

Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere

Community Board Plan 2020–22





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From the Chair



Kia ora,

The Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board has prepared its community plan for this term in office drawing on the advice and information provided by our communities through both formal presentations and informal conversations. The board is fully

cognisant of the magnitude and complexities around the economic and social implications that lie ahead for our city arising from the COVID-19 global pandemic, and we hope that our priority projects reflect the needs and some wants of our communities. Should one of the identified projects be completed the board and the community can together consider other projects that we see as important and incorporate these into the plan.

Individual projects, important as they are, are not all that a community board plan considers. The board has constant consistent concerns and ambitions that we believe are important to the people of our area.

We will always strive for clean clear water; whether it's coming out of our taps or is in the Cashmere Stream and the Ōpawaho-Heathcote River we want it to be clean and clear and uncontaminated.

We want an environment that nurtures indigenous flora and fauna and encourages children especially to understand and engage with their natural surroundings.

We want to insure that older people, children and people with disabilities are not prevented by the built environment from achieving their goals, reaching their destinations or their participating in whatever they wish to do.

We support the hierarchy of transport that means that people with disabilities and children are given highest priority on our roads and footpaths, followed by pedestrians, then cyclists and all other modes of transport thereafter.

And finally we know that people who are lonely and/or have mental health issues have the toughest road to travel. We want to provide bumping spaces where people can meet one another, have a conversation, a laugh or an adventure or perhaps get fit. We are nothing without the collective communities and people of our wards and the wider city who we serve.

Our board members promise to be transparent and hardworking and heartfelt in their work for our communities.

Karolin Potter, Chair

About local community boards and our plans

Community boards were created under local government reforms in 1989.

Approximately 110 community boards now operate in both urban and rural areas within local authorities throughout New Zealand. They carry out functions and exercise powers delegated to them by their councils.

There are seven community boards within the Christchurch City Council area.

Local body elections for community board members and councillors are held every three years.

The community board's main role is to:

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

Community board plans

Community board plans are developed every three years and outline the board's key priorities for their elected term. They also indicate how the board will work in partnership with the local community to achieve the council's community outcomes.

A key part of the development of the plan is engagement with the local community and key stakeholders to ensure that the board's priorities reflect the needs and desires of local residents, community groups and businesses in our board area.

Developing Resilience in the 21st Century

Strategic Framework



Whiria ngā whenu o ngā papa,
honoa ki te maurua tāukiuki

Bind together the strands of each mat and join
together with the seams of respect and reciprocity

Ōtautahi–Christchurch is a city of opportunity for all

Open to new ideas, new people and new ways of doing things – a city where anything is possible

Principles

Being open,
transparent and
democratically
accountable

Promoting
equity, valuing
diversity and
fostering inclusion

Taking an inter-generational approach
to sustainable development,
prioritising the social, economic
and cultural wellbeing of
people and communities
and the quality of the
environment, now
and into the
future

Building on the
relationship with
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
and the Te Hononga–Council
Papatipu Rūnanga partnership,
reflecting mutual understanding
and respect

Actively collaborating and
co-operating with other
local, regional
and national
organisations

Ensuring
the diversity
and interests of
our communities
across the city and the
district are reflected in
decision-making

Community Outcomes

Resilient communities

Strong sense of community
Active participation in civic life
Safe and healthy communities
Celebration of our identity
through arts, culture, heritage,
sport and recreation
Valuing the voices of all cultures
and ages (including children)

Liveable city

Vibrant and thriving city centre
Sustainable suburban and
rural centres
A well connected and accessible
city promoting active and
public transport
Sufficient supply of, and
access to, a range of housing
21st century garden city
we are proud to live in

Healthy environment

Healthy water bodies
High quality drinking water
Unique landscapes and
indigenous biodiversity are
valued and stewardship
exercised
Sustainable use of resources
and minimising waste

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

Enabling active
and connected
communities
to own their future

Meeting the challenge
of climate change
through every means
available

Ensuring a high quality
drinking water supply
that is safe and
sustainable

Accelerating the
momentum
the city needs

Ensuring rates are
affordable and
sustainable

Ensuring we get core business done while delivering on our Strategic Priorities and achieving our Community Outcomes

Engagement with
the community and
partners

Strategies, Plans and
Partnerships

Long Term Plan
and Annual Plan

Our service delivery
approach

Monitoring and
reporting on our
progress

Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Board area

The geographic boundaries for the Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board area cover a large portion of south Christchurch and includes the suburbs and neighbourhoods of Beckenham, Saint Martins, Huntsbury, Cashmere, Cracroft, Lower Cashmere, Spreydon, Somerfield, Hoon Hay, Rowley, Hillmorton and Addington.

