

Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote

Community Board Plan 2023–25



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From the Chair



On behalf of the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board, I am proud to present our 2023-2025 Community Board Plan.

This plan provides an overview of the board's role and the geographical area we cover. It also contains our vision for the local community and identifies priority projects that we would like to achieve over the next three years.

This plan is a 'living document', which may change over time as projects are achieved or as circumstances require a reassessment our priorities.

The priorities listed in this plan have been chosen following a series of workshops with board members and Christchurch City Council staff. We engaged our local residents to ensure your voices are heard in terms of the issues that are important to you. My sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to provide feedback. We have listened to your suggestions, and although not everything that is important can be a priority in this plan, we will still

be advocating for these things to be considered in the Council's planning processes.

We look forward to working in partnership with our local community to achieve the vision we have for this area. If you want to discuss this plan, you can get in touch with myself or any of your representatives on the board.

Callum Ward, Chairperson

About community boards and our plans

Community boards were created by the 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 six 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.

Te Haumako Te Whitingia

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy

In 2022, the Council reflected on the 2007 Strengthening Communities Strategy, which made it clear that people value diversity, collaboration, being connected and building capability for the future.

We cannot address the many complex social issues that face our city on our own but can help to develop and nurture networks and bring resources and people together so that collectively we can achieve more.

We know that communities want us to focus more on impact and outcomes, with more emphasis on collaboration and partnership. They want transparency and accountability with measurable goals and actions so we know what’s working and what isn’t.

We believe this refreshed strategy delivers on this.

The strategy has been organised around four pillars that set out the Council's commitment to working alongside the community over the next ten years.

Strategy Pillars

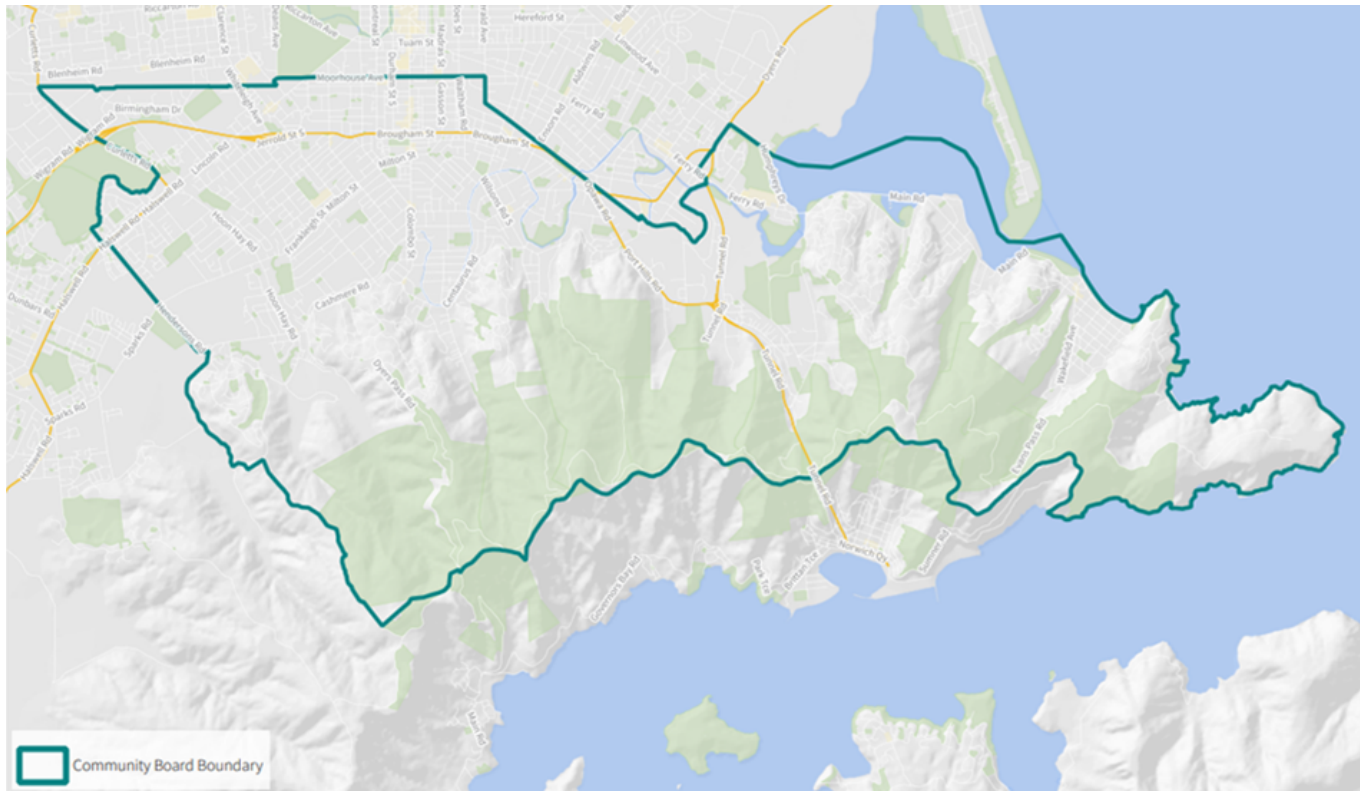
Te Tāngata People	Whenua Place	Te Mahi Participation	Te Takatū Preparedness
Actively promote a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.	Support and help build connections between communities to foster a sense of local identity, shared experience and stewardship.	Residents and groups in the wider community are socially and actively engaged and able to initiate and influence decisions affecting their lives.	People feel safe in their communities and neighbourhoods and work together to understand, adapt and thrive in the context of change and disruption.

The Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board is committed to working alongside our local communities to achieve the goals of the strategy. The four pillars above guide us in our decision-making and advocacy on behalf of our residents.

You can view a copy of the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy on the Council’s website [here](https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/strengthening-communities-together-strategy).
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Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board area



Key Statistics



This section provides an overview of key statistics for the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board area. Please note all figures are sourced from the 2018 Census of Population and Dwellings.



Population:
75,100

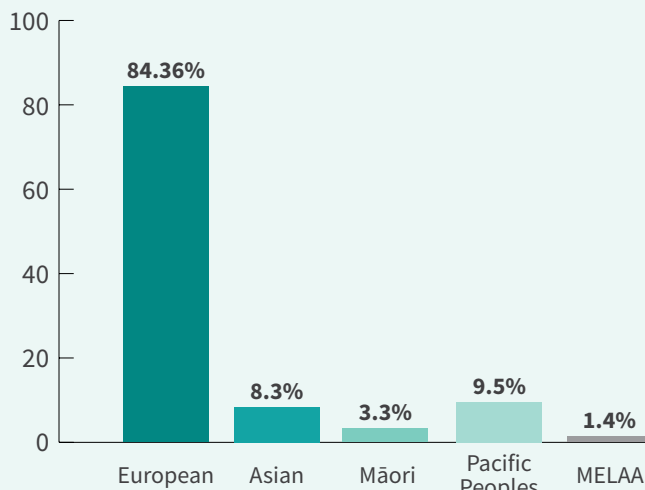


Median age:
39.2 years



Median personal income:
\$36,800

Ethnicity



Occupied private dwellings:
29,200



Unoccupied private dwellings:
2,450



Household access to internet:
87%



Rented dwellings:
34%



Born overseas:
26%

Key facilities and amenities

- 3 Council libraries: Matuku Takotako: Sumner, South Christchurch, Spreydon
- 1 Council service centre: Beckenham
- 249 Council parks (1,950 hectares)
- 37 Council-owned social housing complexes with 887 units
- 31 schools: 22 primary, 1 intermediate, 2 secondary, 4 composite (year 1-13), 2 special
- 2 public hospitals: The Princess Margaret, Hillmorton
- Approximately 9,700 businesses employing 43,200 people (2021)
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Pioneer Rec & Sport Centre, Addington Raceway, Orange Theory Stadium, Victoria Park, The Gondola, Christchurch Adventure Park, Washington Way Skate Park, Waltham Summer Pool, Godley Head.
- Main shopping centres and precincts: Addington, Barrington, Beckenham, Hillmorton, St Martins, Moorhouse Avenue, Sydenham and The Colombo, Sydenham South, Ferrymead, Sumner, Redcliffs.

Overarching principle

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.

Our vision



Our people are actively engaged and contribute to thriving communities and environments, where they feel they belong and are safe and connected with each other.



