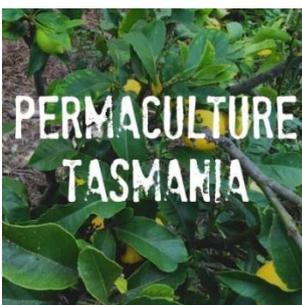


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**Disclaimer:** This guide is intended to assist those who organise or participate in Mending Workshops. The authors, Permaculture Tasmania and Zero Waste Tasmania cannot be held liable for any damages arising from the advice given in this guide. Local organisers (i.e. event Leaders) must cover potential risks themselves and they are responsible for safety in their Mending Workshop.

## The organisers

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The Mending Workshop is a joint initiative of Permaculture Tasmania and Zero Waste Tasmania and was inspired by the Repair Café program that occurs worldwide.

The primary contact for the Mending Workshop initiative is the Mending Workshop Coordinator (email: [permaculturetasmania@gmail.com](mailto:permaculturetasmania@gmail.com)). The Coordinator helps to initiate the first Mending Workshop for a given local community, by providing potential contacts for Mentors, venues or other useful information. The Coordinator does not organise the specific logistics of a Mending Workshop – that is the role of the event Leader (see page 5).

### Permaculture Tasmania

Permaculture Tasmania (PAT) is a not for profit association that was started in around 2006 and has approximately 120 paid members. The association is managed by a committee, made up of passionate local permaculturalists. The roles of PAT in the Mending Workshop initiative are:

- Provide funding for hall hire for urban/regional Mending Workshop events. It is expected that it would cost in the order of \$50 to hire a community hall for c. 3 hours. PAT may agree (at their committee's discretion) to fund venue hire for the first event in a local community, and admission to the event should be by donation (e.g. gold coin). Ideally, enough money would be raised in the first local event to fund a second event within the same community, and a local branch can then be established.
- Source local event Leaders to coordinate Mending Workshops in their local community. An event leader would need to be identified prior to booking a venue for a local community. PAT will also put out calls for volunteer mending Mentors.
- Promote events via their monthly newsletter and Facebook page/groups.

Visit the Permaculture Tasmania website here: <https://permaculturetasmania.com/>

### Zero Waste Tasmania

Zero Waste Tasmania (ZWT) is a Facebook group that was started in November 2015 by Oberon and Lauren Carter, and comprises over 3,000 (non-paying) members. This active community shares ideas and inspiration for reducing household and commercial waste, and occasionally run zero waste picnics. The roles of ZWT in the Mending Workshops are:

- Develop this guide book to support the running of Mending Workshop events.
- Source local event Leaders to coordinate Mending Workshops in their local community. An event leader would need to be identified prior to booking a venue for a local community. ZWT will also put out calls for volunteer mending Mentors.
- Promote events via the Zero Waste Tasmania Facebook group.

Join Zero Waste Tasmania here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/zerowastetasmania/>

## What is a Mending Workshop?

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A Mending Workshop is an event held in a community hall (or similarly suitable venue) where attendees bring items that they would like to repair, fix or mend, and they connect with local, handy-folk (called Mending Mentors) who are on hand to help mend those items. Each Mending Workshop is organized by a member of the local community (an event Leader) and is intended to be a fun, social event.

The aims of Mending Workshops are to:

- **Minimize waste** to landfill by extending the life of belongings;
- **Strengthen local communities** through face-to-face sharing of knowledge and skills about mending and repair, often across age and demographics;
- **Foster self-confidence** and belief that individuals can repair their own belongings; and
- **Resist** societal complacency around **planned obsolescence**, by advocating for things that are built to last.

Also, Mending Workshops can help to reduce household spending by not having to replace broken items, and they help participants to continue the activities associated with their broken (and hopefully fixed) items (e.g. repaired bicycles can enable a person to resume cycling).

The concept of the Mending Workshop is informed by the waste hierarchy: Refuse > Reduce > Re-use > Recycle > Rot. Within this hierarchy, 'Re-use' includes activities such as repairing and mending items to extend their life.

