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"Taking one financial burden away from families and allowing the focus to be solely on the benefit of sports, was a huge plus."
- Fund recipient

Applications for Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund closing soon

Don't forget to apply to the Rural Travel Fund and get your junior sports teams to local competitions.

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund helps to pay for travel to local sporting competitions for rural teams of tamariki and rangatahi aged between 5 and 18 years.

The support's not available for individual players, but it can be a real help to schools and sporting clubs who want to give their junior teams the opportunity to travel and play in regular competitions.

- For eligibility criteria and an application form, visit Stratford.govt.nz/RTF
- Applications close on **Friday 9 May 2025** for winter sports. The fund will open again in September for summer sports



Waste-busting idea? We've got the funds!

It's time for individuals, community organisations, and not-for-profits to put on their thinking caps (recycled, of course).

Through our \$25,000 annual Waste Levy Fund, we have financial support available for new projects that can measurably avoid, reduce, recycle, recover, or reuse waste in the Stratford district.

Applications are open now and close on 25 May 2025.

"The Waste Levy Fund opened in 2023, and since then we've helped some great community waste reduction projects get off the ground," says Peter McNamara, SDC Waste & Water Education Officer.

"From composting systems and kai gardens for local kura, to a mobile recycling station for Whangamōmona events; it's clear we've got a resourceful community out there who really cares about tackling waste."

Funding's available for projects both big and small, as long as the total amount required doesn't exceed the \$25,000 in the fund. Successful projects could include activities, equipment and infrastructure that diverts or reuses waste from landfill, as well as research, education and behaviour change programmes. But Peter encourages people to be innovative, too.

"The application criteria's pretty open, because we know making a real dent in the volume of resources and waste going into landfill will take lots of different people and organisations thinking creatively – I know I probably won't have all the good ideas myself," laughs Peter.

Information about the fund, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, can be found at Stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund

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Should water services be delivered by a regional organisation?

Consultation on the future delivery of drinking water and wastewater for the Stratford District begins today, 30 April and closes on 30 May.

This decision is important. Safe drinking water and reliable wastewater services are essential, not just for our health and environment, but for the strength of our local economy and the wellbeing of future generations.

And it's not just about what works today, but what will work best for our communities 10, 20, even 30 years from now.

We have 2 options to consider:

- A local, in-house delivery model – similar to what we do now, but with some changes.
- 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.

Our proposed change is to create a regional water services organisation. But what do you think?

Make your voice heard on this proposal.

Visit YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz or pick up a consultation document from one of our facilities.

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - May

- 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.

S Hanne | Chief Executive

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Nominate your local champion for a Citizen Award

The Stratford district is home to go-getters, doers, supporters, helpers, organisers, leaders - you name it, we have people in Stratford that will put their hand up for it - and it's time to celebrate those people through the annual Citizen and Youth Citizen Awards.

Nominations are now open and close on **Friday 30 May 2025**.

Nominating local champions for these awards is a long-standing tradition for the Stratford district, going back 30 plus years. They identify people in the community who have shown leadership, inspiration, or dedication to a cause, contributing to the overall wellbeing of the Stratford district.

Mayor Neil Volzke says, "When you ask someone what they love about the Stratford district, the most common answer is 'the people' and these awards shine a light on that."

"The people that make up this community are what makes Stratford a special place to live, work and play. It's no surprise that we continue to receive quality nominations year on year for these awards. I'm confident that our citizen awards will continue to showcase the best aspects of our community for another 30 plus years."

"I encourage everyone to take the time to nominate those doing great things in our district."

Nomination forms for both the 2025 Citizen Award and Youth Citizen Award (recognising our 12-24 year old champions) are available at Stratford.govt.nz or printed copies can be picked up at Council's Service Centre, the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre and Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Successful recipients will be announced in July 2025, with a celebration ceremony held early August



Your 2024 Citizen and Youth Citizen Award recipients. Visit Stratford.govt.nz/CitizenAwards for all past recipients.

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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

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