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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
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STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Congrats to our Youth Councillors for 2024!



In a recent ceremony, District Mayor Neil Volzke, swore six new members in to the Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC). Congratulations to Charlotte North, Thiemo Hanne, Saphire Brady, Lily Single, Sophie Lozell, and Tess Hooker.

We also welcomed back returning Youth Councillors Victoria Payne, Cady Webb, Lara Abraham, Justin Salisbury, Ellie Brady, Emily Orr, Tatjana Hanne, and Lucas Jacobson.

Amy Kingston, Stratford District Council Community Development Manager (Acting), says, "We're so proud to see our new and returning Youth Councillors step up and serve their community."

SDYC, in operation for over 20 years, is one of New Zealand's oldest youth councils; advocating on behalf of young people, and supporting epic events for the youth community.



Read more about their work and this year's committee positions at Stratford.govt.nz/YouthCouncil

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - March 2024

- **Farm & Aerodrome Committee:** Tuesday 19 March at 12 noon
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 19 March at 2pm
- **Extraordinary Meeting of Council:** Tuesday 26 March at 1pm
- **Hearing (King Edward Park Management Plan):** Tuesday 26 March at 2pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 March at 3pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

Changes to meeting times will be published in the meeting schedule at Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices

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Need to employ new people? We've got funds available to help you hire!

Through our Workforce Programme, we've got help available for organisations wanting to hire local talent.

If your business is thinking about hiring new employees, please get in contact with us now. You may be eligible for financial assistance with:

- Employee Training and development
- Tools, PPE, or equipment needed for the role
- Required licensing - like driver and forklift licences

We can also offer additional support to employers through the Employers & Manufacturers Association. And we can help connect you with local job-seekers too!

I'm looking for work, what about me?

If you're under 25 and not employed or enrolled in training or education, or you're over 25, looking for work and not eligible for support from the Ministry of Social Development, we can help you, too.

We can assist you with your job applications, connect you with local employers, help fund training, set you up with gear when you start work, and much more.



Get in contact

- Email WorkForce@stratford.govt.nz or call 06 765 6099 and talk to our Workforce Coordinator Samantha Vega.
- Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Work for more information or to register for the programme
- Chat with Samantha, Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm, in the Kōwhai Room at Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.

How will we engage and communicate? Have your say!

We want your view on two important council documents that outline:

1. How council will communicate and engage with you and the community, and how you can talk and engage with us too (*Draft Communications & Engagement Strategy*)
2. How we decide the significance of issues and the impact this has on our community engagement (*Draft Significance and Engagement Policy*)

Please share your views before 4pm Friday 15 March at Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay



Free Easter craft session for grown-ups

Why should kids get all the fun?! Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre has a seasonal paper-crafting session on for grown-ups.

They'll provide the materials, and all you need to do is relax, have an eggcellent time, and get creative!

- 1pm - 2.30pm
- Thursday 21 March
- Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre
- No need to book

Register for our Positive Ageing forum before Monday

You're invited to our Positive Ageing March Forum on Thursday 21 March from 10.30am - 1.00pm at the War Memorial Centre.

Connect with others and hear from interesting speakers. This is a free event, and we'll provide refreshments and a light lunch.

Please register your attendance for catering purposes by emailing ACrane@Stratford.govt.nz, or giving us a call on 06 765 6099, before Monday 18 March.

Library and Visitor Information
Phone 06 765 5403
Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm
Sunday & Public Holidays Closed

Transfer Station
Phone 06 765 8500
Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am – 1.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre
Phone 06 765 6275
Monday – Friday 6.00am – 6.30pm
Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00am – 5.00pm

Glockenspiel
Performs Daily at 10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm and 7.00pm
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