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News from the Stratford District Council

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DISTRICT COUNCIL



A reminder when walking your four legged friend

Some areas of our district are no dog zones. This includes children's playgrounds, like Page street Playground pictured above, Broadway between the roundabouts, Prospero Place and on our national park.

We have designated on-leash and off-leash areas for walking your dogs and you can see maps of these areas on Stratford.govt.nz/DogOwners. It's important to familiarise yourself with these areas if you're a dog owner. Thanks for helping us make our district safe for everyone, no matter how many legs they have!

Stratford residents' wellbeing and facilities given the thumbs up in annual residents' survey

The results of an independent survey on residents satisfaction of Council services has identified that peoples' overall wellbeing in Stratford is very high, with more than four in five residents (81%) rating their well-being as Good or Excellent. Survey respondents also continue to be satisfied with the service received at Council facilities.

While the 2023 report shows a number of downward trends across Council services, our facilities received consistently high scores from users.

The level of service in the Stratford library, Visitor Information Centre, and Parks and walkways received high ratings from residents, with 96%, 94%, and 90% levels of satisfaction respectively.

The Aquatic Centre received 84% satisfaction, and customer service interactions achieved 83%.

Despite these high ratings, people's overall satisfaction with Council dropped to 57% from 69%. Chief Executive Sven Hanne says we're disappointed to see a decline



in satisfaction across the board. "The feedback received via this survey is invaluable to measure our performance. It's clear that we need to stay focused on continuous improvement, and will use these results as a benchmark to do better for our community," he says.

Thousands of residents are invited to do this survey throughout the year, however on average only 400 people respond. It's important to take the time and complete this survey if you're invited to do so. The first round of survey invites for the 2023/24 year will be landing in people's letterboxes now.

To read the full survey report visit Stratford.govt.nz

Public Notices

Council meetings - October 2023

- Workshop:** Tuesday 10 October at 1.30pm
 - Ordinary Meeting:** Tuesday 10 October at 3.30pm
 - Hearing:** Tuesday 24 October at 1.30pm
- To hear and consider submissions to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and proposed changes to Kerbside Waste Collection Services.
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 24 October at 3pm

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

Changes to meeting times will be published in the Public Notice section of Stratford.govt.nz

S Hanne

Chief Executive

Temporary road closure - Opunake Road

Improvement works are being carried out on Opunake Road between Palmer Road and Manaia Road intersections on **Thursday 5 and Friday 6 October 2023**. During this time a road closure will be in place **between 8am and 5pm**.

A detour will be in place. Residents and emergency services will have access at all times.

If you have any questions, please contact us on 06 765 6099.

Playground equipment undergoing repairs

Some of our playground equipment is being maintained or repaired. Thank you for your patience while these works are being completed:

- The swings at the Victoria Park playground have been temporarily removed while they're undergoing maintenance.
- One of the see-saws at the Page Street playground was recently broken and is being repaired.

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Director - Assets

Looking for ways to stay active and healthy?

Check out the Group Fitness schedule at Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre. We've got you and your whānau covered with a whole host of group fitness sessions for all levels.

What's on offer? Aqua Aerobics, 65+ Aqua Aerobics, Aqua Pump, Spin Bikes, Deep Water Aqua Aerobics, Lunchtime Aqua Express, Wai Play, Strength and Balance, Pilates and AquaNatal classes.

The schedule includes both in water and on land classes, and caters to a variety of fitness levels. Speak to one of the team on 06 765 6275 or pop by the reception. Visit waiorua.govt.nz to see the full schedule and more information on each class.



SPEED MANAGEMENT

Have Your Say

Have your say on our draft Speed Management Plan, which proposes changes to speed limits across the Stratford district over the next 3 years.

As a Road Controlling Authority, we must develop a 10-year Speed Management Plan with a 3-year period for implementation.

The Plan shows how we'll reduce the number of serious deaths and injuries on our roads through safe and appropriate speeds.

In the last 12 months, we've focused on reducing the speed limits outside our district schools. Changes to those areas have been approved and will be in place by the end of 2023 and we're continuing to work with Waka Kotahi on speed limits outside schools on State Highways.

Over the next three years, we want to focus on developing safe and appropriate speed limits in:

- The Stratford CBD
- Midhirst
- Whangamomona and our rural roads

We're proposing to reduce speed limits in these areas. What do you think?

- Visit Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay to see our proposed changes to speed limits and to give your feedback.**
- Submissions close Sunday 29 October**



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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