The Mending Workshop are underpinned by the ethics of permaculture; Earth Care, People Care and Fair Share. Also, in particular, the workshops relate to the permaculture principles of "Produce no waste" and "Use and value renewable resources and services". Reducing consumptive shopping habits, resisting items with planned obsolescence, and better meeting our human needs without using excess resources are all complementary to permaculture thinking.



## The Mending Workshop team

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### Event Leaders

Each proposed Mending Workshop will have at least one volunteer event Leader. These folk will sort out the logistics of their local event, and they will have the following roles and responsibilities:

- Coordinate hall hire;
- Collect admission fees and retain them to fund future Mending Workshops or return to Permaculture Tasmania;
- Set up a workshop invitation using Eventbrite and/or Facebook events (note, ZWT is happy to assist with this);
- Facilitate their local event (likely, but not necessarily with someone from PAT or ZWT); and
- Recommend that attendees join the Zero Waste Tasmania Facebook group (which is a great space for sharing ideas and inspiration about waste reduction), and return them to Permaculture Tasmania ([permaculturetasmania.com](http://permaculturetasmania.com) and on Facebook).
- Identify the location of the first aid kit (most venues will stock one) and have access to emergency contacts (and the means to contact them if needed).

Event Leaders may also like to conduct other promotion, such as via the Permaculture Tasmania and/or Zero Waste Tasmania Facebook Groups, local council newsletters, events calendars, or local press.

Whilst each attendee is responsible for their own safety (or the safety of their dependents), the Event Leader should take overall safe running of the Mending Workshop and should identify and respond to any safety risks or hazards that they see (or that are reported).

Event Leaders can feel free to bring an item for mending and join in the repair fun! But they should be on hand to assist with questions about the venue and the workshop, if they arise.

The facilitation of Mending Workshops could be supported by others who take on roles of registering attendees and taking photos. Having a person available to assist with registering attendees and taking photos, frees up the Event Leader to make sure things are going smoothly and to chat with people to answer questions and troubleshoot issues.

Event Leaders may also take on the role of posting pictures of the event (see also 'Keeping a Record' on page 13) or writing up articles for publication, as well as preparing summaries that aggregate the information coming in on the day (e.g. including what's fixed, or not).

Event Leaders may also like to collate useful DIY repair books from their own collection (or from attending Mentors) and lay out on a table at a Mending Workshop for participants to peruse (at their own discretion).

## Mending Mentors

One of the great benefits of Mending Workshops is having folks on hand who know their stuff – whether it’s expertise in darning, building, electronics, bikes, toys or other repairs. The roles of the volunteer Mending Mentors are:

- Volunteer to assist Mending Workshop event attendees with mending of broken items; safely, and within their own capacity,
- Provide attendees with advice or information about where they can go to get parts or repairs done (or come back next time, with the necessary parts);
- Help problem solve to fix broken items;
- Bring an open mind with willingness to learn from other attendees and Mending Mentors; and
- Bring their personal tool kit.

If broken items are assessed by Mentors as not reparable, then participants may be advised on where or how to responsibly dispose of the item.

The Mending Workshops are suited to simple repairs of items that are light enough to be carried by one person. Complex items might best be returned to the manufacturer or an authorized professional repairer, if appropriate. Mending Mentors have the right to refuse to handle broken items that are brought to workshops, if they feel that repair is going to be highly wasteful, or dangerous, or beyond their skill set.

Some examples of the sorts of items that might be suitable for repair at a Mending Workshop include:

- Clothing and textiles (holes/rips)
- Shoes and leather goods (holes/worn soles)
- Small electrical appliances (kettle, toaster, turntable, lamps)
- Computers
- Garden tools (broken, need sharpening)
- Jewellery
- Books (damaged binding)
- Furniture
- Bikes
- Toys
- Bags/Luggage (zips/straps)
- Musical instruments

Please consider the waste reduction ethic of the Mending Workshop. Where fixing something is going to create more waste than the product itself, one would be advised to consider an alternative use or disposal, rather than repair.

