

Councillors are back in action this week - what does 2021 look like for them?

This week elected members had their first meeting for 2021, providing an opportunity to reflect on the last couple of months of 2020 and get stuck in to policy and bylaw reviews as they look ahead to the future of the Stratford district.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says, "With the disruptions of 2020 now behind us, we are looking ahead to a busy and much brighter year in 2021."

"Very soon we will begin our formal Long Term Plan consultation that will provide an opportunity for the community to tell council your views on levels of service, projects and set the general direction of travel over the next ten years. It is our single most important guiding document and we encourage you to participate in the consultation process," he says.

"We also look forward to progress being made on both the aquatic centre development, with work to commence in February, and children's bike park which is starting to take shape at Victoria Park and due to be open later this year," says Mayor Volzke.

"We continue to keep abreast of the nationwide response to Covid-19 too, and would like to remind people to do their part in ensuring New Zealand can continue to enjoy the



2021 is another big year for Councillors as it includes the draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031. Remember if you'd like to get in contact with your councillors you will find their contact details on Council's website: stratford.govt.nz

luxuries of social gatherings this summer, something many around the world are missing out on."

"With our own Summer Nights concert and movies in the park coming up, we want to see our community come together and enjoy free entertainment in a safe and healthy environment," he says.

"On behalf of Council I wish everyone in the district an enjoyable 2021, and encourage you to get involved in the community where you can, contact us if you have questions or ideas and participate in opportunities to have your say on the future of the Stratford district."

Two more drinking fountains installed thanks to community members

Last week two additional drinking water fountains were installed at the Stratford Netball Courts on Portia Street and at Page Street Playground. These fountains were kindly donated by the Rotary Satellite Club of Stratford in 2020, making it a total of three drinking fountains they've provided to the district. The first one was installed in Victoria Park at the beginning of 2020.

Mayor Volzke says, "We appreciate the gift of these fountains to our community and the hard work put in by the satellite club members to raise the money for them."



One of the new water fountains in place at the Page Street Playground.

Kids Icon Hunt - last week to enter!

It's the last week of school holidays and the sun is shining, so why not jump on the Stratford Discovery Trail and complete the Kids Icon Hunt?

Council has **five \$100 prize packs to give away** in a prize draw for those who complete the icon hunt worksheet. Simply upload a photo of the completed worksheet somewhere along the trail to Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #stratforddiscoverytrail or email a photo to communications@stratford.govt.nz

The map and icon hunt worksheet can be collected from the Stratford i-SITE and Library. Grab a pencil or crayon and get hunting!

Entries close next Monday 1 February 2021.



Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - February 2021

Public Forum

Tuesday 9 February at 3.00pm

For those wishing to speak please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 1 December 2020.

Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 3.30pm

Change of Time: Please note that the Ordinary Meetings of Council will now begin at 3.30pm.

Policy & Services Committee

Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 2.00pm

To hear and consider submissions to the Draft Advertising Signs Bylaw

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All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Miranda Street, Stratford.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Eastern Loop Walkways Closure

Track maintenance and reconstruction of the entrances of the Eastern Loop Walkway will occur from 1 February 2021. The walkway will be closed for two weeks, weather permitting.

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Free Computer Classes - Term 1

Learn some computer basics in our range of free computer classes at the Stratford Library.

Term 1 classes start from next week! Contact the team on 06 765 5403 to find out more and register your attendance.

Visit stratford.govt.nz for the full timetable of both SteppingUp and Better Digital Futures for Seniors classes.

Prospero Markets are back this Saturday!

Enjoy live entertainment while supporting local suppliers in downtown Stratford. Follow the markets online at facebook.com/prosperomarket for more information. See you there!

Council Hours

i-SITE

Phone 06 765 6708
Monday - Friday
8.30 am - 5.00 pm
Saturday
9.00 am - 1.00 pm

LIBRARY

Phone 06 765 5403
Monday - Friday
8.30 am - 5.00 pm
Saturday
9.00 am - 1.00 pm

TSB POOL COMPLEX

Phone 06 765 6275
Weekdays 6.00am - 7.30pm
Wednesday 6.00am - 6.30pm
Saturdays 7.00 am - 5.30 pm
Sunday 11.00 am - 5.30 pm

TRANSFER STATION

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

GLOCKENSPIEL

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