

SPREYDON-CASHMERE COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN 2017-2019



Ōpāwaho Heathcote River

Message from the Chair



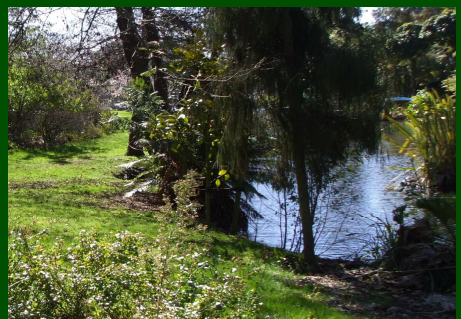
Karolin Potter, Chair
Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board

Tēna koutou katoa,

The Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board's Community Plan brings to the community's attention the issues, ambitions and concerns that the people of our two wards consider to be important for them and their Board, together with the Council, to address, pursue and try to resolve over the next two years. We include consultation and discussion about a few ambitious projects that may not even be started in the life of the current board, or ever have the first sod turned. It is the Margaret Mahy playgrounds of this world that contribute to a city's soul, while the absolute necessities such as housing, sewerage, roads, prevention of flooding and so on must take first priority. Having said that, our Board notes that the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River, its health and that of its environment, is the context within which we discuss all other issues in our wards. We have also discussed, as we do every year, city-wide projects that we believe to be vital. For the children, older people, people with disabilities and families, the swimming pools of south and east Christchurch will always have our Board's support. In terms of that belief, that no community board is alone, and is part of a city wide collaboration, we are asking for all Boards and the Council to prioritise access for people with disabilities to be a consideration in every project and proposal that comes before us.

Finally our Board believes that mental health issues and loneliness are the most debilitating conditions faced by all people in all socio-economic strata. We intend to be imaginative in considering all proposals, including some of those you will see below. We want to involve people in meeting one another, and encouraging each other to be active, conversational, idiotic, test their strength, laugh, climb a rock, listen and maybe even cry. We cannot address the issues that each of us has in battling through life.

We can provide opportunities for people to be with their neighbours having fun. We hope you will find places in our wards where you can do this.



What is a Community Board?

Community Boards were created by the local government reforms in 1989. Over 100 community boards now operate in both urban and rural areas within local authorities throughout New Zealand. They carry out functions and exercise those powers delegated to them by their councils. Local body elections for Community Board members and Councillors are held every three years.

The Community Board's main role is to:

- Ø Represent and act as advocate for the interests of its community.
- Ø Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Council, or any matter of interest to the Board.
- Ø Maintain an overview of services provided by the Council within the community.
- Ø Prepare an annual submission to the Council for expenditure within the community.
- Ø Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.

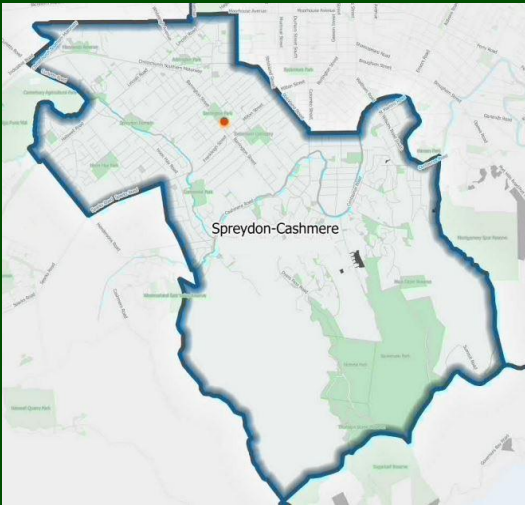
The Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 5pm and the third Friday of the month at 8am. These meetings are held in the Boardroom at the Beckenham Service Centre and are open to the public. Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz.

If you would like to get in touch with the Board or have any questions, please contact:

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Area Overview



The Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board represents residents and ratepayers across the southern side of the city from Rapaki Road in the east to Hillmorton in the west.

