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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
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Elections heat up in Stratford district as council candidates confirmed

Candidates for Stratford district's mayoralty, and in the Māori and Urban wards, will be getting their campaigns ready and practising their handshakes, with enough hopefuls standing to trigger elections.

Those looking for a contest in the Rural Ward might find themselves disappointed, with four candidates standing for four seats. But Stratford District Council Chief Executive Sven Hanne says there are still plenty of reasons to enrol and vote, even if people would normally vote in the Rural Ward.

"It's encouraging to see so many standing for council and for their community. We're hoping to see some positive and spirited engagement between residents and candidates during the campaign period," says Sven.

"If you're in the Rural Ward, you won't be voting for a candidate this time, but you still get to vote for a mayoral candidate and there's a referendum alongside the local elections asking if you want to keep or remove our district's Māori Ward. No matter whether you're in our Rural, Urban, or Māori Ward, it's important you enrol and have your say."

Council nominations closed at noon on Friday, 1 August 2025. Postal voting opens on 9 September and runs until noon on 11 October. If people aren't already registered to vote, they can still enrol to cast a special vote. The last day to enrol is 10 October.

It's not too late. Enrol today and you'll get to vote - you'll just cast a special vote when voting opens. Enrol now at Vote.nz

The district's confirmed candidates in alphabetical order are:

Mayor (1 seat)

1. Jono Erwood
2. Neil Volzke

Urban Ward (6 seats)

1. Jaimie Bertie
2. Josh Best
3. Annette Dudley
4. Jono Erwood
5. Brendon Christopher Gernhoefer
6. Laurie Gooch
7. Ellen Elizabeth Hall
8. Brad Colin Jones
9. Peter McNamara
10. Mike Procter
11. Alan Ross Tolland
12. Mathew Watt

Māori Ward (1 seat)

1. David Kimball Kinane Chadwick
2. Hemi Haddon
3. Karley Hemopo

Rural Ward (4 seats)

1. Steve Beck
2. Grant Boyde
3. Amanda Kay Harris
4. Katherine Sextus

"To everyone standing for council, thank you. Your willingness to step up and help lead your community shows real courage and a strong commitment to our district," says Sven.

"Council's next term will see us tackle challenges and opportunities. These include implementing Local Water Done Well reforms, balancing the services we offer with rising costs, responding to changes from central government, growing the best district in New Zealand, and developing the heart of our town centre. If you're successful, all of this will be on the cards and more. Bring it on!"

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LOCAL ELECTIONS



Recycling clean and got a green? You're in to win!

If you get a green tag on your recycling bin for your awesome recycling skills anytime from now until 18 December, ka pai! You're automatically in our weekly prize draw to win a Zero Waste Taranaki thermal drink bottle or travel cup.

It's our weekly Got a Green Giveaway!

- We're giving away 1 reusable bottle or cup every week to 2 winning households.
- You'll automatically be entered in the draw if you get a green tag on your recycling bin. That shows we've checked your bin, and your recycling skills are next-level.
- If you're a winner, you can choose either a drink bottle or a travel cup. Both are made from spun aluminium, a 100% recyclable material.

A green tag proves you've got your recycling sorted

It's important that everyone using our kerbside collection service sorts their household waste into the right bins: red lid for rubbish, yellow or green lid for recycling.

Every week, we check a random selection of over 100 home recycling bins for contamination.

Contaminants are items in your recycling bin we can't recycle, like fabrics, household goods, polystyrene, and food scraps (just to name a few common culprits).

The bins we check get a tag:

- **Green:** awesome recycling with no contamination
- **Orange:** pretty good, with only minor contamination
- **Red:** lots of contamination found

Looking after your environment and helping reduce landfill costs is its own reward. But it's nice to get a little prize too. So, check what's going into your recycling bin (and what should be going in), and join our green-tag recyclers to be in to win!



110th anniversary of Chunuk Bair

You're invited to commemorate the WWI battle of Chunuk Bair, Gallipoli, at a wreath-laying ceremony on Friday 8 August 2025 from 9am until 9.30am at Stratford's Malone Memorial Gates.

After the ceremony, light refreshments will be available to all attendees in the Centennial Rest Rooms on Fenton Street.

GET FUNDED! CREATIVE COMMUNITY SCHEME OPEN NOW!

Do you need support to get your creative project off the ground? Our Creative Community Scheme can give your local arts project a kick in the arts!

Applications are open now and close on Friday 5 September.

Funding's available for projects that help more people take part in our local creative scene, support diverse cultural traditions and participation, and involve young people in the arts.

Projects could include community performances, art workshops, cultural events, murals, films, seminars, exhibitions, and more!

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Friday – Sunday: 12pm – 5pm

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

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Saturday: 7am – 5pm

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

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