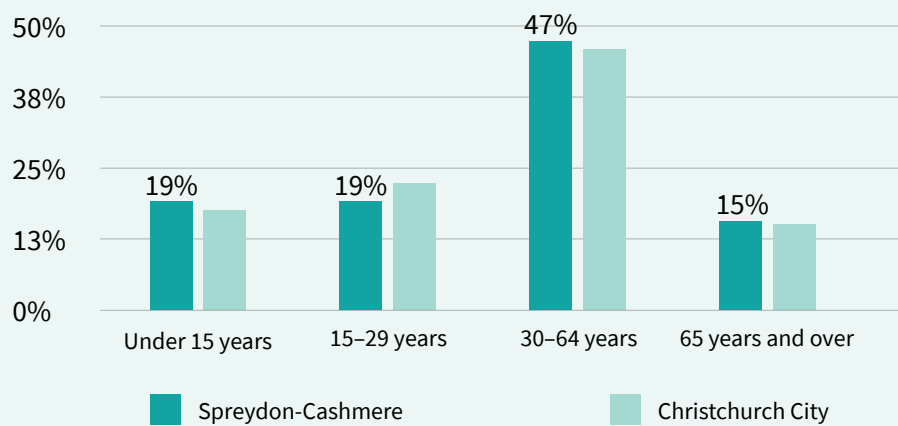
Demographic summary

(2018 census data)

