

REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2004 CHRISTCHURCH CITY ELECTIONS

On 28 August 2003 the Christchurch City Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council and its Community Boards for the elections to be held on 9 October 2004 and subsequent elections:

Council Representation

It is proposed that the Council will comprise 16 members elected from eight wards, and the Mayor.

The eight wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of Interest
Pegasus	Aranui, Avondale, Bexley, New Brighton, North Beach, North New Brighton, Parklands, South New Brighton, Southshore, Waimairi Beach and Wainoni
Shirley	Burwood, Dallington, Mairehau, Richmond, Shirley and St Albans
Papanui	Belfast, Bishopdale, Brooklands, Casebrook, Chaney's, Coutts Island, Harewood, Kainga, Marshland, Northcote, Northwood, Ouruhia, Papanui, Redwood, Spencerville, Stewarts Gully, Styx and The Groynes
Waimairi	Avonhead, Bryndwr, Burnside, Fendalton, Merivale, Russley and Yaldhurst
Wigram	Broomfield, Hei Hei, Hornby, Ilam, Islington, Masham, Middleton, Riccarton, Sockburn, Templeton, Upper Riccarton and Wigram
Hillmorton	Addington, Halswell, Hillmorton, Hoon Hay, Oaklands, Somerfield, Spreydon, Sydenham and Waltham
Port Hills	Balmoral Hill, Beckenham, Cashmere, Clifton, Cracroft, Heathcote Valley, Hillsborough, Huntsbury, Kennedys Bush, McCormacks Bay, Moncks Bay, Moncks Spur, Mt Pleasant, Murray Aynsley, Opawa, Redcliffs, Richmond Hill, Scarborough, St Andrews Hill, St Martins, Sumner, Taylors Mistake and Westmorland
Linwood	Avonside, Bromley, Christchurch Central Business District, Ferrymead, Linwood, North Linwood, Phillipstown and Woolston

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population (2001)	Members	Population per Member
Pegasus	38,076	2	19,038
Shirley	38,178	2	19,089
Papanui	40,575	2	20,288
Waimairi	42,390	2	21,195
Wigram	42,450	2	21,225
Hillmorton	39,516	2	19,758
Port Hills	36,297	2	18,149
Linwood	38,769	2	19,385
Total	316,251	16	

Section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that the population of each ward, divided by the number of members to be elected by that ward, produces a figure no more than 10% greater or smaller than the total population of the city, divided by the total number of elected members (other than the Mayor). The representation proposed falls within the stipulated range, in all eight wards.

Communities and Community Boards

It is proposed that eight community boards will be elected. The eight community boards will be:

Community Board	Communities of Interest and Geographical description of area covered by each Community Board
Pegasus Community Board	Aranui, Avondale, Bexley, New Brighton, North Beach, North New Brighton, Parklands, South New Brighton, Southshore, Waimairi Beach and Wainoni
Shirley Community Board	Burwood, Dallington, Mairehau, Richmond, Shirley and St Albans
Papanui Community Board	Belfast, Bishopdale, Brooklands, Casebrook, Chaney's, Coutts Island, Harewood, Kainga, Marshland, Northcote, Northwood, Ouruhia, Papanui, Redwood, Spencerville, Stewarts Gully, Styx and The Groynes
Waimairi Community Board	Avonhead, Bryndwr, Burnside, Fendalton, Merivale, Russley and Yaldhurst
Wigram Community Board	Broomfield, Hei Hei, Hornby, Ilam, Islington, Masham, Middleton, Riccarton, Sockburn, Templeton, Upper Riccarton and Wigram
Hillmorton Community Board	Addington, Halswell, Hillmorton, Hoon Hay, Oaklands, Somerfield, Spreydon, Sydenham and Waltham
Port Hills Community Board	Balmoral Hill, Beckenham, Cashmere, Clifton, Cracroft, Heathcote Valley, Hillsborough, Huntsbury, Kennedys Bush, McCormacks Bay, Moncks Bay, Moncks Spur, Mt Pleasant, Murray Aynsley, Opawa, Redcliffs, Richmond Hill, Scarborough, St Andrews Hill, St Martins, Sumner, Taylors Mistake and Westmorland
Linwood Community Board	Avonside, Bromley, Christchurch Central Business District, Ferrymead, Linwood, North Linwood, Phillipstown and Woolston

