

**ELECTION OF THREE (3) HEATHCOTE WARD  
MEMBERS OF THE SPREYDON-HEATHCOTE  
COMMUNITY BOARD**



**Oscar ALPERS**

*Independent for Christchurch 2021*

Currently chairman of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board I'm seeking re-election to the board, and to the City Council representing Heathcote which I have been proud to serve since 1980. A lawyer in private practice, and married with 3 adult children, I have lived in the district for over 25 years so understand local issues and needs. Quality of life for all Christchurch people and the protection of the Port Hills and Heathcote River environment are my main goals. I want to continue contributing to making Christchurch an exciting growing city while ensuring we get value for your rates dollar. So I will oppose gimmicky capital projects of little value to the community. I want improved citizen participation in council decision-making and better matching of services to residents wants, needs and willingness to pay. I believe people come first, experience counts, and I'm motivated by community need, not self-interest.



**Lynda CARTER**

*Alliance for Christchurch 2021*

I am an elected member of the present Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board. I have lived in Christchurch for 28 years and have a sales and clerical background. I currently work as an office administrator. I have been a volunteer member of Civil Defence since 1998 and enjoy working with people and helping my local community. My priorities are working to ensure a more democratic and caring community, to provide a safe clean, green and sustainable environment, and to maintain public ownership and control of our city's services and assets. I believe the role of the Community Board is to improve the quality of life for the whole community through provision of essential services, protection and enhancement of our environment and the preservation of significant historic buildings. If re-elected I will work hard for my community and consult and communicate as widely as possible with the local people. Phone 3371569.

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**Paul DE SPA**

*Green for Christchurch 2021*

I hope to become Christchurch's first Green city councillor and community board member, promoting locally-based policies with a global outlook, to make Christchurch more socially, economically and environmentally successful. I support clean, efficient transport, for safer streets and neighbourhoods; a zero-waste economy, using innovative technologies to reduce, re-use, recycle; employment opportunities through supporting local businesses, especially those sustaining green initiatives; improving recreational facilities; well-designed, energy-efficient homes and communities; a sustainable garden city, for healthy people, environment and economy. I am 32 and live with my partner Justine. Our two children, Luka (8) and Connor (5) attend the Steiner School in Opawa, where I am a Board of Trustees member. A former primary teacher, I currently work for the Selwyn District Council, researching cycleway development. I am a trustee of the Organic Garden City Trust and committee member for the Opawa Community Garden. Phone 389 2938.



**Ian DOUTHWAITE**

*Independent Citizens*

We're lucky people. We live in a desirable city in a beautiful country. But we live in a changing world and have to recognise that in our vision for this city. I've lived and worked in Christchurch most of my life, in a variety of roles in computing and management. There have been plenty of temptations - work, money, climate - to go elsewhere. But there are strong incentives to stay too: family, friends, schools for children, Beckenham Park next door. If Christchurch is to remain the place we and our children all want to live in we need new ideas and new perspectives to complement the old. Christchurch must retain and reclaim its talented citizens as well as attracting and welcoming new ones. We can only continue to enjoy our high standard of living if the city continues to prosper. That's why I'm standing for the Heathcote Community Board.

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**David DRAYTON**  
*Independent Citizens*

I have been involved with the Huntsbury Community Centre as President or Treasurer for the last 25 years. Currently Treasurer of the Port Hills Trust Board, a position held for five years. Previously, I had five years experience as a Heathcote Councillor, and served two terms as a Community Board member. Huntsbury resident for 35 years, married with two adult daughters. Involved in family retailing business for 20 years and now employed at Southern Processing Centre. I enjoy participating in and supporting sporting activities and any outdoor recreation. My aim is to ensure that local community groups and organisations continue to have input into Community Boards, and these organisations receive their fair share of Council funding. I am willing to assist residents with any community problems and to see that the Port Hills are retained and extended as a recreational reserve for the benefit of all Christchurch residents. Phone 332-6216.



**Sonia GILL**  
*Independent Citizens*

Sonia Gill current Deputy Chairperson of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board lives and works in Heathcote Ward. Having served on the Board for the past nine years, she is Deputy Chairperson of the Community Affairs Committee, represents the Board on the joint city Neighbourhood Week, Canterbury District Neighbourhood Support and Landsdowne Community Centre Management Committees. Sonia is active on a number of Board Subcommittees. Mother of five grown children, living in Cashmere for 34 years Sonia knows the importance of putting her practical and academic skills back into the community with early involvement in Plunket, Parent Centre and representation on National Council of Women. A Rotarian, and engaged in real estate, she has been President of the North Canterbury Lay Preachers Assn for the past three years. Sonia enjoys contact and friendship with a wide range of people of all ages and cultures. Phone 332-9420.