Dog registration fees for a 12 month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the following will be the Dog Control fees for the 12 month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

	Discounted Fee if paid before 1 August 2026 (per dog)	Standard Fee if paid on or after 1 August 2026 (per dog)
Registration Fees		
Rural dog (for every dog up to and including first three dogs)	$51.30	$68.40
Rural dog (for every dog after first three dogs)	$39.90	$51.30
General Dog Owner	$165.30	$210.90
Good Dog Owner (refer Dog Control Policy)	$131.10	$171.00
Select Dog Owner (refer Dog Control Policy)	$68.40	$91.20
Select Dog Owner application (new application)	$45.00	
Urban Multiple Dog Licence		
Application	$70.00	
Annual Renewal	$40.00	
Micro chipping	At cost	
Replacement Tag	$5.00	
Bark Collar Hire (2 weeks)	$54.00	
Impounding Fees		
Dogs:		
Registered dog, first Impounding	$150.00	
Registered dog, subsequent Impounding	$250.00	
Unregistered dog	$300.00 plus registration	
Unregistered dog under 3 months	$150.00 plus registration	
After hours pound release fee *Requires payment of all applicable fees (impounding, sustenance & after hours release) at iSite/pool/library during opening hours prior to release.*	$60.00	
Sustenance fee per dog	$12.00 per day	
Destruction	At cost	
Re-housing fee	$50.00	
Other animals:		
Stock	$100.00	
Sustenance fee per animal (all stock)	$10.00 per day	
Advertising	At cost	
Droving	As per staff charge out rates or cost if provided by contractor	
Call Out Fee	As per staff charge out rates	
Transporting of Stock	At cost	

NOTES

The criteria for these categories are given within the Stratford District Council Dog Control Policy.

Any application to be a Select Dog Owner must be made before 30 April of each registration year.

Infringements may be issued for all outstanding registrations after 1 October 2026.

Fees are subject to adoption by the Council

B Sutherland

Director - Environmental Services

Seen someone's lost dog on an adventure?

Download the free Antenno app to make quick reports to council on community (and doggie) related issues.

Are you recycling right?

Your large yellow-lid bin is for recycling. Some people may have a green-lid bin and this is for recycling too.

What can go in home recycling bins?

- Paper and cardboard 100 x 140mm or larger, including pizza boxes cleaned of food scraps.
- Washed plastic bottles (with lids removed).
- Trays and containers marked with recycling symbols 1, 2, and 5.
- Washed aluminium and steel tins and cans with lids inside the can.

Please note that lids can't go in your recycling bin as they're too small, thin, and lightweight to be correctly sorted by recycling machines.

This includes the skinny lids from ice cream and yoghurt containers. Lids should be placed in your general rubbish bin, or check if they can be recycled through a local school.

What can go in your glass recycling crates?

- Washed glass bottles and jars (no lids please - these go into your red-lid bin)

Glass recycling is sorted by hand before it's put into the truck. For the safety of our team, please don't put broken glass in your blue crate. Instead, wrap the broken glass and put it in your red-lid bin. Thanks for helping to keep our team safe!

Make sure your glass is below the top line of your crate. Glass that's stacked too high in your blue crate can fall and break, and your crate may be too heavy for our collectors to carry safely.

If your crate is overfull, it will not be picked up and you'll need to wait until your next glass collection day.

Don't have kerbside collection? It's FREE to take recyclables to the Stratford Transfer Station.

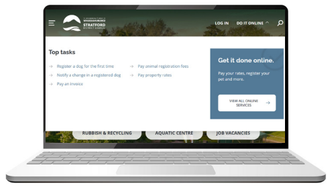
Rates rebates applications close soon

If you're a residential ratepayer on a low income or have a Gold Card, you may be eligible for a **maximum $805 partial rebate on your rates**, but you must **apply by 30 June 2026.** See if you're eligible at Stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates or call us on 06 765 6099.

Do it online at Stratford.govt.nz

Registering a dog, paying your dog registration fees, property rates or another bill?

You can now do it online at my.Stratford.govt.nz



You can also create an account to manage your services easily, but it's optional. This is a new feature for our website and more online services will become available over the next year. Take a look online and let us know what you think.

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Change of hands on the Council farm

After 11 years dedicated service, Council farm sharemilkers, Aaron Riddick and Fiona Hogan Riddick, have moved on to new adventures in the Stratford community.

Stratford district rural ward councillor Grant Boyde, says from day one, Aaron and Fiona have worked the farm as if it were their own. "We've been incredibly fortunate to have them developing the farm for the benefit of everyone in the community. Profits from the farm have helped reduce people's rates, and that's only been possible because of the work Aaron and Fiona have done.

"As many people in the district know, dairy farming can be challenging, but Aaron and Fiona have met all regulatory requirements to the highest standard. Their herd's milk quality is at Fonterra's top level, and they have always looked at how they could continue developing the farm for the future."

