

Christchurch City Council Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board Electing 5 Board Members



Melanie COKER

The People's Choice - Labour

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

I have a PhD in biochemistry and held a position as a research scientist for 10 years. With this experience I have proved that I can listen, collaborate, and be open to ideas, as well as remain focused.

At present I am the director of AHeadStart Ltd, which provides tuition for high school students. This work allows me to contribute to the community through the education of our young people.

I believe that diversity and participation is essential for local democracy. In particular, it is important to involve youth in local decision-making in order to build their trust and belief in our community into the future.

I support the provision of healthy and affordable housing for all. I support keeping our council owned assets (especially water supply, airport, and electricity network) in community ownership.

Your vote will enable me to effectively advocate on behalf of residents and our community.