Principles

We intend to work with each other by being:

- Agile and responsive
- Effective
- Trusting and respectful
- Clear in our communication
- Fair and equitable
- Transparent, open and accountable
- Fun
- Thoughtful of future generations
- Accessible and approachable
- Needs-based and proactive
- Strengths-based
- Inclusive



Ōpāwaho Heathcote River

Our priorities

1. Rebuild of the South Library

Why this matters:

- The South Library and Service Centre is a significant local hub in South Christchurch, which was badly damaged in the earthquakes and needs to be replaced.
- The Facility functions as a library, a learning and service centre, a community bumping space, a seat of local democracy and the home of the iconic South Christchurch Farmers' Market.
- With the rebuild, there is an opportunity to respond to the changing demographics and community needs of the area.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for a 'fit for purpose' rebuild of the South Library, to be carried out with sufficient budget to meet its estimated build cost, and completed on time by Quarter 3 2026.
- Advocate for the community to be involved with the design of rebuild.
- Advocate for the rebuild of the South Library to be sustainable, and connected with the surrounding area, including a new pump track and basketball court at Hunter Terrace, the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and the Farmers' Market.

We will measure our success by:

- The 'fit for purpose' rebuild of the South Library is allocated sufficient budget in the Long Term Plan and completed on time.
- The community is involved with the design of the former South Library.
- The rebuild is connected with the surrounding area.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Participation ✓ Preparedness ✓

2. Growing neighbourhoods: a local response to intensification in Spreydon as a pilot project

Why this matters:

- Our neighbourhoods are experiencing housing intensification, which reduces private greenspace and increases congestion on local roads. Ensuring access to fit-for-purpose greenspace and canopy cover will provide space for social connection, recreation and having adventures.
- Whilst changes to urban density planning rules are out of the Council's hands, a holistic, coherent response which genuinely engages with affected people is not.
- This pilot project aims to bring local people in Spreydon along on the journey of retrofitting their neighbourhoods to be places they belong and feel safe in.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for a staff resource to develop a coordinated local plan to reduce the impact of intensification in Spreydon as a pilot project, including:
 - Advocating for the planned CRAF transport programme to be completed on time in Spreydon
 - Advocating for the planned Slow Speed Neighbourhood programme to be completed on time in Spreydon
 - Advocating for the planned Selwyn Street Master Plan to be completed on time
 - Advocating for more greenspace and for more trees to be planted on Council land in Spreydon, including streets.
 - Advocating for funding to implement the Selwyn Street Innovating Streets project.

We will measure our success by:

- A local plan is developed, alongside local people, which coordinates work currently planned and reduces the impact of intensification in Spreydon.
- The CRAF transport programme is completed on time in Spreydon.
- The Slow Speed Neighbourhood programme is completed on time in Spreydon.
- The Selwyn Street Master Plan is completed on time.
- More trees are planted on Council land in Spreydon.
- Implementation of the Selwyn Street Innovating Streets project is budgeted in the Long Term Plan.

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3. Ki uta ki tai – from the hills to the sea

Why this matters:

- Urban Christchurch sits on a ‘green foundation’ created by the geography of the Port Hills (Te Poho o Tamatea), the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and the Ihutai Estuary, the great majority of which lie in the board area. The appreciation, protection and enhancement of this taonga is paramount to us.
- It is important to the board that there is a holistic, whole catchment approach to our environment. This will mitigate unforeseen consequences from interventions (upstream or downstream) into the wider environment, which is a single ecosystem.

What the board will do:

- Work alongside the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network to develop an implementation plan for the Ōpāwaho Lower Heathcote Guidance Plan.
- Advocate for the Council to implement the Ōpāwaho Lower Heathcote Guidance Plan.
- Alongside community groups, advocate for better protection of estuary wildlife from disturbance by dogs in recognition of this area’s status as part of the Asia / Australasia migratory bird flyway.
- Support Pest Management measures.
- Advocate for the development of an overarching Port Hills Management Plan that includes:
 - Protection and enhancement
 - Recreational amenity
 - Speed management and parking.
- Support at least two community initiatives along the mid-Heathcote Ōpāwaho River.
- Advocate for the implementation of the Mid-Heathcote River Masterplan to fit with the surrounding area through a coherent approach to projects surrounding the former South Library.

We will measure our success by:

- An implementation plan for the Ōpāwaho Lower Heathcote Guidance Plan is developed.
- Priority items in the Ōpāwaho Lower Heathcote Guidance Plan are budgeted in the Long Term Plan.
- Estuary wildlife is better protected from disturbance by dogs.
- Pest management initiatives are supported and implemented.
- Development of the Port Hills Management Plan is budgeted in the Long Term Plan.
- Two community initiatives along the mid-Heathcote Ōpāwaho River are in place.
- Completed projects from the Mid-Heathcote Masterplan fit with the surrounding area, including a new pump track and basketball court on Hunter Terrace, the rebuild of the former South Library and the South Christchurch Farmers’ Market.

