

Waihoru
Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Tuesday 2 August 2022
Time: 5pm
Venue: Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre,
66 Colombo Street, Beckenham

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The Addington Farm is a charitable trust that seeks to see the people and place of Addington flourishing & growing in tūmanako.

Our story:

In early 2018 the Addington Farm was born. It all started with a bunch of friends who wanted to see more good blossom in their neighbourhood of Addington. They were convinced that the farm could be a place that provides opportunities for belonging, meaningful work & connection.

What we do:

We transform unproductive backyards into vibrant māra kai & create opportunities for people to find belonging & connection. We seek to grow a community of gardeners and gardens.

Food is an awesome common human connector that brings us together. We grow all our veges on land that has been generously lent to us from our neighbours. Along the way we provide lots of space for volunteers to connect in, learn and get into the mahi. We've been able to provide youth internships, voluntary work opportunities for people between jobs, weekly community working bees, seedling workshops & primary school māra kai visits.

The food we grow is shared with our volunteers and given to our community food distribution partner Addington Te Kura Taumatua. We sell some of our produce through our seasonal community supported agriculture (CSA) programme. We have a strong self-sustainability focus. The financial income from our seasonal CSA is our main financial support.

By the numbers:

- In 2021, we averaged 35+ volunteer hours per week.
- In 2022 we care for 4 backyard plots totally approx. 350m² of growing beds.

In the last quarter (ending May), we have:

- Gifted 28 whānau vege bags & distributed 42 subsidised vege bags to locals.
- Hosted 42 working bees supporting locals to learn how to grow their own kai.
- Helped renew or establish 3 māra kai at volunteers homes.

Highlights from the last year:

- We ran a 9 week mahi māra challenge over summer supporting new gardeners.
- Celebrated our 5 year huritau & welcomed 4 new taratī to our Board of Trustees.