Note that a *Test & Tag* standard applies to testing of electrical appliances in Australia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AS/NZS\\_3760](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AS/NZS_3760) . Testing can be done by anyone deemed competent by training or experience. It does not require a registered electrician.

Mentors may also like to suggest participants research their own repairs using websites such as youtube or iFixit: <https://www.facebook.com/iFixit/>

## Workshop Participants

A Mending Workshop isn't much of a workshop unless people come along and bring at least one broken item that needs fixing. The roles of the workshop Participants are:

- Bring one (or more, depending on registration numbers) broken items for repair;
- Aim to repair their broken items (using the tools and know-how on hand) independently or with assistance from a Mending Mentor;
- Bring an open mind and willingness to learn and share knowledge and skills; and
- Bring tools and/or material that you think will assist with mending your broken item (or materials that may assist with mending other people's items).

Workshop Participants are responsible for the tidy removal of broken objects that could not be repaired. Also, participants should clean up any waste produced during the workshop.

## Planning a Mending Workshop

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### Securing a venue

The specific activities that could take place at a Mending Workshop can vary, depending on the sorts of items being repaired. But in general, there will need to be sufficient space for people to move around safely, usually seated or standing at a solid table. If you're unsure what sort of space is needed, ask the Mending Mentors what space they would recommend for the sorts of mending tasks that they might reasonably advise on at a workshop.

Here is a list of essential and optional features to look for when securing a venue for a Mending Workshop:

Essential:

- **Sufficient cover, light and ventilation** - Some workshops may focus on more 'outdoorsy' mending (e.g. bikes or carpentry), whilst others require a dry indoor area (e.g. any electrical). For general safety and comfort of attendees (and to allow for inclement weather), we suggest a community hall or similar space (something in the order of 10 x 8 m or larger, would be about right for most groups).
- **Adequate toilet facilities.**
- **Accessibility.** Workshop spaces should be able to be attended by people of any age and ability. Look for a venue that allows wheelchair access and toilets for disabled. If no such venue is available, look for a venue with as few steps as possible so as not to preclude older or disabled people from attending. If no suitable venue is found, then it should be stated on the invitations that the venue does not have disabled access.
- **Power** (for charging sewing machines and other devices for mending). Three phase power may be recommended for some repair equipment (Leader can discuss options with Mentors and with the venue, if necessary).
- **Drinking water.**

- **Tables and chairs.** Make sure there are enough for everyone who has registered their attendance. Limited seating (or space) may dictate that you cap the numbers of people who can attend.
- **A safe environment.** Whilst there might be plenty of farm sheds and other run down (but light and spacious) venues around Tasmania that might seem romantic for hosting a Mending Workshop, it's best to go for places where there are no tripping hazards, and avoid active work places where there is machinery, chemicals or other potential risks to attendees. Workshops may be attended by people of all ages, and attendees may bring children, so it is important to factor that in when selecting your venue.
- **First aid kit.** If there is none at the venue, we recommend you take your own, just in case.

Optional, but desired:

- **Kitchen facilities** (especially if you're planning a workshop to go for more than 3 hours), or a tea/coffee urn.
- **Indoor and outdoor spaces for working.** Some workshops may like to span mending of items that suit both indoor and outdoor spaces (e.g. knitting AND carpentry repairs or bike fixing). Ideally, your venue will have these options.
- **Wi-Fi.** Accessing the internet can be quite useful to locate a user manual or to check troubleshooting and fix-it sites.
- **First aid qualifications.**
- **Liability insurance.** If the venue does not have liability insurance, please contact the Mending Workshop Organiser ([permaculturetasmania@gmail.com](mailto:permaculturetasmania@gmail.com)) to discuss alternative insurance cover.

## Booking the venue

Once you've identified a suitable venue, you'll need to secure a date and time for your Mending Workshop. We recommend running workshops on either a Saturday or Sunday, to cater for people who work a standard working week. Workshops may be held at other times if there is known to be sufficient participants (and Mentors) who will be available.

Workshop duration is recommended to be 2 or 3 hours long. The time chosen is up to the event Leader, bearing in mind that some venues may charge by the hour and so there may be a budgetary constraint on how long it can be held for.

