# Thanks for bikes, now for a truck

ABOUT 200 second-hand bicycles will be donated to indigenous communities, thanks to a generous community response to a *Leader* story — if the bikes can be transported to South Australia.

The article called for the public to donate unwanted bicycles as part of a social experiment to help homeless people in Frankston and indigenous communities in Coober Pedy.

The Change Cycle will teach the homeless how to restore the bikes, which would then be used to raise money for indigenous communities.

Project organisers Kelly O'Brien and Stuart Allen said they were humbled by the response, but that they needed a truck to transport the bikes.

"We are so overwhelmed with the public's generosity," Ms O'Brien said.

"We were expecting around 20 or 30 bikes, but there are almost 200. I couldn't believe what an impact *Leader* had."

The homeless people have started working on the bikes.

Stuart Allen and Kelly O'Brien with some of the bikes that have been donated. Picture: SARAH MATH