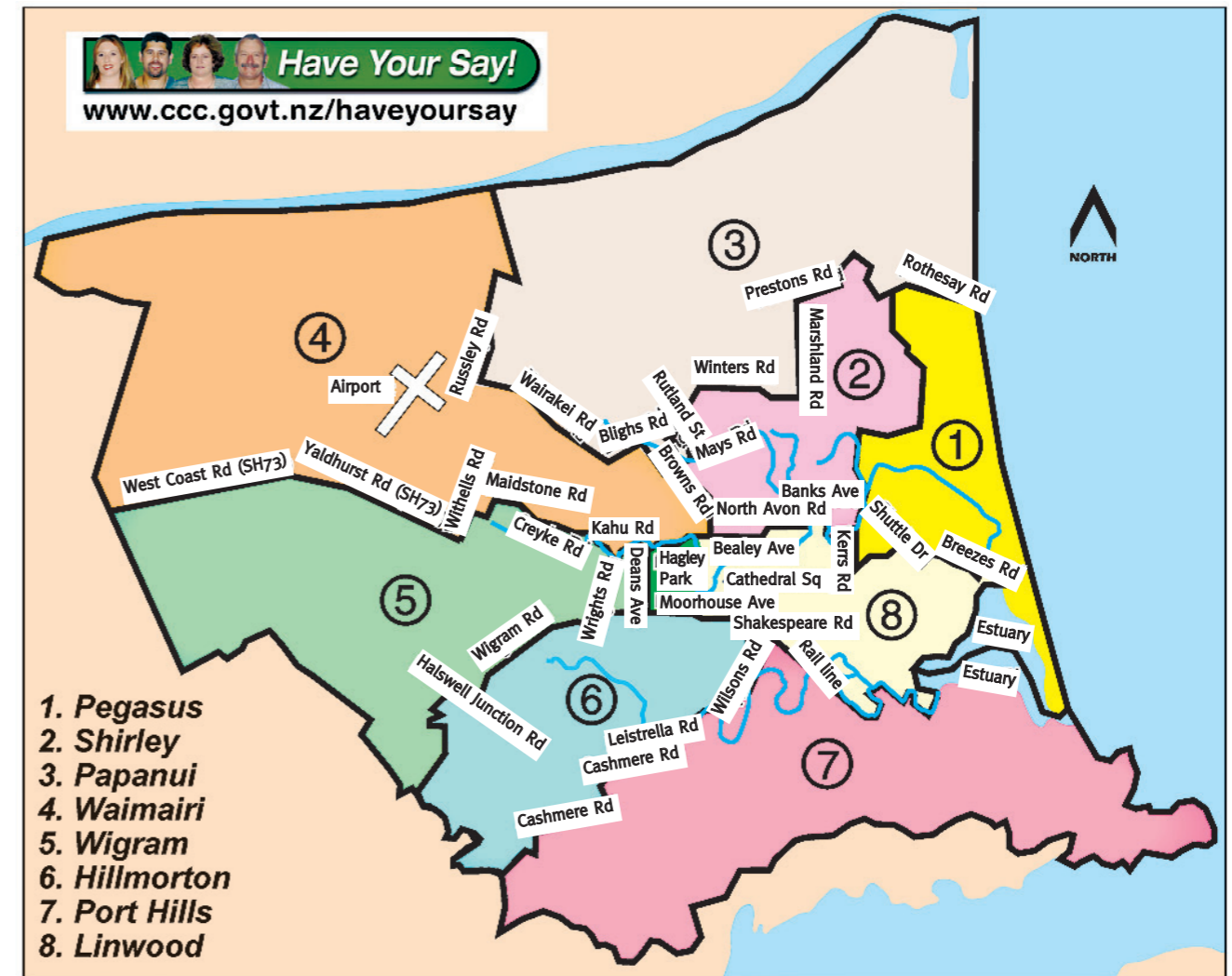
Each community will elect four community board members. Communities will not be subdivided for electoral purposes. The population of each community and the population that each elected community board member will represent is as follows:

Community	Population (2001)	Community Board Members	Population per Community Board Member
Pegasus	38,076	4	9,519
Shirley	38,178	4	9,545
Papanui	40,575	4	10,144
Waimairi	42,390	4	10,598
Wigram	42,450	4	10,613
Hillmorton	39,516	4	9,879
Port Hills	36,297	4	9,074
Linwood	38,769	4	9,662
Total	316,251	32	

The number of community board members to be elected by each community produces a figure no more than 10% greater or smaller than the total population of the city, divided by the total number of community board members. The Council is satisfied that the communities proposed will provide effective representation of communities of interest within the community and fair representation of electors.

Boundaries of Eight Wards and Communities

The following map shows the boundaries of the eight wards and communities proposed:



Explanation of Present Representation Arrangements and Reasons for the Council's Proposal to Alter the Existing Arrangements

At present, there are 12 Council wards, each electing two Councillors (total 24) and six communities, each electing six community board members (total 36).

The Council's proposal envisages:

- A reduction in the number of Council wards from 12 to 8.
- An increase in the number of communities and community boards from 6 to 8.
- A reduction of eight in the number of Councillors (from 24 to 16).
- A reduction of four in the number of elected community board members (from 36 to 32).

The reasons for the proposed change represented by the Council's proposal are:

- The 1998 and 2001 decisions of the Local Government Commission requiring the Council to carry out a comprehensive review of its basis of election and membership;
- The emphasis in the Local Government Act 2002 on councillors having a greater focus on governance issues;
- Representations from members of the public that the Council reduce its number of members.

Further Information on Full Proposal

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the full proposal, including the areas of the proposed wards and communities, may be viewed and obtained without fee during normal office hours from the Civic Offices and the Council's suburban service centres.

Any questions regarding the Council's decision should be directed to:

Max Robertson, Council Secretary, Christchurch City Council, Phone: 941-8533, 163 Tuam Street, Fax: 941-8696, Christchurch, Email: max.robertson@ccc.govt.nz

Information on the Council's proposal is also available on the Council's website: www.ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

Submissions on the Council's Proposal

Any interested person or organisation may lodge a written submission in support of or opposition to the Council's proposal with the undersigned at the address shown above no later than **5pm on Tuesday 14 October 2003**.

The Council must then consider the submissions received and give submitters an opportunity to be heard in person. The Council may then make such amendments to its proposal as it thinks fit and must then give public notice of its decision on those submissions, including any amendments.