Permaculture Tasmania has agreed to fund venue hire for a limited number of 'first-time' Mending Workshops up to a total of \$50 per event. The decision to fund a workshop venue is at the discretion of the Permaculture Tasmania committee – applications for funding should be via email to [permaculturetasmania@gmail.com](mailto:permaculturetasmania@gmail.com) – stating the venue name and address, proposed date and time of the event, and indicating how it meets the 'essential' and 'optional' venue features listed above.

We suggest that by requiring Participants to pay by donation (either gold coin, or \$2 or unspecified donation), the event Leader may secure part or all of the funds required to pay for venue hire at a second workshop in the same local community. Cash collected should be counted by the event Leader in front of a second person and the signed amount kept safely.

Where Permaculture Tasmania has funded venue hire, and attendance fees are collected, but there is no second workshop held, Permaculture Tasmania invites the return of funds to allocate towards other community-based events.

## Securing Mentors

Each Mending Workshop should have at least one (but preferable 2-4 Mending Mentors) who will be on hand to assist Participants with repairs and mending advice.

To identify Mentors, the event Leader should first contact the Mending Workshop Organiser ([permaculturetasmania@gmail.com](mailto:permaculturetasmania@gmail.com)) who keeps a register of people who have volunteered or expressed interest in participating as a Mending Mentor. Where no Mentors have been identified for your local community, a call out can be made via the Permaculture Tasmania or Zero Waste Tasmania Facebook groups. If no Mending Mentors are forthcoming, then the following actions may be useful to identify suitably qualified and available people in your area:

- A promotional flyer on community noticeboards, asking for Mending Mentors
- Look online for a list of local community groups that might have suitably experienced Mentors (e.g. local Men's Shed Association, Scouts Tasmania, Girl Guides Tasmania, The Country Women's Association of Tasmania, or other practical-oriented groups in your area)
- Contact local council members to recommend suitable local community groups or individuals that could assist.
- Ask local neighbours or friends to assist.

## Promoting the event

You probably want a few people to come along to your workshop! So, we suggest the following modes of promotion (choose the ones that apply to your local area and context):

- Create an EventBrite event page. Ideally, a Mending Workshop will have at least two Mentors on hand and between 5 and 15 attendees.
- Create a Facebook event page
- Create a Mending Workshop promotional graphic for your event (see example below) and include on it:
  - The words "Mending Workshop"
  - The date and location
  - A contact email address (e.g. the event Leader's email, not [permaculturetasmania@gmail.com](mailto:permaculturetasmania@gmail.com)) and phone number (if the event leader is willing to advertise this on the promotional graphic).
  - You might also want to indicate that the event fee is "free or by donation".
  - If posting online, please also state that "Mending Workshops are an initiative of Permaculture Tasmania and Zero Waste Tasmania" (and any other sponsors, including links to those groups if you can). Logo graphics for Permaculture Tasmania and Zero Waste Tasmania can be provided from the Mending Workshop Organiser.



- There are some great apps for adding text to images – try Studio+ if you use an Apple device. Other resources for promotion that are useful include canva.com (for designing posters and social media banners) and free image providers (e.g. pixabay.com). These are free and very easy to use. Contact the Mending Workshop Organiser ([permaculturetasmania@gmail.com](mailto:permaculturetasmania@gmail.com)) if you need assistance with promotion (including background images for your promotional material).
- Create a printable flyer and put up in strategic places in your local community. Please avoid spam posting the flyer everywhere, as it would not be in the spirit of minimizing waste! Think about where the flyer is most likely to be seen, read and responded to positively.

## Insurance and liability

Participants offering broken items for repair do so at their own risk. Each attendee who will be repairing items must read and complete the waiver form (Leaders to print out sufficient waiver forms on page 15 for participants), and accept the house rules, in order to participate in the Mending Workshop.

Repairs undertaken at Mending Workshops are performed by unpaid volunteers and this reflects the allocation of risks and limitation of liability. Items are brought voluntarily and fixed by volunteers or with support from Mentors, and so the liability for any injury or loss associated with said items, rests with the workshop participant who brought the broken item.