The community includes the city fringe suburb of Addington, as well as Beckenham, Spreydon, Cracroft, Cashmere, Huntsbury, Somerfield, Hillmorton, St Martins and Hoon Hay .

Key Facts

In Spreydon-Cashmere there are:

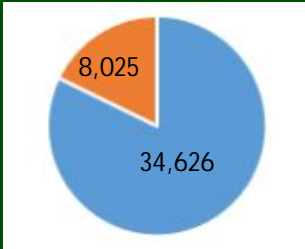
- Ø 2 Council libraries: Christchurch South and Spreydon.
- Ø 5 major sport and recreation amenities: Pioneer Recreation and Sport Centre, Addington Raceway, AMI Stadium, Victoria Park and Christchurch Adventure Park.
- Ø 1 Council service centre: Beckenham.
- Ø 92 Council Parks: 67 local/community parks, 9 sports parks, 11 regional parks, 5 garden & heritage parks.
- Ø 1 cemetery.
- Ø 17 Council owned social housing complexes with 408 units.
- Ø 2 major shopping centres: St Martins and Barrington.
- Ø 18 schools: 13 primary, 1 intermediate, 2 secondary, 2 composite years 1-13.
- Ø 2 public hospitals: The Princess Margaret, and Hillmorton.
- Ø Approximately 4,400 businesses employing 20,650 people.

There are approximately 35 community groups supporting community and social development in the Board area. Two community group networks meet regularly, supported by local Community Governance staff. The Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board liaises with community networks, and also provides funding to approximately 25 community projects.

In addition, the Community Board provides small "Off the Ground" grants to local community-building activities. Regular Community Board projects include Community Service and Youth Service Awards, Community Pride Garden Awards, Hoon Hay Fiesta, Youth Achievement and Development Fund, and Neighbourhood Week. In 2018, the inaugural Spreydon-Cashmere Edible Garden Awards will be held.

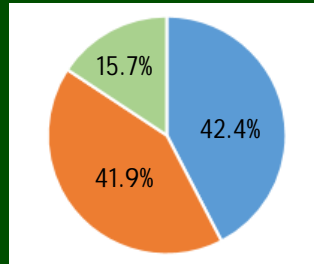
Key Spreydon-Cashmere Demographics (2013 Census)

Usual Resident Population



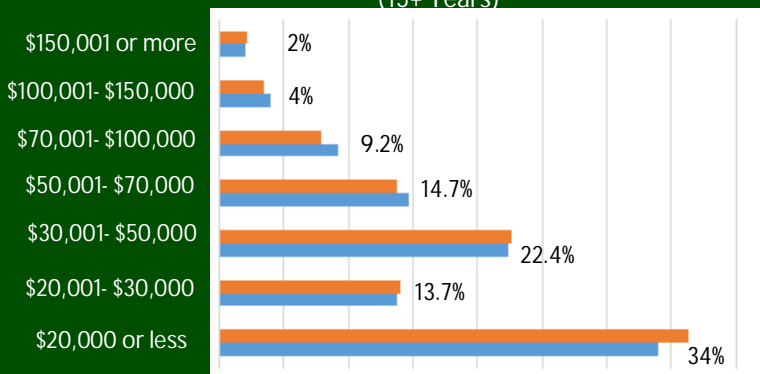
- Usual Resident Population 15+ Years
- Usual Resident Population 0-14 Years

Family Type



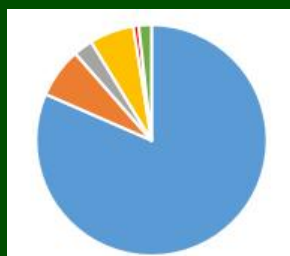
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Personal Income (15+ Years)



- Spreydon-Cashmere
- Christchurch City

Ethnicity



- European - 87.5%
- Maori - 5.5%
- Pacific Peoples - 2.9%
- Asian - 6.7%
- MELAA - 0.8%
- Other Ethnicity - 1.9%

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Community Outcomes

Strong communities

- Strong sense of community
- Active participation in civic life
- Safe and healthy communities
- Celebration of our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport
- Valuing the voices of children and young people

