

Introduction

This is the second year a Community Plan has been published for the Spreydon-Heathcote community, but this year the Draft Community Plan was published in a volume containing Community Plans for all six communities in Christchurch. The purpose is again to inform the community of the Council and Community Board's intentions and planned expenditure in the Spreydon and Heathcote wards, in the 1999/2000 financial year and following years.



This plan contains extracts from the City Council Annual Plan, in respect of City Council initiated local projects and expenditure, and those metropolitan projects and expenditure that are seen as being of particular significance to the Spreydon-Heathcote community.

It also sets out the Community Board objectives for the year and the projects being funded through the Board's project funds which are the result of consultation with community groups and a range of other stakeholders in the community. In addition to the Project funds allocated by the Board, the Board has \$50,000 Discretionary funds for allocation during the year.

The Council hopes that this will assist understanding of and participation in the planning of future Council activities and expenditure by residents, residents' groups and other users of Council facilities and services. As Chairman of the Spreydon-Heathcote community I welcome your participation and planning for the future of your community, as do all members of the Board.

The Board has an important role in ascertaining the views of residents of the community and conveying those views to the City Council and other agencies of Government. The Board also has a wide range of delegated powers in relation to local matters.

A significant new direction for the Council and the Board this year, is in the area of developing a strategy for strengthening the community by fostering the numerous organisations in the community that help knit our society together. The goal is to build a stronger community and encourage greater participation in, and involvement with, all members of our community.

It is hoped that the Community Plan will continue to develop and that in future it will also set out the plans of other significant players in the community. It is also hoped in future years to again publish both a Draft Community Plan and an adopted Plan.

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