Neither the organisers of the Mending Workshop nor the mending Mentors or event Leader are liable for any loss that may result from advice or instructions concerning repairs, for the loss of items handed over for repair, for indirect or consequential loss or for any other kind of loss resulting from work performed in the Mending Workshop.

Mentors can offer no guarantee for the repairs carried out with their help and are not liable if objects repaired at the Mending Workshop turn out not to work properly at home.

Community halls sometimes have public liability insurance coverage for single events for community groups. Other venues will require the use (e.g. the organization booking the venue) to have their own cover. This should be identified by the event Leader and communicated to the Mending Workshop Organiser.

## **Minimising waste**

Ideally, Mending Workshops will be waste-free events, but we understand that in practice, some waste may be unavoidable as replacement parts and other items needed for repair may come in packaging, or in small tubes, bottles etc. Here are a few suggestions for keeping waste to a minimum:

- Use the crockery available to make tea/coffee or if bringing in take away hot drinks, please use your own reusable (e.g. Keep) cup.
- Retain food scraps in a plastic bucket for home composting (at the Leader or other attendee's home)
- Utilise the venue's recycling bins (if present), or take home recyclables.
- Keep scrap material from clothing that has (or cannot) be repaired for use as patches;
- Create partnerships with local up/down cycling organisations, artists or makers groups who could use discarded parts or items;
- If cakes or other goods are brought to be shared, encourage reusable packaging;
- Promote car-pooling and public transport as options for attending the workshop.

## **Running a Mending Workshop**

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### **Setting up**

Be sure you've booked the venue with enough time to set up before the Workshop starts (at least 15 minutes before start time). This is a list of likely set-up tasks:

- Bring your 'kit' of second hand crockery, reusable cutlery, tea/coffee and washing detergent (where the venue does not have these).
- Identify location of toilets, exits, first aid kit, any potential hazards, and location of switches/power points.
- Lay out the tables and chairs. Consider whether attendees are likely to have electrical equipment or appliances, and ensure the distance between tables and power points is not too far.
- Place a printout of the 'welcome' flyer (page 16) and 'aims' flyer (page 17) somewhere prominent, and lay out other promotional material (e.g. relevant fliers for supporting organizations or mentor business cards).
- You might like to have a separate table with the 'donation' box/jar, an attendees list (or you can just write people's names down as they arrive), any books about repairing and mending that you may have and be willing to have available for people to peruse during the workshop,

and any other promotional materials about Zero Waste Tasmania, Permaculture Tasmania or other local business relevant to the Mending Workshop.

- Heat the tea/coffee urn (if present) and lay out the mugs and cutlery etc. Pop some milk in the fridge if you've brought some.
- Adjust the lighting, heating, cooling to a suitable level.
- Have a quick chat to the Mentors (who will preferably arrive slightly earlier than participants, to set-up any equipment) and make sure they understand their roles (as per this guide book) and are ready to assist.
- Be available near the front entrance, to welcome attendees when they arrive. The event Leader may like to wear a name badge to be easily identified.

## Welcoming participants

When Participants start arriving, welcome them to the Mending Workshop and let them know who you are. You (or an assistant) can tick their name of your attendees list and direct them to the tables and chairs.

When most or all participants have arrived, you may like to offer a group welcome or place the 'Welcome' flyer up on the wall somewhere prominent (see page 16). Here is an example of a suitable introduction, but feel free to adjust the wording to suit your own style:

### Welcome Message:

*"Welcome to the Doo Town Mending Workshop, I'm John Smith, the event Leader. These Mending Workshops are an initiative of Permaculture Tasmania and Zero Waste Tasmania, and you can find both of those groups on Facebook (or at [permaculturetasmania.com](http://permaculturetasmania.com) and [zerowastetasmania.com](http://zerowastetasmania.com)). Permaculture Tasmania has kindly funded the venue hire for today's workshop.*

