# Sustainable Communities AGM – Campbelltown Repair Café Report: 2022

**The current situation:**

The Campbelltown Repair Café currently has 26 volunteers offering their service as either repairer, guide, or administrative support. Our offerings include sewing/darning, needle felting, locksmith, mechanical/bicycles, wooden, jewellery, software, knife sharpening, and electrical.

The popularity of the Repair Café has steadily grown, as attempts to promote the event have increased. Furthermore, satisfied item owners are returning, and advocating for the CRC by spreading the word. CRC is currently averaging 35-40 repairs at each event. Promotion has included the following.

1. Social media posts on both Facebook and Instagram have attracted more followers. Group FB pages like Love Campbelltown and Campbelltown Council have promoted the Repair Café.
2. The use of Eventbrite has attracted users of the event management and ticketing website.
3. The Council have promoted the event in their monthly newsletter, and on their website.
4. The group's email address has enabled interested parties to communicate with the group privately. This has been useful for potential new volunteers to seek information, and for the public to ask questions.
5. Volunteers have conducted flyer drops, displayed posters, set up leaflet stands in local businesses, distributed flyers to local exercise groups, sent monthly emails to local community service groups, churches, aged care facilities, childcare centres, preschools, and schools.
6. The group contributed a static display and manned a stand at the Campbelltown Aged Expo in November2021.
7. The CRC Coordinator was invited as part of Volunteer's Week to be interviewed by ABC radio about the Repair Café and volunteering.

The coordinating group are collecting monthly data and keeping records from each event. This is done to assist in planning, monitoring trends, measuring the effectiveness of advertising, recording item owner's feedback, and measuring the reduction to landfill (in kilograms) being made by the community. Since the last AGM the overall saving to landfill is 231.998 kg.