



\$31 million worth of building work in Stratford

"There has been plenty of talk about how tough the building sector has been," says Mayor Volzke. "Our numbers say people in this district kept going anyway. That ongoing confidence is worth highlighting, because it is easy to miss when it arrives in small pieces rather than one big announcement."

Residents are not the only ones building. Council's own programme over the same period covers a new grit tank at the water treatment plant, bridge and structure renewals across the roading network, and the Prospero Place upgrade starting soon.

Stratford District Council moved to a new online building consent lodgement system in August, replacing the Simpli portal with Objective Build. The system is used by councils across New Zealand and lets applicants see what stage their consent is at, respond to requests for further information, and track inspections and documents from the same login.

"The consent itself does not change, the Building Act still sets the standard," says Stratford District Council Director of Environmental Services Blair Sutherland.

People in the Stratford District are putting real money into their properties. Between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026, Council issued 169 building consents for work worth a combined \$31 million, an average of around three consents every week in a district of roughly 10,500 people.

Most of the activity comes from smaller projects such as woodburners, decks, sheds, bathroom alterations and sleepouts, alongside new homes, farm buildings and commercial fitouts, with only a small number of projects tipping over \$1 million. Behind those numbers are people "building houses, expanding

businesses, putting in woodburners and adding a sleepout for the grandkids," says Stratford District Mayor Neil Volzke. "It is not one big development carrying the district. It is over a hundred separate decisions by people who have looked at their place, or their business, and decided it is worth spending money on."

"What changes is the platform for engaging with Council and understanding where you are in the consent process."

- All new applications go through Objective Build. You can register at build.objective.com/registration
- Register using the same email address that is on your existing consents. Registering with a different address means your consent history will not link to your new account.

For more information or enquiries about a building consent, contact Council's Building Services team at building@stratford.govt.nz.



Join the SDC whānau!

Apply at: Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies

Senior Building Control Officer

Our Senior Building Control Officer will assist Council. in meeting its statutory obligations and policies relating to the Building Act, Building Regulations, and Building Consent Authority Accreditation Regulations.

Building Control Officer

As our Building Control Officer, you will spend time both in the office and out in the field. This role is crucial in ensuring the safety and integrity of buildings, making it a vital part of the construction and regulatory landscape of the Stratford District.

Pool Lifeguards

Pool Lifeguards help ensure the safe, welcoming, and efficient operation of Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Independent Chairperson - Water Services Committee

This is an exciting opportunity to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of water services delivery in the Stratford District. As the Independent Chairperson, you will provide governance leadership and oversight of Council's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services.



Public Notices

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to regulation 11(3) of the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974, The Stratford District Council has fixed the following maximum mass and speed limits for heavy motor vehicles and combinations including a heavy motor vehicle on the bridge(s) described hereunder:

Bridge name:

Lower Kohuratahi #2

Bridge ID:

0133/0203

Maximum mass on any one axle:

200kg

Gross mass (maximum sum of axle masses):

400kg

Maximum speed limit (km/h):

10 km/h

Attention is drawn to the applicable infringement fees set out in Schedule 1A or Part 3 of Schedule 1B of the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations 1999, which apply to infringements of these limits. Authorised by Victoria Araba, Director - Assets.



Do you have a plan like our furry friend Stan?

Stan from Taranaki Emergency Management wants everyone in the Stratford District to have an emergency plan. A household emergency plan lets everyone in your home know what to do in an emergency event, and it helps make situations less stressful when they do happen.

When you're making your emergency plan, remember to include everyone in your whānau, grandparents, kids and animals too. Think about what supplies you need, and where your grab bags will be located if you need to evacuate. Visit getready.govt.nz for more information.



Download Antenno: stratford.govt.nz/antenno

Library & Visitor Centre

Phone 06 765 5403
Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5pm
Saturday: 9am – 1pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: Closed

Transfer Station

Phone 06 765 8500
Monday: 12pm – 5pm
Thursday: 10am – 1pm
Friday – Sunday: 12pm – 5pm

Wai O Rua 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