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4. Focusing in on safe transport choices

Why this matters:

- Climate change and increasing urban intensification drive the need for safe, active transport options in urban areas, including for children getting to/from school.
- Links into main cycle routes are a key part of a well-connected transport network.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for:
 - the planned new cycleway linking Westmorland to the Nor-West Arc Major Cycleway to be completed on time.
 - the planned Slow Speed Neighbourhood programme to be completed on time.
 - the planned CRAF transport programme to be completed on time.
 - new links into major cycleways, including new cycleways to Barrington Mall and from Hendersons Road to Sparks Road.
 - more effective wayfinding on cycleways.
 - improved pedestrian safety along Hoon Hay Road.
 - safer cycling routes through Waltham.
 - improved transport safety for all road users on Cashmere/Centaurus Roads (from Opawa Road to Westmorland).
 - for planned bus shelters and seats to be completed on time.
- Advocate to Environment Canterbury for more bus routes, including to Cashmere Green, Somerfield Road, Bowenvale and through the Beckenham Loop.
- Communicate with our community about why safe and active transport matters.

We will measure our success by:

- A new cycleway linking Westmorland to the Nor-West Arc Major Cycleway is completed on time.
- The Slow Speed Neighbourhood programme is completed on time.
- The CRAF transport programme is completed on time.
- New links from Barrington Mall and Hendersons Road to major cycleways are budgeted in the Long Term Plan.
- Wayfinding on cycleways is improved, including signposts on beginnings/endings.
- Pedestrian safety measures on Hoon Hay Road are planned and budgeted for

- Cycling routes in Waltham are improved.
- The Cashmere Road public transport route is implemented.
- Planned bus shelters and seats are completed on time.
- We advocated for Environment Canterbury to implement more bus routes.
- We communicated with our community about why safe and active transport matters.

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5. Neighbourhood building

Why this matters:

- As the shape and composition of local neighbourhoods change, so too does the approach to connect people with each other.
- This project aims to encourage community-led approaches to neighbourhood building in Addington and Waltham as a priority, and other neighbourhoods over time.

What the board will do:

- Support community development in Waltham and Addington.

We will measure our success by:

- Community-led development initiatives are underway in Waltham and Addington.

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6. Emergency preparedness

Why this matters:

- Extreme rain, drought and wildfire risk are expected to increase in many places around Aotearoa New Zealand, and rising sea levels will make coastal communities and infrastructure vulnerable to floods, tsunamis and other natural disasters.
- The geography of the board area places risk on our local communities for some or all of the above, and we are keen to encourage neighbourhoods to be prepared.

What the board will do:

- Support communities to undertake preparedness planning for flooding, fires, natural disasters and coastal hazards.
- Facilitate a community education programme about fire prevention in the Port Hills.
- Promote Civil Defence and Emergency Management's (CDEM) activities, such as information meetings with residents' associations.

We will measure our success by:

- Communities undertook preparedness planning for flooding, fires, natural disasters and coastal hazards.
- A community education programme is in place for fire prevention in the Port Hills.
- We promoted CDEM's activities.

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7. Community facilities

Why this matters:

- Local facilities are important for the wellbeing of our neighbourhoods and communities. They grow social cohesion by providing opportunities for people to meet deliberately and also simply bump into each other.

What the board will do:

- Support Suburbs Rugby Club with the renovation and management of Coronation Hall.
- Decide on the future use of the top floor of Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre.
- Advocate for planned renovations to the Hoon Hay Community Centre to be completed on time.
- Advocate for the planned pump track and basketball court at Hunter Terrace to be completed on time.
- Support community-led initiatives to increase occupancy of community facilities.

We will measure our success by:

- We supported Suburbs Rugby Club with the renovation and management of Coronation Hall.
- We decided on the future use of the top floor of Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre.
- Hoon Hay Community Centre's renovations are completed on time.
- A pump track and basketball court at Hunter Terrace are completed on time.
- Occupancy of community facilities is increased.

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8. Parks facilities

Why this matters:

- The board is keen to see the facilities on our city parks be fit for purpose because neighbourhoods facing urban intensification are increasingly dependent on this greenspace for recreational purposes.
- As the range of people using parks changes, it is also important that the facilities are updated to be relevant to modern life.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for new toilets on Rapaki Track.
- Develop, in conjunction with staff, an engagement and decision-making process that includes mana whenua and the community for use of the Boulder Bay, Taylors Mistake and Hobsons Bay bach licence fees.
- Work with families and survivors to acknowledge the unmarked graves at Sydenham Cemetery.
- Advocate for the planned Hoon Hay Park Pavilion project to be completed on time.
- Advocate for parks to include multi-age, multi-ability, multi-use and accessible equipment.
- Advocate for toilets to be fit-for-purpose, including at Somerfield and Addington Parks.

