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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
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DISTRICT COUNCIL



Nau mai, haere mai to our newest New Zealand citizens

On Wednesday 11 June, District Mayor Neil Volzke presided over a ceremony to confirm Stratford district's latest New Zealand citizens.

Congratulations Peter Pholi, Carolyn Burke, Sven Lapke, Michael Higgins, Jofin Clement, Stella Rouse, Suryanah Brotherson, and Parminder Singh. Thank you for choosing our awesome little district as your home!



Hurry, low-income homeowners! You may be able to get a rates rebate

If you're a residential ratepayer on a low income, you may be eligible for a maximum \$790 partial rebate on your rates.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates and use the online calculator to see if you're eligible for a rebate and what you might receive. But you have to hurry, applications must be with us by 30 June!

If you need a hand with your application or to check if you're eligible, please give us a call on 06 765 6099.



2025/26 dog registration fees

It's that time again. Our dog registration fees have been set for the new financial year, 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Don't forget, dog registrations are due before 1 July 2025 and from that date on, all dogs will need to wear their snazzy new **red** registration tags.

Make sure you pay for your renewal by 31 July to receive a discount on your registration fees!

To see the fees, visit Stratford.govt.nz/DogFees



Minor changes to council fees and charges from 1 July

Elected Members have adopted our fees and charges schedule for 2025/26. The schedule's our full list of costs for all council services and it comes into effect from Tuesday 1 July.

This year, minor changes were made to fees and charges across building services, parking, solid waste, and the sale and supply of alcohol.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/FeesAndCharges to view the full schedule.

Putting the prosperous back in Prospero Place!

We're giving some love to the heart of Stratford by making upgrades to Prospero Place - the town centre, and are calling for community feedback on the draft designs.

From humble beginnings as a small town square tucked away and out of view from the main highway, to the prominent green space now taking centre stage in our Shakespearean town under the mountain, the time has come to turn this into a thriving and welcoming area for locals and visitors alike.

Director Community Services, Kate Whareaitu says, "Prospero Place has evolved substantially in the last 6 years and it's exciting to get stuck into developing a more fit for purpose community space."

"We've been monitoring how the town centre is currently used, and asking questions of regular users and neighbouring businesses, which has led to the draft designs now available for public comment," says Kate. "We think we've landed on a design that will be practical while pleasing to the eye, but we're keen to hear from our community and those passing by too."

"This is their opportunity to tell us if we've prioritised design elements that reflect our community's needs and wants, before we get down to the finer details and lock in design materials," she says.

To see the draft designs and share your views, visit YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz/Prospero-Place or pop by the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre to look at the drawings up close and have a conversation with staff.

Feedback is open until **13 July**. Afterwards, the project team will collate comments and determine any changes required to the design for final approval by Elected Members. It's anticipated that a final design will be complete in September, with physical work due to begin during the summer months.

Visitors to YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz/Prospero-Place can also ask questions about the project, answer quick polls and share their own memories, photos, and footage of Prospero Place through the years.



Use this bit of Victoria Park now? Got ideas for future use?

Following our recent consultation on the draft Victoria Park RMP, and in response to submissions, we've extended our consultation to seek more feedback on the use of one section of Victoria Park.

The section we're talking about is the empty green space on the corner of Cordelia and Regan Streets, next to the Bike Park.

If you use it now, or are interested in how this space is used in the future, please complete our online form at YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz



Close the lid

Don't forget! From 8 July, if the lids on your rubbish and recycling bins aren't closed and level, they won't be picked up.

Find out more at Stratford.govt.nz/Bins



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4 July - 1 Aug

VOTE!

9 Sept - 11 Oct

Postal voting for your new local council will begin in September. But, you won't be able to vote (or run for council - hint, hint) if you're not enrolled.

Go to Vote.nz now to check you're enrolled and update your details, or free call 0800 36 76 56.

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2025**
LOCAL ELECTIONS

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2025**
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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

25 June 2025