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News from the Stratford District Council

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STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Change is coming for Local Government.

Central Government is looking at changes to how local government works in New Zealand, with the aim of making it simpler, more efficient and easier for people to understand.

This could affect how local decisions are made, how services are delivered, and how local communities are represented, and will significantly reduce the number of councils in New Zealand.

Our council has agreed to be part of the Government's Head Start pathway so that we can have a say in developing our future, instead of having it done to us later.

Under this pathway, district councils can work together to develop outline proposals for new unitary authorities.

Councils only have until 9 August 2026 to submit an outline proposal.

One or two councils for Taranaki?

Since the Government's announcement on 5 May, we've been talking with other councils across the region, and it's important we have your views as part of these conversations, while we work through what comes next.

You're invited to complete our community survey which seeks to understand what you think are the biggest opportunities and concerns with local government reform, what matters most to you for the future of local government, and whether you're interested in one unitary council or two unitary councils for Taranaki.

It's important to know that Council has not made any decisions about Stratford's future arrangements. We want to hear what matters most to you so your voice helps shape our position.

Complete the survey at YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz

Feedback closes on 12 July 2026

Please note this is not a binding poll. Community feedback will help inform Council proposals, but final decisions will sit with Central Government.

Thanks for being part of the conversation.

Opportunities to share your views:

Community Survey - open until 12 July

This is your opportunity to get involved and have an early say on what is most important to you. The survey should take less than 5 minutes. Scan the QR code above or visit YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz

Public Forum - 14 July

In addition to our community survey, Elected Members are holding a special public forum for the Simplfying Local Government reform.

If you wish to speak at this public forum, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive **by 12 noon on Tuesday 7 July.** Visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum for more information.

Dog registrations are due soon

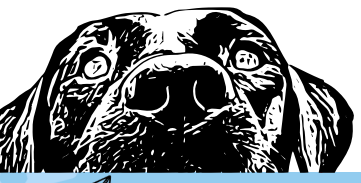
Our dog registration fees have been set for the new financial year, 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, and dog owners should now have their renewal notice in the post or by email.

From 1 July 2026, all dogs will need to wear their snazzy new **green** registration tags.

Make sure you pay for your renewal by 31 July to receive a discount on your registration fees!

To see the fees, visit Stratford.govt.nz/DogFees

To pay online, visit Stratford.govt.nz/PayOnline



The school holidays are just around the corner, plan ahead with our cool holiday programme.

For event details, visit Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays

What goes in the yellow bin?

Make sure you're recycling right, and remember to keep it clean! Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Recycle

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

24 June 2026