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Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - April & May

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 29 April at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee** to hear and consider submissions on the draft Victoria Reserve Management Plan: Tuesday 29 April at 2pm.
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 29 April at 3pm
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 13 May at 11am
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 13 May at 1pm
- **Public Forum** (by request): Tuesday 13 May at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 6 May. For more information, visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 13 May at 3:30pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 15 May at 3pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Farm Committee:** Tuesday 27 May at 12 noon
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 27 May at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 27 May at 3pm

Meetings and workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street, Stratford, unless stated otherwise. Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Schedule for updates to meeting and workshop times as these may change.

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Anzac Day opening hours: Friday 25 April

- **Council Service Centre:** Closed
- **Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre:** Closed
- **Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre:** Open 1pm to 5pm
- **Transfer Station:** Open 1pm to 5pm

Library & Visitor Information Centre

Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Sunday & Public Holidays: Closed

Stratford Transfer Station

Phone 06 765 8500

Monday: 12pm - 5pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm

Friday - Sunday: 12pm - 5pm

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday: 6am – 6.30pm

Saturday: 7am – 5pm

Sunday & Public Holidays:

10am – 5pm

Glockenspiel

Performs daily at 10am, 1pm, 3pm, and 7pm

23 April 2025

Healthy people and warm homes at the heart of free Positive Ageing Forum

Stratford District Council is inviting the district's 65-plus community to a free Positive Ageing Forum highlighting ways to create healthy warm homes and healthy people. The event, on Monday 12 May from 10.30am – 1pm at the Stratford War Memorial Centre, also includes the opportunity to socialise over lunch and a good cuppa (or three).

Speaking at the May Positive Ageing Forum will be Hilary Blackstock, Sport Taranaki's Strength & Balance coordinator, who'll share opportunities for older adults to keep active in Taranaki, as well as how people can improve strength and balance for an upright and independent life.



Homes need to be healthy too, and Bree Paton-Courtney from Wise Charitable Trust will reveal free and low-cost tips and tricks to reduce moisture in the whare, improve ventilation, retain heat, and more, to help our 65-plus community create more comfortable living spaces while saving on energy costs.



Positive Ageing co-ordinator, Anna-Louise Crane, says that the forum's a chance to put the focus on older adults. "Through these regular forums, we can address the issues that are affecting our 65-plus community in a positive way, with good information, a good lunch, and good company," Anna-Louise says.

"To register for the forum, please contact me at Stratford District Council by Thursday 8 May. You can email ACrane@stratford.govt.nz or call 06 765 6099, providing a name and contact number, and how many people you're registering for. I look forward to welcoming you on the day!"

Positive Ageing is an initiative supported by Stratford District Council to create opportunities for older adults to celebrate, connect, and be informed on issues that affect them.

For more information, visit Stratford.govt.nz/PositiveAgeing or follow @StratfordPositiveAgeing on Facebook.



Consultation for future water services delivery starting soon

The future management of council's water, wastewater and stormwater services has been in the political spotlight for quite some time. After years of research, planning, political changes and more, our community is now at a crucial point where we need to decide how drinking water and wastewater services will be delivered in the future.

In early 2024, the Government introduced the Local Water Done Well (LWDW) reforms, a variation on the previous 3 Waters reforms that aims to address New Zealand's long-standing water infrastructure challenges. LWDW puts more choice back in the hands of councils and communities, allowing us to decide whether we continue delivering water services on our own, or work in partnership with other councils.

Starting on 30 April, we'll be consulting on 2 options to deliver water and wastewater going forward.

Consultation opens 30 April and closes 30 May.

Visit YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz for more information and get ready to have your say.

These are:

- A local, in-house delivery model, similar to what we do now.
- A regional model, where Stratford District Council teams up with South Taranaki District Council and New Plymouth District Council through a joint council-owned organisation.

Mayor Neil Volzke says this is a very complex issue with many factors to be considered, all of which carry pros and cons, and all of which have an impact on everybody in our district.

"Hearing from our community is an important part of the decision-making process. I urge you to read through the information available, to ask questions if you have them, and to talk with others in the community to help you form your own view," says Neil.



Anzac Day 2025

Join our District Mayor, councillors, and representatives from the RSA, and NZ Defence Force on 25 April for Stratford's Dawn Parade and Service.

Dawn Parade starting 6am

The parade will leave the Colonel Malone Gates at 6am, moving in a procession down Fenton Street, left onto Miranda Street, and finishing in front of the Cross of Sacrifice.



Marching in the parade? Gather at 5.40am at the Malone Gates and await instructions.

Dawn Service followed by kai and a cuppa

Following the parade, a Dawn Service will be held in front of the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street.

The service will finish at around 6.50am. Please join us for a cuppa and breakfast afterwards in the Function Facility at the War Memorial Centre. All are welcome!

For details, visit Stratford.govt.nz/AnzacDay