Liveable city

- Vibrant and thriving central city, suburban and rural centres
- A well connected and accessible city
- Sufficient supply of, and access to, a range of housing
- 21st century garden city we are proud to live in

Healthy environment

- Healthy waterways
- High quality drinking water
- Unique landscapes and indigenous biodiversity are valued
- Sustainable use of resources

Prosperous economy

- Great place for people, business and investment
- An inclusive, equitable economy with broad-based prosperity for all
- A productive, adaptive and resilient economic base
- Modern and robust city infrastructure and community facilities

Strategic Priorities

Our focus for improvement over the next two years

Enabling active citizenships and connected communities

Maximising opportunities to develop a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable 21st Century city

Climate change leadership

Informed and proactive approaches to natural hazard risks

Increasing active, public and shared transport opportunities and use

Safe and sustainable water supply and improved waterways

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Community Outcomes and Priorities

Two principles weave throughout the whole plan. These are:

- Ø Honouring the Treaty of Waitangi, the partnership it represents by the Crown and Tangata Whenua/Maori and its inherent commitment to loyally and co-operatively act in the utmost good faith with one another.
- Ø Accessibility for all citizens to Council's services and environments.

Strong communities

Community Board Outcomes:

- Ø People are connected, knowledgeable about their local neighbourhoods, and involved.
- Ø Community organisations are strong, well-functioning and responsive to their populations.
- Ø Communities are stable, safe and resilient.

Why we want this (evidence)

- Ø Sense of community and social connectedness is grown by shared knowledge and enjoyment of local history, heritage, culture, and use of public amenities
- Ø Enduring local organisations are created and maintained through equitable involvement and management by local people
- Ø People in Spreydon-Cashmere have said they value community highly and would like to see more opportunities to bring people together

What the Board will do (priorities)

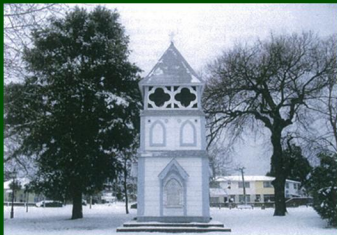
1. Ongoing research and engagement to meet the needs and aspirations of local communities in Spreydon-Cashmere.
2. Support initiatives that make it easier for people to know who and what is available in their neighbourhoods.
3. Support and promote community events and gatherings.
4. Support key local resilience building, community organisations and projects.
5. Work to ensure neighbourhood community facilities meet local needs.
6. Improve access to recreation, sport and cultural activities.
7. Promote community discussion and understanding of the effects of climate change and natural hazard risks.

We will measure our success by:

1. Residents and groups are able to communicate with the Community Board members through a range of media, including face to face engagements.
2. Monitoring indicates that people get good communication about who and what is available, including information on climate change and natural hazard risks
3. Community events and gatherings are held.

Strong communities continued...

4. Community organisations are funded to contribute to identified local priorities.
5. An Age-Friendly Spreydon-Cashmere action plan is developed.
6. Increased participation in recreation, sport and cultural activities.
7. The feasibility of a new Men's Shed is investigated with the community.
8. Communities have developed local emergency response plans.
9. Community facilities are retained or secured and improved for Addington (Manuka Cottage) and Hoon Hay (90 Hoon Hay Rd), Spreydon (Coronation and Centennial Halls) and Cashmere (the sites behind South Library, the old pump site and distribution centre).
10. Improved connection with diverse communities including Pacific, minority ethnicities and young people.
11. Proposals in Council reports demonstrate consideration of the impacts on people with disabilities (including mental health).



Liveable city

Community Board Outcomes:

- Ø Healthy, affordable and appropriate housing is available in Spreydon-Cashmere.
- Ø Public transport, cycle-ways and walking routes in Spreydon-Cashmere are connected and accessible.
- Ø The infrastructure in our neighbourhoods meets the needs of all abilities and disabilities.