We will measure our success by:

- New toilets on Rapaki Track are budgeted in the Long Term Plan.
- An engagement and decision-making process is in place for use of the Boulder Bay, Taylors Mistake and Hobsons Bay bach licence fees.
- Unmarked graves at Sydenham Cemetery are acknowledged.
- The Hoon Hay Park Pavilion project is completed on time.
- Parks include multi-age, multi-ability, multi-use and accessible equipment.
- Renewal of toilets at Somerfield and Addington Parks are budgeted in the Long Term Plan.

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9. Participatory democracy

Why this matters:

- Local government is being delivered in an environment of increasingly complex social issues, a decreased trust in government, both locally and centrally, increased disengagement and polarisation.
- We are keen to explore ways of connecting and engaging with a wider range of people through the projects they support and the approaches used for these.

What the board will do:

- Make community board briefings more accessible to the community.
- Investigate establishing a youth council as a pilot programme.
- Bring issues raised by our community to meetings and briefings to request staff advice.
- Engage with our communities through a range of channels, including in-person and social media.
- Investigate and implement additional ways to enable participatory democracy.

We will measure our success by:

- Briefings are made more accessible to the community, including sharing content when possible.
- A pilot youth programme is established.
- We brought issues raised by our community to meetings and briefings to request staff advice.
- We engaged with our communities in-person and via social media.
- Additional ways to enable participatory democracy are put in place.

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Community board funding

In Christchurch, community board funding is allocated to each board based on population and equity. The NZ Deprivation Index is the tool used to measure the equity portion of the allocation. The Council uses the formula of 60% population and 40% equity when determining the allocations to each board.

The community board has four funding schemes available for allocation each year and for the 2023-24 funding year, had a total funding pool of **\$549,701**.

Strengthening Communities Fund

An annual contestable funding round – opens in March/April each year. Provides funding for the period of 1 September to 30 August each year.

The purpose of this fund is to support community-focused organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in the Christchurch city area.

Successful organisations will be those which demonstrate they are sustainable, strategic, community-focused groups which have a significant presence within their community of benefit. Successful projects will also clearly demonstrate their contribution to the council's funding outcomes and priorities. Organisations must be able to demonstrate their ability to contribute towards their project(s) and not rely on council funding as their sole source of funding.

Discretionary Response Fund

Open for applications all year – 1 July to 30 June.

The purpose of this fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.

Community board projects (events and awards) are also funded from this fund.

Youth Development Fund

The purpose of the Youth Development Fund is to celebrate and support young people living in the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board area by providing financial assistance for their development. The community board also seeks to acknowledge young people's effort, achievement and potential excellence in the community.

The community board will consider applications for the following activities:

- **Personal Development and Growth** - For example leadership training, career development, Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure, extra-curricular educational opportunities.
- **Representation at Events** - Applicants can apply for assistance if you have been selected to represent your school, team or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.

Off the Ground Fund

The Off the Ground Fund is to provide the community groups and individuals with access to small grants for community volunteer projects with a quick turn-around decision process. The emphasis of this fund has been consistently on projects creating a "moment of joy". Grant decisions can be made by the community board outside of meetings, with the maximum grant that can be applied for is \$300. Successful applicants receive the grant upon furnishing receipts and a small report.

If you want to know more about the board's community funding, please contact one of the staff below:

- Shanelle Temaru-Ilalio
- Community Development Adviser - 941 7931
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The Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board generally meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4.00pm at the Beckenham Service Centre on Colombo Street. These meetings are open to the public and live-streamed on our YouTube channel [here](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGweLMco4E1iilUpXZ7voUgA). (youtube.com/channel/UCGweLMco4E1iilUpXZ7voUgA)

Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the council's website at [ccc.govt.nz](https://www.ccc.govt.nz)

If you would like to speak at a board meeting please contact the Community Board Adviser on **03 941 6584**.

The Community Open Forum is typically held a fortnight after the Community Board meeting, and is a bookable session of up to 15 minutes in total where members of the public and community groups can speak directly to the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board on relevant issues, activities and project.

Speaking is limited to five minutes at the discretion of the Chairperson (which allowance should include time to receive questions from the board).