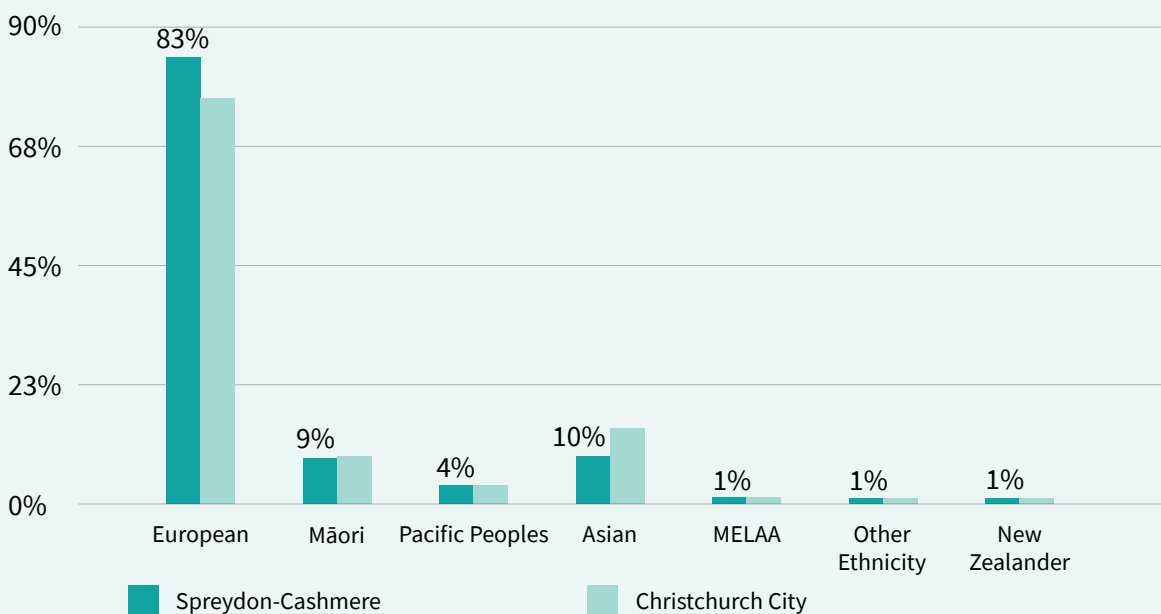
Population

The population within the geographic boundary is:
45,891

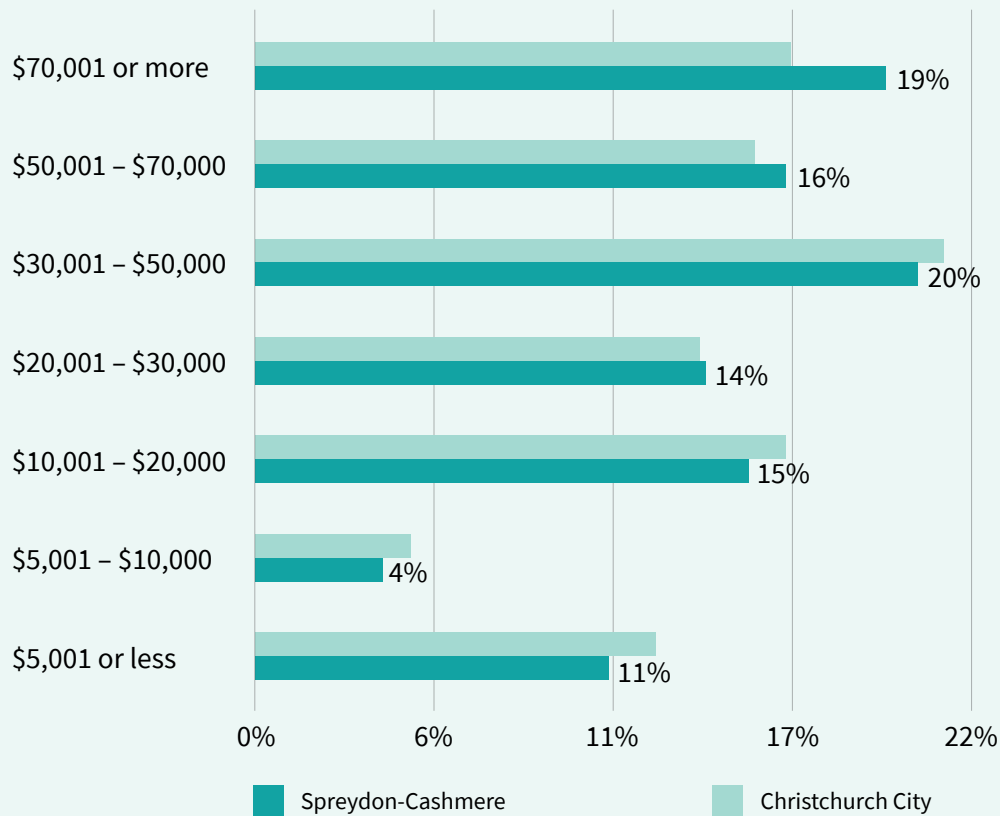
Age



Ethnicity



Personal Income



Facilities and Amenities

- Two council libraries: Christchurch South and Spreydon.
- Five major sport and recreation amenities: Pioneer Recreation and Sport Centre, Addington raceway, AMI Stadium, Victoria Park and Christchurch Adventure Park.
- One council service centre: Beckenham.
- 92 council parks: 67 parks, nine sports parks, 11 regional parks, five garden and heritage parks.
- One cemetery.
- 17 council-owned social housing complexes with 408 units.
- Two major shopping centres: St Martins and Barrington.
- 18 schools: 13 primary, one intermediate, two secondary, two composite years 1–13.

- Two public hospitals: The Princess Margaret (limited services), and Hillmorton (specialised services).
- Approximately 4,400 businesses employing 20,650 people.

Dwellings

- Unoccupied private dwellings - 1,197
- Occupied dwellings - 17,547
- Dwellings under construction - 93
- Non-private dwellings - 51

What our community has told us

The Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board regularly engages with residents and community groups to maintain understanding of local aspirations and community activities. It does this by encouraging forum and deputation participation at community board meetings, liaison with resident and interest groups, and attendance at community events. These engagements have informed the development of our plan, vision and priorities.