"On behalf of Council, our staff, and community, we'd like to thank Aaron and Fiona for their years of work and for leaving the farm in such a strong position for the future. We wish them all the best for their next chapter," says Grant.

We're excited to now welcome our new sharemilkers, Matthew and Tanya Wood from Whakamaru, who started with us at the beginning of June.

Winter Reading Challenge has launched!

Stratford Library's Winter Reading Challenge is now on! Pop by the Library to pick up your card and get started.

There are three age categories - kids, teens and adults. Every five books read gets you an entry into the prize draw.

Get cosy and get lost in a good book!

Celebrating Puanga/Matariki - Māori New Year

Each year we invite residents and visitors to the district to come together for a community celebration for Puanga – The Māori New Year.

We're thankful to Māori Womens Welfare League, Whaakahurangi Marae, Toi Foundation, Taranaki Electricity Trust and Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services for their continued partnership with this year's Puanga celebrations.

Puanga flag winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Puanga flag competition (pictured left). All flag designs are on display in the Stratford Library, and our winning flags will fly down Broadway as part of our Puanga celebrations. Keep an eye out for them!

Puanga rākau (tree)

Our rākau will be back in the Percy Thomson Gallery foyer from **15 June to 9 July.** Stop by and participate in our reflections and aspirations activity.

Free Poi Workshops - 4 July, 10am or 1pm

Delivered by Whakaahurangi Māori Women's Welfare League, these 2 hour hands-on workshops are a wonderful opportunity to create and learn together. Discover the rich history and cultural significance of poi, make your very own poi to take home, and learn some fun and easy poi movements in a relaxed and welcoming environment. **Registration is essential.**

Free Exhibition: Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho, The Treasures Passed Down - 4 July, 10am-3pm

Discover the beauty of Māori craftsmanship through raranga, tuku tuku, and tāniko. Meet the talented creators, discover the stories woven into each piece, and immerse yourself in the traditions, creativity, and cultural knowledge that are shared through craft.

Puanganui-o-te-Rangi - 9 July, 4-7pm

A collaboration between Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services and SDC, this is a free community event for all ages and focuses on entertainment, education, and hauora; a Māori philosophy of health and wellbeing. Visitors will enjoy an evening inspired by the stars, including:

- Lighting displays
- Entertainment including Fire poi by Fire and Flow and Kapa Haka
- Weaving wānanga with Māori Womens Welfare League
- Glow face painting and activities for tamariki
- Health and wellbeing stations
- Free sausage sizzle and much more!

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Puanga for full event details for all of our Puanga celebrations.

Puanga

Increases to some Fees & Charges from 1 July

As part of the Annual Plan 2026/27, Council has carefully reviewed its Fees and Charges, resulting in increases across some areas.

Fees are reviewed annually to ensure transparency and fairness, so those who use services contribute an appropriate share, rather than the cost falling back on rates.

While savings have been found where possible, increasing costs, including inflation, fuel, materials and staffing, mean some adjustments are needed to keep services running at satisfactory levels.

These changes are about balancing affordability with maintaining the services our community relies on.

What's changing

The following user-pays services have increases in fees:

- Transfer Station (waste disposal) fees
- Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre
- Venue hire
- Select Dog Ownership applications - new one-off fee of $45

Transfer Station

The cost of managing waste continues to rise, including transport, processing, landfill charges and compliance requirements. Because of this our fees need to better reflect the true cost of disposal. These increases also bring us up to standard with the rest of the region's waste disposal costs.

Recycling remains free, which means the cheapest trip to the Transfer Station is a well-sorted one.

Separating your recyclables, green waste and scrap metal can help keep your costs down and reduce what goes to landfill.

For most people, small loads, like a single bag or wheelie bin, will remain relatively low cost, with higher charges applying to larger loads.

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Running a modern, year-round indoor aquatic facility is resource heavy. Costs such as energy, chemicals, maintenance and staffing have all increased. We've worked to keep price changes as low as possible, while ensuring the facility remains safe, well-maintained and open for the community.

Price increases for casual entry range from $1 to $2 more, and Wai o Rua Swim School term costs goes up by $10 for the term ($1 per week), with varying increases across other pool services. Options like concession cards and family passes continue to offer the best value for our regular users.

Venue Hire

Much like the aquatic centre, the cost to run and maintain our community facilities continues to rise. We've made increases in the hire fee to reflect that, helping to keep our venues safe, well-maintained and available for community use for the long-term.

Find out more

These fee increases are about sharing costs fairly, responding to real-world price pressures, and keeping services running well, now and into the future. The new schedule of fees and charges is available on our website Stratford.govt.nz/Fees and will come into effect on 1 July 2026..

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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

10 June 2026