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Chillout!

What's On

On your bike!

What has 200 wheels, thousands of nuts and bolts, is awash with vibrant colours and sounds like hundreds of children having a fantastic time?

Bike Lab, of course.

Bike Lab uses a purpose-built, self-contained kit featuring recycled bicycle parts reinvented as enormous meccano-like components, with computer-cut plates and lugs, pulleys and motors, gears, linkages, nuts and bolts, shiny chrome tools – all you could possibly need to make the most amazing, fully functioning constructions ever seen.

Each component is colour-coded and identified with a variety of numbers and information to help reinforce numeracy and literacy skills.

Parts of the sculpture can be configured so that the sculpture can actually power small mechanical devices such as juicers and blenders.

BHP Billiton Nickel West and Awesome are proud to present the Smarter than Smoking Creative Challenge. Bike Lab brings to regional communities an intense one-week workshop run by artists Jon Denaro and Bec Juniper, who will work with young people to design and build giant kinetic sculptures so cunning in design that they can power small mechanical devices. In the coming weeks, Awesome will send leading contemporary artists to 10 diverse regional communities, such as Kalgoorlie, Leonora, Leinster, Wiluna, Punmu, Newman, Carnarvon, Burrungurrath, Esperance and Albany.

Check out the progress of each community at www.awesomearts.com

● The outcomes of Bike Lab will be exhibited at the 2006 Awesome International Arts Festival For Bright Young Things, which will run from November 17 to 26 in Perth.