Why we want this (evidence)

- Ø Rebuild and repair delays, accelerated densification, and provision of social housing are identified as housing concerns in some neighbourhoods.
- Ø Accessibility and the impact for individuals and businesses of the many transport related developments have been identified as local concerns in engagements with the Community Board.
- Ø Communities have expressed concern that roading and water management infrastructures need to be adequate and well maintained.

What the Board will do (priorities)

1. Investigate the housing situation in the local Community Board area and seek opportunities with appropriate agencies to bring about improvement.
2. Identify local needs and support and advocate for a range of accessible transport options.
3. Work to ensure the provision of safe passage to schools.
4. Review the provision of playgrounds and sport and recreation facilities and identify new opportunities to meet the needs of local communities.
5. Actively promote collaborative partnerships between Council units and communities to ensure programmes and services are joined up and affected communities are empowered to participate.

We will measure our success by:

1. A profile of housing in Spreydon-Cashmere is completed.
2. Support and participation in bus transport review for routes in Spreydon-Cashmere.
3. Appropriate exercise of delegation regarding transport infrastructure.
4. Evidence of advocacy for increased safety routes to school.
5. A stocktake is undertaken of toilets for local parks and walking tracks, and a programme for adequate provision is identified.
6. Investigate the feasibility and installation of an adults' playground, a paddling pool and a bike training park.
7. Enable the tracking and monitoring of RFS and Snap Send Solve requests.
8. The feasibility of a major/metropolitan event in the Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board area is investigated.



Healthy environment

Community Board Outcomes:

- Ø Our waterways are clean and clear.
- Ø People are able to use healthy, quality greenspaces, including parks, river banks, reserves and hills.
- Ø The Port Hills and Ōpāwaho Heathcote River are healthy ecological corridors.

Why we want this (evidence)

- Ø Key environmental features that are valued and people wish to see enhanced in the Spreydon-Cashmere area are the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and the biodiversity created by trees, plantings and terrestrial and aquatic life.
- Ø Recovery work due to the Port Hills Fires will need continued support.
- Ø Local parks and reserves are well utilised and seen as important recreational features by local people and visitors.

What the Board will do (priorities)

1. Actively promote collaborative partnerships between residents, the Council and other agencies to create a joined-up approach of environmental programmes and initiatives.
2. Review and renew the Mid-Heathcote/Ōpāwaho Linear Plan Master Plan (2009).
3. Support Predator-Free Port Hills and other biodiversity initiatives.
- Ø Support the Port Hills restoration following the fires, including sediment control measures.

We will measure our success by:

1. Collaborative projects which involve the community are showcased.
2. A review and update of the Mid-Heathcote/Ōpāwaho Linear Plan Master Plan (2009) is underway.
3. Community Board support of Port Hills and Ōpāwaho Heathcote River environmental groups through membership, representation, funding support and advocacy.
4. Local communities are connected to information, expert advice and planning opportunities.
5. Clear commitment from Council to prioritise and fund measures that address flooding of the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and its waterways.



Prosperous economy

Community Board Outcomes:

- Ø Local people can access local goods and services.
- Ø Spreydon—Cashmere communities are actively committed to food resilience.

Why we want this (evidence)

- Ø Key local activity centres are highly valued by local people, and we have also heard that more locally-owned businesses would be welcome.
- Ø Healthy eating is fundamental to community wellbeing. There is significant interest in the Spreydon-Cashmere area in the quality, availability and capacity for local production of food.

What the Board will do (priorities)

1. Research the current situation regarding local services and commerce.
2. Continue to endorse the Food Resilience Charter by supporting and promoting action which builds local economies including supporting local producers, markets, services and co-operatives.

We will measure our success by:

1. Local communities and businesses are engaged with, to build understanding and identify areas for improvement to business investments.
2. The Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board Edible Garden Awards are piloted.
3. Local community garden and food security projects are funded and supported.



Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board



From left to right: Tim Scandrett, Karolin Potter, Phil Clearwater, Helene Mautner, Lee Sampson, Melanie Coker

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