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Local Alcohol Policy review: Have your say in our survey

We have a joint Local Alcohol Policy with New Plymouth District Council and it's up for review. While it's a joint policy, it also targets local alcohol supply in each district.

The policy aims to create an environment that minimises alcohol-related harm in our community, and it's important we hear from residents to help inform any changes to the existing policy.

At Yoursay.Stratford.govt.nz/local-alcohol-policy (scan the QR code) you can view the current policy and complete the online survey to share your thoughts.

If you'd prefer to provide your feedback by email or in person, get in touch with us by emailing LAP@stratford.govt.nz or phoning 06 765 6099.

Feedback is open until **27 February 2026**.

NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER!

Based in the heart of Taranaki, SDC offers a great staff culture, ongoing development, Te Reo Māori learning and staff volunteering support, an active social club, a yearly wellbeing day, and more!

Apply for the following careers at Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies

- **Building Control Officer**, closing 8 February
- **Senior Building Control Officer**, closing 8 February
- **Revenue Manager**, closing 26 January
- **General Manager - Water Services Business Unit**, closing 25 January

More than books! 3 ways Stratford Library can help you connect, learn, and get a helping hand

Book a Librarian

Need a hand getting set up with eBook or audiobook lending, navigating the library catalogue, using your device or laptop, or tackling something that really needs an in-depth session with a librarian?

Head to Stratford.govt.nz/BookALibrarian (scan the QR code) or call 06 765 5403 to schedule a **free** one-on-one session at the library.

Library Customer Service Officer Jane Roguski says, "We're always available to have a chat and help people out, but sometimes it's best to sit down and have the time to focus and really talk things through."

"We've also got a lot of skills within the team here, and it could be that your enquiry best suits a specific person. Booking means you're able to talk to the right librarian, at a time that suits you."

The Whangamōmona librarian express

Join the district's favourite roaming librarian, Jane, at the Whangamōmona Public Hall to pick up your new library books and drop off your old ones - all without leaving the Republic!

Sessions run every four weeks to match the library lending period. The next visits will be **10am – 12pm on Tuesday 3 February** and **Tuesday 3 March**.

Books can be requested online through the Library catalogue by logging in with your library card and password, or by calling the library on 06 765 5403.

Jane can sign up new library memberships too, just bring your ID and proof of address.

Community Conversations

Once a month, the library hosts a presentation from a local speaker, followed by a cuppa and a chat.

Next up to speak, is Christine from the Senior Citizens Association from **11am - 12pm on Friday 20 February**.

The Stratford and District Senior Citizens Association Inc & Hall, also known as the Senior Citizens Hall, is a community hub for older adults.

Christine will talk about the facilities available, what's on, when it's on, and who it's for.

Jane says, "If a session sounds interesting, come along - all are welcome!"

"Community Conversations are a way local organisations can have the chance to showcase what they do, explain how they work, and share helpful information directly with the community."

"If you're part of a community group or organisation that's keen to speak, call 06 765 5403 or email Library@Stratford.govt.nz and let's talk."

New grit tank site blessed as work gets underway to future-proof water supply

Last week, Ngāti Ruanui led a blessing of the new grit tank project site at Stratford's water treatment plant, joined by council staff and contractors. The ceremony marks the start of physical work on what is a significant water infrastructure upgrade for our district.

While our water treatment plant is only about 10 years old, the intake and grit tank that deliver river water to the plant were originally installed over 100 years ago in 1922.

The grit tank provides the first stage of filtering for Stratford's water supply as it's drawn from the river. Much like the sand filter on a swimming pool, it helps remove sediment, bugs, and other debris before the water enters the treatment plant for final processing.

The $4 million project will be complete by June 2026, strengthening the district's water resilience for the next century.

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

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