

Christchurch City Council

Spreydon-Heathcote Ward

Electing 2 Councillors



Melanie RIWAI-COUCH

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Spreydon-Heathcote Ward area.

Melanie has lived in Somerfield with her husband Jared for nearly thirteen years. They have five children aged 3 - 12.

Melanie has vast experience in education and is well known in schools and the Māori community. She was a Senior Adviser for the Ministry of Education (National Office) and a Senior Lecturer at the Christchurch College of Education for nine years. She has experience with governance, running selection panels, contract management and evaluation processes.

Melanie is a registered teacher, has a Masters degree with Distinction from the University of Canterbury and is currently completing a Ph.D. in Education. She is able to work strategically and effectively with large volumes of information.

Melanie provides energy, integrity and the ideal combination of youth and experience. She will help invigorate Christchurch as a vibrant and energetic city that is exciting and functional for families and residents of all ages.