

October 17, 2025

Dear neighbour,

Re: Welch Strip Mini-Forest planting on November 22

We are reaching out to you to let you know about a plan to create a new mini-forest in your neighbourhood (map below).

Mini-forests are small-scale biodiversity hotspots that help restore native habitat and support pollinators and wildlife. They are created using the Miyawaki method, which involves planting densely layered native trees and understory vegetation to produce small mature forests in a fraction of the time of conventional planting methods.

Our upcoming project on November 22 will involve planting 500 native plants on a roughly 100m² plot on the Welch Strip just west of Tatlow Ave. It will create an opportunity for residents to watch a newly planted area evolve as the vegetation matures and the birds and pollinators begin to move in.

As a visible, community-supported example of local climate leadership and ecosystem restoration, the project presents opportunities for community education, engagement and participation throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities will include initial planting, followed by weeding and maintenance events. Please let us know if you have feedback, questions or concerns about this mini-forest initiative in your neighbourhood.

Kind regards,

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