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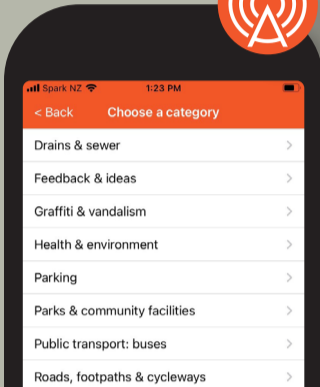
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Free consultations available with Venture Taranaki enterprise advisors

As the regional development agency for Taranaki, and with a weekly presence in Stratford, Venture Taranaki has support available for local businesses, enterprises, and entrepreneurs!

Book a FREE confidential one-on-one consultation with a Venture Taranaki enterprise advisor. You can do your appointment in-person, online, or by phone.

Get support with:

- Capability Funding
- Startup and New Business Advisory
- Business Mentoring
- Raising Capital

Visit [Venture.org.nz](https://venture.org.nz) and type "Support Enquiry Form" into the search bar. Fill in the form to make your appointment.



Do you need business support?

Emailed invoices + direct debit = easy way to pay your rates!

We've issued invoices for the latest instalment of rates, due on 30 August 2023. Did you know there are ways you can make paying your rates nice and simple?

Go paperless and get your rates invoice by email

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/RatesByEmail](https://stratford.govt.nz/RatesByEmail) and complete the short online form to get your rates invoice sent straight to your inbox. Going paperless saves us money too, which helps to support lower rates.

Pay by direct debit

This is a great "set and forget" option. With a direct debit arrangement, you don't have to worry about remembering to make your payment. Your rates will automatically come out of your chosen account.

To set up a direct debit authority, download the form at [Stratford.govt.nz/PayingRates](https://stratford.govt.nz/PayingRates)

We're here if you need a hand

If you have any questions, give us a call on 06 765 6099, email StratfordDC@Stratford.govt.nz, or come and see the team at our Service Centre on Miranda Street.



Check your eligibility for a rates rebate!

If you're a residential ratepayer on a low income, you may be eligible for a maximum \$750 partial rebate on your rates.

The government sets the criteria and rebate amounts. If you meet the criteria, you can apply for a rebate on your rates bill for the year from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. You must return your application to us by 30 June 2024.

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates](https://stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates) for links to eligibility information, the rates rebates calculator, and application form.

"Sinking lid" on gaming machine numbers

On 8 August 2023, Council adopted the Class 4 Venues Policy and the TAB Venues Policy, and both are now in effect. Thank you to everyone who made a submission.

The Class 4 Venues Policy now has a "sinking lid" on the total number of gaming (pokie) machines operating in the district. There are currently 36 in operation. Council will not grant consent for additional gaming machines. When gaming machine numbers have reduced to 27, the maximum number will be capped, and there will only be 27 in operation at any one time.

While the Class 4 Gambling Policy still allows an operator to move to new premises, the applicant must meet new criteria to be eligible.

There's no change to the TAB Venue Policy, which continues to restrict the establishment of stand-alone venues.

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz) to view these and other council policies.



Have your say on our draft WMMP and proposed changes to our kerbside waste collection services AND our Transport Choices Project!

[Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

Support local at Prospero Markets!

Saturday 26 August
9am - 12pm

Rainy day? We'll be in the War Memorial Centre.



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Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/CCS](https://stratford.govt.nz/CCS) for more information or call 06 765 6099

Applications close 1 September 2023



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

23 August 2023