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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL



What (or who) will you stand for? Council nominations are open!

Are you passionate about your district and committed to helping it thrive as one of the best little places to live in Aotearoa New Zealand? Stratford District Council (SDC) nominations are open now.

SDC Chief Executive Sven Hanne says elected members play a big role in the everyday lives of families, businesses, community groups, and everyone who lives, works, invests, or plays in the heart of Taranaki.

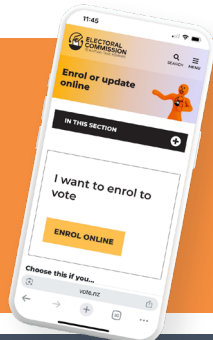
"Rates, roads, waste, and water are often top-of-mind when people think about their local council, but elected members govern so much more on behalf of their community," says Sven.

"Leading economic and community development, our parks and playgrounds, local recreational facilities, grants and funding, and more, are all part of the challenging and rewarding work they do."

Council nominations opened on Friday 4 July, and will close at noon on Friday 1 August.

Elections will be held in September, for the position of district mayor and 11 councillors, including 6 from the Urban Ward, 4 from the Rural Ward, and 1 Māori Ward councillor.

People must be 18 or older to run for council, enrolled to vote, a New Zealand citizen, and be nominated by 2 residents from the ward or area they want to stand in.



Enrolled to vote? Details correct?

To vote or run in the 2025 local elections, you need to be enrolled.

- Visit Vote.nz to check you're enrolled, update details, or enrol online.
- Call 0800 36 76 56 or freetext your name and address to 3676 to get an enrolment form sent to you in the mail.
- Find out more about our local elections at Stratford.govt.nz/Vote2025

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"We've got some incredibly talented and community-focused people in our district, but we know people here can be pretty humble too," says Sven.

"You might not think you have the experience needed to be a part of council, but everyone will bring something different to the table, and it's that diversity of skills and perspectives that'll help us navigate the challenges and exciting opportunities ahead."

More information about standing for council is available at Stratford.govt.nz/Run

Printed nomination forms are available during the nomination period from our Service Centre at 63 Miranda Street, Stratford.

Complete your nomination online, or download PDF nomination forms at Stratford.govt.nz/Run



Scan the QR code to get Ready 2 Run!

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.

One of Stratford's great war heroes

Stratford's Lieutenant-Colonel William George Malone led the Wellington Infantry Battalion which captured Chunuk Bair, a strategic high point of the Sari Bair range, on 8 August 1915. He died the same day as they fought to hold the position.

The Malone Memorial Gates, opened in 1923 to honour Colonel Malone, are the largest war memorial to an individual soldier in New Zealand.



Raise the woof! Dog registration discounted if you pay by 31 July

Did you know we offer a discount on your dog registration fees if you pay by 31 July?

You can renew your dog registration and make your payment online at Stratford.govt.nz/OnlinePayments or by visiting our Service Centre on Miranda Street.

Your dog must be registered before it reaches 3 months of age.

To register new dogs or change the owner, you'll need to come into our Service Centre in person to pay for the registration and sign the declaration papers.

Changed address? Fill in our online change of address form at Stratford.govt.nz/DogRego

Looking for a new career opportunity in the heart of Taranaki? Join the whānau at SDC

There are two fantastic new career opportunities available at Stratford District Council.

Both roles are:

- ✓ Full time
- ✓ Based in Stratford (which we all know is one of the best little towns in NZ)
- ✓ With flexible working arrangements a possibility in the future.



ROLE: Information Management Specialist

- Lead best-practice info management
- Champion people's privacy
- Then put on your Sherlock Holmes hat to uncover our district's history

ROLE: Projects Engineer

- Help shape how our district looks now and into the future
- Deliver our capital projects from end-to-end
- Lead stakeholder engagement and support special projects

Why work with us?

We've got a great staff culture and offer ongoing professional development, staff volunteering support, time in lieu if you're learning Te Reo Māori outside of work, regular health check opportunities, an active social club, a wellbeing day every year, and more!

Find out more and apply

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies (or scan the QR code) for position descriptions, and to apply.

Applications close on 20 July.



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

9 July 2025