*Today we have Sharon Fixit and Michael Mendit on hand to assist you with repairs, should you need them. Sharon has skills in repairing record players and some other general electrical repairs, whilst Michael can darn a sock like nobody's business. Also, feel free to peruse the DIY books on the table or help other participants where you can. The aim of this workshop is for us to learn from each other. The idea is that you try to develop the skills to repair your own broken items. It is not intended to be a free repair service where our Mentors do all the work and you take your fixed item home without having any idea of how to fix it if it breaks again! That would defeat the purpose of what we're trying to do here!*

*We also want to produce as little waste as possible, so please keep this in mind when repairing. If your item is going to use more resources to repair than the item itself, then it may not be worth repairing! The rubbish/recycling bins are 'here'.*

*The toilets are down the hall to the left, there are tea and coffee facilities in the kitchenette (or on a table), and the exit is via the same way you entered the room.*

*We do ask you pay for your attendance by donation, so that we can try to raise enough money to run more workshops in the future, to make this more of a regular thing in Doo Town. There is a donation box at the table next to the DIY books, and we do appreciate anything you can give.*

*We'd love to know what you're repairing, so I'll mingle and chat to you when I can. I'll be taking photos too, for our social media pages, so please let me know if you'd rather not have your image used. If you take your own photos, be sure to tag them with #MendingWorkshop and tag Permaculture Tasmania and Zero Waste Tasmania on Facebook or Instagram. Thank you and have fun!*

Allow for the likely fact that people will drop in to the Mending Workshop without having first registered. Consider name labels for the Mentors and/or participants, and for the event Leader.

## Keeping a record

We recommend that you keep a list of the names of all attendees and the items brought for mending/repair. You could create a simple form like this:

Name	Broken Item	Mended? (at end of workshop)

If you're able, try to take photos of the event (make sure that people are happy with you taking their photo, and check that they are ok with photos being shared online). Photos can be a great way to communicate to others how these workshops look in practice, and may motivate others to attend in future.

We'd also love to know what sorts of items are being repaired, so you may like to keep a bit of a list of those items, and you may like to consider some before and after repair photos too!

## Wrapping up

You may like to post photos with your round-up report on Facebook to the following groups:

Permaculture Tasmania: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PermacultureTasmania/>

Zero Waste Tasmania: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/zerowastetasmania/>

Use the hashtag #MendingWorkshop so the organisers can find your photos (and repost them on their Instagram pages (@permaculturetasmania and @zerowastetasmania), e-newsletters or promotional material.

Please give any feedback on the workshop (good or bad) to the Mending Workshop Organiser (permaculturetasmania@gmail.com ). Please let the Mending Workshop Organiser know how many Participants attended and provide the names and contact details of Mentors that were present too (for the Mentor register).

## Beyond your first Mending Workshop

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Ideally, local events will be successful enough that they will more than one-offs! If the event is successful (i.e. the venue works well, the participants enjoy themselves, the Mentors feel happy to volunteer their time again, and event Leaders don't feel too much of a burden in organizing future events) then workshops could be held at regular times within a 'local branch' of the Mending Workshop. There may be a dedicated space for keeping tools, and repair equipment (in the style of the Repair Café – see <https://repaircafe.org/en/>) or they may choose to adopt the Repair Café model formally. If you're interested in a more permanent/regular repair workshop in your community, please contact the Mending Workshop Coordinator ([permaculturetasmania@gmail.com](mailto:permaculturetasmania@gmail.com)).

## Frequently asked questions

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*Can I donate tools or items for repair?*

- No, at present the Mending Workshop does not have storage space allocated for repair tools, and does not receive broken goods.

*Who covers the cost of materials for repair?*

- Participants may bring along items and materials that they think will be useful for repairing their broken item. Mentors may also bring parts or materials that they are either willing to offer for free to help mend broken items, or to sell to attendees. However, selling of parts to participants is generally discouraged. It is preferred that Mentors advise participants on where to purchase parts (if necessary), then they can bring those parts to a future workshop if they wish. Any use of new materials such as leads, plugs, globes or fuses will be paid for separately by the participant.