Feedback on the Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board proposed priorities was gathered from an interactive workshop with representative groups, and online Have Your Say submissions. While none of the feedback submitted did not support the priorities, just over half had some concerns, and a range of additions to priorities were also offered for consideration: many of these comments were about applying priorities to more locations.

Some common themes in the feedback commentary included:

- Strong support for traffic management and safety measures including pedestrian safety, with more locations suggested, for example in Huntsbury, Hoon Hay, St Martins, Addington, Hillmorton, Cashmere and Spreydon.
- Mainly support for more cycleway linking and extensions, including some criticism about the constraining effects of design on other road users, for example on Sparks Road and Strickland St.
- Support for Hoon Hay Park enhancements along with significant interest in addressing development of more or all parks amenities across Spreydon-Cashmere.
- A mix of positive and tentative support for developing adult recreation facilities, indicating the need for further feasibility and scoping.

Specific comment was also made about attention to:

- Maintenance of the biodiversity and recreational opportunities the Port Hills offers.
- Ensuring the provision of sufficient and safe public “bumping spaces” or places to connect, both built facilities and greenspace areas.
- The protection and enhancement of the Ōpawaho-Heathcote River environment.



All worthy projects

Road traffic safety should take priority

I support all initiatives set to improve safety and connection of community

Prioritise street design where pedestrians and people on bikes/scooters are put first

I am unclear what is meant by an adult playground

More playgrounds in general would be great

The identified priorities seem reasonable



Our vision

Spreydon-Cashmere - a place our residents are proud to call home; that caters for and supports people of all ages, abilities, cultures and financial circumstances to live safe, healthy, interesting and connected lives in an area that boasts clean, stable waterways, healthy ecological corridors, attractive and usable greenspaces and exciting and varied recreational opportunities.

Vision statements

In addition to the priority projects identified in this plan, the board will continue to work for and with the community as follows:

- Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the partnership it represents between the Crown and Tangata Whenua-Māori and its inherent commitment to loyally and cooperatively act in the utmost good faith with one another.
- Ensuring that all people and their communities are valued and respected for their history, values and beliefs that together make a vibrant and diverse community.
- Advocating and supporting measures to address the effects of climate change and its causes, flooding and other environmental threats.
- Conducting an open and transparent decision making process that includes public participation.
- Supporting measures to protect the quality of water in all its forms including in our water bodies and from our taps.
- Valuing the Ōpawaho-Heathcote River and its tributaries as our taonga.
- Encouraging the use of indigenous biodiversity to foster the re-establishment of ecological corridors.
- Recognising and providing for the importance of greenspace to residents.

A place our residents are proud to call home

- Addressing disability access in all council projects.
- Listening to the voices, desires and aspirations of our young and older people and supporting their well-being and social connectedness.
- Fostering measures that address the effects of mental health issues, loneliness, economic disparity and other social challenges as they arise.
- Prioritising the safety of all road users, pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle users in all transport and roading decisions.
- Continuing to recognise and support community and voluntary groups that assist people from all walks of life towards positive participation and connection.
- Supporting recreation in all its forms and providing opportunities for residents to come together to interact with one another and to celebrate their community.
- Encouraging the development of individual and collective resilience in the face of unexpected change and challenges.





Our priorities

The completion of planned traffic and safety measures at the intersection of Cashmere, Hoon Hay and Worsleys Road and at the Barrington Mall entrance/exit onto Barrington Street.

Why this matters:

Traffic measures planned to address identified safety concerns need to be implemented as soon as possible to reduce risks to road users.

What the board will do:



- Advocate to have work completed as a matter of urgency

We will measure our success by:

- Works being completed ahead of schedule

Community Outcomes:

Liveable City ✓ Resilient Communities ✓

Progress the integrated cycle network in Spreydon-Cashmere

Why this matters:

Cycle lanes are important to support the use of sustainable transport options and to provide safe routes to school for young people.

