



Learn DIY skills at The Bower's 'Tricks of the Trade' workshops

The Bower's Tricks of the Trade Workshops are a great opportunity to learn new skills for repairing, restoring and upcycling of preloved furniture or basic carpentry. Taught by experienced facilitators, these 3 or 5-hour workshops will give you all the practical skills and knowledge to tackle projects at home.

Be inspired! Meet a Bowerbird

At The Bower, we take discarded and broken items and give them a new lease of life through repair or creative reuse. Salvaged timber doors become bench seats, old street banners become upholstered foot stools and a broken chair becomes an indoor plant stand. Our Bowerbirds will be sharing their knowledge via a FREE monthly demonstration giving you the insight into how they select materials, come up with ideas and the processes involved in creative upcycling.

Need help fixing something?

Visit The Bower's Repair Café

Do you need help fixing your rickety timber furniture, dodgy electrical items and wobbly bikes? Bring your items to The Bower's FREE Repair Café and our technicians will help to repair your everyday items.

See over for our 2017 calendar of events.



The Bower Reuse & Repair Centre

10 Hunter Street, Parramatta

Mon – Sat: 10am – 5pm

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2017 Calendar of Events

The Bower Parramatta



14 Jan: 10:30am – 12pm	Meet a Bowerbird: Reusing materials for modern arts and crafts
25 Jan: 10:30am – 12:30pm	Workshop: Kids Recycled Mosaics (\$10 / \$5)
28 Jan: 10am – 12pm	The Repair Café
4 Feb: 10am – 3pm	Workshop: Furniture Painting (\$70 / \$25) Upcycle with painting! Learn surface preparation, paint application, sanding techniques and appropriate accessory enhancement choices.
11 Feb: 10:30am – 12pm	Meet a Bowerbird: A guide to selecting furniture for restoration
18 Feb: 10am – 3pm	Workshop: Furniture Restoration & Repair (\$70 / \$25) Learn how to fix wobbly chair and table legs and give new life to furniture. Includes how to repair joints and replace missing parts.
25 Feb: 10am – 12pm	The Repair Café
4 Mar: 10am – 1pm	Workshop: Introductory Upholstery (\$70 / \$25) This workshop teaches the basics for upholstering a flat surface (a dining chair or bed head) by creating an upholstered seat base.
11 Mar: 10:30am – 12pm	Meet a Bowerbird: Out of the box - being creative with carpentry
18 Mar: 10am – 3pm	Workshop: Basic Carpentry (\$70 / \$25) Understand basic carpentry terminology and practice and take home a finished storage crate/box. You'll be taught how to use different hand and power tools and selecting the right tool for the job.
25 Mar: 10am – 12pm	The Repair Café
8 Apr: 10:30am – 12pm	Meet a Bowerbird: Using paint to give items new life and colour
29 Apr: 10am – 12pm	The Repair Café
13 May: 10:30am – 12pm	Meet a Bowerbird: Finding materials and envisaging new uses
27 May: 10am – 12pm	The Repair Café
10 Jun: 10:30am – 12pm	Meet a Bowerbird: Turning ideas into reality with a design process
24 June: 10am – 12pm	The Repair Café

‘Meet a Bowerbird’ and Repair Café are FREE, no booking required.

To book a paid workshop, visit www.bower.org.au/workshops.

With thanks to City of Parramatta, Parramatta residents can attend the paid workshops for the reduced rate of just \$25. Enter the code LIVEPARRA at the checkout when booking. Residents **MUST** show proof of residency upon arrival at the workshop (failure to do so will require additional payment of \$45).