*How do workshop participants know what they will need to repair their broken item(s)?*

- Some participants will have a good idea of the sorts of materials they will require to fix their broken item, or they can bring their broken item and converse with other participants and Mentors to get advice on what repair materials might be needed.
- For well-planned workshops, the Mentors and their skill sets will be known, and some information provided in the workshop invite about the sorts of items that could be repaired without need for additional materials apart from the broken item. Leaders may liaise with Mentors and/or with some participants to ensure suitable materials for mending are brought along on the day.

*Is it okay to repair proprietary products?*

- This will be at the discretion of the item owner, and it is the owner's responsibility to understand the impacts of tampering (e.g. unscrewing broken appliances) items upon any product warranty. Mentors also have the right to refuse to fix proprietary products.

# Mending Workshop Waiver

Please read the house rules on this form, complete your details, and sign below.

## House Rules

- Workshop participants carry out the repairs themselves whenever possible, and Mending Mentors (i.e. volunteers with specific expertise in repairing certain items) are on site to help or provide advice, if necessary.
- The work carried out in the Mending Workshop by Mending Mentors is performed free of charge on a voluntary basis.
- The fact that the repairs are being performed by unpaid volunteers reflects the allocation of risks and limitation of liability: neither the organisers of the Mending Workshop nor the Mending Mentors are liable for any loss that may result from advice or instructions concerning repairs, for the loss of items handed over for repair, for indirect or consequential loss or for any other kind of loss resulting from work performed in the Mending Workshop.
- A voluntary donation is always appreciated, to help fund future Mending Workshops.
- Any use of new materials such as leads, plugs, fuses etc. will be paid for separately.
- Visitors offering broken items for repair do so at their own risk.
- Volunteer Mending Mentors offer no guarantee for the repairs carried out with their help and are not liable if objects that are repaired in the Mending Workshop turn out not to work properly at home.
- Mending Mentors are entitled to refuse to repair certain objects.
- Mending Mentors are not obliged to reassemble disassembled appliances that cannot be repaired.
- Participants in the Mending Workshop are solely responsible for the tidy removal of broken objects that could not be repaired.
- Photographs or videos are taken during the repair session and may be used for online or in-print news and promotional materials. If you do not wish to have your photograph used, please advise the Mending Workshop Leader.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign to acknowledge that you have read and accept our House Rules:

**X** \_\_\_\_\_

# WELCOME TO THE MENDING WORKSHOP

This workshop is an initiative of Permaculture Tasmania and Zero Waste Tasmania, which you can find on Facebook, Instagram, or at [permaculturetasmania.com](http://permaculturetasmania.com) and [zerowastetasmania.com](http://zerowastetasmania.com).

When you arrive, be sure introduce yourself to **(Leader's name)**, the Mending Workshop Leader and complete a waiver form.

Today we have **(insert Mentors name)** and **(insert Mentors name)** on hand to assist you with repairs, should you need them. **(Mentor 1)** has skills in **(insert skills)**, whilst **(Mentor 2)** has skills in **(insert skills)**.

Try to repair your own broken items and help other participants where you can. The aim of the workshop is for us to learn practical skills in repair, and to have fun doing that!

The Mending Workshop is not intended to be a free repair service where our Mending Mentors do all the work and you take your fixed item home without having any idea of how to fix it if it breaks again!

We want to produce as little waste as possible, so please keep this in mind when mending. If your item is going to use more resources to repair than the item itself, then it may not be worth repairing!

We do request that you pay for your attendance by donation, to help raise funds for future Mending Workshops.

If you take photos during the workshop, be sure to tag them on social media with **#MendingWorkshop** and tag Permaculture Tasmania and Zero Waste Tasmania on Facebook or Instagram.

Thank you and happy mending!

# AIMS OF THE MENDING WORKSHOP

- **Minimize waste** to landfill by extending the life of belongings;
- **Strengthen local communities** through face-to-face sharing of knowledge and skills about mending and repair, often across age and demographics;
- **Foster self-confidence** and belief that individuals can repair their own belongings; and
- **Resist** societal complacency around **planned obsolescence**, by advocating for things that are built to last.