended a bike repair day, performing safety checks (air, brakes, chain), minor repairs on-site, referrals to ABF and free vouchers to encourage families to visit ABF.



Aranui Bike Fixup Expedition Summary 2025



Kids in Aranui often do not get to appreciate the beauty of New Zealand. For most kids, an outing with us is likely the first time they have ever been up the Port Hills, or experienced snow. Connecting with nature is good for mental health and the exercise is good for physical health. Overall we ran 40 rides, averaging 5-6 kids per ride, plus a few extra expeditions, which required around 500 volunteer hours to make it all happen. This was similar to 2024 and a big increase from 15 rides in 2023, thanks to funding from Christchurch City Council strengthening communities fund to pay for a youth worker to help organise the rides.

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Bottle Lake Forest (the most frequent trip)

Bottle Lake is our default easy ride. It's relatively close to Aranui to transport kids, suits beginner riders but can provide suitable challenges for intermediate riders as well. We often break into two groups for faster or slower riders. Getting to the beach is appreciated when the weather is good for a swim or play in the sand. In winter time we do some night rides with lights on and that provides an exciting buzz. We had 22 Bottle Lake expeditions in 2025.







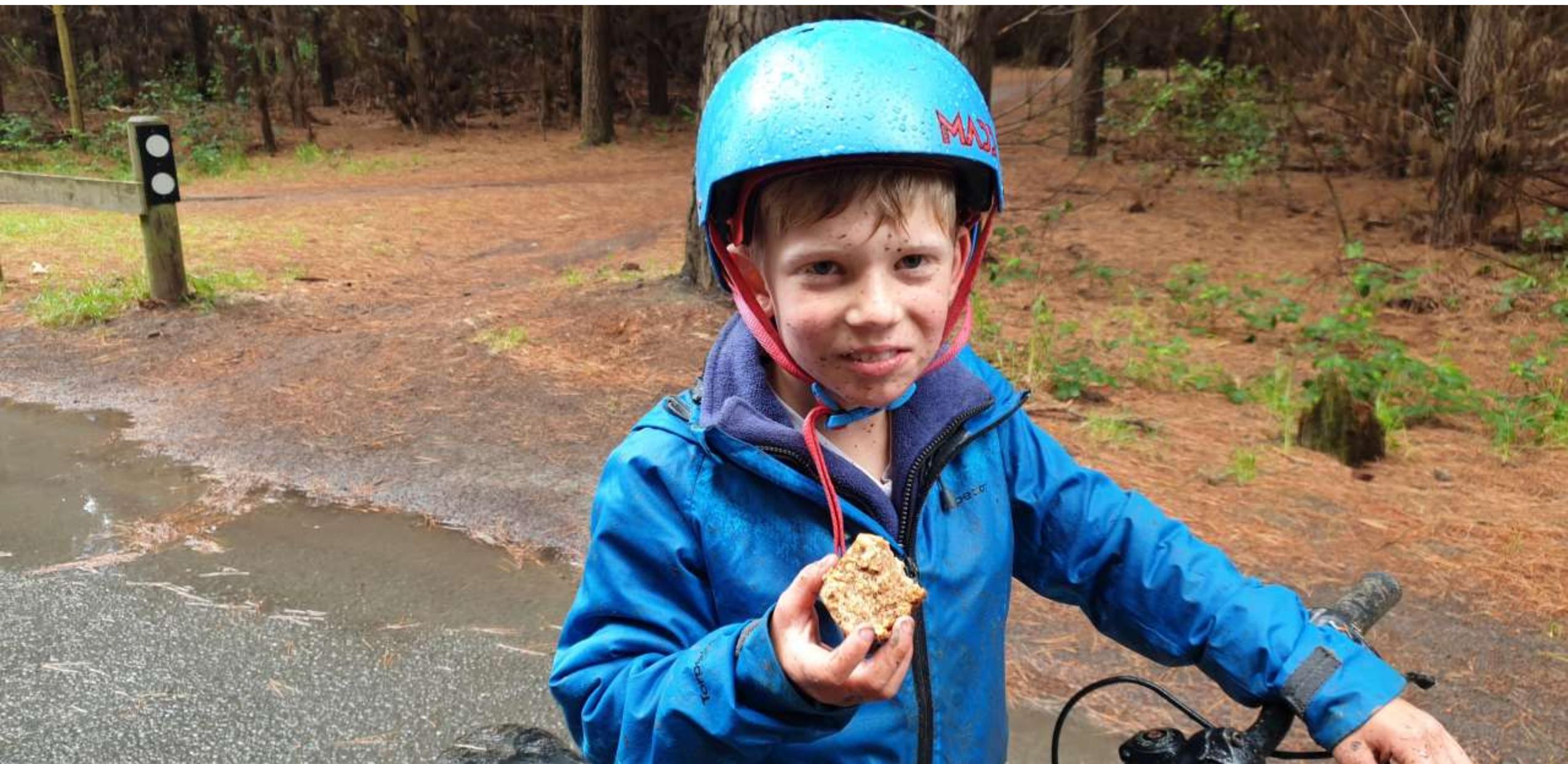


Bottle Lake after a hail storm



Bottle Lake huhu bug hunt













































Bottle Lake night ride







Bexley BMX club pump track













Broken River Snow Trip



















Cave Stream
& Castle Hill























Evans Pass to Godley Head





Rapaki – a more challenging ride, often taking several attempts to achieve the top























Sign of the Kiwi to Sumner on Summit Road

















Avon River with East Side Paddlers









Goose Bay Overnighter









Thanks to all our funders and volunteers
to help make this all happen