What the board will do:

- Seek investigation of an extension of the proposed Nor West Arc Cycleway west to Westmoreland and advocate for early completion.
- Work with council staff to investigate the inclusion of an Ōpawaho-Heathcote River cycle route as part of the city's cycle network.
- Investigate and promote low-cost temporary, initiatives or community-lead projects to increase the safety and use of cycling and other modes of active transport.
- Advocate for funding in the Long Term Plan to support these measures.

We will measure our success by:

- The completion of investigations into the West Arc Cycleway west to Westmoreland
- The inclusion of the Ōpawaho-Heathcote River cycle route into the city's cycle network
- Securing funding through the long term plan

Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

Improve road safety and travel efficiency on Dyers Pass, Hackthorne and Cashmere roads, particularly at intersections

Why this matters:

The safety of all road users is always a priority and many local people have expressed concern for the safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in this area. The need for traffic efficiency is particularly important in this area given the limited public transport options in the hill suburbs.

What the board will do:

- Work with council staff to identify issues, including anti-social road behaviour, and look at options for short, medium and long-term solutions.
- Advocate to include funding for solutions into the long term plan.

We will measure our success by:

- Appropriate short-term and medium-term solutions are established.
- Funding is secured in the long term plan for long-term solutions.
- Meaningful relationships are maintained with the Police and New Zealand Transport Agency.

Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓ Prosperous Economy ✓

Upgrade the toilets, changing room facilities and sports storage at Hoon Hay Park

Why this matters:

The use of parks and greenspace areas depends on facilities of a standard that meets the needs of all park users being available.

The board will work with council staff to investigate whether the existing facility is fit for purpose and the feasibility of upgrading/ or building a new facility. The board will advocate to secure funding, as a priority, in the long term plan.

What the board will do:

- Engage with the community to identify the requirements for improving the facility at Hoon Hay Park.
- Advocate for the upgrade or rebuilding being included in the long term plan if required.

We will measure our success by:

- Securing funding in the long term plan
- The upgrade or rebuild being completed

Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓
Prosperous Economy ✓

Establish Hoon Hay Community Centre (90 Hoon Hay Road)

The board will work with the community to support the activation and future use of the 90 Hoon Hay Road property as a Community Centre.

Why this matters:

Good, well-equipped community centres help community connectedness and the functioning of community organisations.

What the board will do:

- Successfully engage with the community.
- Support increased use of the facility.
- Investigate the viability of continued use as a community facility into the future.

We will measure our success by:

- Community use of the facility increasing
- A business case being built for the future use of the facility
- Securing funding in the long term plan, if appropriate
- A longer-term lease being issued to the lease holder

Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

Explore the provision of an adult playground in the Spreydon-Cashmere area

The board will engage with the community to identify the potential for an adult playground in the Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Board area. If there is a need, the board will ask for a feasibility study and business case being prepared that includes identification of potential sites and required amenities to meet the social and physical wellbeing needs of local adults. The board will then work towards securing funding through the long term plan.

Why this matters:

It is important that the needs of those suffering from loneliness or social isolation are recognised and addressed by providing creative spaces for community interaction.

What the board will do:

- Successfully engage with the community
- Undertake a feasibility study and a business case, if required
- If viable, secure funding in the long term plan

We will measure our success by:

- Completing a feasibility study and, if appropriate, build a business case for the playground.
- If appropriate, secure funding through the long term plan.

Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

Ensure the provision of fit-for-purpose greenspace in the Spreydon area

Why this matters:

The Spreydon area is currently experiencing intensification of housing thus reducing private greenspace.

Greenspace enhances wellbeing.

Access to fit-for purpose greenspace within the Spreydon area will provide space for social connection, recreation and having adventures.

