

To: Council
From: District Mayor
Date: 9 September 2025
Subject: District Mayor Monthly Report – August 2025

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT an extraordinary meeting of council be scheduled for 3.00pm, Tuesday 30 September 2025, to complete the mid-term Chief Executive appraisal.

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Moved/Seconded

1. Local Water Done Well

The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) they are in receipt of the councils water Services Delivery plan. The statutory requirement for this to be delivered by 3 September has been met. . As part of the process to evaluate the plan, DIA officials will be visiting council soon to discuss aspects of the plan. We continue to remain optimistic that the plan will be accepted by them.

2. Chunuk Bair Commemoration

On Friday 8 August we held our annual service to commemorate the Battle of Chunuk Bair. This WW1 battle at Gallipoli was of particular importance to the ANZAC forces mainly due to the strategic location of this peak. New Zealand's troops were led by Lieutenant-Colonel William Malone. The Chunuk Bair Memorial is one of four memorials that commemorate soldiers who died in operations on the Gallipoli peninsula and whose graves are not known. It bears 849 names.

Eight years after the battle, Malone's regiment commended him by erecting the Malone Memorial Gates at the entrance to King Edward park. Recognised as a prominent Stratford citizen of his time and for his military heroism, the small local service to commemorate the battle and his deeds still continues on. Several current members of Malones Wellington regiment attended the service along with Defence Force personnel. They noted this year marked 110 years since the battle.

3. Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting

The Taranaki Regional Transport Committee met on 28 August 2025. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Taranaki Regional Council website.

4. Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee meeting

The Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee met on 7 August 2025. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Taranaki Regional Council website

5. Chief Executive Performance Appraisal

The mid term performance appraisal of the Chief Executive is continuing to progress. Following the delegated authority for the Executive Committee to undertake this process they have met with the independent lead for this, Erica Thomas of LGNZ, who has now completed her interviews and collated the responses from these and the survey sent to elected members. The committee expects to have the appraisal process completed towards the end of September, therefore I request that an extraordinary meeting of Council be scheduled for Tuesday 30 September at 3.00pm for the committee to report on and complete the review process.

6. Correspondence

- Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs – August 2025

7. Some Events Attended

- Attended – Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee meeting
- Attended – Hosted Citizens Awards Presentation evening
- Attended – Venture Taranaki / Mayoral Forum meeting
- Attended – Citizens Award Video Filming (x1)
- Attended - Chunuk Bair Memorial Service
- Attended - Percy Thompson Gallery Exhibition Opening
- Attended - Taranaki Hockey Federation Club Finals night
- Attended - meeting of the Stratford Park Steering Group
- Attended – LGNZ Leaders meeting
- Attended – meeting of the Stratford Health Trust (x1)
- Attended – Mayors Task Force for Jobs meeting
- Attended – meeting with Emergency Services leaders in Taranaki
- Attended – Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting
- Attended – Daffodil Day Fundraiser event
- Met - with NZTA / Waka Kotahi Regional Director Linda Stewart
- Met – with the regional Commander NZ Police
- Radio Interview – Access radio podcast on Māori Wards
- Newspaper - Stratford Press Interviews (multiple)
- Newspaper - Daily News / Stuff (multiple)
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs weekly meeting (x4)
- Attended - Council Pre-Agenda meetings (x3)
- Attended – Council Workshop (x1)
- Attended – Public Forum (x1)
- Attended - Council Meetings (x4)



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District Mayor

Date: 8 September 2025

Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Callouts August 2025

The Stratford Fire Brigade responded to 24 calls in August 2025

01-08-25	Assist ambulance with medical call Miranda Street
02-08-25	Tanker required, old fire station Waitotara, assist Wanganui, Waverley, Patea, Hawera and Kohi rural fire brigades
03-08-25	Tanker required at reported house fire Surrey Road assist Inglewood fire brigade stood down before leaving station
03-08-25	Motor vehicle accident car rollover Skinner Road assisted by the Eltham fire brigade
05-08-25	Brigade van required motor vehicle accident car into paddock Mountain Road Eltham, assist Eltham and Kaponga fire brigade stood down before arrival
06-08-25	Assist ambulance medical call Broadway North
06-08-25	Assist occupant to investigate with concerns over a fireplace Sylvia Street
08-08-25	House fire Derby Street Eltham, assist Eltham, Kaponga Hawera New Plymouth and Kohi rural fire brigades
08-08-25	Assist ambulance medical call Broadway South stood down before leaving the station
08-08-25	Assist with setting up landing zone for rescue helicopter at the field next to Stratford Swimming Baths
10-08-25	Motor vehicle accident car in ditch Mountain Road near Monmouth Road
10-08-25	Motor vehicle accident involving multiple cars Pembroke Road near the Stratford Plateau assisted by the Eltham fire brigade
11-08-25	Rural appliance required vegetation fire Puketapu Road Pihama
13-08-25	Shed fire Essex Street assisted by the Toko fire brigade
14-08-25	Assist ambulance medical call Achilles Street
15-08-25	Assist ambulance medical call Swansea Road
15-08-25	Tanker required Hedge fire Ngaronga Road Normanby assist Hawera and Okaiawa fire brigades
17-08-25	Motor vehicle accident car rolled Tariki Road assist Inglewood fire brigade stood down before arrival
19-08-25	Alarm activation PGG Wrightson Miranda Street
21-08-25	Brigade van required motor vehicle accident SH3/ Skeet Road assist Eltham and Kaponga fire brigades
22-08-25	Power lines down Sole Road
23-08-25	Accidental activation of station siren
26-08-25	Brigade van required motor vehicle accident Eltham Road assist Eltham and Kaponga fire brigades stood down before arrival
31-08-25	Chimney Fire Brecon Road