What the board will do:

- Request advice from staff on whether planning is underway to understand greenspace needs in the Spreydon area given the population growth and housing intensification in the area
- Work with staff and the community to identify any gaps in the existing and planned network of greenspace in the Spreydon area, including gaps in access to and quality of greenspace
- Investigate whether existing budgets can address the gaps
- If required, advocate for additional funding in the Long Term Plan to address the gaps, including funding for land acquisition
- Advocate for staff resource to investigate which trees on private property are protected under legislation
- Advocate for the inclusion of this project in key plans, such as the Ōtautahi Christchurch Plan and Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan

We will measure our success by:

- Staff provide advice on whether planning is underway to understand greenspace needs in the Spreydon area given population growth and housing intensification
- The community is involved in identifying any gaps in the existing and planned network of greenspace in the Spreydon area, including gaps in access to and quality of greenspace
- Any existing budgets to address gaps have been identified
- Funds are secured in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan
- Trees on private property that are protected under legislation are identified
- The Board advocated for the inclusion of this project in key plans, such as the Ōtautahi Christchurch Plan and Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan

Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

Community board funding

In Christchurch, community board funding is allocated to each board based on population and equity data. The NZ Deprivation Index is the tool used to determine the equity portion of the allocation. The Christchurch City Council resolved to use the formula of 60% population and 40% equity when determining the allocations to each board. The Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board has a total funding pool of **\$361,143** available for disbursement each year. The funding pool is allocated to two core funds: the Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF), and the Discretionary Response Fund (DRF).

Strengthening Communities Fund

Grants from the SCF are decided through an annual contestable round that is open for community group applications in March/April, and provides funding for the following period of 1 September to 30 August. The purpose of this fund is to support community sector organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in the Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board area.

Discretionary Response Fund

The DRF is open for applications from 1 July until 30 June each year, unless spent earlier. The core purpose of this fund is to assist community groups where their projects and funding requests fall outside other council funding criteria and/or closing dates. The DRF is also accessed for urgent funding in unforeseen situations and for community board projects.

Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board projects

Youth Achievement and Development Scheme

Open for applications from 1 July to 30 June, the purpose of the Youth Achievement and Development Scheme is to support and recognise excellence of achievement and effort by young people living in the Spreydon-Cashmere area with financial assistance for their further development. Applicants may qualify for assistance in the areas of sport and recreation, cultural activity, career development, leadership, and extra-curricular education, including representation in competitions at regional, national, and international levels.

Off the Ground Fund

Open for applications from 1 July to 30 June, the Off the Ground Fund provides fast access, one-off financial assistance of up to \$250 to residents and groups in the Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board area who wish to launch, promote, or celebrate a community project that enhances wellbeing, or results in positive social participation and community connectivity.

Community Awards

Community Pride Garden Awards are presented in partnership with the Christchurch Beautification Society to residents and organisations with high quality gardens that enhance local streets.

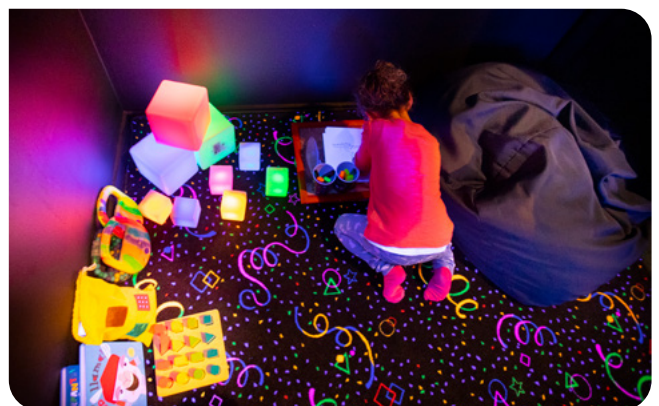
Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards are presented in partnership with the Canterbury Horticultural Society to residents and organisations with gardens that yield food produce and/or contribute to environmental sustainability. Community Service and Youth Service Awards are awarded from nominations of people who have donated significant time and often critical skills to beneficial community projects and people in need of support in the local area.

Community Events

The community board sets aside funds to support some existing and new community event initiatives, such as:

Summer With Your Neighbours provides subsidies for small neighbourhood gatherings over the summer months.

Community Events Fund provides funding and event management support for new community events. Events are allocated funding annually and delivered in partnership with the community and council staff, for example the Hoon Hay Fiesta, and Hoon Hay Hoops.



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

If you would like to speak at a board meeting, please contact the Community Board Advisor on 03 941 6633.

